

Protocols for U.S. Athlete Home and OC Invites

Introduction: FEI Events held within the U.S. that are restricted by the number of entries must utilize the FEI Invitation System (IS). The Invitation System is comprised of three types of invitations:

1. Compulsory Invites/Invitation System (IS)
2. Home NF (National Federation) Invites (USEF)
3. Organizing Committee (OC) Invites

How each type of Invitation works:

1. **Compulsory Invites** are made according to an athlete's position on the FEI Longines Ranking List through the FEI Invitation System. For every event, the Longines Ranking List dated three months prior to the event is used to allocate Compulsory Invites. These Compulsory Invitations include the FEI's Foreign Athlete(s) allocation.

Process/Timeline: To receive an invitation through the FEI Invitation System, Athletes must add the event to their FEI Wish List. In order for USEF to confirm an Athlete's Wish List, an Athlete must have also submitted an entry for the event through the USEF Athlete Dashboard. Athletes have until 12/noon ET the Monday four weeks prior to the event to make changes to their FEI Wish List. As of Tuesday three weeks prior to the event, Compulsory Invitations (Invitation System) will be confirmed/automatically accepted through the FEI Invitation System to the Athletes entered in descending order of the FEI Longines Ranking List.

2. **Home NF (USEF) Invites:** Beginning in January of 2026, the USEF Home Invites for U.S. Athletes will be made in descending order from the Rolex/USEF Ranking List published the Friday four (4) weeks prior to the event. For example, an event dated February 18-22, 2026 will use the Rolex list dated Friday January 23, 2026.

Process/Timeline: Athletes apply for a Home Athlete invitation by entering a competition through their USEF Athlete Dashboard. Through the Athlete Dashboard, an Athlete can indicate a first and second choice for a Home Athlete invitation. Athletes have until Wednesday at 4pm ET three weeks prior to the event to add or make changes through their USEF Athlete Dashboard. By no later than 4:00 pm ET the Thursday three weeks prior to the event, Home USEF Invitations will be confirmed to the U.S. Athletes entered in descending order of the applicable Rolex/USEF Ranking List.

- 3. Organizing Committee (OC) Invites:** The OC will utilize the same FEI Longines Ranking List as the Compulsory Invites for the event per the U.S. FEI Jumping Calendar Policies and Procedures unless otherwise agreed upon by the USEF.

Process/Timeline: The OC may accept riders at any time following the issue of Home Invites. At any time that the OC accepts entries they must accept entries in descending order according to the applicable FEI Longines Ranking List.

Close of Entries or Definite Entry date: The close entries or Definite Entry date is indicated in the FEI Definite Schedule for each event. This date is typically two weeks prior to the event and defined in the FEI Schedule. For large series of multiple FEI weeks in a row, it may be closer to the event. For example, WEF is traditionally the Thursday before the event.

Substitution of Athletes before Definite Entry Date:

- 1. Compulsory Invitations:** Any scratch/withdraw of an Athlete who has received a Compulsory Invite will be replaced from the same FEI Longines Ranking List used for the event.
- 2. Home Invitations (U.S. Athletes only):** Any scratch/withdraw of an Athlete who has received a Home Invite before the close of entries will be replaced in order of the Rolex/USEF Ranking List for the event for the event.
- 3. OC Invitations:** Replacement of OC invited athletes (both U.S. and foreign) will be replaced in order of the FEI Longines Ranking List used for the event.

There will be times when an athlete waiting to get into an event is in different positions on the FEI Longines Ranking List and the Rolex/USEF Ranking List. The list from which the scratch came from will be the list from which the replacement will come from.

Late Entries are entries received via the USEF Athlete Dashboard after 4:00 pm ET on the Definite Entry date.

Substitution of Athletes after the Definite Entry Date. OCs have the following two options:

- athletes will be placed either by their rank on the FEI Longines RL of entries on the wait list or
- below all entries on the waiting list.
- Late entries will not be replaced from the Rolex/USEF RL for Home Invites but will use the FEI Longines Ranking List for the event.

Published List: USEF will publish a list of entered U.S. Athletes to be considered for the Home Invites by close of business on Monday three weeks prior to the event. This is the Monday before the Compulsory Invites (IS) are confirmed on that Tuesday and Home Invites are confirmed on that Thursday. This list updates frequently based on adds and scratches and will

be updated and time-stamped on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays leading up to the close of entries. This Home list will consist of U.S. Athletes only. The OC invites will consist of all foreign and US athletes. The Home list is for reference only for U.S. Athletes and it uses the Rolex list for the event. Please go directly to the event's website for the waitlist to see where you sit on the OC list.

For more details on the FEI Invitation System, please refer to the Jumping Athlete Services page here: [Jumping | US Equestrian](#)

Athlete Reference Guide can be found here: [athlete-reference-guide---us-fei](#)

FEI How To for Jumping Invitations link here: [FEI How To - Jumping Invitations](#)

Required Apps: FEI Sport Manager, FEI Sport, FEI Horse