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Dear Potential 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships Applicants:

Please review the information below which outlines some of the updates/changes to the Selection Procedures for the 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships. However, please make sure to read and understand the entire Selection Procedures, which can be found on our website [here](#). USDF will be responsible for the application process and liaising with the Regions. The 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships will take place at Old Salem Farm in North Salem, NY on July 30-August 4, 2019.

**QUALIFYING PERIOD:** The qualifying period for the 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships will begin on August 1, 2018 and end June 23, 2019 unless otherwise noted before January 1, 2019.

**FEI RIDER & HORSE REGISTRATION:** Both the FEI Rider Registration and FEI Horse Registration must be completed in accordance with FEI rules, meaning that the FEI Registrations must be completed in order to be submitted on the FEI Nominated Entry. The Federation strongly encourages the registrations are complete by the end of the Qualifying period, June 23, 2019.

**FEI HORSE PASSPORT:** The FEI passport must also be completed and FEI validated in accordance with FEI rules, meaning that the FEI Passport must be completed by the FEI Nominated Entry. It is strongly encouraged for athletes to complete and FEI validate horse passports in the beginning of the qualifying process. Please be reminded that FEI Passports may take at least two business days for processing after they are received by the Federation. The Federation strongly urges all individuals to send the FEI passport with tracking.

**APPLICATION OF INTENT:** An Application of Intent is required to be submitted to USDF in order to be eligible for an invitation to this Championship. Please refer to the Selection Procedures for deadlines. An application is considered to be submitted once the email acknowledgement has been received. The Application of Intent will be available at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) no later than January 1, 2019. Certificate of Domiciles must also be submitted with all Applications of Intent. Certificates of Domicile (found [HERE](#)) must be completed no later than 5 business days after the online submission of your applications of intent. No applications will be accepted after May 15, 2019. However, if an application of intent is submitted on May 15, 2019, an applicant will still be allowed 5 business days to submit their Certificate of Domicile. No application is considered complete without the submission of the Certificate of Domicile.



**DOMICILE & CERTIFICATE OF DOMICILE:** A rider may have only one domicile, which is defined as where the rider has their permanent home and where, whenever they are absent, intends to return. A minor's domicile follows that of the parent or guardian who has lawful custody of the minor (unless the minor is emancipated from their parent/guardian). For purposes of these selection procedures, a minor is any rider that has not yet reached their 18th birthday as of January 1, 2019.

Every rider or parent/guardian if the rider is a minor shall complete and submit a Certificate of Domicile with your application of Intent for this Championship. It is important to note that if a rider or legal guardian (if the rider is a minor) is found to have submitted inaccurate or misinformation or failed to submit the Certificate of Domicile timely, the rider may be subject to disqualification from participating in the Event.

The Region of each athlete/horse combination is determined by where the athlete is domiciled in the U.S. beginning January 1, 2019, regardless of multiple temporary residences (See definition above). This address must be recorded on the Certificate of Domicile).

If a rider's domicile changes between January 1 and April 1, the rider may submit a request to change their Region, which must be received by the USEF, with a copy sent to USDF no later than 5:00PM Eastern Time on April 1. USEF will issue a decision on the change in Region within a reasonable time of the submission of the request. No requests for changes in Region will be accepted after this date.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions regarding the above information or the Selection Procedures for the 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Niebielski at (859) 225-6918 or [hniebielski@usef.org](mailto:hniebielski@usef.org).