



Adequan® USEF Futures Team Challenge

Overview: The Adequan® USEF Futures Team Challenge was established in 2019 as an experiential and educational opportunity to expose athletes to a team environment. The program starts with a two-day training camp before athletes participating in an unofficial team competition under the guidance of U.S. Performance Director Erik Duvander and U.S. Developing Coach Leslie Law. Selection to the Adequan® USEF Futures Team Challenge uses the [CCIO selection criteria](#) as a guideline and is based on an athlete's results, potential, willingness to learn and commitment to developing into a future team athlete. Selection to a team under this Challenge does not represent selection to a recognized U.S. team.

Objective: To prepare future senior team athletes by providing athletes with two days of team training, education and experience in an unofficial team competition environment at North American competitions. Athletes will experience working within a team structure and competing as a team under the guidance of U.S. Performance Director Erik Duvander and U.S. Development Coach Leslie Law.

Process: Athletes will submit an application for consideration by the Performance Advisory Team. Two teams of four combinations will be selected to contest unofficial simulated team competitions at Plantation International CCI3*-S/CCI4*-S and Galway Downs International CCI3*-L/CCI4*-L. Athletes may participate in both competitions. A list of team and reserve riders will be maintained in the event plans change due to loss of form or soundness/injury.

Selection: Based on athletes' results, potential, willingness to learn and commitment to developing into a future team athlete. Selection will follow the [selection criteria](#) used for Nations Cup competitions as a guideline. All athletes are welcome to apply. Applications for Plantation Field close on August 24 and applications for Galway Downs close October 5.

Deliverables: Two-day mandatory training camp in preparation for Plantation International and Galway Downs International. This education will include expectations of being a team rider, general routines during preparation and how to operate at a team event. It will also include dressage test ride reviews and show jumping practice. Erik Duvander and Leslie Law will coach and serve as Chef d'Equipe for the two teams. Athletes will receive access to administrative assistance from the USEF throughout the process. Applying for the Adequan® USEF Futures Team Challenge indicates athletes are committed to attend the pre-competition training.



Cost & expenses: Certain expenses will be paid for or reimbursed by the USEF by either reimbursement or direct payment; any reimbursement requires a receipt. These expenses may include: R/T mileage from origin to each event to a maximum of \$400, stabling fee for one horse per competition. Lunch will be provided during the training camp for athletes and grooms. Not included or available for reimbursement: entry fee, expenses related to other horses, incidentals, membership fees. Other expenses not listed must be approved by the Director, Eventing Performance and Program Support. It is the athletes' responsibility to ensure they are qualified, enter the competition and meet the obligations and requirements associated with competing at an FEI event. Athletes not selected are not excluded from the competition in any way. Application for the Futures Team Challenge does not constitute an entry for the competition. All programs are subject to budget approval and funding.

