



## **Vaulting Selection Procedures for CHIO Aachen and other Over-Subscribed FEI Competitions**

The following are the procedures to select Individual, Pas de Deux, and Squad vaulters for international competitions should the competition in question be over-subscribed.

### **Invitations for International Competitions**

All invitations will be received by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF). Any vaulter interested in competing abroad in international competitions must submit an USEF Application for International Competition to USEF/Athlete Services fax number (859) 231-6662. Applications are available on the USEF website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), under Disciplines/International/Athlete Services *or* by contacting Athlete Services at (859) 225-2059.

### **Applications:**

Applications to compete abroad must be submitted to the USEF/Athlete Services at least 60 days prior to the start date of the competition in question. In the event of an oversubscription, the Vaulting Sport Committee (the "Committee") shall review all applications and make recommendations to the USEF Ad Hoc Committee based on the Selection Procedures enclosed herein.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. All vaulters wishing to compete must meet the qualifying standards (see the most recent FEI Vaulting Qualifications Criteria). The rules and a list of qualifying events can be found on <http://www.fei.org/>
2. Vaulters and U.S. lungers and owners must be current members in good standing of the USEF at the time of application and throughout the duration of the subject competition, and must have paid the International High Performance (IHP) dues. Foreign lungers and foreign owners need not be USEF members.
3. Vaulters must be U.S. citizens and in compliance with FEI Article 119 (General Regulations) at the time of the application.
4. Vaulters must comply with age qualifications for individual vaulters, pas de deux, and/or squads, as determined by current FEI rules.
5. All individual vaulters must be registered with the FEI prior to the subject competition. Teams must be registered, as a team, with the FEI prior to the subject competition. Applicants must remain in good standing with the FEI from time of application through the conclusion of the Event.
6. Horses must be registered with the FEI prior to the subject competition and eligible to compete under FEI rules.
7. Lungers must be registered with the FEI prior to the subject competition. Lungers must remain in good standing with the FEI from time of application through the conclusion of the Event.
8. Individual and Pas de Deux vaulters, must meet the current FEI qualification criteria for the competition.
9. All vaulters must sign (along with a parent or guardian if under the age of 18) the USEF Code of Conduct and agree to be bound by it.

In the event of oversubscription to a CHIO or other FEI competition which has no existing selection procedure, applicants will be reviewed by the Committee. The Committee will evaluate the applicants based on the following criteria:

### **Individuals:**

1. For CVI 3\* or CHIO events, individual applicants will be selected according to their two highest scores submitted to the Director of Vaulting 4 weeks before the competition in question. All qualified scores for a period of 12 months prior to this date will be included.
2. For CVIJ 2\* events, individual applicants will be selected according to their two highest scores submitted to the Director of Vaulting 4 weeks before the competition in question. All qualified scores for a period of 12 months prior to this date will be included. Individuals ranked higher will be considered over lower ranked individuals.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the following attributes will be considered:

- Previous international experience of the athlete, including the demonstrated ability to succeed in FEI competitions within the past four years;
- Prior international experience of the competitive unit – vaulter, horse and lunger;
- Horse (and lunger) experience and prior performance; and
- Prospect of the athlete to win an individual medal and other attributes, which may include, but are not limited to, scores, health and fitness, and horse availability.

### **Pas de Deux:**

1. For CVI 3\* or CHIO events, Pas de Deux applicants will be selected according to their two highest scores submitted to the Director of Vaulting 4 weeks before the competition in question. All qualified scores for a period of 12 months prior to this date will be included.
2. For CVIJ 2\*, Pas de Deux applicants will be selected according to their two highest scores submitted to the Director of Vaulting 4 weeks before the competition in question. All qualified scores for a period of 12 months prior to this date will be included.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the following attributes will be considered:

- Previous international experience of the Pas de Deux unit, including the demonstrated ability to succeed in FEI competitions within the past four years;
- Prior international experience of the competitive unit – vaulters, horse and lunger;
- Horse (and lunger) experience and prior performance;
- Prospect of the Pas de Deux unit to win an individual medal;
- Prior international experience as members of a Squad or in Individual competition; and
- Other attributes, which may include, but are not limited to, scores, health and fitness, and horse availability.

### **Squads:**

A Squad will consist of no more than six members plus two alternates.

1. The average of a team's top two Round I (compulsory and freestyle) scores earned at a USEF and/or FEI licensed competition during the 12 preceding months up to 4 weeks prior to the start date of the subject competition. Scores will be considered only if there have been no more than two (2) squad members substituted between the earliest score and the date of application for the competition in question.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the following attributes will be considered:

- Previous international experience of the squad, including the demonstrated ability to succeed in FEI competitions within the past four years;
- Prior international experience of the competitive unit – squad, horse and lunge;
- Horse (and lunge) experience and prior performance;
- Prior international experience as members of a Squad, a Pas de Deux, or in Individual competition;
- Prospect of the team to win a medal; and
- Other attributes, which may include, but are not limited to, scores, health and fitness, and horse availability.