



## 2023 USEF Young Rider Eventing Championship ATTACHMENT D

### USEA AREA 2 Selection Procedures

#### Source Websites:

1. <https://usea2.net/departments/young-riders>
2. <https://www.usef.org/compete/disciplines/eventing/usef-young-rider-eventing-championship>
3. <https://www.usef.org/compete/disciplines/eventing/resources/rules>

#### **1. Athletes are expected meet the following criteria specific to Area 2.**

1. Athletes must complete the Area Declaration by May 30th 11:59 pm ET on their USEF dashboard.
2. Athletes are expected to comply with the national and FEI requirements as outlined in the USEF Rules for Eventing.
3. Athletes are responsible for keeping track of their Athlete/Horse qualifications and performance.
4. Athletes are responsible for completing all entries to the FEI event before the closing date. A complete entry includes but not limited to submission of all paperwork including FEI portal requirements, stabling requests, and paying all fees.
5. Athletes should document on their entry form and stabling that they are “Area 2 EYRC candidates”. This will enable the organizer to plan ride times and stabling accordingly. Please know that stabling with your trainer is highly unlikely, so also list the desire to be near your trainer.
6. All Athletes representing the area are to be present at the awards ceremony following the certification of results for the level for photos.
7. All Athletes are encouraged to review their ranking.
8. There are times when a ranking is the result of a negative performance that can be justified. Athletes are encouraged to send a letter to explain any extenuating circumstances, factors, for the Selectors to consider. Examples would be: Time faults as a result of footing, a glance off because of a spook at fence judge, or a hold on course where you chose to W instead of waiting for a restart. Justifications should be sent while the information is fresh in your mind. Letters received AFTER closing date of Championships may not be considered.

#### **2. Process of Selection to represent the Area 2 at the Championship.**

1. The area will publish and maintain on the USEA2.net website the ranking of Area 2 declared athletes by June 15 . See below how ranking works.
2. Area 2 will provide a rank list of nominated entries for each level to the USEF and Organizer. This will not constitute and entry into the competition. See 1.4 above regarding entry submission requirements.
3. The day after Closing Date for the competition: Area 2 Selectors will review the initial draft of the Squad. The selectors may make adjustments to the Draft Squad based on: 1) for athletes with multiple horses within the same level of competition; or 2) athlete letters for consideration of factors that impacted prior performance.
4. On the Definite Entry date the Area will provide the Squad and rank alternates for each level.
5. Following the jog and minimum of two hours before the first horse enters dressage, final adjustments may be made to the team and individual assignments by the Chef. Once Final assignments have been identified no further changes may be made during the competition.

### 3. Role of Selectors

Selectors determine the final ranking and recommend to the Chef/Area Coordinator which Athlete/horse pairs should represent the Area at each level. The Selectors will use the following criteria to make those decisions:

- 3.1. Ranking found on the Area 2 Young Riders website page. Details on ranking logic are below.
- 3.2. Any yellow cards, or other disciplinary actions.
- 3.3. The depth of experience the Athlete/Horse have as a pair at multiple venues. Preference will be given to CCI 1\* candidates who meet the USEF qualification as the Athlete/Horse pair.
- 3.4. Significant improvements in performance noted in the most recent outing. Notable improvements to dressage score, horse fitness, boldness and rideability may be taken into consideration.
- 3.5. The athlete/horse combination's will to win and the suitability of the combination to win the Championship or contribute to a team placing at the Championship.
- 3.6. If all factors are equal between two athlete/horse combinations, the selectors may consider, participation of the athlete in other Area Young Rider programs activities, i.e., educational, fundraising, securing of team sponsorship, etc

### 4. Ranking Logic:

1. The athlete/horse combination's performance during the entire qualification period will be evaluated with a focus on no more than the last 10 runs. When there are not 10 combined scores the individual scores of the athlete and horse will be included in the calculation of the ranking.
2. The ranking, modeled off of the FEI and Equiratings ranking logic, takes into consideration fitness at time of competition, boldness, and rideability based on overall performance of the athlete/horse combination in competition with emphasis on dressage scores, cross country and show jumping performance: jumping without faults and/or incurring time penalties and falls.
3. Overall Scores and Dressage Scores are multiplied by the following factors to adjust for complexity.

Training: 1.00                      CCI\*: 0.85

T3D: 0.95                          CCI2\*-S: 0.8

Modified: 0.90                    CCI2\*-L: 0.75

Preliminary: 0.80                CCI3\*-S: 0.70

Intermediate: 0.70               CCI3\*-L: 0.65

Advance: 0.60                    CCI4\* (S or L): 0.60