



## UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION VETERINARY COMMITTEE CHARTER

### I. INTRODUCTION

This Veterinary Committee 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, 2016.

This Veterinary Committee Charter was updated through a Resolution of the Board dated July 24, 2017, to absorb the responsibilities of the Equine Drugs and Medications Committee, and amended by the Officers of the Federation on September 23, 2021.

### II. PURPOSE & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Veterinary Committee shall submit to the Board suggestions for the improvement of the sport respecting veterinary matters and assist with any other issues that may arise.

The Veterinary Committee shall also study the use of forbidden drugs in horses, recommend to the Directors drug testing policies and methods of control and oversee the conduct of drug testing of horses at competitions to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements regarding forbidden, prohibited and/or foreign drugs, substances, or medications for equines at Licensed Competitions pursuant to the Federation's Rules and the FEI Statutes, Regulations and Rules.

### III. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Veterinary Committee shall consist of eleven (11) or more veterinarians, Eligible Athletes, and other Senior Active Members of the Federation, who are ratified by the Board of Directors.

Committee Chairperson: The President shall appoint a Chairperson.

Committee Members:

The Committee shall be comprised of Senior Active Members of the Federation appointed by the Federation President.

At least 33.3% of the Committee shall be comprised of Actively Engaged Athlete Representatives appointed by the Athletes' Advisory Committee (See Bylaw 401).\*

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.

\* On October 24, 2021, the USOPC Athlete Representation Review Working Group granted an exemption to the athlete representation requirement.

**IV. MEETINGS & QUORUM**

The Veterinary Committee 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.

Meeting agendas will be prepared for every meeting and provided to the Veterinary Committee members in advance of the scheduled meeting, along with the appropriate materials needed to make informed decisions. The Veterinary Committee shall act only on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members at a meeting or by unanimous consent. 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.

The greater of three or one-third of the members of the Veterinary Committee shall constitute a quorum.

**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 2021, the term for this committee is two years, commencing immediately following Annual Meeting.



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Recording Secretary