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The US Equestrian Endurance newsletter will include regular updates from the Endurance Sport Committee and the USEF Endurance programs. Visit the USEF Endurance website [here](#).

Upcoming Competition Dates

January 25-28, 2024

Broxton Bridge Ride in the Low Country
Ehrhardt, S.C.

February 16-17, 2024

Moonlight Madness
Alamo, N.M.

March 7-8, 2024

Fun in the Sun Pioneer
Williston, Fla.

April 7-8, 2024

Rocky Road
Spearman, Texas

April 19-21, 2024

Ride in the Pines
Cheraw, S.C.

May 18-19, 2024

Apache Kid Trail

Cimarron, N.M.

June 21-23, 2024

USA Northeast Team Challenge Championship

Elkton, Md.

November 7-9, 2024

Broxton Bridge: Fall Rides

Ehrhardt, S.C.

USEF Endurance Awards

Cheryl Van Deusen and Avery Betz-Conway Win 2023 US Equestrian Endurance Awards



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Lexington, Ky. – US Equestrian congratulates the winners of the year-end awards for endurance. As the top-ranked senior endurance athlete, Cheryl Van Deusen (New Smyrna Beach, Fla.) will receive the Maggy Price Endurance Excellence Award. Avery Betz-Conway (Kingsland, Ga.) will receive the Brunges Junior/Young Rider Trophy as the top U.S. junior or young rider endurance athlete.

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US Equestrian Introduces New National Endurance Award Program

US Equestrian is proud to announce the launch of the newly amended USEF National Endurance Award Program, a revamped initiative aimed at recognizing and celebrating the achievements of endurance athletes and horses across the country. Officially launching with the 2024 season, the USEF National Endurance Award Program includes the USEF Endurance Year-End Awards and the USEF Endurance Career Mileage Awards.

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Endurance News

Applications Now Open for USEF Endurance Competition and Licensed Officials Grants

Lexington, Ky. – US Equestrian is now accepting applications for the Endurance Competition Grant and Endurance Licensed Officials Grant. Applications for both grants are due February 1, 2024.

[USEF Endurance Competition Grant](#): The purpose of this grant is to support U.S.-based FEI endurance competitions in order to maintain a healthy calendar of competitions within the U.S.

[USEF Licensed Officials Grant](#): The intent of this grant is to support USEF endurance licensed officials and maintain a healthy number of officials licensed in the U.S. The grant offers financial support for USEF endurance licensed officials who are seeking education and experience.

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USEF Licensed Officials Grant Application (can be used in addition to the above USEF Endurance LO Grant)

The **[2024 Licensed Officials Grant Application](#)** is officially open. The application deadline is March 1, 2024.

The Federation offers licensed official grants to applicants and current officials wishing to apply for a promotion. These grants are intended to reduce financial barriers for USEF or U.S. FEI officials to complete application requirements.

Individuals should take advantage of this opportunity to attend a training session or apprentice at a location where they would normally not be able to travel. Grants shall not be used for maintenance requirements and can only be received once per competition year.

Individuals can apply for one of two categories – a general grant or U35 grant. General grants will be considered based on the competition environment need for more officials, or higher-level officials. The U35 grants provide an opportunity to support individuals under the age of 35 to become a licensed official or apply for a promotion.

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Endurance 2024 Rules

2024 USEF Rulebook Endurance Chapter

Changes from the 2023 rules are printed in red.

Extraordinary and Rule Clarifications going into effect on February 1, 2024:

- EN105.4 (Tracking 88-23): Allowing crew point changes to be made by competition management if needed due to weather or course restrictions.
 - EN110.2 (Tracking 89-23): Allowing for alternative accommodations for a finish line if needed and approved by the event steward.
 - EN117.3 (Tracking 90-23): Clarification that the term "rider option" is the same as "retirement."
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2024 FEI Endurance Rules

[Clean Version](#)

[Marked-up Version](#)

Highlights of the changes for 2024 are outlined below. (See full rules for all changes.)

- CIM categorization for CEI2* when applicable (803.1)
- The winner of a Dead Heat must be determined by the tip of the nose of the Horse that crosses the finish line first. (809.4)
- Should an Athlete wish to retire their Horse at the end of a Phase, the Horse must be presented to the Vetting Area and pass all required Inspections. The maximum time a Horse has for Retirement after completing a Phase is its hold time plus 15 minutes as per Article 807.5. (809.5.4)
- The number of required loops per day for a multiday 2* ride has been reduced from 3 to 2, 3 loops/day are required for a multi-day 3*. (814.4.3)
- Under Heart Rate Assessment, at the first Vet Gate and onwards, except for the Final Inspection, all Horses entering with more than 10 minutes recovery time must pass a compulsory re-inspection. (816.6.5)
- Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 10 cm, this has been increased from 8cm. (825.2.5)
- Changes within the CEI Qualifications rules. (833)
- Changes to the Average Speed rules. (837)
- Where a Foreign Official is required for an Event, such Foreign Official may not be a national or resident of the country where the Event is staged, unless that person is resident in a different time zone to the time zone of the Event location *or in a different province/state that is at least 500 kms/8 hrs by road from the location where the Event will take place.* (848.4)
- Changes within the Disciplinary rules (Chapter IX)
- The person trotting the Horse must lead the Horse from the Horse's left-hand side on a loose rein beside the Horse and not in front or behind the Horse (see Annex 8). (Annex 5 9.7.a)
- Changes within the Officials Required for Events rules (Annex 6)

Endurance Championship News

Selection Procedures Updated for 2024 FEI Endurance World Championship

The USEF Selection Procedures for athletes interested in competing at the 2024 FEI Endurance World Championship in Monpazier, France, have been updated and are available on [the endurance page of USEF.org](#). The FEI Endurance World Championship will take place in Monpazier, France, on September 7, 2024.

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2025 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors and 2025 FEI Endurance Pan American Championship Selection Memos Available Now

Endurance athletes who are considering applying to compete in the FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors or the FEI Endurance Pan American Championship for Seniors and Young Riders & Juniors in 2025 are encouraged to review the selection memos for these events, which are now available on [the endurance page on USEF.org](#).

The 2025 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors is scheduled for September 5-6, 2025, in Buftea, Romania. The FEI expects to announce the dates and location for the 2025 FEI Endurance Pan American Championship soon.

The selection memos for both championships provide important information on selection, including requirements for qualifying events as well as the ranking formula that is used to determine qualification for the U.S. Endurance Team at these events. Please note the information is based on the recommendations of the USEF Endurance Sport Committee and is subject to change due to final approval of the full selection procedures by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee.

[Click here to download the selection memo for the 2025 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors.](#)

[Click here to download the selection memo for the 2025 FEI Endurance Pan American Championship.](#)

If you have any questions or feedback on the full Selection Procedures prior to their approval of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact [Nicole Zerbee](#), USEF Director of Endurance..

USEF Changes for 2024

Online Passport Service Application

- USEF has launched a new online passport service application to be used for services that do not require the passport to be mailed into the office including:
 1. New FEI/National Passports
 2. Revalidations
 3. Duplicate (lost) Passports

- Through this online application, you can sign, pay for, and submit completely online through your [USEF Member Dashboard](#). You can also add life recordings, expedited service, and UPS Next Day Air.
 - The application can be found on the USEF Member Dashboard at this link: <https://members.usef.org/horses/passport>
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FEI Registration Price Increases for 2024

- FEI Horse Registration: \$35
 - FEI Rider Registration: \$35
 - FEI Registration application can be found on the [USEF Member Dashboard](#) at this link: <https://members.usef.org/fei/horse-registration/horse-select>
 - **Requirements for FEI Horse Registration:**
 - All USA-owned horses must have a current life USEF recording before registering with the FEI.
 - All FEI competing horses must have a valid passport. Initial FEI registration requests will not be issued until the horse's passport has been approved.
 - **Requirements for FEI Rider Registration:**
 - All riders must have an active, competing membership before registering with the FEI.
 - A current Code of Conduct and Waiver must be signed, and Safe Sport Training must be completed.
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Influenza Vaccine Requirements Changing for January 1, 2024

- As of January 1, 2024, the initial primary series of influenza vaccines consists of two vaccines administered between 21-60 days apart. A booster vaccination must be administered within 6 months and 21 days of the second dose.
 - This change applies to any new primary series started after January 1, 2024. An up-to-date passport showing a primary series between 21-92 days apart and a third dose within 7 months, given prior to January 1, 2024, will still be considered valid.
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Updated U.S. FEI Entry Quick Guide

- US FEI Entries – All withdraws and horse changes need to be made through the USEF Athlete Dashboard as of January 1, 2024
 - Important reminder-please make sure you are completing your entry for each FEI competition with both USEF and the competition.
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Result Requirement Reminders

The email addresses of riders and owners must be included in the competition results that are submitted to the Federation.

Other Endurance News

FEI Novice Qualifications Reminder

For an athlete and horse seeking to compete at their first FEI CEI1*, you are highly encouraged to submit your FEI Novice Qualification information to Nicole Zerbee, Director of Endurance, prior to submitting your entry. For questions regarding the FEI Novice Qualification process, please [contact Nicole Zerbee](#).

FEI Endurance Veterinary Refresher Course(s) – 2024

For FEI EOV and/or EVT: You are due to attend either an FEI Endurance Official Veterinarian and/or FEI Endurance Veterinary Treating Official Refresher in 2024. There will be a course offered in the U.S., please see below for more details. The date and location for this course was determined based off the responses gathered from a survey that went to all US FEI EOV and EVTs that are due to attend a refresher course in 2024.

- **Date for FEI EOV Refresher:** March 23, 2024
- **Date for FEI E Refresher:** March 24, 2024
- **Location:** Orlando, FL, USA
- **Venue:** SpringHill Suites Orlando Airport - 5828 Hazeltine National Drive, Orlando, Florida 32822
- **Course Director:** Martha Misheff
- **Course Fee:** \$250 USD
- **Application:** To apply, please [email Sydney Hull](#) with your request to attend and the Federation will submit a course application to the FEI on your behalf.
- **Deadline:** February 23, 2024

USEF has contracted a discounted room rate during the course dates. To book using this discounted rate, [please use this link](#).

[FEI Endurance Official Veterinarian Course Invitation](#)

[FEI Endurance Veterinary Treating Official Course Invitation](#)

Please contact Sydney Hull, USEF Licensed Officials Education Specialist, at shull@usef.org with any questions.

Questions? Contact [Nicole Zerbee](#), Director of Endurance.

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