



2024 Eventing Elite Program Criteria

Qualification Criteria for Program Membership

Combinations will automatically be enrolled in the Elite Program upon achievement of one or more of the following qualification criteria:

1. Achievement of a **Competition Result**, as defined below:

- Top 5 Placing OR finishing on a score ≤ 33 at one of the following events:
 - Badminton Horse Trials CCI5*-L
 - Burghley Horse Trials CCI5*-L
- Top 3 Placing OR finishing on a score ≤ 33 at one of the following events:
 - Kentucky CCI5*-L
 - Maryland 5 Star - CCI5*-L
 - Pau CCI5*-L
 - Luhmuhlen CCI5*-L
- 1st Place Finish on a score ≤ 30 at a CCI4*-L.
- Individual Medal at an Olympic Games or World Championships.
- Contributing score to a Team Medal at an Olympic Games or World Championships.

2. Achieving an [EquiRating's ELO Score](#) of 710 or higher. Scores will be evaluated following the Kentucky CCI5*-L and the Maryland CCI5*-L, respectively. *One-time automatic enrollment to the Elite Program per combination.*

Exception: Horses that sustain an injury after achievement of the qualification criteria must be evaluated by the Team Veterinarian or a Team Evaluating Veterinarian to discuss rehabilitation plans and to determine a prognosis for return to form within the term of membership. Final approval will be decided by the Director of FEI Sport with the recommendation from the Team Veterinarian, Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe, Director of Elite Program and Managing Director of Eventing.

Criteria for Membership Retention to the Program

Retention in the Elite Program is automatic for one calendar year from the notification of Program enrollment. The Athlete must remain in good standing with US Equestrian. Elite Program Membership will expire if the Athlete does not retain the ride on the Horse.

The updated Elite Program List will be published on December 1 and July 1.

Following the one-year automatic enrollment, the combination must meet *one or more* of the following criteria to maintain Elite Program Membership:





1. Achievement of a **Competition Result**, as defined below, within 12 months of the initial membership to the Elite Program:

- Top 5 Placing OR finishing on a score ≤ 33 at one of the following events:
 - Badminton Horse Trials CCI5*-L
 - Burghley Horse Trials CCI5*-L
- Top 3 Placing OR finishing on a score ≤ 33 at one of the following events:
 - Kentucky CCI5*-L
 - Maryland 5 Star - CCI5*-L
 - Pau CCI5*-L
 - Luhmuhlen CCI5*-L
- 1st Place Finish on a score ≤ 30 at a CCI4*-L.
- Individual Medal at an Olympic Games or World Championships.
- Contributing score to a Team Medal at an Olympic Games or World Championships.

2. Improving the combination's [EquiRating's ELO Score](#) of 710 or higher, to be evaluated twice a year following the Kentucky CCI5*-L and the Maryland CCI5*-L, respectively.

3. Achieving an EquiRating's Power Average at the CCI5*-L of a 36 or below, to be evaluated twice a year following the Kentucky CCI5*-L and the Maryland CCI5*-L, respectively.

4. Receiving a bye to any of the above criteria, recommended by the Technical Advisor, and approved by the Eventing Pathway working group. Examples include:

- World Championship, Olympic or Pan American Game Long List preparation, resulting in missing an event that would have produced a Competition Result or positively impacted ELO Score.
- Force Majeure.

Exception: Program membership retention may be reviewed if the horse has met the objective criteria but sustains an injury following. The horse must be evaluated by the Team Veterinarian or a Team Evaluating Veterinarian to discuss rehabilitation plans and to determine a prognosis for return to form within the term of membership. Final approval will be decided by the Director of FEI Sport with the recommendation from the Team Veterinarian, Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe. Director of Elite Program and Managing Director of Eventing.