

## 2017 Junior/Young Rider World Reining Championships Selection Procedures

**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2017 WORLD REINING CHAMPIONSHIPS for JUNIOR and YOUNG RIDERS**  
**August 9-12, 2017**  
**Givrins, Switzerland**

### **I. SELECTION SYSTEM**

#### **A. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:**

1. **Citizenship:** The athlete must be a U.S. citizen and in compliance with FEI General Regulations, 23<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Article 119 (see [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)) at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the 2017 World Reining Championships for Junior and Young Riders Competition (“the Event”).
2. **Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:**
  - a. All athletes and horses wishing to compete on the 2017 World Reining Championships for Junior and Young Riders on the Squad (the “Squad”) must earn a FEI Certificate of Capability between January 1, 2017 and July 1, 2017 (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5<sup>th</sup> Edition, updates effective 1 January 2017] Article 303.2). The rules can be found at [http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202017\\_Clean%20version.pdf](http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202017_Clean%20version.pdf)
  - b. Athletes wishing to compete as either a member of a team or as an Individual must be qualified as a FEI 3\* Athlete (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5<sup>th</sup> Edition, updates effective 1 January 2017] Article 304.2) and achieve a minimum average score of **67** at one CRI3\* Juniors or Young Riders event during the qualification period.
  - c. Athletes wishing to compete in the Young Rider World Reining Championship must have been born on or between January 1, 1996 and December 31, 2001 (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5<sup>th</sup> Edition, updates effective 1 January 2017] Article 302.3). The rules can be found at [http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202017\\_Clean%20version.pdf](http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202017_Clean%20version.pdf)
  - d. Athletes wishing to compete in the Junior World Reining Championship must have been born on or between January 1, 1999 and December 31, 2003 (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5<sup>th</sup> Edition, updates effective 1 January 2017] Article 302.2). The rules can be found at [http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202017\\_Clean%20version.pdf](http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202017_Clean%20version.pdf)
  - e. A horse must be a minimum of seven (7) years of age (the age is counted from January 1 of the year of birth) (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5<sup>th</sup> Edition, updates effective 1 January 2017], Article 314) and the Notes For Guidance which can be found at [http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202017\\_Clean%20version.pdf](http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202017_Clean%20version.pdf)
  - f. The athlete and horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
  - g. The athlete and horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Event.
3. **Other Requirements:**
  - a. The athlete and owner of horse must be a USEF member in good standing at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
  - b. The horse must be recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF GR1102 and in good standing under USEF rules at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
  - c. The athlete and owner of horse must be a USA Reining member in good standing at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
  - d. The horse must be recorded with USA Reining at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
  - e. Application – Athletes wishing to be considered for the Squad must complete and submit an online Application of Intent (Attachment A) at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) by Sunday, June 25, 2017.  
**NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 25, 2017.**
  - f. Horse Loan Agreement: Owners of horses named to the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry (See I.C.3

below) must sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment B). A horse owner(s)' failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement may result in the removal of the horse and/or athlete from the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry.

- g. The athlete and horse owner(s) must certify, by signing the Application (Attachment A), that they have received and read the Selection Procedures for the Squad, the USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment C), and the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (Attachment D) and the USEF Safe Sport Policy Handbook (Attachment E) and that they understand those documents, and that they agree to be bound by them.

#### **B. FEI Reining Competition in the U.S.:**

**1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all events to be used as part of the selection process:**

- Previous NRHA, AQHA and FEI Reining competitions.

**2. Provide a description of how athletes qualify for consideration to the Squad (if any):**

- An applicant athlete must compete at one FEI Reining CRIJ3\* or CRIY3\* during the qualifying period and achieve a minimum average score of 67 to obtain a FEI Certificate of Capability to be eligible to be named to the Squad.

A list of FEI Reining competitions in the U.S. during the qualification period can be found on the USEF website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org). This list is comprised of designated events that take place between January 1, 2017 and June 26, 2017.

- Winter Slide Ardmore, OK February 2-4, 2017
- NRBC Katy, Texas April 16-23, 2017
- Wild Card Reining Las Vegas, NV May 23-27, 2017
- CNYRHA Syracuse, NY June 10, 2017
- Others TBD

**Please note that competing in a FEI Reining competition is not a guarantee that an athlete/horse combination will be named to the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry or the Squad for the Event.**

#### **C. Provided below is a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.**

- 1. Athlete achieves a minimum average score of 67 at a CRI3\* Junior or Young Rider**– See above in Section I.B.2.
- 2. Selection of the Squad** – Following the final FEI Reining competition during the qualifying period and no later than **(June 28, 2017)** the USEF Reining Sport Committee will recommend the Junior and Young Riders to represent the U.S. from qualified applicants based off the following criteria
  - Results and consistency of scores at NRHA, AQHA and FEI competitions,
  - Perceived ability to contribute to a medal winning team,
  - Soundness of the horse,
  - The behavior of the athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, coaches, grooms and parents) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.
- 3. July 5, 2017: Short List/FEI Nominated Entry** – After the final FEI Reining competition in the qualifying period, but no later than the closing date for Nominated Entries **July 5, 2017**, and based upon the procedures set forth herein, the USEF Reining Sport Committee, in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe and Team Veterinarian, approved by the International Discipline Council will recommend a

ranked list of up to six (6) Junior athlete/horse combinations and up to six (6) Young Rider athlete/horse combinations and up to the maximum number of horses and athletes (Substitutes) able to be nominated under FEI Rules for the Event for the “Short List/FEI Nominated Entry” subject to approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection group approved by the Board of Directors. Such list will be submitted to the FEI as the Nominated Entry no later than the closing date for FEI Nominated Entries, **July 5, 2017**.

Selection of **Substitutes** for the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry - In addition to recommending the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry and based upon the procedures set forth herein, the USEF Reining Sport Committee, in consultation with the Chef d’Equipe and Team Veterinarian, will recommend that the athlete/horse combinations that complete the qualification requirements that are not named to the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry be named as Substitute athlete/horse combinations subject to the approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection group approved by the Board of Directors.

Once the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry for the Event has been announced and prior to the deadline for the submission of the FEI Nominated Entry, Short List/FEI Nominated Entry athlete/horse combinations may be substituted with the substitute athlete/horse combinations for veterinary or medical reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct, or for failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement, or for Failure to comply with the USEF Safe Sport Policies, or other exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the Event, but only with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. Any substitutions for medical or veterinary reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) or veterinarian(s) and approved by the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc group approved by the Board of Directors. Please refer to Section III for further details regarding Substitute/Replacement of athletes.

Once athlete/horse combinations have been named to the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry they will come under the control of the Chef d’Equipe through the Event. They shall not compete without the permission of the Chef d’Equipe.

4. **August 4, 2017 FEI Definite Entries** – After Submission of the FEI Nominated Entries, **July 5, 2017**, but by no later than the closing date for the FEI Definite Entries for the Event, **August 4, 2017**, based upon the procedures set forth herein, the USEF Reining Sport Committee, in consultation with the Chef d’Equipe and Team Veterinarian, will recommend a team of four (4) Junior athlete/horse combinations (“the Squad”) and a team of four (4) Young Rider athlete/horse combinations (“the Squad”) subject to approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection group approved by the Board of Directors. Such list will be submitted to the FEI as the Definite Entry no later than the closing date for FEI Definite Entries, **August 4, 2017**.

In addition, the USEF Reining Sport Committee, in consultation with the Chef d’Equipe and Team Veterinarian, may recommend that athletes and horses remaining on the FEI Nominated Entries serve as Replacement athletes and horses for the Squad at the Event. These recommendations will also be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

5. **After acceptance of the Definite Entries and until one hour before the First Horse Inspection** – Substitutions will be done in accordance with FEI Regulations and in accordance with the criteria outlined in section III.B.3.
6. **August 9, 2017; Declaration of Starters** – The declaration of starters will be done in accordance with FEI General Regulations [23rd Edition, Effective 1 January 2017] Article 121.

7. **After the Declaration of Starters** – Replacements will be done in accordance with FEI General Regulations [23<sup>rd</sup> edition, Effective 1 January 2017] Article 121 and in accordance with the criteria outlined in section III.B.5.

**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 USEF Reining Sport Committee will oversee the selection process, which process shall be reviewed and approved by the USEF International Discipline Council, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. (See Attachment I for list of USEF Committees, their roles, and list of members).

**E. Other Considerations:**

1. **Equine Drug Testing:** All applicant horses are subject to drug testing both in competition and out of competition.

In-Competition. All horses entered to compete in any FEI or USEF competition are subject to drug testing at any time from when the competition begins until the competition ends or beginning when the horse arrives for the competition until the competition ends, whichever beginning occurs first. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected and tested for substances prohibited or forbidden under the subject competition rules. National competitions may invoke GR 409 whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

Positive Finding. At any time during the selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite or marker, is detected in the sample collected in-competition, 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 the dissemination of information as appropriate. In such instance, 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 at least one member of the applicable discipline High Performance Committee along with at least two members of the Hearing Committee, one of which must be an Eligible Athlete. The Chairman of the USEF Veterinarian Committee, or his designee, may serve Ex Officio and a member of the Veterinarian Panel selected for the event may serve Ex Officio.

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 January 1, 2017, following notification to the applicant 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 or 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 Discipline Director for dissemination of information as appropriate. In such instance, 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.

This provision does not abrogate the enforcement of applicable equine anti-doping rules at Federation licensed competitions, including competitions where GR 409 is invoked whereby samples will be tested

for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

Also see the section on Veterinarian Treatment, a violation of which may result in elimination under this provision. Before elimination occurs in either instance, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by the Selection Hearing Panel.

### **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 a competition 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](http://www.fei.org).

2. **Soundness** - Horses that are candidates for selection for the Event may be examined at any time during the selection process (which is defined as commencing on the application deadline, June 25, 2017) for soundness by the Team Veterinarian approved by the USEF International Discipline Council. Horses found to be unsound by the Team Veterinarian may result in the elimination of the athlete/horse combination from the selection process, but only with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee and the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
3. **Team Veterinarian Request** – Applicants, **at their own expense**, shall make available, upon the request of the Team Veterinarian, the veterinary records of horses being considered for selection. In addition, applicants, **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. Applicants, **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 with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection group approved by the Board of Directors.
4. **Veterinary Treatment** - Once the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry/Squad is announced, by no later **July 7, 2017** and prior to the departure of the horses for the World Reining Championships for Junior and Young Riders venue for the purpose of competing in the Event, athletes on the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry/Squad will be required to obtain written permission from the Team Veterinarian prior to Short Listed horses being treated by any person other than the Team Veterinarian. This permission must be obtained by using an official USEF Reining Veterinary Treatment Request Form (Attachment J).

Failure to adhere to this policy and/or the directives of the Team Veterinarian as outlined on the USEF Reining Veterinary Treatment Request Form may result in the removal of the athlete/horse combination from the selection process upon the recommendation of the Team Veterinarian and with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

5. **Medical Request** - In the event of illness or injury, applicants may be required to submit to a medical examination by a physician(s) approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council 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 physician(s) and with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee and 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 applicant to be unfit to compete, the applicant will be removed from the selection process with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

## **II. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

### **A. An athlete may be removed from the Short List/ FEI nominated Entries for any of the following reasons, as determined by the USEF and in accordance with the procedures:**

- Voluntary withdrawal. An athlete must submit a written letter to the USEF CEO.
- Injury or illness as certified by a USEF approved physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USEF approved physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Violation of the USEF's Code of Conduct (Attachment C).
- Failure of an owner to sign the Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment B).
- Injury or illness of the horse as determined by the Team Veterinarian and/or Veterinary Panel. If an athlete and/or horse owner refuses to have the horse examined by the Team Veterinarian and /or Veterinary Panel, the injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and the horse may be removed.
- Exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the Event, but only with the approval of the Chef d'Equipe and with the unanimous approval USEF Reining Sport Committee.
- Detection of a prohibited substance in the horse.
- Failure to adhere to all WADA, FEI, USEF and USADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures including participation in out-of-competition testing as required by the WADA, FEI, USADA Rules.
- Failure to comply with a request of the Team Veterinarian or with the USEF Reining Veterinary Treatment Request Form protocols.
- Failure to submit a written request not to attend the mandatory training session prior to the start of the mandatory training session, if possible, but no later than the conclusion of the mandatory training session to the USEF Reining Sport Committee.
- Failure to adhere to the agreed upon plans and/or directives of the Chef d'Equipe.
- Failure to comply with the USEF Safe Sport Policies (Attachment E)

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 ATHLETE/HORSE COMBINATIONS. An athlete removed from the Short List/Nominating Entry or Squad pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USEF's Bylaws, Article 703 and USEF General Rules, Chapter 6, GR 605 or USOC Bylaws, Section 9.

### **B. An athlete may be removed from the FEI Definite Entries, Squad and/or Team at any time for the following reasons, as determined by the USEF in accordance with these procedures:**

- Voluntary withdrawal. An athlete must submit a written letter to the USEF CEO.
- Violation of WADA, FEI, USEF, USADA anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.
- Injury or illness as certified by a USEF approved physician (or medical staff)
- Injury or illness of the horse as determined by the Veterinary Panel and/or Team Veterinarian.
- Violation of the USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment C).
- Failure to comply with the USEF Safe Sport Policies (Attachment E)

### **C. An athlete may be removed from the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry, FEI Definite Entries, Squad, or Team at any time for violation of WADA, FEI, USEF, USADA anti-doping protocol, policies and**



**procedures.**

**III. SUBSTITUTION/REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES/HORSE COMBINATIONS**

**A. Following is the process by which the substitution/replacement pool of athlete/horse combinations will be identified:** One or more substitute athlete/horse combinations will be named to the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry.

**B. Substitution/Replacement athletes and horses will be selected, should a vacancy occur, according to the following method:**

- 1. Prior to acceptance of the FEI Nominated Entries:** Once the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry for the Event has been announced and prior to the submission of the Nominated Entries (July 5, 2017) Short List/FEI Nominated Entry athlete/horse combinations may be substituted with the substitute athlete/horse combinations as outlined in Section I.C.3 for veterinary or medical reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct, or for failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement, or for Failure to comply with the USEF Safe Sport Policies or other exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the Event, but only with the approval of the Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the USEF Reining Sport Committee and the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. Any substitutions for medical or veterinary reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) or veterinarian(s) respectively approved by the International Disciplines Council.
- 2. Prior to acceptance of the FEI Definite Entries:** Once the Squad and substitutes for the Event have been announced and prior to the closing date for FEI Definite Entries, Squad members may only be substituted with substitute athlete/horse combinations as outlined in Section I.C.3 for veterinary or medical reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct, or for failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement, or for failure to comply with the USEF Safe Sport Policies or other exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the event, but only with the approval of the Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. Any substitutions for medical or veterinary reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) or veterinarian(s) respectively approved by the International Disciplines Council.
- 3. After acceptance of the FEI Definite Entries and until one (1) hour before the First Horse Inspection:** After acceptance of the FEI Definite Entries and until one (1) hour before the First Horse Inspection, the USEF has the ability to recommend to the FEI to replace athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section II. B. During this time period, Squad members may only be replaced as outlined in Section I.C.3. Replacements may only be made by the FEI in accordance with the FEI rules for Reining Events, [5<sup>th</sup> Edition, updates effective 1 January 2017] Article 310, for veterinary or medical reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct, upon the recommendation of the Chef d'Equipe, and subject to the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee members physically present at the competition site and the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
- 4. Declaration of Starters:**  
Once at the Event venue, and after the first horse inspection, the Chef d'Equipe will declare the Team of four (4) athlete/horse combinations that will compete in the Junior and Young Rider divisions respectively. The Team declared will be the same as those originally announced except that substitutions may be made in accordance with the following criteria. Any substitutions must be approved by the Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the combined membership of the USEF Reining Sport Committee physically present at the competition site. All substitutions must also have the approval, by majority vote, of the designated members of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the

Board of Directors physically present at the competition site. Any substitutions for veterinary reasons must also be approved by a majority of the members of the Team Veterinarian physically present at the competition site. Any substitutions for medical reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) approved by the International Disciplines Council.

5. **After the Declaration of Starters and up to two (2) hours before the First Competition:** After the first horse inspection and up to two (2) hours before the scheduled starting time of the first competition, the USEF has the ability to recommend to the FEI to replace athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section II. B. During this time Team members may only be replaced with an Individual Combination as described in III.B.4. Replacements may only be made by the FEI in accordance with FEI General Regulations 23<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Article 121, for veterinary or medical reasons, upon the recommendation of the Chef d'Equipe, and subject to the approval USEF Reining Sport Committee and the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors physically present at the venue.

Any replacement for veterinary reasons must also have the approval of the Team Veterinarian approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council.

Any replacement for medical reasons must be documented by a physician(s) approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council.

**C. Group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete substitution/replacement determinations:**

1. **Group or committee who determine the substitution/replacement pool:** USEF Reining Chef d'Equipe, USEF Reining Team Veterinarian, USEF Reining Sport Committee, and the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors (Attachment I).
2. **Group or committee who determine a substitution/replacement to the Short List/ Nominated Entries, Team and/ or individuals:**
  - a. **Prior to acceptance of nominations by the FEI:** USEF Reining Team Veterinarian, USEF Reining Sport Committee, and the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors (Attachment I).
  - b. **After acceptance of nominations by the FEI:** USEF Show Reining Team Veterinarian, USEF Reining Sport Committee and the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors (Attachment I).
  - c. **After arrival at the Competition Venue:** Members of the groups and committees listed in I.D. above who are physically present at the Venue. See I.D. above.
  - d. **After the First Horse Inspection:** See I.D. above.

**IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** – USEF will retain all approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including evaluation forms and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Event.

**V. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** – The following documents are required to be properly executed by applicants and horse owners as a condition of nomination for the Event and are included as attachments:

- Application (Attachment A)
- Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment B)
- USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment C)
- USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (Attachment D)
- USEF Safe Sport Policy Handbook (Attachment E)



Applicants and horse owners will be required to certify that they have received and read a copy of the USEF Code of Conduct and that they understand the document.

In addition, all persons participating in any decision made pursuant to the Selection Procedures including but not limited to the Team Veterinarian, members of the Veterinary Panel, Physicians, members of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF International Discipline 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 K).

Reference is made to the attached USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies for a full and accurate statement of the requirements of that policy. In particular, however, no individual may participate in a particular phase of the selection process if, after full disclosure, the individual is found by the applicable committee to have a disqualifying conflict of interest in the particular phase of the selection process in question per the attached USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies.

**VI. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS** – Applicants will be required to read the USEF Athlete Agreement (Attachment L) and are requested to sign this document.

**VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES** – The USEF approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USEF in the following locations and will include the USEF approval date when known:

- USEF website - [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) - These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following approval by the USEF.
- Other: the Selection Procedures and Application Packet will also be available on the USEF's website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) and by mail upon request.

**VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION** – The FEI Nominated Entries will be submitted to the FEI no later than **July 5, 2017**.

**IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION** - Notice of location, schedule and duration of mandatory outing(s) and/or mandatory training will be posted on the USEF website ([www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)) no later than 15 days prior to any mandatory outing(s) and/or mandatory training.

A Short Listed athlete/horse combination that is not able to attend the mandatory training sessions because of veterinary, medical, or family emergencies or for logistical reasons may request special consideration for selection by submitting a written request prior to the mandatory training sessions to the USEF Reining Sport Committee who will approve or disapprove the request based on the circumstances, facts, and, in the case of illness or injury to horse or athlete, documentation by a member of the Veterinary Panel or physician(s) approved by the International Disciplines Council.

**X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS** – Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FEI, USEF, USADA protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out-of-competition testing as required by WADA, FEI and/or USADA Rules, if applicable.

**XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES** – The following committees/groups were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures: USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF International Discipline Council, and the USEF Board of Directors. See Attachment I for list of USEF committees, their roles, and list of members.

**XII. USEF BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES** – The USEF Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found on the USEF's website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

**XIII. 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 selection procedures 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 will be revised.


**XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN** – Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USEF may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman office:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- [www.athleteombudsman.org](http://www.athleteombudsman.org)

**XV. FUNDING DISCLAIMER** - Selection to the Team does not guarantee that funds will be available to send a team. If the Federation funds the shipping of the horses to the Event and a horse is sold during the selection process, including but not without limitation, prior to and/or at the Event and does not return to the U.S., the owner of the horse will be required to reimburse the Federation for the cost of shipping.

**XVI. DISCLAIMER** – Please see Attachment D – USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification.

**XVII. NGB SIGNATURES:** I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding these Selection Procedures represents the method approved by the United States Equestrian Federation.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USEF President or Executive Director	Murray Kessler		2/15/17
Reining Sport Committee Chair	Pete Kyle		

Any questions regarding these Selection Procedures should be addressed to Bryn Wells, USEF Director, Reining High Performance Programs, United States Equestrian Federation, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511, Phone (859) 225-6948, Email: [bwells@usef.org](mailto:bwells@usef.org).

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**DEFINITIONS**

**SUBSTITUTE** –Substituting an athlete/horse combination prior to the submittal of the FEI Definite Entries.

**REPLACEMENT** – Replacing an athlete/horse combination after the FEI Definite Entries have been submitted.