



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential 2025 Horsemastership Training Series Athletes

Date: October 16, 2024

From: Erin Keating, Director of Jumping Development Programs

Re: Updates to the 2025 Horsemastership Training Series

As we continually strive to improve the USEF programs, the USEF Horsemastership Training Series program and invitation system has been revised to provide a more personalized, immersive, and engaging experience for athletes. Please see below for updates regarding the training series invitation system.

1. In principle, the program is open to six (6) U.S. citizens, ages 16 to 21, who are currently competing successfully at 1.40m or above.
2. Athletes must have completed a minimum of three (3) courses held at 1.40m or higher with a score of zero (0) faults within six (6) months of the close of application for the event.
3. Athletes are required to bring a horse for use in the Training Series. Horses must be very fit and proficient at 1.40m or higher and over open water (athletes are strongly encouraged to participate with their own horse, limiting borrowed horses.)
4. Invitations to Athletes from the pathway programs, provided they meet the minimum eligibility requirements include:
 - a. NAYC Young Rider Individual Gold Medalist
 - b. NAYC Junior Individual Gold Medalist
 - c. Prix des States Individual Gold Medalist
 - d. Winner Talent Search Finals -East
 - e. Winner Talent Search Finals -West
 - f. Wild Card
5. If any of the invited athletes decline their acceptance, or do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements, the vacant position(s) may revert to Wild Card applicants.
6. Individuals wishing to be considered for a Wild Card spot must submit an application through the Athlete Dashboard. The Jumping Development and Youth Chefs d'Equipe will review the applicants and base their evaluations on the following criteria:
 - An athlete's historical results in jumper competitions held within the previous year at USEF and FEI sanctioned events and results from 2024 U.S. Jumping Pathway Programs. Emphasis will be placed on results from competitions held at 1.40m and above, and the



competitiveness of the competition. In addition, the athlete's 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.

- An athlete's perceived potential to successfully contribute to future US Team Competitions.

The in first in person training session will be held January 2-5, 2025, at Equestrian Village/Global Dressage in Wellington, FL.

If you have questions regarding the 2025 Horsemastership Training Series, please contact Erin Keating, Director of Jumping Development Programs at ekeating@usef.org.