UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2027 FEI Driving World Championship for Pair and Four in Hand Ponies
August 24-29, 2027
Morkov, Denmark

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Minimum eligibility requirements for an Athlete to be considered for nomination and selection to the 2027 FEI Driving World Championship for Pair and Four in Hand Ponies Team (the "Team"):

1.1.1. Citizenship: Applicant Athletes must be a U.S. citizen and in compliance with FEI General Regulations (24th Edition, Article 119) at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the 2027 FEI Driving World Championship for Ponies ("Championship"). Athletes must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Championship.

1.1.2. Minimum Fédération Equestre Internationale ("FEI") standards for participation:

- All Athletes must meet the FEI Criteria for the Championship within the qualifying period, therefore earning an FEI Certificate of Capability at least three days prior to the FEI Nominated Entry deadline (Date TBD). FEI Criteria can be found here.
- The Athlete must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, with age being determined by a birthdate within the same calendar year as the Championship (FEI Driving Rules, Article 912).
- Horses listed on the Athlete's application must be at least six (6) years of age from the beginning of the same calendar year as the Championship (FEI Driving Rules, Article 929).
- The Athlete and Horses must both be registered and in good standing with the FEI at the time of the application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Championship.
- The Athlete and Horses must comply with FEI Rules for the Championship. Including the requirements for FEI Pony Measurements.

1.1.3. Minimum United States Equestrian Federation ("USEF") criteria and Other Requirements:

- The Athlete must be an Active Member of USEF in good standing at the time of FEI Nominated Entries, and through the conclusion of the Championship.
- The Horses must be recorded or registered and in good standing with their National Federation from the time of FEI Nominated Entries, and through the conclusion of the Championship.
- Any Athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy and USEF Background Check Policy.
- Any Athlete age 18 or older as of the end of the Championship will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the USEF Safe Sport Policy and the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy.
- Application - Athletes wishing to be considered for the Championship must complete an online application via the "MyUSEF" portal and pay the appropriate application fee by no later than June 1, 2027, at 11:59PM. Applications will open by January 1, 2027, and Athletes will be charged fifty dollars ($50.00) per Application. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 1, 2027.** By signing the application, the Athlete, and parent/guardian if the Athlete is a minor, certifies that they have received, read, understand, and agree to be bound by the USEF Code of Conduct, the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USEF Safe Sport Policy, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, the USEF Non-Discrimination Policy, and the USEF Whistleblower & Anti-Retaliation Policy.

- Owners of applicant Horses must sign the USEF Horse Participation Agreement (Attachment A) by June 1st, 2027, at 11:59PM EDT. By signing the application, the owner certifies that they have received, read, understand, and agree to be bound by the USEF Code of Conduct, the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USEF Safe Sport Policy, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, the USEF Non-Discrimination Policy, and the USEF Whistleblower & Anti-Retaliation Policy.

1.2. Selection Events:

1.2.1 Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

- The selection period will begin January 1, 2026, and will end three days prior to the FEI Nominated Entry deadline (Date TBD) ("Selection Period"). Athletes may obtain a Qualifying Score prior to submitting an application for the Championship.

- Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to the Championship must have completed (without elimination, disqualification, or retirement) at least three (3) Selection Events in the applicable FEI sanctioned class during the Selection Period. Selection Events are defined as:

Championship	Selection Events
Pair Ponies	CAI3*-P2 or above level events
Four in Hand Ponies	CAI3*-P4 or above level events

- Athletes must achieve a minimum score as listed in the FEI Criteria or better in the Dressage test in all three (3) Selection Events. One of the Qualifying Scores must be achieved at Selection Events taking place after January 1, 2027, with at least two of the Horses listed on the Athlete's application. All Horses named to the Team on the Nominated Entries must have competed in at least one FEI recognized CAI3* or above in the five years prior to the start of the Championship.
- The confirmed list of CAI competitions can be found at www.fei.org. Athletes who wish to apply for the Championship must also qualify per the FEI Criteria for the Championship, which can be found at https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/driving/main-events.
- **Important**: Please note that FEI qualifications can only be obtained at CAI 3* & above (per Article 914.2). The USEF-approved Selectors ("Selectors") will give primary consideration to CAI 3* competitions & above with comparable courses, number and quality of entries, and Ground Juries. Please be reminded that if an Athlete plans to compete in any European CAI competitions, they must adhere to the USEF Criteria to compete in Foreign Competitions. Information and applications can be found on www.usef.org.

1.2.2. Describe how Athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

Athlete must meet the qualifications for CAI 3* competition or above as outlined in the FEI Driving Rules Article 913.

1.3. Selection Process for the Championship

1.3.1. For Team and/or Individual Selection:

Prior to the FEI Nominated Entries deadline (DATE TBD), the Selectors will recommend the Team selection up to the maximum number of Athletes and Horses permitted by FEI Rules, based on the factors outlined below for approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc of the Board of Directors.

Any individuals will be ranked as alternates to the Team ("Alternates") based on the prospect that the Alternate will contribute to a winning Team score for their expertise in a particular phase, in case of necessary substitution and/or individuals, in addition to the criteria listed below.

1.3.2. Selectors will base their evaluations of the Athletes on the following factors, not listed in any particular order:

- Evaluations by the Team Veterinarian or another FEI Veterinarian regarding the Horses' listed on the Athlete's application current fitness, soundness, and ability to compete.
- The Athlete's and/or Horses' competitive results within the Selection Period. Preference will be given to Athlete/Horse combinations with successful competition results.
- The performance and results at Selection Events, in no particular order: scores in the Dressage, penalties obtained in Marathon, and accuracy and speed in the Cones.
- Previous international experience (over a five-year period), demonstrating the Athlete's and/or Horses' ability to perform consistently under pressure. Greater emphasis will be placed on results gained at World Championship and CAIO level.
- Prospect that the Athlete will contribute to a winning Team score for their expertise in a particular phase, if applicable. For example, if an Athlete consistently attains superior scores in a particular competition phase, they may be selected to help achieve a winning Team score, regardless of any individual ranking.
- Behavior of Athlete and people associated with the Athlete (including, but not limited to, owners, coaches, and grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.
- Willingness of Athlete to be transparent with USEF Team Veterinarian(s), Chef d'Equipe, and Staff.

In addition to the above factors, if there are not enough qualified Athletes to field a Team, Athletes will be selected based on their final results in Selection Events, regardless of expertise in a particular phase.

1.3.3. FEI Definite Entries (DATE TBD):

By no later than the closing date for the FEI Definite Entries, USEF may enter up to the maximum number of Athlete and Horses permitted by the FEI Rules from the FEI Nominated Entry List on the FEI Definite entry list from the criteria outlined in 1.3.2. This list will be compromised of the Team, with any ranked Alternates substituted due to removals as approved by the EC, BOD, or Ad Hoc prior to the Nominated Entry. Any additional individual entries permitted will be selected in order from the remaining list of ranked alternates.

In the case of extraordinary circumstances such as medical or veterinary issues, the Selectors, by unanimous agreement, may grant a waiver to allow for an athlete to substitute a horse with one that was not previously included on the athlete's application of intent. Athletes wishing to submit a waiver must contact the USEF Managing Director of Sport Logistics & Non-Olympic Disciplines. The Selectors may grant a waiver based on the following factors which are in no particular order:

- The Athlete has demonstrated "Proven Ability" to succeed at the Championship;
- Previous international experience of the Athlete;
- The circumstances, facts, and in the case of illness or injury to a Horse, documentation by the Team Veterinarian or USEF-approved physician(s); and/or

- Unforeseen circumstances which create a logistical emergency.

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

2.1. Rationale for Utilizing Discretionary Selection: Discretionary selection is used to field the best team possible for the Championship. Applicants willingly submit themselves to this subjective process.

2.2. Discretionary criteria and explain how it will be used: See section 1.3.1., 1.3.2., and 1.3.3.

2.2.1. Additional Discretionary Criteria:
Soundness: At the Athlete's expense, an FEI treating veterinarian must examine any horses that are candidates for the FEI Definite Entry or Substitutes for soundness, as requested by USEF. The examining veterinarian and the Athlete's veterinarian must be in communication regarding the soundness and preparation once named to the FEI Nominated Entries. Horses found to be unsound by the FEI Veterinarian may be eliminated from the Selection Process. In making their decision, the Selectors will consult with the Team Veterinarian and, if applicable, an FEI Veterinarian on the current fitness, soundness, and ability of Athletes to determine if they are perceived to be able to meet the standards for the Championship (i.e. dressage scores, distance, size and complexity of the obstacles, and required speed to avoid time penalties).

2.2.2. Team Veterinarian Request – Horse owners, at their own expense, shall make available, upon the request of the Team Veterinarian, 24 months' worth of complete veterinary records of horses being considered for selection. In addition, Horse owners, at their own expense, shall be responsible for supplying any follow-up diagnostic information requested by the Team Veterinarian for horses being considered for selection. Horse Owners, at their own expense, shall complete any treatment prescribed by the Team Veterinarian, after consultation with the Horse's treating veterinarian if such a consultation is requested by the Athlete, for Horses being considered for selection. Failure to comply with any reasonable request of the Team Veterinarian may result in the removal of the Horse and/or Athlete from the selection process upon the recommendation of the Team Veterinarian, and approval by the majority of the Selectors, the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection group approved by the Board of Directors**.**

2.2.3. Veterinary Treatment – From the time of the nominated entry through the conclusion of the Championship, Athletes on the Nominated Entry will be required to consult with the Team Veterinarian prior to Horses being treated by any person other than the Team Veterinarian. Failure to adhere to this policy and/or the directives of the Team Veterinarian may result in the removal of the Athlete and/or Horse from the selection process upon the recommendation of the Team Veterinarian and approval by the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

2.2.4. Medical Request **-** In the event of illness or injury, Athletes may be required to submit to a medical examination by a USEF-approved physician(s) any time during the selection process for the purposes of determining the Athlete's ability to compete at the Championship. Failure to submit to such examination may result in the removal of the Athlete from the selection process upon the recommendation of the USEF-approved physician(s) and with the approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. Following the examination, should the USEF-approved physician(s) find the Athlete to be unfit to compete, the Athlete will be removed from the selection process with the approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

2.3. Complete list of the members of the committee(s), their titles & their NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity: See www.usef.org for a list of USEF Committee members & their roles.

- USEF Driving Selectors
- USEF Driving Team Veterinarian
- USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or Ad Hoc Selection Group

2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

All committee members must comply with the USEF's Conflict of Interest and Gifts & Entertainment Policy including completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the USEF Legal Department and USEF Audit Committee prior to convening the committee. Any committee members who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the USEF Legal Department and USEF Audit Committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse oneself from the review process and/or voting. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an Athlete or Horse in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise the committee members' ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, the USEF Legal Department and USEF Audit Committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse oneself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that a committee members must recuse oneself from voting, the Audit Committee may still determine that a Selector who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the committee members, provide such information to the committee members so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and so long as the committee member with the conflict of interest does not participate in the deliberation or vote toward the final decision. The committee member must not otherwise influence other committee members in the selection process. Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted Athlete, owner, or coach of a potentially impacted Athlete or Horse) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to the USEF General Counsel and/or the USEF Audit Committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest. Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the USEF selection committee appointment process.

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

3.1. From the time of Application until the completion of the Championship, USEF has jurisdiction over potential nominees. An Athlete or horse(s) that has applied and/or been selected to the Team or as an Individual by USEF may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USEF:

3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USEF CEO or the Managing Director of Sport Logistics & Non-Olympic Disciplines.
3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USEF CEO. If an Athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USEF, their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
3.1.3. Violation of the USEF Code of Conduct.
3.1.4. Violation of the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code or USEF Safe Sport Policy.
3.1.5. Failure of the Horse(s)'s owner to timely sign the Horse Participation Agreement

3.1.6. Injury or illness of the Horse(s) as determined by the Team Veterinarian and/or USEF appointed Veterinarian. If an Athlete and/or Horse(s)'s owner refuses to have the Horse(s) examined by the Team Veterinarian and/or USEF appointed Veterinarian, the injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and the Horse(s) may be removed.
3.1.7. Failure to adhere to the agreed upon plans, programs, guidance, and/or directives of the Team Leader, Chef d'Equipe, and the Team Veterinarian.
3.1.8. Detection of a Prohibited Substance in the Horse(s) (see below).
3.1.9. Failure to adhere to all World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), FEI, USEF, and/or U.S. Anti-Doping Agency ("USADA") anti-doping protocols, policies or procedures regarding Athletes and Horse(s), including participation in required Out-of-Competition testing.
3.1.10. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.
3.1.11. Any other reason expressly written herein.

An Athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USEF's Bylaws, Part VII.

IV. SUBSTITUTION / REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES & HORSES

4.1. Identifying the pool of Athletes and Horses with which to substitute or replace: The FEI Nominated Entries will comprise the pool of substitutes/replacements for Athletes.

4.2. Substitution/Replacement Athletes and Horses will be selected, should a vacancy occur, according to the following method:

4.2.1. Prior to acceptance of FEI Nominated Entry: Prior to the submission of the FEI Nominated Entry, Athletes and/or Horses may be substituted in accordance with the process in Section 1.3 above. Any substitution other than voluntary withdrawal must be upon the recommendation of the Selectors, and subject to the approval of the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors. Any substitution for Veterinary reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must have the approval of the Team Veterinarian. Any substitutions for medical reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must be documented by a physician(s) who is approved by the USEF CEO.

4.2.2. Prior to the closing date for FEI Definite Entry: Once the Team and Individual(s), if any, have been announced and prior to the closing date of the FEI Definite Entry, Athletes and/or Horses may be substituted by Athlete and/or Horses on the FEI Nominated Entry for reasons set forth in Section 3. Replacements may only be made based on the ranked list approved by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors, and in accordance with the FEI Regulations for Driving Events and/or for reasons set forth in Section 3, and subject to approval by the USEF Team Leader. Any substitution for veterinary reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must have the approval of the Team Veterinarian. Any substitution for medical reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must be documented by a physician(s) approved by the USEF CEO.

4.2.3. After acceptance of FEI Definite Entry and up to two (2) hours prior to the Horse Inspection: After acceptance of the FEI Definite Entry and until two (2) hours before the First Horse Inspection unless an earlier date is specified in the Approved FEI Schedule or is required due to communicated logistical restrictions, USEF has the ability to replace Athletes and/or Horses on the FEI Definite Entry for reasons set forth in Section 3. During this time period, Team members may only be replaced with an Athlete/Horses combination from the FEI Nominated Entry. However, the reason for a substitution

must only be because either, the Athlete is unfit to compete due to injury or illness or there is a strong veterinary case for substitution or the performance of the Team member has dropped off to such an extent that for the success of the Team a substitution is necessary. The latter situation will almost certainly occur as a result of a veterinary problem which it may or may not be possible to define given the time/resources available at the time. Replacements may only be made by recommendation of the Chef d'Equipe, with approval of the USEF Team Leader, and in accordance with the FEI Driving Regulations or for reasons set forth in Section 3.

4.2.4. Substitutions & Declaration of Starters: After the acceptance of the FEI Definite Entries and until one hour before the first Horse Inspection, in the event of an accident or illness of Athlete or horses, the Athlete &/or horses may be substituted by another from the FEI Nominated Entry list (subject to approval of the OC & the Ground Jury, Article 946). After the acceptance of the FEI Definite Entries and until one hour after the first horse inspection, the Chef d'Equipe in consultation with the Team Veterinarian and Team Leader will declare in writing the Team of three (3) Athlete/horse combinations that will compete in accordance with the FEI General Regulations (Article 121 & FEI Driving Rules Article 947).

4.2.5. Any replacement for veterinary reasons must have the approval of the Team Veterinarian.

4.2.6. Any replacement for medical reasons must be documented by a physician(s) physically present at the Championship venue who is approved by the USEF CEO.

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USEF will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the end date of the Championship.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an Athlete and Horses owner as a condition of nomination to the Team for the Championship.

- Application
- USEF Horse Participation Agreement (Attachment A)
- USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment B)
- USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification Agreement (Attachment C)

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USEF approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USEF in the following public location(s):

7.1. USEF Web site: www.usef.org

7.1.1. These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USEF.

7.1.2. These procedures will also be available by mail or email upon request.

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of Athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all Athletes and submitted to the FEI on or before: The FEI Nominated Entries will be submitted to the FEI no later than the Nominated Entry date declared on the approved FEI Schedule for the Championship (DATE TBD).

IX. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

9.1 Human Anti-Doping: Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FEI, and USADA anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the WADA, FEI, and USADA rules, as applicable.

9.2 Equine Anti-Doping: All Horses are subject to drug testing both in competition and out of competition.

9.2.1 In-Competition. All Horses entered to compete in any FEI or USEF Event are subject to drug testing at any time from when the Event begins until the Event ends or beginning when the Horse arrives for the Event until the Event ends, whichever beginning occurs first. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected and tested for substances prohibited or forbidden under the subject Event rules. National Events may invoke GR409 whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

- Positive Finding. At any time during the observation and selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite or marker, is detected in the sample collected in-Event, the results, including the level detected for controlled medications, will be reported to the USEF Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel. They will notify the Director of Sport Programs or the Discipline Director for dissemination of information as appropriate. In such instances, the positive finding may result in the elimination of the Horse and/or Athlete from the Selection Process.

- Before elimination occurs, the Owner and Athlete will be afforded a hearing by a panel ("Selection Hearing Panel") comprised of at least one disinterested member of the applicable discipline Sport Committee along with at least two disinterested members of the Hearing Committee, one of which must be an Athlete Representative.
- The Chairman of the USEF Veterinary Committee, or his designee, may serve Ex Officio and a member of the Veterinary Panel selected for the Event may serve Ex Officio.

9.2.2 Out-of-Competition. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected out-of-competition at any time throughout the selection period, which is defined as commencing on the start date of the USEF Qualifying Period following notification to the Athlete at least 24 hours prior to collection of samples. Samples collected from Horses out-of-competition will be tested for the presence of substances prohibited by the FEI, including metabolites and markers. Failure to make the Horse available for collection of samples may result in the elimination of the Horse and/or Athlete from the Selection Process. Before elimination occurs, the Owner and Athlete will be afforded a hearing by the Selection Hearing Panel.

- Positive Finding. At any time during the selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite marker, in the sample, the results, including the level detected for controlled medications, will be reported to the USEF Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel, who will notify the Director of Sport Programs or the Discipline Director for dissemination of information as appropriate.
- In such instances, the positive finding may result in the elimination of the Horse and/or Athlete from the Selection Process unless the Veterinary Panel appointed for the Selection of the Event certifies that the substance detected has been approved or is legitimate and appropriate under the circumstances. Before elimination occurs, the Owner and Athlete will be afforded a hearing by the Selection Hearing Panel.

9.2.3. These provisions do not abrogate the enforcement of applicable Equine anti-doping rules at Federation licensed Events, including Events where GR409 is invoked whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

9.2.4. USEF GR 409.2 Equine Drugs and Medications, Prohibited Substance Provisions: No Horse and/or pony competing in a Breed or Discipline designated as (or part of) a No Prohibited Substance Group is to

be shown in any class at an Event licensed by the Federation if it has been administered in any manner or otherwise contained in its tissues, body fluids or excreta a prohibited substance as defined in the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, which can be found at www.fei.org.

X. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- USEF Driving Sport Committee.
- USEF Board of Directors or Executive Committee

For a complete list of committee members please visit https://www.usef.org/about-us/councils-committees.

XI. USEF BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USEF Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found in USEF Bylaws Part VII and in the Supplemental Procedures for Complaints and Grievances. See www.usef.org.

XII. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

USEF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), sex, gender identify, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. Everyone involved in the development of selection procedures and selection process must abide by the Non-Discrimination Policy.

XIII. FUNDING DISCLAIMER

Selection to the team does not guarantee that funds will be available for the expenses related to the Championship.

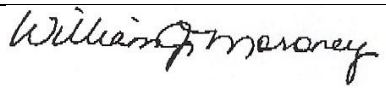
XIV. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or FEI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected Athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USEF. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USEF Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

XV. USEF SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by the FEI and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USEF.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USEF CEO	**William J. Moroney**		**11/17/2026**

USEF Managing Director of Sport Logistics & Non-Olympic Disciplines	**Steven Morrissey**		**11/17/2026**

Any questions regarding these Selection Procedures should be addressed to the USEF Managing Director of Sport Logistics & Non-Olympic Disciplines, Steven Morrissey: United States Equestrian Federation, 4001 Wing Commander Way, Lexington, KY 40511, smorrissey@usef.org or 859-225-2052.

Approved by the USEF Driving Sport Committee: 10/6/2026
Approved by the USEF Board of Directors or Executive Committee: 11/17/2026

DEFINITIONS

USEF Driving Sport Committee ("DSC")—a quorum of the current USEF Driving Sport Committee members, which is published on www.usef.org.

USEF Driving Selector ("Selectors")— Selectors for the current Championship year will include three (3) individuals (the "Selectors") that are appointed by the CEO upon the recommendation of the DSC. The Selectors are subject to the USEF Code of Conduct, USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest and Gifts & Entertainment Policy, and USEF Safe Sport Policy. The Selectors are members of the Driving community who are knowledgeable and experienced in Driving at the International level and are Senior Active Competing members in good standing with USEF.

A minimum of one (1) Replacement Selector will also be named. A Replacement Selector will take the place of a Selector who has a conflict of interest or a substantial appearance of a conflict of interest.

International Experience—A competitive record over the past 2-6 years that indicates the Athlete/horses combination(s) have successfully met the challenges of FEI international events & perform under pressure.

Substitute Athlete—Replacing an Athlete/horse combination after the FEI Definite Entries have been submitted.

USEF Team Leader—USEF Director of Driving, or other appointed USEF Staff member.

Fitness, Soundness, and Ability to Compete – The Equine's ability to perform the demands of the three phases of sport while remaining sound until the end of competition as determined by the Official Veterinarian.

Successful Competition Results – Completed all three phases of competition without elimination, disqualification, or retirement.

Qualifying Score – (1) Completion of at least three Selection Events in the applicable FEI sanctioned class during the Selection Period without elimination, disqualification, or retirement; and (2) achievement of a minimum score as listed in the FEI Criteria or better in the Dressage test in all three Selection Events.