



MEMORANDUM

Selection Procedures and Application for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games US Dressage Team

TO: Dressage Athletes
FROM: Hallye Griffin, Managing Director of Dressage
DATE: December 11, 2017
RE: Selection Procedures & Application for 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games US Dressage Team

The Selection Procedures for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games are now available. Please click [HERE](#) for the Procedures. The application, required documents and payment must be submitted electronically. In order to complete the application, you will need to log into your “My USEF” account. Be sure to have your USEF Membership ID and password available. Once you are logged in, you will need select the ‘Athlete Dashboard’ button and then select ‘Online Applications.’ From there, you will select ‘Apply’ for the FEI World Equestrian Games application.

Please read everything very carefully, especially the Selection Procedures and Application, and don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

2018 FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES APPLICATION & FEES – Please read the application paragraph in the Selection Procedure (Page 1, Point I.A.3.) very carefully, and note that deadlines will be adhered to with no exceptions.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018	Application Deadline and Fee	\$70
Wednesday, February 28, 2018	Late Application Deadline and Fee	\$300

February 28, 2018 is the last date an application can be accepted.

It is the responsibility of the owners and athletes of horses to ensure that they have received and read the Selection Procedures for the Team; USEF Code of Conduct; USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification; and USEF Safe Sport Policy and agree to bound by them.

Upon submission of your application, an automatic email will be sent confirming the date your application was received. Therefore, please ensure email listed on the application is current. If you do not receive an acknowledgment of your application, **IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION** to contact USEF to determine if it has been received.

FEI CERTIFICATE OF CAPABILITY – In addition to the requirements outlined in the selection procedures for the US Dressage Team, the FEI requires the following:

In order to qualify for participation at the 2018 FEI World Dressage Championships, athletes and horses must have attained (as a combination) a result of at least 66% attributed by the Ground Jury and by any two different FEI 5 Dressage Judges, of a nationality other than that of the athlete, in a Grand Prix at two different CDI3*/4*/5*/CDI-W or CDIO events during the qualification period (1 January 2017 – 13 August 2018).*



OBSERVATION EVENTS – Athlete/horse combinations named to the Short List will compete in Observation Events between May 1, 2018 and September 3, 2018. The designated Observation Events and additional details will be published on www.usef.org no later than January 31, 2018.

RESERVES / ALTERNATES – The Dressage Team for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games will consist of four athlete/horse combinations. The US anticipates sending a minimum of one athlete/horse combination to be stabled with the Team in the final lead up to the Games. Please see Section IV (Substitution/Replacement) of the Selection Procedures for further details.

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EQUINE DRUG TESTING – All horses are subject to drug testing both in competition and out of competition (*please see Selection Procedures, FEI Regulations and USEF Rules for more detail*). More information can be found here: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/horses>. Please review the updated Equine Anti-Doping & Controlled Medication Regulations effective 1 January 2018 found [here](#). Changes to the 2017 FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List (EPSL) to become effective 1 January 2018 can be found [here](#).

ATHLETE DRUG TESTING - Please be reminded that when competing under FEI rules, the human athlete is subject to in-competition drug testing at the event. It is the athlete's responsibility to know if they are taking any medications on the Prohibited Substance List.

- The current FEI Rules for Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes may be found [here](#). The World Anti-Doping Code of International Standard's Prohibited List effective January 2018 may be found [here](#). Updated annually, the List identifies the substances and methods that are prohibited to athletes in and out of competition.
- [Global Drug Reference Online](#) is an easy way to find out about any prohibited substances that a medication may contain.
- Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) - An athlete may have an illness or condition that requires the use of medication listed on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List. A Therapeutic Use Exemption provides permission for an athlete to have a prohibited substance in their body at the time of a drug test. Without this, a medication violation can result in an FEI suspension. The application can be found online or by contacting Steven Morrissey at US Equestrian at 859-225-7686 or smorrissey@usef.org. The application must be completed and submitted to the FEI 30 days prior to participating at an FEI event.
- Supplement Information - Do not take supplements without full knowledge of the ingredients? Dietary and nutritional supplements may contain prohibited substances, so it is important to educate yourself by visiting [here](#).

We encourage you to call or email if you have any questions.
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