



Selection Procedures U.S. Show Jumping Youth Teams

CSIOY/J/Ch Teams and Individuals & Youth Nations Cup Final

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I. ELIGIBILITY -

1. **Citizenship:** The athlete must be a U.S. citizen and in compliance with FEI General Regulations, 23rd Edition, Article 119 (see www.fei.org) from the time of selection until the conclusion of the event.
2. **USEF Membership:** The athlete must be a USEF member in good standing and the horse must be recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF GR1102, from the time of selection until the conclusion of the event.
3. **Athlete Age:** The athlete must meet the minimum age requirements for the event outlined in the FEI Jumping Rules.
 - **Young Rider (Y):** An athlete is eligible to compete as Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 21.
 - **Junior Rider (J):** An athlete is eligible to compete as a Junior Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 18.
 - **Child Rider (Ch):** An athlete is eligible to compete at a Child Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 14.
4. **Horse Age:** The horse(s) must meet the minimum age requirements for the event outlined in the FEI Jumping Rules.
5. **FEI Registration:** The athlete and horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI from the time of selection until the conclusion of the event.
6. The athlete and horse must comply with FEI Rules for the event.
7. **Requirements for Athlete/Horse Combinations:**
 - **Young Rider (Y):** Athlete/horse combinations must have completed a 1.45m jumper class or higher with **less than four (4) zero (0)** faults within (6) months of the close of applications for each event.
 - **Junior Rider (J):** Athlete/horse combinations must have completed a 1.40m jumper class or higher with **less than four (4) zero (0)** faults within (6) months of the close of applications for each event.
 - **Child Rider (Ch):** Athlete/horse combinations must have completed a 1.20m jumper class or higher with four (4) faults or less within (6) months of the close of applications for each event.
8. **Horse Loan Agreement:** Owners of horses selected for the event must sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment A). A horse owner(s)' failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement may result in the removal of the horse and/or athlete from the approved list of selected athletes and horses.
9. The athlete, or his legal guardian if the athlete is a minor, must certify by signing the Application, that they have read the Selection Procedures for the Team, the USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment B), the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (Attachment C) and the USEF Safe Sport Policy

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(Attachment D), and that they understand those documents, and that they agree to be bound by them.

II. APPLICATION – Athletes wishing to be considered for selection for a U.S. Youth Team must complete and submit an online application with the appropriate application fee. The athlete, or his legal guardian if the athlete is a minor, shall certify by signing the application that he has received, read, and assumes responsibility for meeting the requirements of the selection procedures for the event. Applications and fees must be received on or before the published deadline. Applications and fees received after the published deadline will not be accepted. Details and information regarding applications deadlines and fees will be posted on the US Equestrian Jumping website (see www.usef.org/jumping).

III. SELECTION –

The approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d’Equipe, will evaluate the athletes and their horse(s) for each event and recommend for selection up to the maximum number athletes and their horse(s) invited to the CSIO Y/J/Ch provided that the athletes and horse(s) have met the eligibility requirements set forth in Section I. In addition, the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d’Equipe, may recommend up to the maximum number athletes and their horse(s) (“Substitutes”) able to be nominated under the FEI Rules for each event provided that the athletes and their horses have met the eligibility requirements set forth in Section I. These recommendations will be subject to the recommendation of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and the approval of the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

A. CSIO Selection: The approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d’Equipe, will base their evaluations of the athletes and their horse(s) for each Youth event on the following factors:

Young Rider –

1. Current ability to meet the standards of CSIOY competition.
2. Overall performance, soundness and fitness in 1.45m or higher Show Jumping competitions with greater emphasis on FEI results in addition to the following:
 - a. The ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at 1.45m or higher, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis;
 - b. Previous international and national experience, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and athlete to succeed in either FEI or USEF International or National Standard Grand Prix and Nations Cup Show Jumping competitions within the past 2 years;

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- c. The ability to contribute to a winning performance in a CSIOY Nations Cup competition;
- d. A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of courses and in particular over courses that included a water jump and tested for carefulness, scope, and rideability;
- e. The ability to jump 1.45m or higher courses within the Time Allowed measured at 400 meters/minute;
- f. The fitness and soundness of the horse under FEI Rules; and
- g. The athlete's health and fitness level, including the athlete's ability to perform under pressure to his/her highest ability under FEI Rules.
- h. Behavior of athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, coaches and grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.

For further explanation of terms used above, see page 12 "Definitions."

Junior Rider –

1. Current ability to meet the standards of CSIOJ competition.
2. Overall performance, soundness and fitness in 1.40m or higher Show Jumping competitions with greater emphasis on FEI results in addition to the following:
 - a. The ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at 1.40m or higher, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis;
 - b. Previous international and national experience, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and athlete to succeed in either FEI or National Show Jumping competitions within the past 2 years;
 - c. The ability to contribute to a winning performance in a CSIOJ Nations Cup competition;
 - d. A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of courses and in particular over courses that included a water jump and tested for carefulness, scope, and rideability;
 - e. The ability to jump 1.40m or higher courses within the Time Allowed measured at 375 meters/minute;
 - f. The fitness and soundness of the horse under FEI Rules; and
 - g. The athlete's health and fitness level, including the athlete's ability to perform under pressure to his/her highest ability under FEI Rules.
 - h. Behavior of athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, coaches and grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.

See also Section III.C

For further explanation of terms used above, see page 12 "Definitions."

Child Rider –

1. Current ability to meet the standards of CSIOCh competition.

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2. Overall performance and soundness in 1.15m or higher Show Jumping competitions with emphasis on 1.20m results. Further emphasis will be placed on:
 - a. The ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at 1.20m or higher, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis;
 - b. Previous international and national experience, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and athlete to succeed in either FEI or National Show Jumping competitions within the past 2 years;
 - c. The ability to contribute to a winning performance in CSIOCh Nations Cup competition;
 - d. A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of courses and in particular over courses that included a water jump with a vertical over the water and tested for carefulness, scope and rideability;
 - e. The ability to jump 1.20m or higher courses within the Time Allowed measured at 350 meters/minute;
 - f. The fitness and soundness of the horse under FEI Rules; and
 - g. The athlete's health and fitness level, including the athlete's ability to perform under pressure to his/her highest ability under FEI Rules.
 - h. Behavior of athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, coaches and grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.

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B. Youth Nations Cup Final* Selection: The approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe, will evaluate the athletes and their horse(s) for the Youth Nations Cup Final and will recommend for selection up to the maximum number of athletes and horses invited to compete at the Final provided that the athletes and horses have met the eligibility requirements set forth in Section I. In addition, the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe, may recommend up to the maximum number athletes and their horse(s) ("Substitutes") able to be nominated under the FEI Rules for each event provided that the athletes and their horses have met the eligibility requirements set forth in Section I. These recommendations will be subject to the recommendation of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and the approval of the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

The approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe, will recommend the athletes and their horse(s) for the Youth Nations Cup Final on the following methods and factors:

1. FEI North American Youth Championships (NAYC): Up to the top three (3) U.S. athlete/horse combinations, provided they are on the podium (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in the Final Overall Individual Standings of the applicable age category of the current year of the (NAYC), will be recommended to the Youth Nations Cup Final Team provided that the athlete and horse have met the eligibility requirements set forth in Section I.

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If any of the top three (3) U.S. athlete/horse combinations are not on the podium in the Final Overall Standings of the NAYC, selection for this position(s) will revert to Discretionary Selection (see Section III.B.2).

2. **Discretionary Selection:** The approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe will use discretion to recommend a minimum of two (2) athletes and their horse(s) to the applicable Youth Nations Cup Final Team and will take into account the following criteria:
 - a. Criteria outlined in the applicable age category in Section III.A; and
 - b. Participation at NAYC is not a requirement to be considered for a discretionary selection; however, the performance of athletes and horse(s) at NAYC will be strongly considered for these positions with emphasis on clear round performances.
3. **Substitutes:** The next three (3) highest placed U.S. athlete/horse combinations in the Final Overall Individual Standings of the applicable age category of the current year of the (NAYC), will be recommended as Substitutes to the Youth Nations Cup Final Team provided that the athlete and horse have met the eligibility requirements set forth in Section I.

In addition, the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe has the ability to use discretion to recommend up to two (2) athletes and their horse(s) as Substitutes to the Youth Nations Cup Final Team. The criteria outlined above in Section III.B.2 will be used to determine Discretionary Selection recommendations.

In principle, athletes will be selected on the horse on which they qualified; however, if an athlete would like to be considered on a substitute horse, an athlete may request in writing to the USEF Show Jumping Development Director to be considered for selection on this substitute horse. (See Section III.B.2 for factors to be considered for this request).

*The U.S. must qualify each year to earn a spot at the Youth Nations Cup Final.

C. USEF Junior Jumper National Championships(Prix des States) - The top three (3) athlete/horse combinations (individual medalists) in the Overall Individual Standings at the USEF Junior Jumper National Championships will be recommended for selection for the Junior U.S. Nations Cup Team the following spring provided the athlete/horse meet the minimum eligibility requirements for the event at the time of FEI Definite Entries.

If any of the top three (3) athlete/horse combinations (individual medalists) decline to participate or do not meet the minimum eligibility requirement for the event at the time of FEI Definite Entries, selection will revert to the methods outlined in the Selection Procedures for U.S. Show Jumping Youth Teams. (see Section III.A)

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- D. Competitions on Borrowed Horses** - The approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe will base their evaluations of the athletes and their horse(s) for each Youth event on borrowed horses on the following factors:
- a. **Competition Results:** The athlete's historical results in jumper competitions held within the previous year at USEF or FEI sectioned events with emphasis on results in competitions held at the applicable height, the competitiveness of the class, the variety of different horses with which the athlete has achieved the results and the ability of the athlete to maximize the potential of a borrowed horse. In addition, the athlete's ability to meet the standards of the event and ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at the highest level of course difficulty, as well as the athlete's record of having done so on a consistent basis, will be taken into account.
 - b. **Athlete Health and Fitness:** The athlete's health and fitness level, including the athlete's ability to perform under pressure to his/her highest ability.
 - c. **Team Representation:** The athlete's ability to contribute to a positive Team atmosphere and to serve as an ambassador for the United States and equestrian sport at the event.

Exceptional Circumstances - In exceptional circumstances, the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe may request that a waiver be granted for all or part of the eligibility requirements set forth in Section I if it is perceived to be in the best interests of the results of the Team. This request will be subject to the approval of the Director of Sport and Managing Director of Show Jumping. In the event the Director of Sport and Managing Director of Show Jumping have a conflict of interest, this request will be subject to the approval of the Legal Department and the CEO.

Chef d'Equipe Recommendations - For selection recommendations, the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe may consult with the other USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipes and/or trainers in developing his/her recommendations.

Team and Substitutes - The athletes named to the Team and as Substitutes will not be ranked at the time they are recommended for selection. The Team and Substitutes will be approved and listed in alphabetical order using the name of the athlete.

Extra Horses - Extra horses will be agreed upon by the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe for the event in question, according to the horses available for that event.

Communication with Approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe - Athletes named to the Team and their trainers must be in communication with the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe with regard to the preparation, fitness and competition schedule and agree upon a plan for themselves and their horses.

FEI Nominated Entries - By no later than the closing date of the FEI Nominated Entries, if applicable, the list of athletes and horses approved for the Team and as Substitutes along with the horses agreed upon by the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe will be submitted as the FEI Nominated Entries unless a Substitution is made (see Section VI).

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FEI Definite Entries - The list of athletes and horses originally approved for the Team along with the horses agreed upon by the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe will be submitted as the FEI Definite Entries unless a Substitution is made (see Section VI).

Declaration of Starters - The approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe has the discretion to declare the four (4) athletes who will represent the United States in the Nation's Cup. Prior to his declaration of athletes for the Nations Cup, the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe shall give consideration to the following criteria: past international performance of the horse and athlete (including in classes prior to the Nation's Cup), soundness of horse and health of athlete, and ability of a combination to contribute to a winning performance in the Nations Cup.

The approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe not only has the discretion to designate which athletes will represent the United States in the Nations Cup, but also on which of their horses these athletes will compete.

IV. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS -

Equine Drug Testing - All horses selected for the Team or as a Substitute for an event are subject to drug testing both in competition and out of competition.

In-Competition. All horses entered to compete in any FEI or USEF competition are subject to drug testing at any time from when the competition begins until the competition ends or beginning when the horse arrives for the competition until the competition ends, whichever beginning occurs first. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected and tested for substances prohibited or forbidden under the subject competition rules. National competitions may invoke GR 409 whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

Positive Finding. At any time during the selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite or marker, is detected in the sample collected in-competition, the results, including the level detected for controlled medications, will be reported to the USEF Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel, who will notify the Director of Sport Programs or the Discipline Director for dissemination of information as appropriate. In such instance, the positive finding may result in the removal of the horse and/or athlete from the Team and/or as Substitute. Before removal occurs, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by a panel ("Selection Hearing Panel") comprised at least one member of the applicable discipline Sport Committee along with at least two members of the Hearing Committee, one of which must be an Eligible Athlete. The Chairman of the USEF Veterinarian Committee, or his designee, may serve Ex Officio and the Team Veterinarian or a Veterinarian approved by the International Discipline Council may serve Ex Officio.

Out-of-Competition. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected out-of-competition at any time once the Team and Substitutes for an event have been named following notification to the athlete at least 24 hours prior to collection of

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samples. Samples collected from horses out-of-competition will be tested for the presence of substances prohibited by the FEI, including metabolites and markers. Failure to make the horse available for collection of samples may result in the removal of the horse and/or athlete from the Team and/or as Substitute. Before the removal occurs, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by the Selection Hearing Panel.

Positive Finding. At any time during the selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite or marker, in the sample, the results, including the level detected for controlled medications, will be reported to the USEF Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel, who will notify the Director of Sport Programs or Discipline Director for dissemination of information as appropriate. In such instance, the positive finding may result in the removal of the horse and/or athlete from the Team and/or as Substitute unless the Team Veterinarian or a Veterinarian approved by the International Discipline Council that the substance detected has been approved or is legitimate and appropriate under the circumstances. Before removal occurs, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by the Selection Hearing Panel.

This provision does not abrogate the enforcement of applicable equine anti-doping rules at Federation licensed competitions, including competitions where GR 409 is invoked whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

USEF GR409.2 Equine Drugs and Medications, Prohibited Substance Provisions

No horse and/or pony competing in a Breed or Discipline designated as (or part of) a No Prohibited Substance Group is to be shown in any class at a competition licensed by the Federation if it has been administered in any manner or otherwise contained in its tissues, body fluids or excreta a prohibited substance as defined in the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, which can be found at www.fei.org.

Soundness - Horses in consideration for selection for an event and/or have been selected for an event may be examined for soundness at the athlete's expense by the Team Veterinarian or a Veterinarian(s) approved by the International Disciplines Council prior to or after selection. Horses found to be unsound by the Team Veterinarian and/or a Veterinarian approved by the International Disciplines Council may be eliminated from the Selection Process with the recommendation of the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe, the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, and approval by the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

- V. **REMOVAL OF ATHLETES** – An athlete may be removed from the Team or as a Substitute for any of the following reasons, as determined by USEF and in accordance with these procedures:
- Voluntary withdrawal. An athlete must submit a withdrawal in writing to the USEF Show Jumping Managing Director.

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- Injury or illness as certified by a USEF approved physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USEF approved physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Violation of the USEF's Code of Conduct (Attachment B).
- Failure of the horse owner to sign the Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment A).
- Injury or illness of the horse as determined by the Team Veterinarian and/or a Veterinarian approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council. If an athlete and/or horse owner refuses to have the horse examined by the Team Veterinarian and/or a Veterinarian approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council, the injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and the horse may be removed.
- Exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the event, but only with the recommendation of the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe.
- Detection of a prohibited substance in the horse.
- Failure to adhere to all WADA, FEI, USEF, and/or USADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures including participation in the out-of-competition testing as required by the WADA, FEI, and/or USADA Rules.
- Failure to adhere to the agreed upon plans of the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe.
- Failure to comply with the USEF Safe Sport Policy (Attachment D).

An athlete removed from the Team or as a Substitute pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USEF's Bylaws, Article 703 and USEF General Rules, Chapter 6, GR 605 or USOC Bylaws, Section 9.

VI. SUBSTITUTION OF ATHLETES AND HORSES - Substitute athletes and horses will be selected, should an opening occur, according to the following method:

After the Team and Substitutes have been named, to fill openings if they occur, the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe will evaluate the athletes and horses named as Substitutes and will have the discretion to make a substitution in accordance with the FEI Rules. The approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe when evaluating the Substitute athletes and horses will base their evaluations on the factors outlined in Section III and will also take into consideration the overall composition of the Team.

The Jumping Sport Committee or its designees will be notified of any substitutions.

Any substitution for veterinary reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must have the approval of the Team Veterinarian and/or a Veterinarian who is approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council.

Any substitution for medical reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must be documented by a physician(s) who is approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council.

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If a selected athlete and/or horse withdraws and all the named Substitutes have been polled and declined the vacant position on the Team, an additional athlete, who did not submit an application in accordance with the deadlines for the event in question, may be selected by the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe, to take the vacant position on the Team. The method used to select this athlete and horse will be at the discretion of the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe with the approval of the Director of Sport and Managing Director of Show Jumping. In the event the Director of Sport and Managing Director of Show Jumping have a conflict of interest, this request will be subject to the approval of the Legal Department and the CEO.

VII. OTHER –

Supporting Documents - USEF will retain all approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including evaluation forms and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the final day of the event in question.

Required Documents - The following documents are required to be properly executed by athletes named to the Team and horse owners as a condition of nomination for the event and are included as attachments:

- Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment A)
- USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment B)
- USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (Attachment C)

Athletes named to the Team and horse owners will be required to certify that they have received and read a copy of the USEF Code of Conduct and USEF Safe Sport Policy and that they understand the document.

In addition, all persons participating in any decision made pursuant to the Selection Procedures including but not limited to the Chef d'Equipe, Team Veterinarian and Veterinarian approved by the International Discipline Council, Physicians, members of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, International Discipline Council, and the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors will be required to abide by the USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies (Attachment E).

Additional Documents – Athletes named to the Team will be required to read the USEF Athlete Agreement (Attachment F) and are requested to sign this document.

Publicity/Distribution of Selection Procedures - The USEF approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USEF in the following locations and will include the USEF approval date when known:

USEF website: www.usef.org - These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USEF.

Anti-Doping Requirements - Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FEI, and USADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out-of-competition testing as required by the WADA, FEI, and/or USADA Rules, if applicable.

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Development of Selection Procedures - The following committees were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures: USEF Jumping Sport Committee and the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. See www.usef.org for list of USEF committees, their roles, and list of members. In extraordinary circumstances, these procedures may be modified by the USEF Board of Directors or its designees at the request of the Jumping Sport Committee or its designees. In addition, the Jumping Sport Committee or its designees may request that another method of selection be used subject to the approval of the USEF Board of Directors or its designees.

Conflict of Interest - Any member involved in the selection process, including the Chef d'Equipe, USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors, that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the member must recuse him/herself from discussions and voting. Further, the member should not otherwise influence other members involved in the selection process. However, a member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance may, if requested by the members involved in the selection process, provide such information so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

USEF Bylaws and Grievance Procedures - The USEF Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found on the USEF's website www.usef.org.

International Disclaimer - These procedures are based on FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FEI rules and regulations and/or FEI Schedule will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USEF. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

Athlete Ombudsman - Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USEF may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman's Office, Kacie Wallace:

- Telephone at (719)866-5000
- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- www.athleteombudsman.org

Funding Disclaimer- Selection to the Team does not guarantee that funds will be available to send a team.

Disclaimer - See Attachment C – USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification.

VIII. NGB SIGNATURES - I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided

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herein regarding these Selection Procedures represents the method approved by the United States Equestrian Federation.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USEF President	Murray Kessler		
USEF Managing Director	Lizzy Chesson		

Any questions regarding these Selection Procedures should be addressed to Erin Keating, USEF Director, Jumping Development Programs, United States Equestrian Federation, 4001 Wing Commander Way, Phone (859)225-2036, Email: ekeating@usef.org.

Approved by the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees on:

Approved by the USEF Board of Directors on:

DEFINITIONS

Consistently – The ability of the horse and athlete to produce a high percentage of low-scoring rounds in a variety of conditions and venues.

Carefulness – The ability of the horse and athlete to consistently avoid jumping penalties over a wide variety of obstacles, in particular those constructed to fall down easily.

Scope – The ability of the horse and athlete to successfully negotiate high and wide oxers from both long and short distances.

Rideability – The ability of the horse and athlete to negotiate a variety of complicated distance problems on course, as would typically be encountered at the Young Rider/Junior/Child level.

International and National Experience – A competitive record over the past 2 years indicating that the horse and/or athlete have successfully met the challenges applicable to their age group, demonstrating an ability to perform under pressure on a consistent basis.