



## **Vaulting Criteria for Oversubscribed CVI Events**

The following are the procedures to select Individual, Pas de Deux, and Squad vaulters for CVI events should an event 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](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 14 days prior to the definite entry date of the competition in question. In the event of an oversubscription vaulters will be chosen based on the Selection Procedures enclosed herein. Any entry made after this date will be placed on a waitlist and will be considered only after those that submitted their entry 14 days prior to the definite entry date have been accepted.

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%2026%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.





6. Applicants must remain in good standing with the FEI from time of application through the conclusion of the Event.
7. Horses must be registered with the FEI prior to the subject competition and eligible to compete under FEI rules.
8. 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.
9. Individual and Pas de Deux vaulters must meet the current FEI qualification criteria for the competition.
10. 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 CVI competition which has no existing selection procedure, applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

#### **Individuals:**

Individual applicants will be selected according to the average of their top three (3) FEI and USEF scores at the equivalent level of the event they have entered as of 14 days before the definite entry date of the competition in question. All qualified scores for a period of 18 months prior to this date will be included. Individuals will be ranked based on their average score. 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 vaulter with no scores, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis. Any entry submitted after the 14 days prior to the definite entry date will be placed on a waitlist according to the entry date. During the USEF Selection Period, all Short Listed Athletes will take precedence over athletes that have not been named on the Short List as long as their entry has been submitted 14 days prior to the definite entry date.

#### **Pas de Deux:**

Pas de Deux applicants will be selected according to the average of their top Three (3) FEI and USEF scores at the equivalent level of the event they have entered as of 14 days before the definite entry date of the competition in question. All qualified scores for a period of 18 months prior to this date will be included. Pas de Deux applicants will be ranked based on their average score. 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 14 days prior to the definite entry date will be placed on a waitlist according to the entry date. During the USEF Selection Period, all Short Listed Pas de Deux will take precedence over



Pas de Deux that have not been named on the Short List as long as their entry has been submitted 14 days prior to the definite entry date.

**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 FEI or USEF competitions during the 18 preceding months up to 14 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 14 days prior to the definite entry date will be placed on a waitlist according to the entry date. During the USEF Selection Period, all Short Listed Squads will take precedence over Squads that have not been named on the Short List as long as their entry has been submitted 14 days prior to the definite entry date.

