

## Criteria to Qualify for USA Vaulting Pathways Program for Juniors, Youth and Seniors

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These scores must be earned in the following events:

For Young Vaulters, scores must be earned in the Individual Competition at any CVIY 2\* or CVI 3\* Event or at a USEF 2\* Young Vaultler/Gold or USEF 3\* Individual Event. Scores must consist of compulsories, tech test, and freestyle.

### Selection to the DEVELOPMENT Program for JUNIORS:

To qualify for the Development Program for Juniors, athletes must have met at least one of the following criteria in the 18 months prior to the date of selection for the event.

#### **Individuals:**

- Two overall scores of 7.0 or above for an Individual any **FEI 2\* or 3\* event (CH, J, Y or S)** ~~CVI 3\*, CVI 2\*, CVIY 2\*, CVIJ 2\*, CVIGH 2\*~~ Event or at any USEF 3\* Individual, 2\* Young Vaultler/Gold or 2\* Silver Class. Only the first round compulsory score (to the left) and the first round freestyle scores will be considered.
- Two scores of 7.0 or above in the compulsory test of the 2\* B Squad or 3\* A Squad event at USEF competitions or in the 2\* Junior or Senior or 3\* Squad event at FEI competitions.
  - Calculated using comps from all judges at event. Includes horse score.

Criteria can be combined for qualification - for example, one score from a USEF 2\* Individual Event and one score from a USEF 2\* Squad Event.

#### **Squad:**

- Two scores of 6.5 at 2\* Squad or 3\* Squad event at USEF competitions or in the 2\* Junior or Senior event or 3\* Squad event at FEI competitions.
- A squad must consist of 4 of the same 6 members who competed when the score was earned
- At the time of the Pathways event, all squad members must meet the maximum age qualifications for Junior Squad

#### **Pas De Deux:**

- Two overall scores of 7.0 or above for a PDD in the 3\* Pas de Deux or 2\* Pas de Deux at USEF Competitions or in the 2\* Junior or Senior or 3\* event at FEI competitions

### **Selection to the ELITE Program for JUNIORS:**

To qualify for the Elite Program for Juniors, athletes must have met at least one of the following criteria in the 18 months prior to the date of selection for the program:

#### **Individuals:**

- Two overall scores of 7.6 or above for an Individual in any **FEI 2\* or 3\* event (CH, J, Y or S)** ~~CVI 3\*, CVI 2\*, CVIY 2\*, CVIJ 2\*, CVIGH 2\*~~ or at any USEF 3\* Individual, 2\* Young Vaulters/Gold or 2\* Silver Class. Only the first round compulsory score (to the left) and the first round freestyle scores will be considered.

#### **Squad:**

- Two scores of 7.0 at 2\* B Squad or 3\* A Squad event at USEF competition or in the 2\* Junior or Senior Squad event or the 3\* Squad event at FEI competitions.
- A squad must consist of 5 of the same 6 members who competed when the score was earned
- At the time of the event, all squad members must meet the maximum age qualifications for Junior Squad

#### **Pas De Deux:**

- Two overall scores of 7.6 or above for an Pas de Deux in the 3\* Pas de Deux or 2\* Pas de Deux event at USEF competitions or in the Junior or Senior 2\* or 3\* event at FEI competitions
- Both members of the Pas de Deux must stay the same for scores to be valid.

### **Selection to the DEVELOPMENT Program for YOUTH (2\*):**

To qualify for the Development Program for Youth, athletes must have met at least one of the following criteria in the 18 months prior to the date of selection for the event.

#### **Individuals:**

- Two overall scores of 7.0 or above in Individuals at any ~~FEI CVIY 2\*~~ or ~~FEI CVI 3\*~~ Event, or at a USEF 2\* Young Vaulters/Gold or USEF 3\* Individual Event. Scores must consist of compulsories, tech test, and freestyle.
- Two scores of 7.0 or above in the compulsory test of the 2\* B Squad or 3\* A Squad event at USEF competitions or in the 2\* Junior or Senior or 3\* Squad event at FEI competitions
  - Calculated using comps from all judges at event. Includes horse score.

- If the vaulter had qualified for Junior Pathways in the prior season, they will be admitted to the Youth Development Program based on their Junior scores for 12 months. (This means that the Young vaulter has 12 months from the date of the most recent Junior Pathways qualifying score to earn Young scores. If the vaulter has not earned the two required scores after 12 months, then the vaulter will be exited from the Pathways program until the scores are earned.)

Criteria can be combined for qualification - for example, one score from a USEF 2\* Individual Event and one score from a USEF 2\* Squad Event.

### **Selection to the ELITE Program for YOUTH:**

To qualify for the Elite Program for Youth, athletes must have met at least one of the following criteria in the 18 months prior to the date of selection for the program:

#### **Individuals:**

- Two overall scores of 7.6 or above in Individuals at any ~~FEI CVY 2\*~~ or ~~FEI CVI 3\*~~ Event or at a USEF 2\* Young Vaulter/Gold or USEF 3\* Individual Event. Scores must consist of compulsories, tech test, and freestyle.

### **Selection to the DEVELOPMENT Program for Seniors:**

To qualify for the Development Program for Seniors, athletes must have met the following criteria in the 18 months prior to the date of selection for the event.

#### **Individuals:**

- Two overall scores of 7.5 or above for an Individual in the 3\* event at USEF Competitions or in the Senior 3\* or 4\* event at FEI competitions
- Two scores of 7.8 or above in the compulsory test of the 3\* A Squad event at USEF competitions or in the 3\* or 4\* Senior Squad event at FEI competitions
  - Calculated using comps from all judges at event. Includes horse score.

#### **Squad:**

- Two scores of 7.0 at 3\* A Squad event at USEF competitions or in the 3\* or 4\* Senior Squad event at FEI competitions.
- A squad must consist of 4 of the same 6 members who competed when the score was earned

**Pas De Deux:**

- Two overall scores of 7.5 or above for a PDD in the 3\* Open Pas de Deux event at USEF Competitions or in the Senior 3\* or 4\* event at FEI competitions.

**Selection to the ELITE Program for SENIORS:**

To qualify for the Elite Program for Seniors, athletes must have met the following criteria in the 18 months prior to the date of selection for the program:

**Individuals:**

- Two overall scores of 8.0 or above for an Individual in the 3\* event at USEF Competitions or in the Senior 3\* or 4\* event at FEI competitions

**Squad:**

- Two scores of 7.5 at 3\* A Squad event at USEF competitions or in the 3\* or 4\* Senior Squad event at FEI competitions.
- A squad must consist of 5 of the same 6 members who competed when the score was earned

**Pas De Deux:**

- Two overall scores of 8.1 or above for a PDD in the 3\* Pas de Deux event at USEF Competitions or in the Senior 3\* or 4\* event at FEI competitions

**Draft Criteria to Add Bronze, Preliminary PDD and C Team to Pathways Program:**

1\* vaulters will be admitted to the program two times per year - September and January. Vaulters must complete an application and submit proof of scores.

**Selection to the DEVELOPMENT Program for 1\*:**

1\* vaulters will be admitted to the program two times per year - September and January. Vaulters must complete an application and submit proof of scores.

**Individuals:**

- Two overall scores of 6.3 or above from any USEF Bronze 1\* event or CVIJ 1\* or CVICH 1\* event in the prior 12 months. For USEF classes, the overall score includes compulsories to the left, freestyle, and compulsories to the right. For FEI competitions, the overall score is first round of compulsories and freestyle.

**Squad:**

- Two scores of 6.0 at 1\* Squad event at USEF competitions or in the 1\* Junior event at FEI competitions in the prior 12 months. The overall score is one round of compulsories and first round of freestyle.
- A squad must consist of 4 of the same 6 members who competed when the score was earned
- At the time of the Pathways event, all squad members must meet the maximum age qualifications for Junior Squad

**Pas De Deux:**

- Two overall scores of 6.0 at CVI1\* PDD event at any FEI competition in the prior 12 months.. The overall score is two rounds of freestyle. A pas de deux qualifies together (same two vaulters).

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