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## **CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT**

The 2019 North American Endurance Championship CEI1\*/CEIYJ1\* and CEI2\*/CEIYJ2\* is an unofficial FEI team competition (Nations Cup) open to teams from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. The FEI will recognize the overall order of finish. All entries must be qualified to compete in a CEI1\*, CEIYJ1\*, CEI2\* or CEIYJ2\* according to the FEI Rules for Endurance effective January 1, 2019.

## **ENTRIES**

**TEAM CLASSIFICATION:** If a Team starts, three or more combinations, all results will count to establish their Team result and will be eligible for individual classification and placing/awards. Only the highest placed three members shall count for the Team classification. However, other Athletes from that same Team who successfully complete the Competition will also receive a team medal. Should any combination whose result was available to count towards Team Classification, subsequently fail an FEI sampling procedure which results in the loss of that individual's result(s) within the event, the classification of that entire team will become null and void. Such loss of Team classification will not affect the individual classification of the other members of that team. See below for awards.

**INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION:** Individuals are combinations who are only eligible for individual classification and placing/awards, but not as a Team. Combinations who successfully complete the Team competition are eligible for an individual placing/award.

**USA ZONES:** Each Zone may enter up to three (3) Senior and Young Riders teams of three (3) to five (5) members. Invitations to compete on a Team and will be based upon the athlete's ranking on the USEF Endurance Standings as of October 4, 2019. The Top 15 athletes from the Zone who accept the invitation are eligible to compete on a Zone Team. If an athlete declines to compete, replacement of the vacant team position will be offered to the next listed qualified athlete from the USEF Endurance Standings for that Zone.

*Following the end of the qualifying period but no later than the closing date for the FEI Definite Entry (per the FEI Definite Schedule), USEF will name the maximum number of combinations permitted to compete on a Zone Team based upon the athletes' ranking on the USEF Endurance Standings.*

If a Zone is unable to field a team of at least three (3) athlete/horse combinations, the Zone may apply to USEF to combine with another Zone which is also unable to field a team.

All U.S. athletes who are current members of USEF and FEI and are eligible to compete in a CEI1\*/CEIYJ1\* or CEI2\*/CEIYJ2\* but do not qualify as a team member may compete as an individual.

The Zone of each athlete/horse combination is determined by where the athlete is domiciled as recorded in the USEF database at the time the membership application is received, regardless of multiple temporary residences. Documentation (such as a Driver's License) may be requested to verify the domiciled address. A minor's or a dependent's domicile follows that of the parent or guardian who has lawful custody of the minor (unless the minor is emancipated from their parent/guardian and is self-supporting). Once a membership application has been submitted, a change in zone can only occur if the athlete's domicile changes. The athlete must notify the USEF Endurance Department in writing of the change in domicile, which will then be reviewed. Requests for reviewing a change in an athlete's domiciled address will be accepted no later than June 3, 2019. Requests will not be accepted after this date.

One Team Chef d'Equipe will be recommended from each zone by the USEF Endurance Sport Committee by August 16,

2019. One Zone Team Veterinarian will be recommended from each Zone via the USEF Sport Committee by the Zone Chef d'Equipe no later than October 11, 2109. The Team Veterinarian must have an FEI Permitted Veterinarian card.

Every member of Zone Team Staff, including but not limited to Chef d'Equipe, Coach, Veterinarian, and Farrier, must successfully complete a criminal background check and Safe Sport training as required by the [Safe Sport Policy](#) prior to the start of the Event.

**CANADA EAST, CANADA WEST, AND MEXICO:** Invitations will be sent to the National Federations, inviting the Federations to send up to 3 teams of three (3) to five (5) members each. These Federations may also send individual competitors.

**ENTRIES FROM FEDERATIONS OTHER THAN CANADA, MEXICO AND THE USA:** Federations may enter individuals and /or teams to compete for the highest placed foreign team award. Federations are encouraged to send a Chef d' Equipe and Team Veterinarian. The declaration of Teams will be made by the Chef d' Equipe within 2 hours following the First Inspection, in accordance with FEI rules.

### **AWARDS**

**U.S. CANADA & MEXICO TEAMS:** Team medals will be awarded to the top three teams in the overall order of finish.

**ENTRIES FROM FEDERATIONS OTHER THAN CANADA, MEXICO AND THE USA:** Foreign teams may compete for the highest placed foreign team award.

**INDIVIDUAL:** Placings will be awarded to the top 12 combinations in the overall order of finish.

#### **USEF NATIONAL CHAMPION & RESERVE NATIONAL CHAMPION:**

Young Rider National Champion & Reserve National Champion: Awarded to the two highest placed competitors in the CEIYJ1\* and CEIYJ2\* who are U.S. citizens and have designated USA as their Sport Nationality with the FEI at the time of application through the conclusion of the Championship.

National Champion & Reserve National Champion: Awarded to the two highest placed competitors in the CEI1\* and CEI2\* who are U.S. citizens and have designated USA as their Sport Nationality with the FEI at the time of application through the conclusion of the Championship.