UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2027 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS
(YOUNG RIDER, JUNIOR, PRE-JUNIOR -ALL ZONES EXCEPT ZONE 10, TO BE PUBLISHED SPERATELY)
(CHILDREN'S CHAMPIONSHIP ALL ZONES)
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1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. **Nationality requirements:**
Athlete must be a national of the United States and in compliance with FEI Article 119 at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the 2027 North American Youth Championships (the "Event").

1.1.2. **Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:**

- Athletes wishing to compete in the North American Young Rider Championship ("NAYRC") must have been born on or between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2011.
- Athletes wishing to compete in the North American Junior Championship ("NAJC") must have been born on or between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2013.
- Athletes wishing to compete in the North American Pre-Junior Championship ("NAPJC") must have been born on or between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013.
- Athletes wishing to compete in the North American Children's Championship ("NAChC") must have been born on or between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2015.
- A horse must be a minimum of seven (7) years old for the NAYRC and NAJC, and a horse must be a minimum of six (6) years old for the NAPJC and NAChC.
- The athlete and horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI prior to being named to the FEI Nominated Entries and until the conclusion of the Event.
- The horse must have a valid FEI Passport.
- The athlete and horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Event.
- Applicants domiciled outside of the continental United States must meet the Citizenship and Minimum International Federation Standards for Participation.

1.1.3. **Other requirements:**

- The athlete and owner of the horse must be competing members in good standing of the United States Equestrian Federation ("USEF") and United States Hunter Jumper Association ("USHJA") from the time of application through the conclusion of the Event.
- Horses must be recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF General Rule 1102, and registered with USHJA, and in good standing with USEF from the time of application through the conclusion of the Event.
- The Zone of each athlete/horse combination is determined by USEF JP100.5. An athlete may apply to the Federation for permission to change their point state no later than April 1, 2027 at 5:00pm ET.
- Once an athlete has taken part in an FEI Championship competition for Young Riders in Jumping, the athlete is no longer eligible to compete in an FEI Championship for Juniors in Jumping. Additionally, once an athlete has taken part in an FEI Championship Competition for Young Riders or Juniors in Jumping, the athlete is no longer eligible to compete in an FEI Championship for Pre-Juniors in Jumping.
- Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in the 2027 NAYRC, NAJC, NAPJC, or NAChC must have earned the required Certificates of Capability as described below, at USEF or FEI licensed competitions between September 1, 2026 and June 14, 2027.
- Athletes wishing to compete at the NAYRC, NAJC, NAPJC, or NAChC must complete and submit an application and pay the application fee online at www.usef.org no later than **5:00pm ET, June 6, 2027** The application fee is twenty dollars ($20.00) per application. If eligible, athletes may apply for more than one event but must complete and submit an application for each one. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 6, 2027.**
- Additional horses may be added to an already submitted application until June 6, 2027 free of charge.

- The athlete and parent or legal guardian, if applicable, must certify by signing the NAYRC, NAJC, NAPJC, NAChC application, or, if applicable, multiple applications, that they have received, read, and assumes responsibility for meeting the requirements of the Selection Procedures for the Event. In addition, the athlete and parent or legal guardian, if applicable, must certify, by signing the Application, that they have received and read the USEF Code of Conduct, the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code and the USEF Safe Sport Policy including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies; the Non-Discrimination Policy; and the USEF Whistleblower & Anti-Retaliation Policy and that they understand these documents, and that they agree to be bound by them.
- The Owner must sign the USEF NAYC Horse Owner Acknowledgement prior to the Nominated Entry deadline (TBD, 2027) and by doing so must certify that they have received, read, and assumes responsibility for meeting the requirements of the Selection Procedures for the Event, the USEF Code of Conduct, the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code and the USEF Safe Sport Policy including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies; the Non-Discrimination Policy; and the USEF Whistleblower & Anti-Retaliation Policy and that they understand these documents, and that they agree to be bound by them.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USEF Background Check Policy.
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the conclusion of the Event 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.

2. STEP-BY-STEP DESCRIPTION OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

2.1. Qualifying Period: The qualifying period for the 2027 North American Youth Championships Jumping is **September 1, 2026 through June 6, 2027**. The start date of a competition is used to determine if a qualifying class falls within the qualifying period. For example, if a competition starts on June 6 and the qualifying class is on June 8 , the class will be included in the qualifying period that ends on June 6. It is the responsibility of the athlete to verify the accuracy of the NAYC Standings list by zone for their respective category or categories (NAYRC, NAJC, NAPJC, and NAChC) posted on the USEF website. USEF is not responsible for inaccurately reported results. If any errors are detected, athletes are encouraged to contact the USEF office immediately. Errors must be reported no more than three (3) business days after the standings are posted.

2.2. Selection: Standings lists will be maintained for the NAYRC, NAJC, NAPJC, and NAChC and will be calculated as outlined below, athlete/horse combinations best twelve (12) competitions (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) at the specified heights per category. The FEI Nominated and FEI Definite Entries will be submitted in accordance with the Final Rankings by zone once the standings are posted complete. For Foreign competitions, see Section 2.7.1.1.

2.2.1. **North American Young Rider Championships**: The Young Rider (CH-N.AM-YR-S) standings will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best twelve (12) competitions (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) in the following classes held at 1.45m and above at FEI and USEF licensed competitions: Junior Jumper, Young Rider, Amateur Jumper, Open Jumper, U25. Classes offering more than $25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of $25,000.

- Ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed) as specified above at the height of 1.45m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.45m and above classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed) as specified above at the height of 1.40m, if a tie remains after the 1.40 classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed) as specified above at the height of 1.35m and so on until the tie is broken.

2.2.2. **North American Junior Championships**: The Junior (CH-N.AM-J-S) standings will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best twelve (12) competitions (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed) in the following classes held at 1.40m and above at FEI and USEF licensed competitions: Junior

Jumper, Young Rider, U25, Open Jumper. Classes offering more than $25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of $25,000.

- Ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed) as specified above at the height of 1.40m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.40m and above classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) as specified above at the height of 1.35m, if a tie remains after the 1.35m classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) as specified above at the height of 1.30m so on until the tie is broken.

2.2.3. **North American Pre-Junior Championships:** The Pre-Junior (CH-N.AM-PJS) standings will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best twelve (12) competitions (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) in the following classes held at 1.30m and above at FEI and USEF licensed competitions: Junior Jumper, Open Jumper. Classes offering more than $25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of $25,000.

- Ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) as specified above at the height of 1.30m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.30m and above classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) as specified above at the height of 1.25m, if a tie remains after the 1.25m classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) as specified above at the height of 1.20m so on until the tie is broken.

2.2.4. **North American Children Championships:** The Children's (CH-N.AM-CH-S) standings will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best twelve (12) competitions (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) in the following classes held at 1.20m and above at FEI and USEF licensed competitions: Junior Jumper, Open Jumper, as well as Jumper classes offering $25,000 or more in prize money. Classes offering more than $25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of $25,000.

- Ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) as specified above at the height of 1.20m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.20m and above classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) as specified above at the height of 1.15m, if a tie remains after the 1.15m classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best competition (two highest prize money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition) as specified above at the height of 1.10m and so on until the tie is broken.

2.2.5. Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in the 2027 NAYRC, NAJC, NAPJC, or NAChC must have earned the required Certificates of Capability as described below, at USEF or FEI licensed competitions between September 1, 2026 and June 14, 2027.

- **North American Young Rider Championships:** Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by:
    - completing a course set at 1.45m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less; and
    - completing a course with either a 3-meter open water jump with or without a rail. In either case, the jump must be in accordance with USEF JP129.
    - These two requirements may be met either in the same or different courses.
- **North American Junior Championships:** Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by:
    - completing a course set at 1.40m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less; and
    - completing a course with either a 3-meter open water jump with or without a rail. In either case, the jump must be in accordance with USEF JP129.

    - These two requirements may be met either in the same or different courses.
- **North American Pre-Junior Championships:** Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course set at 1.30m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less.
- **North American Children's Championships:** Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course set at 1.20m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less.
- Athletes shall ensure that USEF receives verification of water certificates for Young Riders and Juniors in writing by submitting completed USEF Certificates of Capability Form no later than June 14, 2027 to Erin Keating, Director, Jumping Development Programs; ekeating@usef.org.

2.3. **TBD, 2027: FEI Nominated Entries:**

2.3.1. By no later than the closing date for the FEI Nominated Entries for the Event, TBD, 2027, a list of up to ten (10) applicant athlete/horse combinations from each zone in ranked order according to the Final Ranking for each category (i.e. 10 for NAYRC, 10 for NAJC, 10 for NAPJC, and 10 for NAChC) will be named to the FEI Nominated Entries for the Event. If an athlete has more than two horses ranked within the top ten of their zone's final ranking, the athlete may be required to select two horses to be nominated with in order to maximize the number of athletes included on the nominated entry.

2.4. **TBD, 2027: FEI Definite Entries:**

2.4.1. After submission of the FEI Nominated Entries but no later than the closing date for the FEI Definite Entries, TBD, 2027, USEF will submit the FEI Definite Entries for the NAYRC, NAJC, NAPJC, and NAChC to the FEI in order of the Final Ranking by zone for each category.

- FEI Definite Entries for the NAYRC, NAJC, NAPJC, and NAChC will consist of up to four (4) ranked applicant athlete/horse combinations per zone named to the "Team" plus one Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combination per zone who will compete as an individual.
- Athletes on more than one (1) FEI nominated entries list must declare in which event they will participate by the FEI definite entry deadline.

Chefs d'Equipe: Each team will be represented by a Chef d'Equipe which will be selected by USEF. The USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees will review the recommendation and make a final decision.

2.5. **Combining of Zones to Form Teams** – If there are less than three (3) athlete/horse combinations represented by a zone, USEF may combine with another zone to create a team (minimum three (3) athletes). Once all FEI Definite Entries have been submitted, USEF will make the final decision to combine athlete/horse combinations to create teams no later than the first Chef d'Equipe meeting. It is not guaranteed that individual athletes from a zone will be placed on a combined team.

2.6. **DATE TBD, 2027: Declaration of Starters** – By no later than the assigned time for the declaration of starters, TBD, each Chef d'Equipe must declare the starting order of the athlete/horse combinations on the Team of three (3) or four (4) athlete/horse combinations for the NAYRC, the NAJC, the NAPJC, and the NAChC, as well as the Individuals (maximum of two athlete/horse combinations per zone unable to field a complete team).

2.7. **Other Considerations:**

2.7.1. Prize Money Won in Foreign Competitions – The following policies will be in place for athlete/horse combinations winning prize money in foreign competitions:

- Foreign FEI Competitions – Prize money won from FEI foreign competitions will automatically be included in the athlete/horse combination's money won if the class(es) meet or exceed the qualifying criteria and is held within the qualifying period.
- Equine Canada National Classes – Prize money from national Equine Canada classes may be included towards the athlete/horse combination's money won if the class(es) meet or exceed the qualifying criteria and are held within the qualifying period. However, for this money to be included in an athlete/horse combination's record, a copy of the prize list (indicating which class is to be counted and the fence height) and the official results from the horse show/event office must be submitted to USEF, attention Erin Keating, ekeating@usef.org, within ten business days following the last date of the competition for the money to count towards the combination's respective standings.

- Money won in foreign FEI and/or national Equine Canada classes and, if applicable, submitted as specified above, will be converted into US dollars at the exchange rate of the last date of the event and noted for that athlete/horse in their Zone's standings.

2.7.2. **Horse Substitution Request** - Horse Substitution requests from an athlete will only be considered if submitted between June 7, 2027, and the FEI Nominated Entries Deadline (TBD, 2027) and only when the list of eligible athlete/horse combinations on the Final Ranking by zone has been exhausted. If an athlete's first ranked horse is not available, the athlete may request to be considered for selection on another horse. Horses submitted for consideration must have earned a Certificate of Capability for the appropriate level (Young Rider, Junior, Pre-Junior, or Children), though not necessarily as a combination with the athlete and meet the other requirements of Section 1.1, except for being named to the application.

- The request must be in writing to Erin Keating, Director Jumping Development Programs; ekeating@usef.org.
- The request will be reviewed by the nonconflicted members of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, and final approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors will review the recommendation and make a final decision. The past performance of the athlete and horse, including the ability to jump the size and difficulty of obstacles, the complexity of the course(s) and the required speed to avoid time penalties will be considered in determining the request.

2.7.3. **Extraordinary Requests** – Extraordinary requests from an athlete will only be considered if submitted between June 7, 2027 and the FEI Nominated Entries Deadline (TBD, 2027) and only when the list of eligible athlete/horse combinations on the Final Ranking by zone has been exhausted.

- The request must be in writing to Erin Keating, Director Jumping Development Programs; ekeating@usef.org.
- Athlete/horse combinations must meet the requirements outline in Section 1.1 with exception to Application deadlines, Certificate of Capability requirements, and registration/recording requirements.
- The request will be reviewed by the nonconflicted members of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors will review the recommendation and make a final decision. The past performance of the athlete and horse, including the ability to jump the size and difficulty of obstacles, the complexity of the course(s) and the required speed to avoid time penalties will be considered in determining the request.

3. SELECTION COMMITTEE

3.1. Provided in **Attachment A** are the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members. See **Attachment A** for the list of committees, their roles, and list of members.

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

3.3. 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.

3.4. **Other Criteria:**

3.4.1. **Soundness and Fitness:** Horses that are candidates for selection may be examined at any time during the selection process through the conclusion of the Event, at the owner's expense, by an approved USEF Veterinarian. Horses found to be unsound and/or unfit by the USEF Veterinarian may be eliminated from the Selection Process but only with the recommendation of the Chef d'Equipe, USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, and the approval of the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors.

All horses named to the FEI Definite Entry may undergo a baseline exam with the USEF Veterinarian, at the owner's expense, any time between selection and the conclusion of the Event. The USEF Veterinarian and the athlete's veterinarian must be in communication regarding the soundness and preparation of the Definite Entry Listed horse.

3.4.2. **USEF Veterinarian Request**: Applicants, at their own expense, shall make available, upon the request of the USEF Veterinarian, 12 months' worth of veterinary records of horses under consideration for selection. In addition, applicants, at their own expense, shall be responsible for supplying any follow-up diagnostic information requested by the USEF Veterinarian for horses under consideration for selection. Failure to comply with any reasonable request of the USEF Veterinarian may result in the removal of the horse and/or athlete from the selection process upon the recommendation of the USEF Veterinarian and the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, and the approval of the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

3.4.3. **Medical Request:** In the event of illness or injury, applicants may be required to submit to a medical examination by physician(s) approved by the USEF at any time during the selection process for the purposes of determining the applicant's ability to compete at the Event. Failure to submit to such examination may result in the removal of the applicant from the selection process upon the recommendation of the USEF approved physicians(s) and USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, and the approval of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. Following the examination, should the USEF approved physician(s) find the applicant to be unfit to compete, the applicant may be removed from the selection process pending the review of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, and the approval of the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

4. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

4.1. Prior to and after the FEI Definite Entries deadline, USEF has jurisdiction over athlete/horse combinations who might participate at the Event. An athlete/horse combination whose name is included on a Zone's Final Ranking and/or submitted on the FEI Nominated Entries and/or the FEI Definite Entries may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USEF and in accordance with these procedures:

4.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USEF Director of Jumping Development Programs (Erin Keating, ekeating@usef.org).

4.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USEF. 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 he/she may be removed.

4.1.3. Violation of the USEF Code of Conduct.

4.1.4. Violation of the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code or USEF Safe Sport Policy.

4.1.5. Injury or illness of the Horse as determined by a Veterinarian approved by USEF. If an athlete and/or horse owner refuses to have the Horse examined by the USEF approved Veterinarian and/or Veterinary Panel, the injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and the horse may be removed.

4.1.6. Detection of a Prohibited Substance in the Horse (see below).

4.1.7. 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 horses, including participation in required Out-of-Competition testing.

4.1.8. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.

4.1.9. Behavior of the athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, accredited owners, coaches and grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment that will affect (either positively or negatively) the ability to win a team medal.

In these procedures, the removal of an athlete is closely related to the process by which they will be substituted. Therefore, the reasons for which an athlete may be removed are thoroughly addressed in Section 3. Replacement of Athletes & Horses.

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.

5. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES & HORSES

5.1. **Following is the process by which the substitute pool of athlete/horse combinations will be identified:** Each category's Final Ranking by zone and/or ranked list of athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Nominated Entries will comprise the pool of substitute athlete/horse combinations for that Zone.

5.2. **Substitute athlete/horse combinations will be selected, should a vacancy occur, according to the following method**:

5.2.1. **Prior to the FEI Definite Entries:** Prior to FEI Definite Entries, USEF has the discretion to substitute athlete/horse combinations for the reasons set forth in Section 4.1

- Openings, if they occur, whether by voluntary withdrawal or removal, will be filled according to the Final Ranking by zone and/or ranked list of athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Nominated Entries.
- Any substitution for reasons set forth in Section 4.1 except by voluntary withdrawal, will be at the recommendation of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and with final approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

5.2.2. **After the FEI Definite Entries and until one (1) hour before the Horse Inspection:** After the FEI Definite Entries and until one (1) hour before the Horse Inspection, USEF has the discretion to substitute athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section 4.1. During this time period, Team members may only be replaced by the Traveling Reserve and the Traveling Reserve may only be replaced with a Substitute athlete/horse combination in order of the Final Ranking on the FEI Nominated Entries. Voluntary withdrawals must be substantiated by a certificate from a physician and/or veterinarian approved by USEF. Any substitutions other than voluntary withdraw are subject to the subject to the recommendation of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and the approval of the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors physically present at the Venue.

5.2.3. **After the Horse Inspection and prior to the Declaration of Starters**: After the Horse Inspection and prior to the Declaration of Starters, USEF has the discretion to substitute athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section 4.1. During this time period, Team members may only be substituted with the Traveling Reserve. Substitutions may only be made for veterinary or medical reasons, subject to the recommendation of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and the approval of the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors physically present at the Venue.

- Any substitution for veterinary reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also have the approval of Competition Veterinarian.
- Any substitution for medical reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also be documented by a Physician approved by USEF.

5.2.4. **After the Declaration of Starters:** After the Declaration of Starters, USEF has the ability to substitute athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section 4.1. During this time

period, Team members may only be substituted with the Traveling Reserve. Substitutions may only be made in accordance with Article 295 of the FEI Jumping Rules [28th Edition, Effective 1st January 2026] for veterinary or medical reasons, subject to the recommendation of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and the approval of the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors physically present at the Venue.

- Any substitution for veterinary reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also be documented by an officially recognized Veterinarian and/or have the approval of the FEI NAYC Veterinary Commission.
- Any substitution for medical reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also be documented by a Physician approved by USEF.

5.2.5. **Group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete/horse combination substitution determinations:**

- Group or committee that determines the substitution list: The USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
- Group or committee that determines a substitution prior to and after the FEI Definite Entries: The USEF Jumping Sport Committee, competition veterinarian, physician approved by USEF, and veterinarian approved by USEF, and the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors

6. 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 final day of the Event.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be properly executed by applicants as a condition of nomination to the Event:

- Application
- USEF Code of Conduct
- USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification Agreement
- USEF Safe Sport Policy

In addition, all persons participating in any decision made pursuant to the Selection Procedures, including but not limited to members of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee, USEF Board of Directors, and USEF Executive Committee, will be required to abide by the USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy and USEF Safe Sport Policy.

8. 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):

8.1. USEF Website: www.usef.org - These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

8.2. Other: These procedures will also be available by mail or email upon request.

9. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

9.1. Human Anti-Doping: Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FEI, USADA, and USEF anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the WADA, FEI, USADA and USEF 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 Championship 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.
- 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.
- USEF GR409.2 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 Horse Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, which can be found at www.fei.org.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/groups were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures: USEF Jumping Sport Committee, USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors

11. 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.

12. 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.

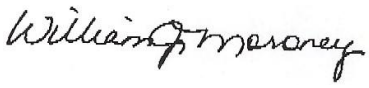
13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in 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 FEI.

14. 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.

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