



MEMORANDUM

To: Applicants for 2026 FEI Dressage World Championship U.S. Dressage Team

Date: 10 March 2026

From: Laura Roberts, Managing Director of Dressage

Re: USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship Veterinary Evaluations

Dear 2026 FEI World Championship U.S. Dressage Team Applicants,

This memo serves as notice that athletes who finish in the top 12 of the USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship and submitted an application for the 2026 FEI World Championship U.S. Dressage Team, must make themselves and their Horse(s) available for veterinary examinations on Sunday, May 17th with Team Veterinarian, Dr. Laura Faulkner. This will be a time for Dr. Faulkner to be familiar with any current changes to your horse's health/soundness and work with you on a plan for any necessary treatment or monitoring following the Championship. Athletes which did not submit an application for consideration to the 2026 FEI Dressage World Championship U.S. Dressage Team are not required to be present for these examinations.

These examinations will take place at World Equestrian Center Ocala on Sunday, May 17th following the conclusion of the USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship. Each examination will be conducted privately, and a schedule / confirmation of attendance will be communicated to each athlete.

The USEF Grand Prix National Championship will use FEI drug regulations. The final placings of the National Championship **will not** determine or guarantee an athlete's position on the Short List for the 2026 FEI Dressage World Championship U.S. Dressage Team. Selection for the Short List will be made in accordance with the published selection procedures (click [here](#)).

As a reminder, in regards to soundness, team veterinarian requests, and veterinary treatment, please refer to section II.C of the Selection Procedures for the 2026 FEI Dressage World Championships U.S. Dressage Team (click [here](#)):

1. **Soundness** - Horses that are candidates for selection for the Event may be examined at any time during the selection process and through the conclusion of the event for soundness by the Team Veterinarian and/or a member of the Veterinarian Panel and/or a Selector upon the request of the Selectors, Chef d'Equipe, or Team Veterinarian. Horses found to be unsound by the Team Veterinarian or Veterinarian Panel may result in the elimination of the athlete/horse combination from the selection process, but only with the recommendation of the Selectors, Chef d'Equipe, and approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
2. **Team Veterinarian Request** – Applicants, *at their own expense*, shall make available, upon the request of the Team Veterinarian, 24 months' worth of complete veterinary records of horses considered for selection. In addition, applicants, *at their own expense*, shall be responsible for supplying any followup diagnostic information requested by the Team Veterinarian for horses under consideration for selection. Applicants, *at their own expense*, shall complete any treatment prescribed by the Team Veterinarian, after consultation with the horse's treating veterinarian if such a consultation is requested by the athlete, for horses under consideration for selection. Failure

to comply with any reasonable request of the Team Veterinarian may result in the removal of the athlete/horse combination from the selection process by the Selectors upon the recommendation of the Team Veterinarian and with the recommendation of the Selectors, Chef d'Equipe, and approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

3. **Veterinary Treatment** - Once the Athletes are named to compete in the Observation Events (including any athlete with permission not to compete), by no later than the date of FEI Nominated Entry, and prior to the departure of the horses for the Event venue for the purpose of competing in the Event, athletes will be required to obtain written permission from the Team Veterinarian prior to treatment of "invited" horses being treated by any person other than the Team Veterinarian or Veterinary Panel. This permission must be obtained by using an official USEF Dressage Veterinary Treatment Request Form. Failure to adhere to this policy and/or the directives of the Team Veterinarian as outlined on the USEF Dressage Veterinary Treatment Request Form may result in the removal of the athlete/horse combination from the selection process by the Selectors upon the recommendation of the Team Veterinarian and with the recommendation of the USEF Dressage Sport Committee, and approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

If you have any questions regarding the above information or the selection process for the 2026 FEI Dressage World Championship, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Roberts (Managing Director of Dressage) at (859) 225-6986 or lroberts@usef.org.