



Equestrian Bahamas

Policy for the Awarding and Wearing of Bahamian Flag Patches and other National Identification Symbols

Effective from 1 October 2026

PREAMBLE:

The following outlines the policy of Equestrian Bahamas (EB) for:

- i) The wearing by Athletes of the Bahamian Flag jacket patch
- ii) Representation of the Bahamian Flag or other approved National Symbol(s) (e.g. Bahamas Coat of Arms, Bahamas Olympic Committee Insignia) on rider apparel and horse accessories (such as but not limited to saddle pads and head bonnets).

The policy applies to rider apparel and horse accessories worn in competition. “In competition” is defined as in the field of play, or in any warmup or practice area associated with an equestrian competition or event.

The use of The Bahamas flag, the colours of the National Team, the positioning of any National Emblem and the use of sponsors’ logos on all National Team competition gear may only be determined by Equestrian Bahamas and/or the Bahamas Olympic Committee.

Only Bahamas flag patches issued by Equestrian Bahamas or by the Bahamas Olympic Committee, through the EB Federation office, may be worn on riding jackets in competition.

This policy distinguishes between Junior and Adult athletes as defined under FEI Rules. Under FEI rules, a Junior Athlete is an athlete who has not attained his or her 18th birthday as of January 1 of the given year.

Junior Athletes

A. Entitlement to wear The Bahamas Flag Pocket Patch or to display other approved National Symbols

- Junior athletes who have been nominated and entered by EB to represent The Bahamas in an international event or competition abroad are entitled to receive and wear The Bahamas Flag pocket patch and to display other approved National Symbols whilst participating in such event or competition.
- Having been awarded The Bahamas Flag pocket patch by virtue of participating in an international event or competition, junior athletes may continue to wear The Bahamas Flag pocket patch on their competition jacket while competing in any FEI Discipline (e.g. Jumping, Dressage) in The Bahamas or abroad, until 1st January of the year they turn 18.
- HOWEVER, Junior athletes nominated and entered by EB to participate in international events or competitions may use saddlecloths and other Horse apparel (blanket, bonnet) with the Bahamian flag for the duration of the nominated event only.
- The Bahamas Flag pocket patch may NOT be worn during Equitation competitions.

Adult Athletes

A. Permanent entitlement to wear The Bahamas Flag Pocket Patch or to display other approved National Symbols

The following adult Athletes are entitled to receive and permanently wear The Bahamas Flag pocket patch on their competition apparel:

- Those who after formal selection by EB are representing or have represented The Bahamas at:
 - The Olympic or Para Olympic Games
 - The World Equestrian Games
 - The FEI World Championships

B. Entitlement to wear while participating in an international event or competition overseas

Adult athletes who have been nominated and entered by EB to represent The Bahamas in an international event or competition abroad are entitled to receive and wear The Bahamas Flag pocket patch and to display other approved National Symbols whilst participating in such event or competition.

- The wearing of a pocket flag on a competition jacket is for the duration of the nominated event or competition only and must be removed at the conclusion of the event or competition.

- Athletes nominated and entered by EB to participate in international events or competitions may use a saddlecloth with the Bahamian flag for the duration of the nominated event only.

C. Entitlement to wear in competitions held locally where The Bahamas is represented

Adult athletes who have been nominated and entered by EB to represent The Bahamas in an international event or competition held within The Bahamas are entitled to receive and wear The Bahamas Flag pocket patch and to display other approved National Symbols whilst participating in such event or competition.

- The wearing of a pocket flag on a competition jacket is for the duration of the nominated event or competition only and must be removed at the conclusion of the event or competition.
- Athletes nominated and entered by EB to participate in international events or competitions may use a saddlecloth with the Bahamian flag for the duration of the nominated event only.

Note: Authorization to participate in an international event held in The Bahamas does not indicate that the Athlete is representing The Bahamas. Only athletes nominated and entered by EB may represent The Bahamas in an international event held in The Bahamas.