

USEF AND ACPS AT-A-GLANCE



29 Breeds + Disciplines



Over 150,000 members
155 employees
+600,000 Social Media Followers



820+ volunteers
serving on 124
committees

Over 200,000 horses
registered 




2,400+ competitions licensed
116 National Championships

USEF Drugs + Medications
Hotline 800.633.2472



Annual points towards
Horse of the Year Awards
20 Pegasus Awards

200+ athlete grants
across multiple breeds & disciplines 



70+ Learning Center Videos
50+ events and 7,000 hours of live
and on-demand content



Access to USOPC Safe Sport
training and compliance



28 MemberPerks



Award-winning
US Equestrian Magazine
printed 5x yearly



1 Breed, 5 Competitive Divisions,
10 Regions



600 members
+3,000 social media followers
1 Certified Inspector program



109 volunteer
committee members
serving 11 committees

Over 12,500 horses
registered 



10 Regions
291 Registered Farm Breeders
in the US

12 USEA champions & reserve
champions crowned 

36 USDF All Breed Awards



16 USEF Horse of the Year Awards

3 Connemara of the Year Awards,
5 Hall of Fame Awards, 50+ Achievement Awards,
and many more!

6 Junior Scholarships
& 1 Adult Scholarship 



5 educational programs
on breeding, inspections,
judging, & clinics



24 Connemara/Half-Breds
competed at the American
Eventing Championships in 2019



6 Magazine Issues
printed annually

A SNAPSHOT:

UNDERSTANDING THE ACPS AND US EQUESTRIAN

Equestrians wishing to compete in recognized Connemara classes at USEF competitions obtain memberships to two organizations—the U.S. Equestrian Federation and the ACPS. These organizations have complementary and collaborative roles in the ACPS that help to ensure fairness, safety and welfare at a national level, while promoting and providing education for the sport. The following summarizes their unique and complementary roles.

US EQUESTRIAN

USEF is the national governing body of equestrian sport for the U.S. under the USOPC and the federation for equestrian sport under the FEI.

USEF provides access to and increases participation in equestrian sport at all levels by ensuring fairness, safety, and welfare for 29 breeds and disciplines working with their affiliate organizations, like the USEA.

USEF manages the USEF Official Rulebook and oversees the rule change process, including the final review and approval of all rule changes through the USEF Councils and Board of Directors.

USEF enforces the rules for fairness, safety, and welfare through the Licensed Officials Department, Regulation Department and Compliance Department.

USEF licenses over 2,400 competitions, tracks points and results for ranking lists for all USEF competitions and USEF Horse of the Year Awards, and monitors competition standards for safety, welfare and fairness. USEF also licenses and promotes over 116 USEF National Championships.

USEF educates and informs Competing and Subscriber Members through the US Equestrian Learning Center, SafeSport Training, US Equestrian Magazine, Equestrian Weekly, and USEF Network livestreams and on-demand content.

USEF licenses officials, provides education for stewards and technical delegates, and manages SafeSport Training and criminal background checks for all USEF officials.

USEF coordinates with the FEI on licensing FEI competitions, licensing, rule changes and the international competition schedule.

The USEF Foundation raises funds to support developing and High Performance programs in the eight FEI disciplines. USEF also facilitates and manages numerous donations/grants and sponsorships to fund National Championships. The USEF Equine Disaster Relief Fund aids horses impacted by natural disasters.

USEF selects and supports our United States Equestrian Teams, and USEF works with USEA to create opportunities along athlete pathways.

ACPS

ACPS is the recognized national affiliate for Connemara Purebreds, Halfbreds and Connemara Sport Horses under the USEF.

ACPS promotes and supports the Connemara breed through educational programs, awards and recognition, communications, rule change proposals, sport history documentation and competitive opportunities at all levels.

ACPS proposes rules to the USEF for approval. Note: Rule changes may originate from individual members, ACPS committees/task forces/working groups, or from the USEF.

ACPS does not have a disciplinary or regulatory role.

ACPS develops programs, championships and classes that are offered at USEF-licensed and unlicensed competitions and education programs. ACPS promotes participation in these various programs and the sport.

ACPS educates and informs members about important sport issues, opportunities and sport history through the ACPS magazine, regular email updates, and ACPS social media. ACPS also runs educational programs that promote horsemanship in the sport.

ACPS educates Licensed Officials by hosting clinics that help them earn their USEF accreditation, become trained judges and inspectors.

While ACPS is not directly involved with the FEI, Connemara ponies often compete at the FEI Level

The ACPS and Susan McConnell Foundation advances the educational, humanitarian, and competitive programs of the ACPS. Valuing education as a priority, the Foundation offers grants, scholarships, and funding for programs that empower talented ACPS equestrians to pursue their personal and professional goals. The ACPS and the Susan McConnell Foundation also fund research for Melanoma and Hoof Wall Separation disease.

ACPS provides opportunities for entry level competitions under the USEF.