



# HOW TO GET STARTED WITH FEI ENDURANCE

## ATHLETE

Are you interested in competing in FEI Endurance? Check out the below information on how to get started!

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Your first step in getting involved in competing with FEI is to complete your Novice Qualifications. Check out the [FEI Endurance Novice Qualifications For U.S. Athletes & Horses Quick Guide](#) for more information regarding this process. If you are thinking about starting the Novice Qualification process, please contact the [Director of Endurance](#) to discuss next steps.

*Special note:* The FEI requires that your first Novice Qualification ride be at least 6 months prior to your first FEI 1\* ride.

Next, if you have not already obtained one, you will need a USEF Competing Membership.

- Go to [USEF.org](#)
- Click on the *Become a Member* button in the top right corner of the screen
- Click on the *Join As Competing Member* button
- Complete the prompts and pay

Once your USEF Competing Membership is completed and your Novice Qualification rides have been verified by the Director of Endurance at USEF, you are ready to obtain your FEI Registration.

- Log in to your USEF account
- Click on the *Account* button in the top right corner
- Click on the *FEI Rider Registration* tile
- Once the page refreshes you can follow the prompts and click add to cart
- Complete the prompts and pay the FEI Registration Fee

Once your FEI Registration is active, the Director of Endurance can enter your Novice Qualification rides for you to become FEI 1\* Qualified!

Now that you are ready to compete in FEI, check out our How to Enter Your First FEI Endurance Ride for helpful information prior to your first FEI ride!



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## HORSE

Are you interested in competing your Horse in FEI Endurance? Check out the below information on how to get started!

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**Special note:** The FEI requires that the horse's first Novice Qualification ride be at least 12 months prior to their first FEI 1\* ride.

Next, if you have not already obtained one, as the horse's owner, you will need a USEF Competing Membership.

- Go to [USEF.org](#)
- Click on the *Become a Member* button in the top right corner of the screen
- Click on the *Join As Competing Member* button
- Complete the prompts and pay

Once you have a USEF Competing Membership, next you will need to obtain a USEF Lifetime Recording for your horse.

- Log in to your USEF account
- Click on the *Account* button in the top right corner
- New Horse
  - Click on the *Create New Horse* Tile
  - Follow prompts, choose the Lifetime Recording option, and pay the fee
- Current Horse
  - Find Horse under *Your Horses* section of tile
  - There will be a tile with your horse's current status, click on this tile, follow the prompts to upgrade to a Lifetime Recording, and pay the fee

Once the horse's USEF Lifetime Recording and Novice Qualifications are completed or nearly completed, you are ready to move forward with getting the horse's Passport.

- Log in to your USEF account
- Click on the *Account* button in the top right corner
- Click on the *Horse Passport* tile
- Follow the prompts to obtain a National or FEI Passport or a FEI Recognition Card for your horse and pay the fee
  - Additional Passport Resources
    - » [Passport Guide](#) - to see which competition levels a horse can compete in with a National Passport
    - » [How to Apply for a Passport Guide](#) - for more information on the Passpotting process
    - » [How to Read a Passport Guide](#) - to help prepare you for completing the Passport
    - » [Passport FAQs](#) – additional information regarding passports
  - *Special note:* the passportting process can take up to six weeks, please ensure you begin this process with plenty of time before your horse's first FEI ride

Once the Passport or FEI Recognition Card is approved or close to approval, you will need to obtain a FEI Registration for your Horse.

- Log in to your USEF account
- Click on the Account button in the top right corner
- Click on the FEI Horse Registration tile
- Input your horse's USEF ID in the search tool and click search
- Once the page refreshes you should see your horse's name under the search tool, click Select
- Complete the prompts and pay the FEI Registration Fee
  - *Special note:* The FEI requires each FEI Horse be assigned a Trainer, this person must be 18 years of age or older and have an active FEI Registration

Once the horse's FEI Registration is active, the Director of Endurance can enter the Novice Qualification rides for your horse to become FEI 1\* Qualified!

Now that your horse is ready to compete in FEI, check out our How to Enter Your First FEI Endurance Ride for helpful information prior to the horse's first FEI ride!