

USAWE International Committee
Criteria for Consideration for the USAWE International Competition Team
for the 2026 WAVE World Championships

The IC will make recommendations to the USAWE Board of Directors for riders to be named for International Team competitions using the following criteria.

Only USAWE active members and identified High Performance Riders are eligible for consideration.

Component	Criteria	Notes
WAVE Qualifier Shows during the WAVE qualifier period	Must have a score of more than 62 percent in Dressage and Ease of Handling, and the Speed trial must be successfully completed at a WAVE Qualifier show during the WAVE qualifying period.	Order rank riders from highest to lowest averaged score. Speed used to break ties
USAWE licensed and/or WAVE International shows during the qualifier period	Must have three averaged Dressage/EOH scores of at least 60 percent with completed Speed trial at Masters (L7) level. Scores must be from at least 2 different judges. [Only 1 score may be from a judge who is competing for a team position – waived for 2025 & 2026]	Order rank riders from highest to lowest. Speed used to break ties.
Evaluation for Team Contribution	The International Committee, including input from others, will consider HP rider's potential to contribute to the International Team's success.	Factors considered include teamwork, communication skills, catch riding capability, and evidence of cattle experience. Specific events may be designated as observation events.
Rider Statement	HP Riders must provide current passport and visa paperwork, and attest to their ability and commitment to contribute sufficient resources to compete internationally.	