



**Criteria to Compete in Foreign CSIO and CSI Events  
for Ch-P-J-Y-U25 Show Jumpers**  
Effective January 1, 2012

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Show Jumping High Performance Committee and Show Jumping Credentials Committee will oversee the selection process, which process shall be reviewed and approved by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee.

- I. Application** – Riders must apply to the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and receive permission to compete abroad pursuant to USEF GR828. Riders must also be current members in good standing with USEF.

Riders wishing to be considered for all CSIOs and/or CSIs in foreign nations, including Canada, must contact USEF Athlete Services, Lexington, Kentucky (859)-225-6966 to receive an application. (Exception: CSIOs or CSIs included in the Show Jumping High Performance Program, for which separate applications are distributed.)

Applications are also available on the USEF website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) under Disciplines/International/Athlete Services.

Applications to compete abroad **MUST** be submitted in writing to Athlete Services and received no later than two working days prior to the Nominated Entry date for that event. Applications should be submitted to Athlete Services at least 58 days prior to the start date of the event in question in order for USEF to secure an invitation.

For events for which there is no Nominated Entry deadline, applications **MUST** be received by Athlete Services 30 days prior to the start date of the events.

- II. Personal Invitations** - Provided the USEF Minimum Criteria to Compete Abroad is met, or a waiver (see Section V, Waivers) has been granted, riders who receive personal invitations from Organizing Committees will have preference over other U.S. riders, except in the case of riders on an official tour of USEF. The definition of a “Personal Invitation” is one that is given by the Organizing Committee to a specific rider either received directly by the rider or by USEF on behalf of the rider. The invitation must be in writing and a copy sent to Athlete Services.

- III. Entries** - Riders must enter all foreign CSIOs or CSIs through USEF, including those in Canada. Entries for the event in question will be submitted by USEF no later than the entry closing date.

Exception: Riders under 18 years of age living abroad may compete for their country of residence in the following events and regardless of the country where the event is organized: CIs for Pony Riders, Junior Riders and Young Riders (excluding CIOs and Championships), and senior CIMs as defined in Appendix E of the FEI General Regulations. The Minor Athlete must, however, inform his “own NF” (NF of his



country of nationality) of his participation in any competition in which he represents his “host-NF” (NF of the country of residence).

**IV. USEF Minimum Criteria to Compete Abroad** - Riders must meet the following USEF minimum criteria in order to compete abroad and furnish Athlete Services with a copy of the official results or copies of the entry list and judge’s card verifying the applicable qualifying result as described below.

- For CSIU25 or a CSIOU25, riders must have competed in a jumper class at 1.45 meters or higher completing the course with 4 faults or less within the previous 12 months of the date of the nominated entries of the competition for which they are applying.
- For CSIY Cat A or a CSIOY, riders must have competed in a jumper class at 1.45 meters or higher completing the course with 4 faults or less within the previous 12 months of the date of the nominated entries of the competition for which they are applying.
- For CSIY Cat B, riders must have competed in a jumper class at 1.40 meters or higher completing the course with 4 faults or less within the previous 12 months of the date of the nominated entries of the competition for which they are applying.
- For CSIJ Cat A or a CSIOJ, riders must have competed in a jumper class at 1.40 meters or higher completing the course with 4 faults or less within the previous 12 months of the date of the nominated entries of the competition for which they are applying.
- For CSIJ Cat B, riders must have competed in a jumper class at 1.35 meters or higher completing the course with 4 faults or less within the previous 12 months of the date of the nominated entries of the competition for which they are applying.
- For CSI-Ch or CSIO-Ch, riders must have competed in a jumper class at 1.15 meters or higher completing the course with 4 faults or less within the previous 12 months of the date of the nominated entries of the competition for which they are applying.
- For CSI-P or CSIO-P, riders must have competed in a jumper class at 1.10 meter or higher completing the course with 4 faults or less within the previous 12 months of the date of the nominated entries of the competition for which they are applying.



**V. Waivers** - Under extraordinary circumstances, the Show Jumping Credentials Committee may grant waivers to the above criteria. For such consideration, the rider shall comply with USEF GR828 and provide the following information at the time his application is submitted:

- Document the extraordinary circumstances; and
- Submit a detailed proven competitive record of the horse/rider combination demonstrating ability to compete at the level required for the event applied for.

**VI. Events on Borrowed Horses** - Riders who wish to compete in events on borrowed horses must meet the USEF Minimum Criteria to Compete Abroad as outlined above for the level of event they wish to enter.