

2025

EVENTING



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To learn more about the Eventing Pathway Programs, visit the USEF Eventing webpage. In addition to the information included within this booklet, program membership lists, retention criteria, program benefits, and more can be found on the website.



ELITE PROGRAM

Program Aim

The aim of the Eventing Elite Program is to identify and support combinations with demonstrated medal-winning potential at the next World Championships or Olympic Games, and provide them with the best possible preparation to represent the U.S. The aim of the Elite Program is to deliver sustained success at the World and Olympic levels, which is defined as:

- Qualification for Olympic Games (Primary Target: World Championships; Second Target: Pan American Games and Nations Cup Series)
- Medal-zone performances trending towards winning medal(s) at the Olympic and World level
- Meeting mutually agreed on USOPC targets and Key Performance Indicators (“KPI”)

2025 Program Criteria

Combinations will automatically be enrolled in the Elite Program on a biannual basis 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 CCI5*-L
 - » Burghley CCI5*-L
 - Top 3 placing OR finishing on a score ≤ 33 at one of the following events:
 - » Kentucky CCI5*-L
 - » Maryland CCI5*-L
 - » Pau CCI5*-L
 - » Luhmuhlen CCI5*-L
 - First 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 Championship
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. One-time automatic enrollment to the Elite Program per combination.



PRE-ELITE PROGRAM

Program Aim

The aim of the Eventing Pre-Elite Program is to identify and support combinations with perceived talent and ability of medal-winning potential at a future World Championships or Olympic Games and provide them with the best possible preparation to progress up the Pathway to the Elite Program.

2025 Program Criteria

Athlete/horse combinations must meet TWO of the following criteria within a 12-month period, ONE of which must be achieved at a long format:

1. Finish on a score ≤ 40 at a CCI5*-L (including World Championships and Olympic Games)
2. Finish on a score ≤ 36 at a CCI4*-L
3. Finish on a score ≤ 33 at a CCI4*-S
4. EquiRatings HPR Score:
 - a. HPR Score ≥ 86 at a CCI5*-L (including World Championships and Olympic Games)
 - b. HPR Score ≥ 89 at a CCI4*-L
 - c. HPR Score ≥ 91 at a CCI4*-S
4. Program Membership recommended by the Technical Advisor and approved by the Eventing Pathway Working Group. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - 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/HPR Score.



- Individual Gold Medal or contribution to a Team Gold Medal at a Pan American Games.
- Force Majeure.

EquiRatings HPR (High Performance Rating): The HPR accounts for course difficulty, scoring conditions, and the quality of opposition

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Program Aim

The Development Program aims to support athletes with the perceived talent and ability to reach Pre-Elite status within two to three years, and a maximum of four years, by focusing on developing the skills needed to progress up the Pathway.

2025 Program Criteria

Athlete/horse combinations must obtain one of the following results within the previous 12 months:

- CCI5*-L
 - » Finishing on a score of 40 or below
- CCI4*-L
 - » Finishing on a score of 36 or below
- CCI3*-L
 - » Finishing Score ≤ 33 with zero cross country jump & time penalties for horses 7 years and younger
 - » Finishing Score ≤ 30 with zero cross country jump & time penalties for horses 8 years and older
- Commitment to learning sports science medicine, business development, and personal development.
- Athletes will be required to submit 2025 training and competition plans for review within 30 days of being selected to the Development Program.
- Athletes must be an active Competing Member of the USEF and in good standing.



- Athletes who have previously participated on an Eventing Olympic Games, World Championship, or Pan American Games team are not eligible for the Development Program.
- Athletes who are 25 or under (by FEI Regulations) for 2024 and achieved the criteria at a CCI3*-L will remain in the Development 25 Athlete Program.
- The Development Coach, with support from the USEF Eventing Technical Advisor, may select athlete/horse combinations to the Development Program that have not met the objective program criteria.

DEVELOPMENT 25 PROGRAM

Program Aim

The Development 25 Program's aim is focused on athlete talent identification, development, and talent confirmation for athletes 25 and under. The Program aims to provide fundamental skills necessary for future team athletes and athletes focused on reaching the Elite Program.

2025 Program Criteria

- An MER at a CCI3*-L (within the past two years) or talent-spotted by the Pathway Working Group
- Additional results at the CCI3*-L level
- Application review evaluating potential talent, work ethic, and commitment to the program
- Mounted evaluation and interview at in-person assessment session. If athletes have been a

member of the Development 25 Program for the preceding two years, the requirement for attending an assessment will be waived.

2025 TARGETED COMPETITIONS FOR U.S. EVENTING

CHIO Aachen CCIO4*-NC-S
July 3-5, 2025

Arville CCIO4*-NC-S
August 14-17, 2025

Boekelo CCIO4*-NC-S
October 9-12, 2025

2025 DEVELOPMENT 25 AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TARGETS

- Four-day training sessions including mounted training with the Development Coach and unmounted educational sessions
 - » Lectures and hands-on seminar topics: horse management, veterinary care, owner development, equine and human sports science medicine, EquiRatings
- European Development Tour
 - » The goal of the Tour is for members of the Development Programs to gain international experience, achieve results at European events, and develop future team athletes through immersion in a team environment.
- Athletes with eligible horses will be encouraged to participate in the Developing Horse Championship & the Developing Horse Series
- The development of an educational curriculum for implementation into the Program in 2025



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