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MEMORANDUM

To: U.S. Endurance Community
Date: September 29, 2016
From: Kristen E. Brett, Director of Endurance
Re: USEF and FEI Membership Requirements – Horse

This preliminary information is being provided to assist you with your competition planning and is subject to change.

Effective January 1, 2016:

For horses receiving their initial **2016 FEI Registration**, the following identifiable documents are required:

- Copy of Pedigree/Breed Papers
- The owner must be an active member in good standing with USEF.
- USEF Life or Annual Recording
- FEI Horse Registration with Microchip Information (see attached)
- Applications received less than 4 weeks prior to the competition may be subject to a \$30 Rush Fee.
- *If the breed/registry papers are unavailable, you are required to apply for a USEF National or FEI Passport.*

For horses receiving their initial **2017 FEI Registration** between November 1, 2016 and December 23, 2016, the following identifiable documents and fees are required:

- Copy of Pedigree/Breed Papers
- The owner must be an active member in good standing with USEF.
- USEF Life or Annual Recording
- FEI Horse Registration with Microchip Information (see attached)
- Applications must be received with the \$30 Rush Fee in order to be processed no later than December 23, 2016.
- *If the breed/registry papers are unavailable, you are required to apply for a USEF National or FEI Passport.*
- *FEI Horse Registrations received on or after December 24, 2016 must follow the requirements effective January 1, 2017 (see below).*
- The 2017 FEI Registration form will be available online after November 1, 2016 or is found in your USEF user account.

All 1* and 2* horses competing without a USEF National Passport or FEI Passport must have an FEI Endurance Log Sheet (found [HERE](#)) to be completed by an official following the conclusion of the Event.

Effective January 1, 2017:

As of January 1, 2017, the following requirements apply to Horses that are registered with the FEI for the first time:

- The owner must be an active member in good standing with USEF.
- USEF Life Recording
- FEI Horse Registration with Microchip Information (see below)
- USEF National Passport Application or FEI Passport Application

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the USEF Athlete Services Department at kposner@usef.org or USEF Endurance Department at kbrett@usef.org.



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MICROCHIP REQUIREMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

A modification to the Veterinary Regulations was approved at the 2011 FEI General Assembly held in Buenos Aires. Beginning January 1, 2013, all horses newly-registered with the FEI must be microchipped. (2013 FEI article 1011.1.2.3). The microchip must be compatible with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785, and all microchip information must be entered in the horse's passport and reported to the USEF. This requirement applies to the initial FEI registration only.

The standard microchip number consists of 15 digits, the first three identify the manufacturer or country code and the remaining numbers are unique and non-duplicated. The technical concept of animal identification described is based on the principle of radio-frequency identification (RFID). These numbers represent the unique identifier that will be associated with a specific horse from date of implant until the animal's death.

ISO 11784 and ISO 11785 compliant microchips available for implant in U.S. horses are commonly available and include the following:

134.2-kHz microchips:
HomeAgain®/Digital Angel, Avid

As of January 1, 2013, the FEI requires all horses receiving their initial FEI Horse Registration to be microchipped. All newly issued National and FEI Passports will require the horse to be microchipped before the passports will be approved and before the FEI registration can be processed.

USEF recommends that all horses initially registering with the FEI after December 31, 2012, be scanned for existing microchips prior to a new microchip being implanted.

If you have any questions please contact the USEF Passport Department at
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