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MEMORANDUM

TO: Endurance Young Riders

FROM: Mary Lutz

DATE: October 27, 2005

RE: Junior and Young Riders Championship
Kingdom of Bahrain
December 17, 2005

The United States has belated received an invitation to participate in the above mentioned Championship. As we received the invitation so late, we have a very short time frame to submit our entries. If anyone is interested in participating in this championship, please contact me immediately at the USEF NJ Headquarters. My number is (908) 234-0848, ext. 15 and my email address is: mlutz@usef.org.

I will try to answer here the questions that I know you will have – any others, you can ask me directly. This championship is for Juniors (ages 14-18) and Young Riders (ages 16-21). The length is 120 km. Both the horse and rider must be qualified according to FEI Rules. Essentially, both the horse and rider, although not necessarily as a combination, must have completed an FEI ride of the same or greater distance as the championship, in the 24 months preceding the championship. In other words, you and the horse must have completed an FEI ride from November 2003 through November 2005. It may be possible to lease horses but then additional qualifications apply. All horses must have FEI Passports.

While the Organizing Committee is being very generous, there will be a substantial amount of expenses that the participants will be expected to pay. There is **no** USEF funding for this event. The expenses would include:

- \$500 Entry Fee per horse
- All human flights to Bahrain
- Significant Shipping expenses to get horses to and from Europe.

What the OC is providing is accommodations for two people per horse from Dec. 1 through Dec. 20. Accommodations will be provided for an additional person per horse from Dec. 10 through Dec. 20. Shuttle transportation will be provided from the accommodations to the stabling. One vehicle per country from Dec. 1 through Dec. 20. Accommodations will be provided for a chef d'equipe and veterinarian for each country.



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The OC will provide air transport for the horses from Europe to Bahrain. They will also help with the expenses of getting the horses from the US to Europe but they will pay the freight only. This means that all charges for equipment, agent fees, blood work, quarantine, ground transport etc. will be the responsibility of the competitor. These costs could run between \$2,000 - \$3,000 per horse. The horses will fly from the Netherlands to Bahrain on either Dec. 1 or Dec. 2 and return from the Netherlands to the US on either Dec. 19 or Dec. 20.

Nominated Entries are due on November 7 so I need to know of your interest as soon as possible. We can enter twice the number of entries we are allowed on the Nominated Entries so even if you are interested but not sure you will ultimately be able to participate, please let me know. The US is allowed to enter six riders so I can submit 12 names on the Nominated Entries. Definite Entries are due on November 26. That is the date that I would need a firm commitment.

Again, I apologize for the late notice but we have only just received the Invitation. Please feel free to call or email me with additional questions.