



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential 2026 FEI World Endurance Championship Applicants

Date: June 13, 2024

From: Nicole Zerbee, Director of Endurance

Copy: Steven Morrissey, Managing Director of Sport Logistics & Non-Olympic Disciplines; Hallye Griffin, Director of FEI Sport

Re: Anticipated Selection Methods for the 2026 FEI World Endurance Championship

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 Endurance 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.

The 2026 FEI World Endurance Championship (Championship) is scheduled to take place in Al Ula, KSA on October 17th, 2026.

Selection Events and Qualification Period: Please be advised that the scheduled USEF Qualification Period for the 2026 U.S. Endurance Team selection process will begin on September 1, 2024. Please note that Selection Events are defined as any single day FEI CEI3* 160km.

It is anticipated that to be eligible as a potential Athlete/Horse combination named to the U.S. Endurance Team for the Championship, at least two (2) Selection Events must be completed within the USEF Qualification Period, one (1) of which must be completed after January 1, 2026. Selection Events do not need to be declared ahead of the competition. All competitions used as Selection Events must be completed as athlete/horse combinations, no proxy riders will be permitted.

NOTE: For purposes of this selection memo, the definition of complete is to receive a ranking and final time after passing the final veterinary inspection at the competition.

JR/YR Division will not count as Selection Events for purposes of qualifying for a Team competing in the Senior Division of a Championship.

FEI Qualifying: The Athlete, Horse owner, and Horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Championship, including but not limited to the FEI Qualifying Requirements, which can be found on the FEI Website prior to the Nominated Entry deadline of the Championship.

Funding: The availability of funding is subject to confirmation of the 2026 budget.

Questions and Feedback: 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, Director of Endurance, at nzerbee@usef.org.

