

2010 US TEAM SELECTION PROCESS NOW OPEN

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The United States Saddle Seat World Cup organization is pleased to announce the opening of the 2010 US Team Selection Process. Twenty three-gaited finalists and ten five-gaited finalists will meet March 26-28, 2010 at William Woods University to compete in the US Team Selection Trials event.

Riders may qualify for a spot as a finalist for the three- or five-gaited team by virtue of winning a designated qualifying finals event, receiving a nomination from an organization, or by approval of a submitted application.

Of the twenty finalists for the three-gaited team, up to 12 spots may be filled by automatic bids, with a minimum of eight remaining spots to be filled from eligible applications. The number of automatic bids and applications accepted may vary based on factors such as multiple winners, eligibility, or declined bids. For the ten finalists for the five-gaited team, only one automatic bid is extended with a minimum of nine spots to be filled from eligible applications.

Automatic bid recipients will be notified by December 1, 2009 and must accept or decline their bid by December 15, 2009. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of saddle seat equitation experts. The deadline for completed applications is December 31, 2009. Approved applicants will be notified by February 1, 2010.

Questions about the team selection process may be directed to Christy Judd O'Donnell, Executive Secretary, at 813-760-0465 or WCEquitation@aol.com.