

Team Substitutions for Team Challenge

We have over 100 teams each year at our event, and many others on the waitlists, and we want to treat every rider/team fairly as regards substitutions and replacement entries. We have the Waitlist and Substitution policy on the website, and we want to clarify some of the information posted there. We accept team entries strictly in postmark order, based on the maximum number of teams that can be accommodated at each level. Scratches are filled from the waitlist for the level, again in postmark order. So it is imperative that you send your complete entries on Opening date to maximize your chance of getting into the event. We do not “hold” spots for teams that will be forwarded later, nor do we accept teams that have not sent their entry fees. Substitutions of rider OR horse, NOT both, are allowed per USEF rules, but don't try to fool us by sending them one at a time.

There are several choices a team can make when backfilling a scratched entry.

1. If the team has no preference, the next rider on the waitlist for the level will be added to the short team.
2. If the team has a preferred rider who is already on the waitlist, and that rider is next in line by postmark (or has the same postmark date as others who are next in line) the preferred rider will be added to the team.
3. If the team has a preferred rider who is further down the waitlist, the team can choose to wait for the backfill until the rider moves to the top of the list. This option may mean that the team never gets a replacement added.
4. If the team has a preferred rider who has already been added to a short team beforehand, AND it is before the Close Date, the secretary is willing to shuffle the teams so that the preferred rider is added to the team, while the next rider in line takes the vacated spot. **THIS WILL NOT BE DONE AFTER CLOSE.**
5. The team can choose to remain a short team throughout the event.

Please understand that we have this policy in place to ensure that every rider on the waitlist is treated fairly and that the riders who have waited longest on the waitlists have first chance at riding in the event. We are delighted to have so many riders who wish to compete, and we will try our best to get each of you a spot on a team. Thanks for coming to Team Challenge and making our event the premier team competition in the country!