



Qualification for US Athletes 2021 World Cup Finals

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The FEI has confirmed that since only two (2) qualifiers remained in the NAL 2020/2021 calendar, the League is cancelled for this season and each NF - CAN/MEX/USA - will be responsible for selecting the athletes to fill their respective quotas for the 2021 Final. From the U.S. we send 7 East Coast Athletes and 3 West Coast Athletes.

The following qualification system will be utilized:

East Coast (7 athletes):

1. The **five (5) highest ranked East Coast US athletes on the FEI Ranking List** published in early March 2021
2. The **two (2) highest ranked East Coast US athletes on the USEF Ranking 'Horse Ranking List'** published on March 5, 2021 not already qualified through the FEI Ranking List above.

West Coast (3 athletes):

1. The **two (2) highest ranked West Coast US athletes on the FEI Ranking List** published in early March 2021
2. The **highest ranked West Coast US athlete on the USEF Ranking 'Horse Ranking List'** published on March 5, 2021 not already qualified through the FEI Ranking List above.

Horses: Athletes earn the qualification spot; however, to be eligible to compete at the 2021 World Cup Finals the athlete/horse combination must have completed **an FEI class at 1.50m or above with four (4) faults or less between October 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021**. In addition, as per FEI Rules, horses must be at least nine (9) years of age to compete at the Finals.

Substitution – East Coast:

FEI Ranking List - In the event that one of the U.S. East Coast qualified athletes through the FEI Ranking List is unable to compete at the Final, the next highest ranked U.S. East Coast athlete on the FEI Ranking List, not already qualified through the USEF "Horse List" will move into the qualification spot up to the 10th ranked U.S. East Coast athlete.

USEF Horse List - In the event that one of the U.S. East Coast qualified athletes through the USEF "Horse List" is unable to compete at the Final, the next highest ranked U.S. East Coast athlete not already qualified will move into the qualification spot provided that the athlete is within the top 6 highest ranked U.S. East Coast athletes on the USEF 'Horse List' not already qualified prior to substitution.

Substitution – West Coast:

FEI Ranking List - In the event that one of the U.S. West Coast qualified athletes through the FEI Ranking List is unable to compete at the Final, the next highest ranked U.S. West Coast athlete on the FEI Ranking List, not already qualified through the USEF "Horse List" will move into the qualification spot up to the 4th ranked U.S. West Coast athlete.

USEF Horse List - In the event that one of the U.S. West Coast qualified athletes through the USEF "Horse List" is unable to compete at the Final, the next highest ranked U.S. West Coast athlete not already qualified will move into the qualification spot provided that the athlete is within the top 4 highest ranked U.S. West Coast athletes on the USEF 'Horse List' not already qualified prior to substitution.