

United States Eventing Association Inc.
Area 2 Young Riders Procedure for
2020 Classic Training 3-Day (T3D) Team
Eventing
Kalispell, MT
July 22-26, 2020

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Qualification and Entry Acceptance

The number of entries accepted is at the sole discretion of the Event Organizing Committee. Riders are encouraged to submit their entries to Rebecca Farms on opening day; June 9, 2020. Accepted entries will be placed on teams of 3-4 horses following jogs, but no later than 2 hours before T3D Dressage starts. Athletes with more than one horse accepted, may be have each horse placed on a unique team or the same team based on the organizing committee's preference.

B. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to a Team:

- 1. Citizenship:** There are no citizenship requirements for the Training 3-Day teams.
- 2. Minimum National Federation (NF) standards for participation:**
 - a. Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete on a **T3D** Team must have earned a Certificate of Capability within the Qualifying Period which began **July 22, 2018 and ends June 15, 2020** by achieving a Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) as outlined in US Equestrian Rules for Eventing Appendix 3.
 - 1.** Both the competitor and the horse **as a combination** must have obtained MER's at three (3) Horse Trials at the Training Level or higher, plus an additional MER at TRAINING Level or higher with no MORE THAN 20 jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross-Country test.
 - 2.** A competitor established at the preliminary level may compete on a horse which has obtained 2 MERs at the training level or higher.
 - b. Athletes wishing to compete in the Event must have been born on or after **January 1, 1999**.
 - c. A horse must be a minimum of four (4) years old (the age is counted from January 1 of the year of birth) (see FEI Rules for Eventing, [25th Edition. Effective 1st January 2020] (Article 503.4 of the FEI Eventing Rules).
 - d. The athlete and horse must comply with US Equestrian Rules for Eventing.
- 3. Other Requirements:**
 - a. The athlete must be a member in good standing of the United States Eventing Association ("USEA") and his/her Area Young Rider Program at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
 - b. The horse must be fully registered with the USEA and in good standing under USEF rules at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- 4. Application:**
 - a. Athletes wishing to represent an Area at the Event should submit an Application to their Area Coordinator no later than June 15, 2020. Eligible athletes may apply to complete additional horses in the T3D. Athlete should submit an application for each horse.
 - 1. T3D applications received after 12:00 PM EDT on June 15, 2020, may not receive the same level of Area logistical support.**
 - 2.** Horses, whom the Event Organizers have accepted the entry, may be added to the Athlete's application until the closing date of July 7, 2020.
 - b. The athlete, and parent if applicable, shall certify by signing the Event application, that they have received, read, and assumes responsibility for meeting all requirements of the Selection Procedure for the T3D Team Competition.

C. Provided below is a comprehensive, step-by-step description of how athletes will be placed on teams.

1. Evaluation Criteria:

The USEA NAYC Area 2 Selectors ("Selectors") (Attachment C) will oversee the selection process. The Selectors will perform the initial team assignments based on the following factors ("Factors"):

- a. The overall performance and soundness of the athlete/horse combination in various Horse Trials and/or CCI's at Training Level and higher held within the Qualifying Period which began July 22, 2018 and ends June 15, 2020. Priority will be given to the last six (6) events completed with emphasis on dressage scores; current fitness; cross country and stadium jumping performance; jumping without faults and/or incurring time penalties, boldness, rideability, and speed.
- b. The demonstrated ability of the athlete/horse combination to succeed in Eventing Competitions, having considered all the factors mentioned above.
- c. Athlete's desire to be on a specific team with a named peer.
- d. Willingness of the Athlete to work within the confines of the accreditation allocation.

2. Combining of Areas to Form Teams

For Areas not able to field teams, the following options are available:

- a. The Area may send individual athlete/horse combinations.
- b. Areas only able to field individual athlete/horse combinations (i.e., they do not have enough athlete/horse combinations to make up a team) may be combined with athlete/horse combinations from other areas by the Area Coordinators at the time of definite entries in order to create a full team.
- c. Further changes may be made, pending approval of all effected parties, at the first meeting of the Chefs d'Equipe.

3. **Declaration of Starters** – Once at the Event venue, and after the horse inspection and cross-country course inspection, the Chef d'Equipe will declare each team of three to four athlete/horse combinations. If an Athlete has presented at the first Horse Inspection more than one horse, the Chef d'Equipe, with consultation of Selectors, will make the final determination of which horse will be on which team.

D. Provided below are the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members. The Selectors (Attachment C) will oversee the selection process.

II. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A. An athlete/horse combination whose name is submitted on an Area's Nominated Entry may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USEF and in accordance with these procedures:

- Voluntary withdrawal. The athlete must advise the Area 2 Coordinator (Chris Donovan cdonovan03@gmail.com) of their withdrawal in writing.
- Violation of the USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment B).
- Injury or illness as determined by a Physician in writing. If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a Physician, their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Injury or illness of the horse as determined by a Veterinarian in writing. If an athlete and/or horse owner refuses to have the horse examined by a Veterinarian, the injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and the horse may be removed.
- Failure to adhere to all USOPC, IOC, USEF, FEI, USADA, and/or WADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures including, if applicable, participation in the out-of-competition testing as required by the FEI and/or WADA Rules.
- Any removal other than voluntary withdrawal must have the recommendation of the USEF Eventing Sport Committee or its designees and approval by the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
- Violation of the Safe Sport Policy.

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 III Substitution of Athletes.

An athlete removed from the Area's Nominated Entry pursuant to this provision may have the right to a hearing per the USEF's Bylaws, Article 703 and USEF General Rules, Chapter 6, GR 605 or USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

B. An athlete may be removed at any time for violation of FEI and/or WADA anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the FEI. Athletes must adhere to all IOC, USOPC, USEF, FEI, USADA, and WADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, and may be drug tested. Please see the USADA website www.usada.org for more information or contact Steven Morrissey with any questions at: (859) 225.7686 or smorrissey@usef.org.

III. SUBSTITUTION OF ATHLETES

After the Declaration of Starters and prior to two hours before the first Athlete is scheduled to perform his Dressage Test on the day in which the Athlete in question has been drawn to take part (Article 530.2):

After the declaration of starters, a change in the composition of a team or a change of which Horse and Athlete will ride must comply with the following:

- a. The substitution must be made at least two hours before the first Athlete is scheduled to perform his Dressage Test on the day on which the Athlete in question has been drawn to take part.
- b. In the Event of an accident or illness of an Athlete, a certificate from an officially recognized doctor must be presented.
- c. In the Event of lameness or illness of a Horse, permission from the Veterinary Delegate must be obtained.

IV. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS – The following documents are required to be properly executed by applicants:

- USEA Area 2 Application (Questionnaire and Signature Page)
- Fully executed and complete USEA Entry to Rebecca Farm including fees
- USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment B)

Applicants will be required to certify that they have received and read a copy of the USEF Code of Conduct and Safe Sport Policy and that they understand these documents and agree to be bound by them.

In addition, all persons participating in any decision made pursuant to the Selection Procedures including but not limited to the USEA Area Selectors, USEA Area Veterinarians and Physicians, members of the USEF Eventing Sport Committee and the USEF International Disciplines Council, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors will be required to abide by the USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies (Attachment F) and Safe Sport Policy.

V. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES – The USEA Area 2 approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the Area 2 Coordinator on the USEA2.net/youngriders website. The Procedure and Application Packet will also be available by mail or email upon request.

VI. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS - Athletes must adhere to all **USOPC, IOC, USEF, FEI, USADA, and WADA** - anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures.

VII. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES – The following committees/groups were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures: USEA Area 2 Coordinator in consultation with the USEA Area 2 board and other USEA Area Coordinators. These procedures may vary by USEA area.

VIII. USEA BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES – The rules governing the T3D are published as are the USEF Bylaws and Rules can be found on the USEA website at useventing.com.

Any questions regarding these Selection Procedures should be addressed to Chris Donovan, USEA Coordinator, Email cdonovan03@gmail.com.