## **USEF International Disciplines Council – USDF Appointments**

USDF, as the dressage affiliate of USEF, is responsible for nominating one individual to the USEF International Disciplines Council (IDC). Once on the Council, the dressage appointee becomes eligible to be put forth by the USEF IDC as a dressage representative on the USEF Board.

The procedure for USDF nomination is: "The USDF representative on the USEF IDC is appointed by the USDF Executive Board."

The criteria considered by the Executive Board are: "Is willing to serve in a volunteer capacity, has international experience and an understanding of the national diversity of the sport. Currently serves on the USEF Dressage Sport Committee, but is not an elected active athlete. Has a willingness to serve on the IDC, including the Board of Directors should they be elected to that position."

## **USEF IDC Description**

The IDC is one of three councils of the USEF tasked with contributing to the efficient operation of the Federation through the expertise of its volunteers and staff, specifically in areas related to the FEI disciplines of dressage, eventing, jumping, para-equestrian dressage, driving, endurance, and vaulting.

The Council proposes an annual budget to support pathway programs, emerging through to elite, in the seven FEI disciplines. It also considers policies and programs within its area of expertise, recommends to the Board of Directors selection procedures for horses and athletes competing nationally and internationally on behalf of the U.S., considers and approves rule changes as appropriate, and develops and recommends policy and strategic direction for FEI discipline sport. The Council also makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on specific matters within its expertise as assigned by the President, CEO or Board of Directors.

IDC membership consists of eligible athletes from each of the seven FEI disciplines, representatives elected by USEF's seven FEI Sport Committees, and representatives appointed by the recognized affiliates of the seven FEI disciplines.