

February 21, 2024

United States Equestrian Federation
Attn: William J. Moroney, Chief Executive Officer
4001 Wing Commander Way
Lexington, KY 40511

SENT VIA EMAIL: kadams@usef.org

RE: USEF Licensure for the 2024 WCHS

Dear Mr. Moroney:

The purpose of this correspondence is to give notice that the Kentucky State Fair Board (“KSF”), owner and producer of the World’s Championship Horse Show (“WCHS”), will not be seeking licensure from United States Equestrian Federation (“USEF”) for the 2024 WCHS.

We appreciate USEF’s partnership and guidance provided to the WCHS over the years; however, the KSF will be seeking licensure for the 2024 WCHS with an alternative equine sport governing organization where the WCHS Saddlebred horse competitions may be better served and our operations can remain aligned with local and state governing agencies such as the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s State Veterinarian’s Office and the Kentucky Office of Housing, Building and Construction, including the Kentucky State Electrical Inspectors, both of which are routinely on site at the Kentucky Exposition Center throughout the year, including during the Kentucky State Fair and the WCHS.

We join USEF in its desire to put the safety and wellbeing of both equine and human athletes first. Our 120-year record of producing the WCHS confirms that the safety and wellbeing of both equine and human athletes is paramount. We thank you for the time you and your staff took to meet with KSF staff on January 17 to review the 2023 WCHS USEF compliance report. We felt it was a productive meeting for both USEF and KSF staff to not only review the 2023 WCHS USEF compliance report, but to also better understand the operations and needs of the WCHS.

Sincerely,



David S. Beck
President & CEO

C: Dr. Mark Lynn, Chairman, KSFB
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