



AUTHORIZATION TO COMPETE

All athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in a FEI Sanctioned Competition(s) (CPEDI Competitions) must complete and submit an Authorization to Compete request (A2C) via the portal <https://licence.equestrian.ca/cpedifei/>

Please refer to the FEI authorization to compete guide for additional information [HERE](#)

Requests must be submitted a minimum of three weeks before the FEI definite entry date for the competition(s) in order to have sufficient time to be registered with the FEI and be authorized by the FEI and competition organizer.

EC will contact the Organizing Committee and authorize the athlete/horse combination to compete (provided the athlete/horse combination has completed all the requirements outlined and have achieved the required threshold scores)

The athlete is responsible for organizing all competition entry and travel details, including the related expenses. The athlete must maintain contact with the Para Dressage Coordinator who will coordinate communication with the Organizing Committee.

Threshold Score Policy for FEI Sanctioned Competitions Outside Canada

Prior to being authorized by Equestrian Canada to compete in FEI Sanctioned Competitions (CPEDI competitions) outside of Canada athlete/horse combinations must have achieved the below threshold scores.

Threshold Score Requirements

CPEDI1* Competitions

Athlete/horse combinations entering their first foreign CPEDI1* competition, or who have not competed within the previous 12 months, must:

- Achieve a minimum of 64% in two (2) Novice, or higher, technical tests at the EC Gold level (or foreign equivalent), or
- Achieve a minimum of 62% in two (2) Novice, or higher, technical tests at a Canadian CPEDI.

Note: Athlete/horse combinations may use one Gold (or foreign equivalent) score and one CPEDI score to meet requirements.



CPEDI2* Competitions

Athlete/horse combinations entering their first foreign CPEDI2* competition, or who have not competed within the previous 12 months, must:

- Achieve a minimum of 64% in two (2) Intermediate, or higher, technical tests at the EC Gold level (or foreign equivalent), or
- Achieve a minimum of 62% in two (2) Intermediate, or higher, technical tests at a Canadian CPEDI2* or 3*.

Note: Athlete/horse combinations may use one Gold (or foreign equivalent) score and one CPEDI2* or 3* score to meet requirements.

CPEDI3* Competitions

Canadian CPEDI3* Competitions

Athlete/horse combinations entering their first Canadian CPEDI3* must have achieved FEI qualification requirements (Article 8404, FEI Para Dressage Rules):

- A **minimum score of 60%** in a CPEDI2* or CDI1* (or above) in any one test.
- Scores achieved prior to 2023 in CPEDI3* or above will count. Qualification needs to be obtained only once.
- Scores achieved in a CDI must be within **12 months prior** to the athlete's first CPEDI3* appearance.
- No additional threshold requirements are required for Canadian CPEDI3* competitions.

Foreign CPEDI3* Competitions

Athlete/horse combinations entering their first foreign CPEDI3* must have achieved FEI qualification requirements (Article 8404, FEI Para Dressage Rules):

- A **minimum score of 60%** in a CPEDI2* or CDI1* (or above) in any one test.
- Scores achieved prior to 2023 in CPEDI3* or above will count. Qualification needs to be obtained only once.
- Scores achieved in a CDI must be within **12 months prior** to the athlete's first CPEDI3* appearance.
- No additional threshold requirements are required for Canadian CPEDI3* competitions.

In addition to the above FEI qualification requirements athlete/horse combinations must:

- Achieve a minimum of 67% in two (2) Grand Prix technical tests at EC Gold level (or foreign equivalent), or
- Achieve a minimum of 64% in two (2) Grand Prix technical tests at a Canadian CPEDI3*.

Note: Athlete/horse combinations may use one Gold (or foreign equivalent) score and one Canadian CPEDI3* score to meet requirements.



Threshold Score Exemptions

Threshold Score Exemptions may be applied for and are at the discretion of Equestrian Canada. For automatic exemptions see below.

Athletes who have represented Canada at the Paralympic Games or World Championships within the past 4 years.

Athlete/horse combinations currently on EC Para Dressage National Team Program (NTP) A or B Squad

***Note:** Despite the exemption being automatically granted, an Authorization to Compete Request must still be submitted a minimum of three weeks before the definite entry date for the competition(s) in order to be authorized and registered with the FEI.*

Withdrawal From CDI Events

After an athlete has submitted an authorization to compete (A2C) and now needs to withdraw from the competition for any reason, the following steps are to be taken immediately:

Withdrawing from a competition before the entry has been submitted on your behalf or before the Organizing Committee has confirmed an invitation:

- Send an email to Equestrian Canada's FEI athlete services at feiservices@equestrian.ca and include your information, your horse's information and class(es) you are withdrawing from and the reason for the withdrawal.

Withdrawing from a competition *after* the entry has been submitted on your behalf, and/or after the Organizing Committee has confirmed an invitation:

- Send an email to Equestrian Canada's FEI athlete services at feiservices@equestrian.ca and include your information, your horse's information and class(es) you are withdrawing from and the reason for the withdrawal, and
- Email the Organizing Committee members as soon as possible along with the show office. The email is to state the reason for the withdrawal and an apology to the Organizing Committee members and show office for any inconvenience your withdrawing may have caused. NOTE: The Organizing Committee's contact information can be found in the FEI schedule for that competition.

Team Composition at FEI Sanctioned Competitions:

The Para Dressage Technical Advisor has the authority to select the team for CPEDI3* competitions.

All individual and team athletes fall under the responsibility and jurisdiction of the Para Dressage Technical Advisor appointed by EC for an international event.