

# 2025 FEI VAULTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR JUNIORS AND YOUNG VAULTERS STADL PAURA, AUSTRIA

Equestrian Canada Selection Criteria & Procedures

## Introduction

Equestrian Canada (EC), in collaboration with the Vault Canada Sport Committee, has established this selection process in order to determine representatives for Canada at the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships for Juniors and Young Vaulters at Stadl Paura, Austria, July 30 to August 3, 2025.

The selection process set out below will ensure a fair method of selecting the Canadian Vaulting Team using objective criteria.

The Selection Panel made up of representatives from the Vault Canada Sport Committee, with the selections list verified by EC, will select Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and a Squad for approval and entry by EC.

Up to four Individual male and four Individual female vaulters may be selected, including the alternate Individual vaulters.

Two Pas de Deux sets may be selected.

A single Squad may be selected consisting of 6 vaulters and up to 2 alternates.

Any Individual vaulter or Pas de Deux set or Squad that wishes to be considered for selection must meet the minimum requirements as specified by the FEI<sup>1</sup>. Achieving the minimum FEI requirements is not, on its own, sufficient to be named to the Team to represent Canada at the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships as there are potentially more Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and Squads that meet the FEI minimum requirements than can be sent to the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to the FEI website for the minimum FEI performance criteria for Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and Squads: <u>https://inside.fei.org/system/files/QualCrit\_%20Seniors\_2024.pdf</u>



The selection of Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and the Squad from those candidates that meet the minimum FEI performance criteria and/or the following qualification requirements will be accomplished by an objective system that includes scores achieved by the candidates during the qualification period.

## **Guiding Principles**

The selection process was developed according to the following guiding principles:

- Enables the selection of the Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and Squad that have the greatest likelihood of performing well at the 2025 World Vaulting Championships.
- Allows the longest possible opportunity for competitors to qualify.
- Encourages (and does not discourage) competitors from attending as many CVI events as possible.
- Is straightforward, and resists manipulation or poor sportsmanship; Is sensitive to, but not constrained by, the costs involved.

## Applicability

The selection process described in this document will be in effect for the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships for Juniors and Young Vaulters. This selection process has been reviewed and approved by Equestrian Canada for use at these Championships as is required by the regulations of Equestrian Canada.

### **Qualification Period**

Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and Squads must achieve the score(s) necessary to satisfy the minimum FEI performance criteria or the following qualification requirements, within the qualification period, which has a specific start date and an end date.

Equestrian Canada, in collaboration with the Vault Canada Sport Committee, has determined that the qualification period for the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships shall run from January 1, 2024, till 7 days prior to Nominated Entry Deadline, as set by the OC of the Championship.

In developing this document, EC and the Vault Canada Sport Committee recognize that the FEI imposes minimum age restrictions for competitors, and to fairly accommodate individuals who may not meet the age requirements until the year of the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships the qualification period has been held open late enough to accommodate as many CVI competitions as possible in the year of the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championship.

### **Candidate Selection**

• A candidate Individual must submit 1 CVI score that satisfies the minimum FEI requirements. They must also submit a second score from a CVI OR a Nationally sanctioned competition (EC, USEF, or equivalent) which had two judges, one of whom had a minimum of FEI 2\* status. This



second score must have been obtained in a category equivalent to or higher than the category for which the athlete has declared.

- A candidate Pas de Deux set must submit 1 score that meets the minimum FEI requirements. They must also submit a second score from a CVI OR a Nationally sanctioned competition (EC, USEF, or equivalent) which had two judges, one of whom had a minimum of FEI 2\* status. This second score must have been obtained in a category equivalent to or higher than the category for which the athlete has declared.
- A candidate Squad must submit 1 score that meets the minimum FEI requirements. They must also submit a second score from a CVI OR a Nationally sanctioned competition (EC, USEF, or equivalent) which had two judges, one of whom had a minimum of FEI 2\* status. This second score must have been obtained in a category equivalent to or higher than the category for which the athlete has declared.

#### Individuals Selection

- The Individual candidates of each gender that have submitted the highest average scores will be selected to the Team in rank order based on the submitted scores, up to a maximum of four candidates.
- Of the four selected candidates of each gender, the Individual candidate from this group with the lowest scores submitted shall be the alternate competitor, to be approved by Equestrian Canada.

#### Pas de Deux Selection

• The Pas de Deux candidate sets that have submitted the highest average scores will be selected to the Team in rank order based on the submitted scores, up to a maximum of two candidate sets to be selected, to be approved by Equestrian Canada.

### **Squad Selection**

• The Squad that has submitted the highest average scores will be selected to the Team, to be approved by Equestrian Canada.

In the application of the above, if candidates have identical scores, the tie(s) are resolved by applying the following, in sequence, until the tie is broken:

- The candidate with the highest average Freestyle Score ranks higher. If still tied then,
- By a random drawing of names to be conducted by the Selection Panel.

**Note**: It is the responsibility of the athlete(s) to deliver their scores to the Selection Panel no later than 7 days prior to the nominated entries deadline, using the forms provided in Appendix A, B or C. The forms can be copied if more space is needed to submit qualifying scores you wish considered. The scores must be accompanied by a copy of the associated official signed score sheet or an official FEI sanctioned event results sheet bearing the event name and date. Failure to provide this information to the Selection Panel by the aforementioned date and time will result in the candidate not being included in the selection process and thus being eliminated from selection consideration.

Athletes Declaring for Selection and their Support Personnel must:



- Create a profile in the EC Games & Championships Portal once notified to do so.
- Existing users (edit your profile) <u>https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login.aspx</u>
- New users (create a new account in the EC Games portal) <u>https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/register?user=new</u>

### Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships shall be the Vault Canada Sport Committee and approved by Equestrian Canada.

It is the responsibility of the Selection Committee to apply the selection criteria described within this document, to determine the Individual males, Individual females, Pas de Deux sets and the Squad that will comprise the Team to represent Canada at the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships.

The Selection Committee shall only consider candidates that have (a) submitted scores achieved within the qualification period, (b) submitted complete and accurate information to the Selection Committee using the forms in Appendix A, B or C of this document, and (c) provided their scores to the Selection Committee prior to the end of the qualification period.

## Dispute Resolution Policy – Elite Athletes

Athletes participating in the selection process for the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships hereby adopt <u>EC's Discipline, Complaints and Appeals Policy</u> as the mechanism to resolve disputes between all declared athletes and EC. Declared athletes and owners are 'Athletes' pursuant to the <u>Discipline</u>, <u>Complaints and Appeals Policy</u>. Therefore, any dispute relating to the Selection Panel's procedure approved by Equestrian Canada for the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships competition must be made according to said policy. Formal internal appeals to the Selection Process **must** be received by the Equestrian Canada office within 72 hours after the athlete has been notified in writing of their selection status. All declared athletes will be notified of their selection status when the determination is announced, this notification will start the appeals window of 72 hours.

### Questions

Any questions about this document may be directed to Equestrian Canada ahubley@equestrian.ca.



# **APPENDIX A.**

# **INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES**

Name:	Date:	_EC Sport License
# and Level:		
I declare that all information provided is true, accura	te and without material	
omission. Signature:		
Score One - CVI Meeting FEI Minimum		
Event Name:	(e.g. CVI 3*,	
Sydney) Event Dates:	(e.g. Jun 30-Jul 2,	
2021) Final Score: (e.g. 7.194)		
Score Two - CVI or Nationally Sanctioned	I Competition	
Event Name:	(e.g. CVI 3*,	
Sydney) Event Dates:	(e.g. Jun 30-Jul 2,	
2021) Final Score: (e.g. 7.194)		

Documentation Enclosed (select all that apply)

- Score sheets documenting Qualifying Scores: ( )
- Event result sheet documenting Qualifying Scores: ()



## **APPENDIX B.**

# **INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY PAS DE DEUX CANDIDATES**

Name: (1)
EC Sport License # and Level:
I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material
omission. Signature:
Name: (2)
EC Sport License # and Level:
I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material
omission. Signature:
Date:
Score One - CVI Meeting FEI Minimum
Event Name:(e.g. CVI 3*,
Sydney) Event Dates:(e.g. Jun 30 -Jul 2,
2021) Round - One [ ] Two [ ]
Score (for round): (e.g. 7.194)
Score Two - CVI or Nationally Sanctioned Competition
Event Name:(e.g. CVI 3*,
Sydney) Event Dates:(e.g. Jun 30-Jul 2,
2021) Final Score: (e.g. 7.194)

Documentation Enclosed (select all that apply)

- Score sheets documenting Qualifying Scores: ( )
- Event result sheets documenting Qualifying Scores: ( )



# **APPENDIX C. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY SQUAD** CANDIDATES MEMBERS

Name: (1)
EC Sport License # and Level:
I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material
omission. Signature:
Name: (2)
EC Sport License #'s and Level:
I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material
omission. Signature:
Name: (3)
EC Sport License # and Level:
I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material
omission. Signature:
Name: (4)
EC Sport License # and Level:
I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material
omission. Signature:
Name: (5)
EC Sport License # and Level:
I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material
omission. Signature:
Name: (6)
EC Sport License # and Level:
I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.
Signature:



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Name: (7)
EC Sport License # and Level: (7)
I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material
omission. Signature:
Name: (8)
EC Sport License # and Level: (8)
I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material
omission. Signature:
Score One - CVI Meeting FEI Minimum
Event Name:(e.g. CVI 2*,
Sydney) Event Dates:(e.g. Jun 30 -Jul 2,
2021) Final Score: (e.g. 7.194)
Score Two - CVI or Nationally Sanctioned Competition
Event Name:(e.g. CVI 3*,
Sydney) Event Dates:(e.g. Jun 30-Jul 2,
2021) Final Score: (e.g. 7.194)

Documentation Enclosed (select all that apply)

- Score sheets documenting Qualifying Scores: ( )
- Event result sheets documenting Qualifying Scores: ( )



# APPENDIX I. EQUESTRIAN CANADA ATHLETES, S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

2025 World Vaulting Senior Vaulting Championships

### **To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA**

Definition: In this agreement, the term "Equine Activities" shall include all activities, actions or conduct in any way directly or indirectly related to my travel to and my participation at the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Vaulting Team.

### **ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I am aware that the Equine Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards to me and to my horse including, but not limited to: contracting human or equine diseases or illnesses in transit; accidents in or near the show ring or competition grounds; accidents at the stables; transportation to and from the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships; negligence on the part of Equestrian Canada, including the failure by Equestrian Canada to safeguard and protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of Equine Activities. I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Equine Activities (for both myself and for my horse) and the possibility of personal injury, injury to the horse, death to me or my horse, property damage or loss resulting therefrom. I understand that if I know or suspect that my physical condition may be incompatible with the Equine Activities that I should seek medical advice before undertaking the Equine Activities.

### RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships so as to allow me to fully participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may have in the future against Equestrian Canada, its Directors, officers, employees, agents, coaches, independent contractors, subcontractors and representatives (all of whom are hereinafter referred to as the "Releasees") and to RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, my horse may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in the Equine Activities, due to any cause whatsoever, including NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES AND FURTHER, INCLUDING FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND



#### HAZARDS OF THE EQUINE ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

I agree to hold harmless and to indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability for any property damage of any description or personal injury to me or to any third party or injury to my horse resulting from my participation in the Equine Activities. I agree that this agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns in the event of my death. I agree that this agreement shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and any litigation involving the parties to this agreement shall be brought in Ontario. In entering into this agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of the Equine Activities other than as set forth in this agreement.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Athlete

Print name (Athlete)

Signature of Parent or Guardian *if Athlete is under 18 years old* 

Signature of Witness

These forms must be completed and returned **at latest 7 days prior to the Nominated Entry Deadline, as set by the OC of the Championship,** to Alex Hubley at Equestrian Canada <u>ahubley@equestrian.ca</u>

Late submissions will not be accepted.

Illegible forms will be returned for re-submission. Please type or print clearly on all attachments. Any intentional misrepresentation of information will eliminate the athlete/horse combination from being considered.



# APPENDIX J. EQUESTRIAN CANADA OWNER'S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

2025 World Vaulting Vaulting Championships for Juniors and Young Vaulters

### To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

Definition: In this agreement, the term "Equine Activities" shall include all activities, actions or conduct in any way directly or indirectly related to my travel to and my participation at the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Vaulting Team.

### **ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I am aware that the Equine Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards to me and to my horse including, but not limited to: contracting human or equine diseases or illnesses in Canada or in transit; accidents in or near the show ring or competition grounds; accidents at the stables; transportation to and from the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2025 FEI Vaulting World Championships; negligence on the part of Equestrian Canada, including the failure by Equestrian Canada to safeguard and protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of Equine Activities. I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Equine Activities (for both myself and for my horse) and the possibility of personal injury, injury to the horse, death to me or my horse, property damage or loss resulting therefrom. I understand that if I know or suspect that my physical condition may be incompatible with the Equine Activities that I should seek medical advice before undertaking the Equine Activities.

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TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may have in the future against Equestrian Canada, its Directors, officers, employees, agents, coaches, independent contractors, subcontractors and representatives (all of whom are hereinafter referred to as the "Releasees") and to RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, my horse may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in the Equine Activities, due to any cause whatsoever, including NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES AND FURTHER, INCLUDING FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO



# SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF THE EQUINE ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

I agree to hold harmless and to indemnify the Releases from any and all liability for any property damage of any description or personal injury to me or to any third party or injury to my horse resulting from my participation in the Equine Activities. I agree that this agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns in the event of my death. I agree that this agreement shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and any litigation involving the parties to this agreement shall be brought in Ontario. In entering into this agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the Releases with respect to the safety of the Equine Activities other than as set forth in this agreement.

Date:

Signature of Owner

Print name (Owner)

Name of Horse / Passport No. *if Athlete is under 18 years old*  Signature of Witness

These forms must be completed and returned **at latest 7 days prior to the Nominated Entry Deadline, as set by the OC of the Championship,** to Alex Hubley at <u>ahubley@equestrian.ca</u> Late submissions will not be accepted.

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