



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Potential 2022 FEI World Endurance Championship Applicants

**Date:** February 6, 2021

**From:** Steven Morrissey, Project Director of High Performance Programs

**Copy:** Will Connell, Director of Sport

**Re:** Anticipated Selection Methods for the 2022 FEI World Endurance Championship

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*This preliminary information is provided to assist you with your competition planning and 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 an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors and therefore subject to change.*

The 2022 FEI World Endurance Championship (Championship) is scheduled to take place in Verona, Italy with dates to be confirmed.

**Selection Methodology:** Please be advised that the proposed qualifying period for the 2022 U.S. Endurance Team selection process will begin on February 1st, 2021 and anticipated to end tentatively March 30th, 2022, pending confirmation of the Nominated Entry deadline by the FEI.

It is anticipated that qualifying competitions will include all CEI3\* 160 competitions between February 1st, 2021 and March 30th, 2022 both within and outside of the U.S. The end date of the qualifying period will be confirmed once the Nominated Entry deadline is set by the FEI. A list of these competitions can be found on the FEI website [here](#). Please check the status of the CEIs regularly.

For team and individual selection it is anticipated for a ranking list to be established by taking into account best two results of an athlete/horse combination from all CEI3\* 160 competitions held within and out of the U.S. during the qualifying period.

The athlete, horse owner, and horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Championship including but not limited to the [FEI Qualifying Requirements](#).

**Ranking List Calculation:** It is anticipated that the following ranking list calculations will be used for selection, taking into account all the results of an athlete/horse combination from all CEI competitions held within and out of the U.S. during the qualifying period. The Ranking List calculations are based upon the recommendations of the USEF Endurance Sport Committee and are subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors and therefore subject to change.

Athlete/horse combinations will not receive a '0' on the ranking list or be placed on the ranking if eliminated due to a: Withdrawal (WD); Retirement (RET); Disqualification (DSQ); Finished Not Ranked (FNR); or Failed to Qualify (FTQ). Scale of points for the calculation of rankings:  
Completion Points + Placement Points + Time Bonus Points = Ranking Score.

1. Completion Points: Points will be awarded to the athlete/horse combinations who complete the competition entered. These combinations will receive 160 points per each competition completed.
2. Placements Points: Points will be awarded to athlete/horse combinations who complete the competition within the Top Ten of all finishers. However after the top 5 finishers, only athlete/horse combinations within 120% of the time of the first place finisher will receive placement points.
  - The combination who is first place of all finishers, regardless of finish time: 100 points
  - The combination who is second place of all finishers, regardless of finish time: 90 points
  - The combination who is third place of all finishers, regardless of finish time: 80 points
  - The combination who is fourth place of all finishers, regardless of finish time: 70 points
  - The combination who is fifth place of all finishers, regardless of finish time: 60 points

Combinations finishing after fifth place AND within 120% of the time of the first place finisher will receive the following points:

- The combination who is sixth place of all finishers: 50 points
- The combination who is seventh place of all finishers: 40 points
- The combination who is eighth place of all finishers: 30 points
- The combination who is ninth place of all finishers: 20 points
- The combination who is tenth place of all finishers: 10 points

Combinations finishing after fifth place but NOT within 120% of the time of the first place finisher will receive no Placement Points.

Combinations finishing after tenth place will receive no Placement Points.

3. Time Bonus Points: Points are earned by athlete/horse combinations who complete the competition. The first placed finisher will receive 100 points. One point is subtracted from the 100 points for every minute an athlete/horse combination is over the final time of the first placed finisher (1 point = 1 minute). Finish time will always be rounded up to the whole minute for these purposes. For example, a combination finishing at 5 hours 25 minutes 20 seconds will be rounded to 5 hours 26 minutes.
  - The first placed combination shall receive 100 points
  - Combinations finishing with the same time as the Winning Time = 100 points
  - Combinations finishing 1 minute from the Winning Time = 99 points
  - Combinations finishing 2 minutes from the Winning Time = 98 points
  - Combinations finishing 3 minutes from the Winning Time = 97 points

- Etc.
- Combinations finishing more than 99 minutes from the Winning Time = Zero (0) points

**Veterinary Examination:** The 2022 U.S. Endurance Team horses will be required to pass a veterinary examination.

**2022 U.S. Endurance Team Composition:** It is anticipated that the 2022 U.S. Endurance Team will consist of three to five athlete/horse combinations (subject to confirmation of the Championship Rules by the FEI).

**USEF Safe Sport Policy:** It is the responsibility of the owners and athletes of horses to ensure that they know and understand the USEF Rules, FEI Rules, FEI Qualifying Requirements, USEF Code of Conduct, and USEF Safe Sport Policy. USEF members 18-years-old and older, with a Competing Membership, are required to follow the [USEF Safe Sport Policy](#), which includes the [USEF Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies](#).

**USEF Background Check Policy Requirements:** As of January 1, 2020, athletes 18 years of age or older selected by the USEF to compete on the 2022 U.S. Endurance Team or as an individual are required to comply with the updated USEF Background Check Policy. Athletes are strongly encouraged to review the [Background Check Policy Requirements](#) for more information.

**Equine Anti-Doping:** Please be reminded that all horses registered with the FEI or USEF shall be subject to in-competition testing. FEI's philosophy is that horses must be "clean" at the time of competition. If seeking advice from a veterinarian ensure he/she is a registered FEI veterinarian and is fully conversant with the [FEI Veterinary Rules](#) and the [Prohibited Substance List](#).

**Human Anti-Doping:** Please be reminded that when you are competing under FEI rules, you (the human athlete) are subject to random, in-competition and out of competition drug testing. It is your responsibility to know if you are taking any medications on the FEI Prohibited Substance List. It is strongly recommended that you regularly visit the [United States Anti-Doping Agency's \(USADA\) website](#), which contains a range of information on testing, regulations, and athlete rights. You should also regularly check the FEI web page that covers all changes to the [anti-doping rules](#).

**Funding:** The availability of funding is subject to confirmation of the 2022 budget.

**Questions:** If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Steven Morrissey, Project Director of High Performance Programs, at [smorrissey@usef.org](mailto:smorrissey@usef.org)