



Via Email

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RE: USEF Bylaw Amendment Impacting Foreign Participants at U.S.-Based Events

Dear Secretaries General:

This letter is to inform you of an upcoming change in policy that will impact non-U.S. participants competing at competitions within the United States. Beginning September 1, 2023, foreign participants will no longer be permitted to participate in USEF national competitions by merely demonstrating good standing with their own National Federation. They will be required to join USEF as Competing Members. Those individuals 18 years of age and older must take SafeSport Training to be eligible to participate in USEF national competitions. For those participating in FEI events only, this requirement does not apply.

USEF is grateful to have participants from around the world come to compete at its national competitions, and we welcome and encourage your continued involvement. However, USEF also owes an obligation to all participants to make sure that the necessary steps are taken towards providing a safe competition environment that is free from abuse. This change continues our mission by ensuring that all adult participants have undergone SafeSport Training and are aware of the requirements under the law, the SafeSport Code, and the USEF Safe Sport Policy, including mandatory reporting requirements. While these additional requirements may be new to foreign riders, it places them in the same position as all USEF members who participate in USEF competitions.

With your assistance, we persevere towards providing an equestrian community that is the safest place possible for all to enjoy our sport. For more information about this change, please refer to the [FAQ page](#).

Kind Regards,

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Secretary General to the FEI

