



TO: Potential 2024 Olympic Games Jumping Applicants
FROM: Lizzy Chesson, Managing Director Jumping
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RE: Planned Selection Method and Eligibility Requirements

Dear U.S. Jumping Athletes and Owners –

Pending the U.S. Jumping Teams qualification for the 2024 Olympic Games, please see the below details outlining the anticipated selection methods for the 2024 Olympic Games to be held in Paris, France August 1-6, 2024.

Short List Selection: It is proposed that ten (10) athletes (riders) and their horses will be selected for the 2024 Olympic Games U.S. Show Jumping Short List in April 2024 according to the following methods:

Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List:

1. Rolex/USEF Show Jumping “Average Ranking List” – this is a ranking list of the athlete’s average Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List points (includes the points previously earned) from the lists dated June 30, 2023 list through December 22, 2023.

It is proposed that the four (4) highest ranked athletes from the “Average Ranking List” will be named to the Short List in December 2023.

This list will be published monthly on www.usequestrian.org/jumping.

2. Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking “Horse List” – this is the ranking list of the horse/athlete combinations’ points.

It is planned that the “Horse List” dated April 5, 2024 will be used to select at least three (3) athletes who are ranked highest on the April 5, 2024 Horse List and who have not already been named to the Short List. The Horse List is published weekly and can be found [HERE](#).

Discretionary Selection: It is proposed that the Chef d’Equipe in consultation with the Advisors will have the discretion to recommend to name up to three (3) athletes to the Short List. The Chef d’Equipe may utilize his discretionary selection positions at any time but by no later than once the Short List is finalized in April 2024.

The Chef d’Equipe in consultation with the Advisors will evaluate the athletes and their horses and take into account the following criteria:

- A. Current ability of the athlete and horse to meet the standards of the Event;
- B. Overall performance of the athlete and horse with emphasis on:

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- a) 2023/2024 Nations Cup and Grand Prix Show Jumping competitions;
 - b) The ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at the highest level of course difficulty, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis;
 - c) Previous international experience, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and/or athlete to succeed in either FEI Grand Prix Show Jumping competitions within the past 2-3 years;
 - d) The ability to contribute to a medal winning team medal; and/or win an individual medal at the Event;
 - e) A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of international level courses, and in particular over courses that included a water jump and tested for carefulness, scope and rideability;
 - f) The ability to jump international level courses within the Time Allowed;
 - g) The ability to maintain peak form throughout multiple round events; and
 - h) A statistical record of consistently producing low-fault rounds with a minimum of high fault scores over difficult courses.
- C. The fitness and soundness of the horse; and
- D. The fitness of the athlete to maximize the performance of the horse.

The Short List will not be named in ranked order but in alphabetical order by athlete's last name.

Team Selection: It is anticipated that the Short Listed athletes and horses will compete in CSI05*/CSI5* events from April 2024 – June 2024 and that the Chef d'Equipe in consultation with the Advisors will recommend the Team of **three athletes and three horses and one P Alternate Athlete and/or Reserve horse** based on similar criteria outlined in the Discretionary Selection above.

Eligibility:

Athletes: Athletes must be 18 years of age or older in the year of the Olympic Games.

Horses: Horse must be 9 years of age or older in the year of the Olympic Games.

Ownership: Horses must be registered with the FEI as property of owners of the same nationality as the Athlete by January 15, 2024.

FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER): Athletes and horses wishing to compete at the 2024 Olympic Games must earn an MER as a combination at selected competitions between January 1, 2023 and June 24, 2024 (including June 24) in accordance with Article 632 of the [FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games – 25th Edition Effective for the Paris 2024 Games](#). The MER requirements are new for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Please be sure to read them carefully and early as some of the requirements require 3 scores. The list of qualifying events can be found on the [FEI's website](#). Please note that the list of events is continually updated.

Complete details of the selection method will be published as part of the USEF approved Selection Procedure for Jumping for the 2024 Olympic Games which are expected to be published no later than December 2023.

This preliminary information is provided to assist you with your competition planning and is subject to change. Please remember that this information is based upon the recommendations of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee and is subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee and therefore subject to change upon the approval of the final Selection Procedures by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee.

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