



**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION  
BREED AND NON-FEI DISCIPLINE COMMITTEES CHARTER**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

This Breed and Non-FEI Discipline Committees Charter was adopted by the United States Equestrian Federation's (the "Federation") Board of Directors ("Board"), a not-for-profit corporation established under the laws of New York, through a Resolution of the Board dated January 15, 2015 and amended on June 8, 2020 by the Federation Officers in accordance with the Resolution, and again by the Officers of the Federation on September 23, 2021.

**II. PURPOSE & RESPONSIBILITIES**

There shall be appointed separate committees for each Breed/Discipline listed in the Federation Rules as a Division. The Breed and Non-FEI Discipline Committees shall assist the Board in preparing, recommending, submitting standards for conduct of competitions and rules for the conduct of all classes within their respective Breed/Discipline with specific attention called to any rule change(s) being proposed that were not endorsed by the respective National Affiliate, and any other issues that may arise.

The Breed/Discipline Committees may be called upon by the President for advice and counsel as to technical questions regarding the conduct of the classes in the Breed/Disciplines.

**III. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Breed and Non-FEI Discipline Committees shall consist of:

Seven (7) to fifteen (15) Senior Active Members of the Federation who are ratified by the Board.

Committee Chairperson: The President shall appoint a Chairperson.

Committee Members:

The population of each committee shall be: 33.3% appointed by the Recognized Affiliate Association, in the absence of a Recognized Affiliate Association, then 33.3% appointed by the Federation's President;

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33.3% Actively Engaged Athlete Representatives (as defined by Bylaw 401) recommended by the relevant Recognized Affiliate Association, in the absence of a Recognized Affiliate Association, then recommended by the Federation's President, and approved by the Athletes' Advisory Committee.

The National Breeds & Disciplines Council Chairperson shall also be ex officio member of all National Affiliate Breed/Discipline Division Committees, in addition to the appointed Committee members.

Vacancies and Removal: Federation Bylaw 504 describes what constitutes a vacancy and how committee members may be removed from a committee. Further, failure to timely complete annual Conflict of Interest Disclosures and relevant USEF Safe Sport requirements constitutes cause for removal.

#### **IV. MEETINGS & QUORUM**

The Breed and Non-FEI Discipline Committees will meet as necessary to adequately fulfill all the obligations and duties outlined in this charter. All committee members are expected to attend each meeting, in person or telephonically.

Meeting agendas will be prepared for every meeting and provided to Committee members in advance of the scheduled meeting, along with the appropriate materials needed to make informed decisions. Minutes for all meetings will be drafted by the staff liaison, reviewed by the committee chairperson, and approved by the committee members at the following meeting.

A quorum shall be the greater of three or one-third of the members of the Committee.

#### **V. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT**

Committee members who attend less than 50% of the meetings in any calendar year may be removed from the committee and replaced by a Senior Active Member subject to the appointment or the election procedures that were used in the initial seating of the position, as required in Bylaw 501, Section 4. See Bylaw 504 for the Removal Process from Committees.

#### **VI. TERM LENGTH**

Beginning in 2019, the term for this committee is two years, commencing March 1st.

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Recording Secretary