

BENEFITS
OF OWNERSHIP

- Ability to build relationships with individuals that share enjoyment, common interests in love of horses, Eventing and watching the sport grow
- The enjoyment of watching the relationship between an athlete and horse develop and strengthen
- Being part of an amazing community, and team (athletes, owners, grooms, vets, friends, etc.)
- Ability to watch your horse succeed at progressively more challenging levels
- Attending diverse venues and locations
- Becoming part of a support system and resource for the athletes and other owners

TYPES
OF OWNERSHIP

SOLE/ FULL OWNERSHIP

Sole or full ownership is when an owner is responsible for all costs associated with the horse. This could be an athlete owning for themselves, or an individual owning a horse for an athlete. This is the most involved type of ownership as the ultimate decision making and financial responsibility lies with one person.

PARTNERSHIP

Usually a group of two or three individuals who invest in a horse (or multiple horses). A partnership often has fewer members than a syndicate. Decision making can be shared between owners and the athlete. Owner partners pay their share of the cost of maintenance and training of the horse, as defined by a partnership agreement.

SYNDICATION

A group of several owners sharing a common goal of investing in a horse for a particular athlete. Percentage shares can range with each syndicate owner bearing their pro rata share of the initial investment as well as ongoing costs. This allows new and continuing owners the opportunity to experience ownership at a lower cost than sole ownership or perhaps a partnership. A syndicate is typically governed by a syndicate agreement. Athletes are typically the decision makers for the syndicated horse.

For more information regarding Eventing ownership, please contact Julianna Olcott at jolcott@usef.org or scan this QR code to link directly to the USEF Website.

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COMMITMENTS
OF EVENTING OWNERSHIP

- Emotional - Ups and downs of the sport
- Financial - Understanding of and support for the financial requirements including: budget, development and maintenance, travel, veterinary, etc. expenses
- Establish clear expectations and goals – Not every horse is a 5-star horse

OWNER ATHLETE CONNECTION:
ATHLETE ADVICE

- Alignment of clear expectations, goals, and values
- Establishment of a relationship built on trust, honesty and transparent communication
- Mutual understanding of length of process and financial commitment

“EVENT HORSES ARE REMARKABLE ATHLETES THAT SUCCEED BECAUSE OF THEIR COURAGE, TALENT AND SPEED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEIR RIDERS. OWNERSHIP HAS ENABLED US TO BECOME PART OF THIS TEAM AND TO SHARE IN THE UNIQUE EXCITEMENT OF 3 DAY EVENTING.

– TIM AND NINA GARDNER, EVENTING OWNERS FOR JENNIE BRANNIGAN

“BECOMING AN EVENTING OWNER IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING THINGS I HAVE EVER TAKEN PART OF AND I HAVE NEVER RIDDEN A HORSE.

– RICH BOOTH, EVENTING OWNER FOR WILL COLEMAN

“IT HAS BEEN GRATIFYING TO WITNESS THE DEDICATION AND GRIT OF EVENTING ATHLETES AND HOW THEY BUILD A TRUE PARTNERSHIP WITH THEIR HORSES. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE MET SO MANY INCREDIBLE PEOPLE, OTHER OWNERS, GROOMS, VETS, USEF/USEA STAFF, ETC.

-ELLEN AHEARN & ERIC MARKELL, EVENTING OWNERS FOR TAMIE SMITH

WHAT USEF DOES
FOR EVENTING OWNERS

The US Equestrian Eventing Owners Program consists of recognition initiatives, hospitality events, travel resources, as well as quarterly webinars to provide updates surrounding the Eventing Pathway Programs, upcoming Team Opportunities and featuring special topics of interest. If you are interested in learning more about eventing ownership or getting in touch with a current U.S. Eventing Owner to learn about their experience, please reach out to Jay Olcott at jolcott@usef.org.

COMPETITION RESOURSES

USEF Eventing keeps an up-to-date and comprehensive list of domestic and certain international competition resources including where to find FEI schedules, entry lists, live scores, results, livestreams, and more.

USEF HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL RESOURCES

USEF provides comprehensive travel guides for international and domestic FEI Eventing competitions including but not limited to, information on accommodation, available hospitality, nearby airports, and more. The USEF Eventing Department also hosts and partners on approximately 3-4 hospitality events open to owners on an annual basis.

OWNER RECOGNITION

USEF features owners in press releases and articles throughout the year to highlight the different journeys and achievements of owners along with offering special awards for competition results and having a horse named to represent the U.S. or at a CCI5*-L.

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