



United States Equestrian Trainers Association

Monday, September 21, 2026

Dear USETA Members and Licensed Officials,

First and foremost, we want to extend a sincere thank you to the judges who have participated in our recent survey regarding the USEF judge applicant evaluation process.

The overwhelming response to our survey demonstrates just how important these conversations are and how strongly licensed officials want their voices to be heard. Your participation reinforces the need for open communication and meaningful opportunities for professionals to contribute to the future of our sport.

Your feedback is being heard, and we are actively gathering and compiling the information received to share with USEF and USHJA, along with proposed solutions that reflect the experiences and recommendations of the professionals directly involved.

In light of recent communications from Britt McCormick, President of USHJA, regarding USETA and its role within the Hunter/Jumper community, we would like to take this opportunity to clarify our mission and reaffirm our commitment to our members.

USETA is an independent organization, and we believe that independence is one of our greatest strengths.

Our mission is to provide a collective voice for equestrian trainers and professionals, advocate for their interests, and work toward positive changes that benefit our sport as a whole.

We recognize and respect the roles of USEF and USHJA within our sport. However, we also believe there is tremendous value in having an independent association that provides an additional avenue for professionals to share their experiences, express concerns, and contribute to conversations about the future of the industry.

Our recent judges survey is an example of that mission in action.

We have heard from licensed officials who have taken the time to share their experiences, concerns, and suggestions regarding the current judge applicant evaluation process. We are compiling those responses so that we can present **meaningful feedback and proposed solutions** to USEF and USHJA for consideration.

Our goal is not simply to identify problems, but to offer productive, solution-based ideas and proposals that address the concerns of our members. We are committed to working with USEF and USHJA, listening to their feedback, and making adjustments to our proposals when necessary to develop practical, viable solutions that benefit our sport.



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We believe that open communication, collaboration, and a willingness to consider different perspectives are essential to the continued growth and improvement of our sport.

USETA remains committed to working with USEF, USHJA, and other industry organizations whenever opportunities arise to advance the interests of our members and the greater equestrian community.

We encourage our members to continue sharing their thoughts, participating in our surveys, and engaging in the conversations that will help shape the future of our sport.

We are here to listen. We are here to represent you. We are here to develop solutions and work collaboratively toward meaningful change. And most importantly, we are here to make sure your voice is heard.

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of USETA.

Sincerely,

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