



Vaulting Criteria for Oversubscribed CHIO or CVIO Events

The following are the procedures to select Individual, Pas de Deux, and Squad vaulters for CHIO and CVIO events should the competition 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 either a USEF Application for International Competition to USEF/Athlete Services or complete an event specific application through their athlete dashboard. Applications are available on the USEF website 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 30 days prior to the definite entry 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 <https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/2023%20%26%202024%20Overall-Qualification-criteria.pdf><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 or 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 CVIO, applicants will be reviewed by the Vaulting Sport Committee and make a recommendation for selection to an Ad Hoc of the Board of Directors for final approval. The Vaulting Sport Committee will evaluate the applicants based on the following criteria:

Individuals:

Individual applicants will be selected according to the average of their top three (3) USEF and FEI scores at the equivalent level of the event they have entered as of 30 days before the definite entry date of the competition in question. Scores for a period of 18 months prior to the definite entry date will be included when determining the scores. Individuals ranked higher will be considered over lower ranked individuals. In the case of a tied average score, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis. In the case of more than one athlete with no scores, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis. Any entry submitted after the 30 days prior to the definite entry date will be placed on a waitlist according to the entry date.

Should the Vaulting Sport Committee feel there is an extraordinary circumstance affecting the average of scores, the following discretionary criteria will be considered:

- Previous international experience of the athlete, including the demonstrated ability to succeed in FEI competitions within the past 18 months;
- 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:

Pas de Deux applicants will be selected according to the average of the Pas de Deux's top two (2) USEF and FEI scores at the equivalent level of the event they have entered as of 30 days before the definite entry date of the competition in question. Scores for a period of 18 months prior to the definite entry date will be included when determining the scores. Pas de Deux ranked higher will be considered over lower ranked individuals. In the case of a tied average score, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis. In the case of more than one Pas de Deux with no scores, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis. Any entry submitted after the 30 days prior to the definite entry date will be placed on a waitlist according to the entry date.

Should the Vaulting Sport Committee feel there is an extraordinary circumstance affecting the average of scores, the following discretionary criteria will be considered:

- Previous international experience of the Pas de Deux unit, including the demonstrated ability to succeed in FEI competitions within the past 18 months;
- 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.

Squad applicants will be selected according to the average of a squad's top two (2) Round I (compulsory and freestyle) scores earned at USEF and FEI competitions in the equivalent level of the event they have entered during the 18 preceding months up to 30 days prior to the definite entry date of the subject competition. Scores must be achieved by a minimum of the same four (4) vaulters as entered in the competition. Squad applicants will be ranked based on their average score as noted above. In the case of a tied average score, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis. In the case of more than one squad with no scores, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis. Any entry submitted after 30 days prior to the definite entry date will be placed on a waitlist according to the entry date.





Should the Vaulting Sport Committee feel there is an extraordinary circumstance affecting the average of scores, the following discretionary criteria 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.

