



2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

EQUESTRIAN CANADA NOMINATION CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

EVENTING

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) for the 2024 Olympic Games (2024 OG) will be communicated through Equestrian Canada (EC) official publications, posted on the EC website and distributed by email to EC National Team Program (NTP) athletes.
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to set out the nomination criteria and procedures (Nomination Criteria) that will be used by EC to nominate athlete/horse combinations to compete 2024 OG Eventing Competition scheduled for **July 26 – July 29, 2024**, in Paris, France.
- 1.3 Discipline specific Nomination Criteria are outlined in *Appendix 1*. Questions specific to the Nomination Criteria & Procedures (Criteria) should be directed to the appropriate Discipline Manager at EC.
- 1.4 Athlete/horse combinations must meet the expectations as outlined in these Criteria in order to be considered for nomination.
- 1.5 Athletes and owners who choose to participate in the nomination process acknowledge by their participation and declaration that meeting the requirements outlined in these Criteria does not guarantee that an athlete/horse combination will be nominated.
- 1.6 It is vitally important for the integrity of the nomination process that athletes, grooms, owners, team support personnel and associated parties involved in the nomination process, practice at all times a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may have a bearing on nomination, and/or any nomination decisions. All confidential information, conversations, and discussions will be identified as such. Any person who breaks this confidentiality may be removed from the nomination process.
- 1.7 If there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, then the English version shall prevail.
- 1.8 Any intentional misrepresentation of information submitted for nomination consideration may in the sole discretion of EC, eliminate the athlete/horse combination from both the qualifying process and from consideration for nomination.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 To be eligible for nomination consideration for the 2024 OG, the following minimum eligibility requirements listed in this section must be met.



2.2 Athlete

- Be a Canadian citizen at the time of declaration and until the conclusion of the 2024 OG
- Be a Canadian citizen as per rule 41 of the Olympic Charter
- Have a Canadian passport that is valid until at least **February 11, 2025**
- Be in compliance with all relevant Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) requirements for eligibility
- Be a member in good standing with EC (Platinum Sport Licence Holder)
- Sign, submit and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee (OC) Conditions of Participation Form (Eligibility Conditions form for 2024 OG) no later than **June 24, 2024** (where the athlete is under the age of majority in their province of residency, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements)
- Be in compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of EC, COC, FEI, IOC and the host country of the event, if applicable (requirements will be outlined in the COC athlete agreement)
- Meet minimum athlete age requirements as per the 2024 FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events 25th edition Art 606.1.
 - Dressage: 16 years of age in 2024, born on or before December 31, 2008
 - **Eventing: 18 years of age in 2024, born on or before December 31, 2006**
 - Jumping: 18 years of age in 2024, born on or before December 31, 2006
- Hold a current FEI Registration and be a member in good standing
- Sign, submit and comply with the EC Athlete Agreement and conform to all EC policies (including safe sport) regarding team preparation, training, and competition, including compliance with the Universal Code for the Prevention of Maltreatment in Sport and the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes

2.3 Horse

- Meet minimum horse age requirements as per the 2024 FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events 25th edition Art 606.2.1
 - Dressage: 8 years of age in 2024, born on or before December 31, 2016
 - **Eventing: 8 years of age in 2024, born on or before December 31, 2016**
 - Jumping: 9 years of age in 2023, born on or before December 31, 2015
- Possess a valid FEI Horse Registration Document (Passport) and be in good standing
- Must be registered with the FEI for 2024
- As per Art 606.2.2 must have been registered with FEI as property of a least one Owner of Canadian nationality on or before **15 January 2024**.

2.4 Groom

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of the 2024 OG, born on or before December 31, 2006
- Have a passport that is valid until at least February 11, 2025
- Be eligible to travel to any required staging/quarantine camp and the 2024 OG.
- Have experience competing or grooming at international equestrian competitions



- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes
- Sign, submit and comply with the COC Support Staff Agreement and OCOG Conditions of Participation Form (Eligibility Conditions form for 2024 OG) no later than **June 24, 2024**
- Be in compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of EC, COC, FEI, IOC and the host country of the event, if applicable. Requirements will be outlined in the COC participant agreement.
- Agree and conform to all EC policies (including safe sport) regarding team preparation, training, and competition, including the Universal Code for the Prevention of Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) and the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC)

2.5 Owner

- Have a passport that is valid until at least February 11, 2025
- Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of the 2024 OG, born on or before December 31, 2006
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes
- At minimum one Owner must be listed as an owner in the FEI horse passport
- Sign, submit and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Support Staff Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form (Eligibility Conditions form for 2024 OG) no later than **June 24, 2024**
- Be in compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of EC, COC, FEI, IOC and the host country of the event, if applicable. Requirements will be outlined in the COC participant agreement.
- Agree and conform to all EC policies (including safe sport) regarding team preparation, training, and competition, including the Universal Code for the Prevention of Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) and the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC)

2.6 Support Team Members

- Have a passport that is valid until at least February 11, 2025
- Be eligible to travel to any required staging/quarantine camp and the 2024 OG.
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes
- Sign, submit and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Support Staff Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form (Eligibility Conditions form for 2024 OG) no later than **June 24, 2024**
- Be in compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of EC, COC, FEI, IOC and the host country of the event, if applicable, requirements will be outlined in the COC participant agreement
- Agree and conform to all EC policies (including safe sport) regarding team preparation, training, and competition, including the UCCMS and OSIC



3 DECLARATION PROCESS

Declaration

- 3.1 Athletes must submit a declaration for the 2024 OG to Equestrian Canada through the EC Games Portal on or before **November 30th, 2023**.
- 3.2 The declaration **MUST** be made through the **EC Games Portal**:
- 3.2.1 **To access the EC Games Portal:**
- New users (excluding Athletes): <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/register?user=new>
 - Existing users: <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login.aspx>
- 3.2.2 **Declaration fees**, if any, are outlined in *Appendix 1*
- 3.3 **Declaration Information**
The athlete must provide the following information in their declaration:
- 3.3.1 **Horse(s):** The name, FEI passport number, and FEI passport expiry date for each declared horse; refer to Section 2.3 for horse eligibility.
- 3.3.2 **Grooms:** The name, *unique e-mail address*, and phone number for a minimum of **one (1)** up to a **maximum of two (2) declared grooms in priority order**. Athletes are responsible to ensure that their groom is eligible; refer to Section 2.4 for groom eligibility. Reminder that grooms should be kept informed of and be available for the time commitments in the proposed schedule for 2024 OG (an expected four-week commitment which includes any potential staging/quarantine camp period). EC reserves the right to deem a groom ineligible for an international team competition. Should a groom not carry out their assigned duties and obligations or exhibit inappropriate behaviour detrimental to the team, then EC has the authority to remove such groom from the team. Refer to the discipline-specific Criteria in *Appendix 1* for additional groom information, as applicable.
- 3.3.3 **Owners:** The name, unique e-mail address, and phone number **for up to two (2) declared owners** per horse, in priority order for accreditation purposes; at least one owner must be listed as an owner, on the FEI horse passport. In the case of syndicate ownership groups, declared athlete/horse owners do not need to be individually listed in the FEI horse passport, but must be individually declared in priority for accreditation purposes. Refer to Section 2.5 for owner eligibility.
- 3.3.4 Failure to submit the required information and documents by this deadline will make the declaration incomplete and invalid.
- 3.3.5 The declaration date allows sufficient time for the declared athletes, grooms, owners and support team personnel to be submitted to the COC in order to be eligible to complete the COC Accreditation Process within the required timelines. **The accreditation process is outlined in Section 4.**
- 3.4 **Late Declarations:**
- 3.4.1 **Athletes:** Athletes not declared on or before **November 30th, 2023**, will not be eligible.



3.4.2 **Horse(s):**

- (a) In the case of a new horse(s) meeting eligibility requirement per 2.3 being made available **to an already declared athlete** after the declaration deadline to form a “New Athlete/Horse combination”, the selection panel may, in its sole discretion, accept this athlete/horse combination as a declared candidate for the 2024 OG **no later than January 15, 2024. Owner(s) of this horse are eligible to apply for accreditation (subject to COC approval), and meeting the owner eligibility as set forth in 2.5.**
- (b) In the case of a new horse meeting eligibility requirement per 2.3 being made available **to an already declared athlete after January 15, 2024 and prior to March 30, 2024** to form a “New Athlete/Horse combination”, the selection panel may, in its sole discretion, accept this athlete/horse combination as a declared candidate for the 2024 OG. **Owner(s) of this horse are not eligible to apply for accreditation.**

Note: “New athlete/horse Combination(s)” are defined as either a:

- new horse purchase
- horse transfer to an already declared athlete

3.5 Withdrawal: Declared athletes who subsequently choose to withdraw from the nomination process (either themselves or their horse) prior to the naming of the team and alternates must advise the EC Discipline Manager of their decision in writing.

4. ACCREDITATION PROCESS

- 4.1 **Process:** The accreditation process for the 2024 OG is facilitated by EC and coordinated through the COC. To facilitate this process, the athlete declaration in the EC Games Portal must include the personal / unique e-mail address and phone number of all potential grooms and owners. Any subsequent changes to accreditation details i.e. new owners, grooms, etc. must be reported to the Discipline Manager immediately in writing. Athletes, grooms, owners and team personnel are not permitted to apply directly to the COC or the OCOG for accreditation.
- 4.2 **Allocation:** EC has the exclusive authority to nominate, and allocate accreditations for the grooms, owners and team personnel who comprise the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET) to represent Canada at the 2024 OG. Accreditations for 2024 OG are limited and are allocated based on the needs of the entire team and on what EC feels will lead to the best team performance at the 2024 OG.
- 4.3 **Information Deadline:** Athletes, grooms, owners and team support personnel are to provide all necessary accreditation information, including photos, passport details and personal information, in the **COC Accreditation Portal** in accordance with the process and the timelines of the COC and EC.
- 4.4 It is very important that information is provided and entered in the Accreditation Portal for EVERY possible individual who may attend the 2024 OG in an accredited role (Athlete, Owner, Groom, Team Personnel etc.). **Participation in the accreditation application process does not guarantee accreditation nor nomination.**



4.5 Release of Liability Waiver

All declared athletes, grooms, owners and team personnel must complete and return the release of liability waivers to the Discipline Manager by **February 13th, 2024**. The waiver and release forms can be found in the following appendices:

- **Appendix 2:** Athlete Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement
- **Appendix 3:** Groom/Team Personnel Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement
- **Appendix 4:** Owner Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement
- **Appendix 5:** Release of Veterinary Medical Records (Dressage only)

5 ANTI-DOPING AND DRUG TESTING

Athlete

- 5.1 **Eligibility:** The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any anti-doping or anti-doping-related offense.
- 5.2 **Testing:** Declared athletes may be subject to announced and unannounced drug testing in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and EC rules and regulations. Testing may include both in-competition and out-of-competition testing. All athletes who declare for the nomination process must provide accurate and up-to-date contact information through the EC Sport License portal.

Horse

- 5.3 **Testing:** All declared horses shall be subject to drug testing according to FEI drug and medication rules. Blood and/or urine samples may be drawn at any time throughout the qualification, nomination and staging camp periods. Samples may be tested for the presence for all prohibited and/or controlled substances by the FEI.
- 5.4 **Prohibited Substance:** In the event a prohibited substance is detected, the amount of this substance will be quantified where possible and reported to the Discipline Manager. Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the allowable FEI limits may be eliminated from the nomination process by the High Performance Advisory Group. Positive test results from samples collected during FEI competition will result in disqualification of the athlete/horse combination in all classes at that competition.

6. APPEALS

- 6.1 Athletes participating in the nomination process for the 2024 OG have the right to appeal against a nomination decision but only on the grounds that the selection has failed to comply with the correct procedures outlined in the Criteria or has made a patently unreasonable decision based on the Criteria. An appeal must be made in writing to the Independent Third Party Complaint Manager within 72 hours of the relevant athlete being informed of the decision. Appeals must be accompanied by a non-



refundable - administration fee of \$750.00 CAD as per the published EC Schedule of Fees. The EC Discipline, Complaints and Appeal Policy can be found at: <https://www.equestrian.ca/about/governance/policies>

- 6.2 In recognition of the short timelines required for the nomination decision process, any appeals to decisions made under the Criteria will proceed directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) appeal process. **The administration fee referred to in Section 6.1 will be applied to the fee required for the appeal to SDRCC.**

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE CRITERIA/EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- 7.1 The Criteria are based on applicable FEI, COC and OCOG regulations, conditions and restrictions as currently known and understood and on the latest information available to EC. Any changes in the Criteria necessitated by a change in FEI, COC or OCOG regulations will be distributed via email to the affected athletes (declared athletes) as soon as reasonably possible. Should such a circumstance occur, EC will review and may amend Criteria to comply with the new regulations or conditions. Any amendments to this document will be communicated directly to all affected persons (declared athletes) via email. Communication will be sent to the email address provided in the EC Games portal.
- 7.2 Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and nomination philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, EC will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.



APPENDIX 1 – DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CRITERIA: EVENTING

Approved by Eventing High Performance Advisory Group July 13, 2023

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Appendix sets out the processes for selecting athletes and horses for the Olympic Games (OG) Eventing competition, to be held in Paris, France from July 27-29, 2024.

The Discipline Specific Criteria for Eventing have been compiled in consultation with Equestrian Canada (EC) and the EC Eventing High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) and form part of the Criteria.

2. OVERALL CRITERIA OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of these Discipline Specific Criteria are as follows:

(a) **Primary objective:** *To achieve a top 8 team placing at the 2024 OG

*For information on the FEI Qualification System for an Eventing team qualification quota spot for the 2024 Olympic Games.

Reference: [FEI Olympic Qualification Guidelines](#)

(b) **Secondary objective:** To achieve as many top individual placings as possible.

2.2 To achieve the primary and secondary objectives of the Discipline Specific Criteria, the Selection Panel will select based on the criteria outlined in Section 9 of Appendix 1: ***Specific Selection Criteria***.

2.3 There is no obligation on EC or the Selection Panel to nominate to the COC any athlete/horse combinations to compete at the 2024 Olympic Games.

3. SELECTION PANEL

The selection panel shall be comprised of three members (Selection Panel, each member a Selector).

The Selection Panel for the 2024 Olympic Games are as follows:

1. Bruce Mandeville, Chair
2. Bruce Haskell
3. Bonnie Mosser

The role, responsibilities and duties of the Selection Panel are described in ***Appendix 5*** of the Criteria.

The Eventing Discipline Manager and EC High Performance Director shall assist the Selection Panel in the execution of its duties.



The **Team Veterinarian** will provide further assessment in the selection process as described in **Appendix 1, Section 4** of the criteria.

In making its decisions, the Selection Panel will consult the EC Eventing Interim Chef D'Equipe/ Technical Advisor, but the Interim Chef D'Equipe/Technical Advisor will not have a vote in selection.

Should a Selector need to be replaced for any reason, e.g. conflict of interest, the HPAG will nominate a replacement to the CEO who meets the criteria of the job description laid out in Appendix 5 of this document

In selecting the combinations for the 2024 OGs, it is understood that the individual Selectors may be in a real or a perceived conflict of interest position. Selectors with a conflict of interest shall declare their conflict of interest (real or perceived) in advance. Any member of the Selection Panel who has declared a conflict of interest will remove themselves from all discussions and will abstain from voting in connection with such conflict, including consideration of any family member (direct relatives), business affiliates or any other real or perceived conflicted situation or conflicted relationship that may arise.

4. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE OLYMPIC EVENTING COMPETITION

In accordance with the overall Discipline Specific Criteria objectives outlined above, Selectors acknowledge the technical specifications of the 2024 Olympic Eventing Competition:

FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the 2024 Olympic Games.

- **Dressage Test:** 2024 Olympic Games 5* test (short).
- **Cross Country Test:** Distance: approx. 5300 metres; approx. time: 9mins /18secs; speed: 570 metres/minute; maximum number of efforts: 42.
- **Team Jumping Test:** Distance: maximum 600 metres; speed: 375 metres/minute; number of obstacles: 11-13 (maximum 16 efforts); height: 125 centimetres.
- **Individual Jumping Test:** Distance: 360-500 metres; speed: 375 metres/minute; maximum number of obstacles: 9 (maximum 12 efforts); height: 130 centimetres.

Reference: [Technical Specifications](#)

5. KEY TIMELINES:

November 30, 2023	Deadline for Athletes to submit declaration in the EC Games Portal as per Section 3: Declaration Process
January 15, 2024	Horses of declared athletes must be registered with FEI under Canadian ownership (FEI passport document). Deadline for ALL Accreditation
February 13, 2024	Deadline for individuals to submit accreditation information and support documents in the COC accreditation portal. (COC tentative accreditation portal launch date for 2024 OGs – January 10, 2024)



<p>March 30, 2024</p>	<p>Deadline for the addition of a “New athlete/horse combination” <u>NOTE: This only applies to athletes already declared for the 2024 OG.</u> (Horse must be eligible under Eligibility: Section 2.3 <u>NOTE: Owners of additional horses declared between January 15, 2024 and March 30th are not eligible to apply for accreditation</u></p>
<p>January 1, 2023 to June 16, 2024</p>	<p>FEI MER: Period for Athlete and Horse as a combination, to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements for 2024 OGs – Certificate of Capability and Confirmation Result (per <i>Appendix 1</i>, Section 6.1)</p>
<p>June 20, 2024</p>	<p>Definite Sport Entries: On or before this date, the Selection Panel to determine the team of up to a maximum of three Athletes plus three Horses (as combinations) to compete in the 2024 Olympic Games plus one alternate athlete/reserve horse (as a combination). The HPAG will be informed of the decision and will communicate with athletes on this day at the latest.</p>
<p>June 24th, 2024</p>	<p>Deadline for athletes, grooms, owners & support personnel to sign, submit and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Athlete Agreement or Support Team Agreement plus Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form (Eligibility Conditions form for 2024 OG).</p>
<p>June 25th, 2024</p>	<p>Deadline for Equestrian Canada to nominate to FEI Athletes and Horses accompanied by Certificates of Capability and record of results</p>
<p>July 3rd, 2024</p>	<p>Deadline for Equestrian Canada to nominate the Definite Sport Entries to the Canadian Olympic Committee</p>
<p>July 26-29, 2024</p>	<p>2024 Paris Olympic Games Eventing Competition - team & individual</p>

6. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION CONSIDERATION

- 6.1. Minimum Eligibility Requirements** – Eventing All Athletes/Horses who take part in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Eventing Competitions, must achieve the following minimum eligibility requirements (MERs) as a combination by obtaining “FEI qualifying results” at different events in the following level of Competition.



STEP 1 (Qualifying Result)

One (1) qualifying result at a CCI5*-L OR One (1) qualifying result in a CCI4*-L **AND** One (1) qualifying result in a CCI4*-S to be obtained between January 1, 2023 - ~~June 10, 2024~~, **June 16, 2024** inclusive.

STEP 2 (Confirmation Result)

One (1) qualifying result in a CCI4*-S or 4*L or 5*L to be obtained BETWEEN January 1, 2024 - June 16, 2024 inclusive.

[The FEI Eventing competitions calendar](#) is published on the FEI website.

6.2 **Declaration:** In order to be considered for selection, athletes must submit their declaration through the EC Games Portal on or before the declaration deadline of **November 30, 2023**, as outlined in Section 3. **There is no declaration fee.**

6.3 **Competition and Training Plan:** Athletes declaring for selection consideration for the 2024 OG are required to submit their 2024 competition plan to Rebecca Howard, Interim Chef D'Equipe/Technical Advisor, with copy to the Discipline Manager, by January 15, 2024. This competition and training plan will also be made accessible for the selection panel.

EMAIL TO: rebeccahowardequestrian@gmail.com and ftipton@equestrian.ca

This competition plan should include the following:

- Eventing competitions to be attended in 2024, including venue and level of competition
- Personal coach and veterinarian contact information

Additional training details may also be provided, at the discretion of the athlete, including:

- Dressage competitions
- Show Jumping competitions

7. RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 It is the sole responsibility of each athlete to ensure that they have achieved the required **FEI MER and Confirmation Result for the 2024 OG Certificate of Capability**. *Please note that the achievement of the minimum eligibility requirements in no way confers an obligation upon EC to nominate an Athlete / Horse combination.*

7.3 **Rule Responsibility:** It is each athlete's responsibility to be fully aware of the current EC Rules & Policies, FEI Rules for Eventing and the FEI Clean Sport Policy.

7.4 **Compliance Responsibility:** Athletes must strictly abide by the following:

- 7.4.1 FEI General Regulations and FEI Discipline Sport Rules.
- 7.4.2 FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.
- 7.4.3 FEI Equine Anti-Doping Rules and Equine Controlled Medication Rules
- 7.4.4 Human Anti-Doping Rules as set out by the FEI and Equestrian Canada.
- 7.4.5 Equestrian Canada Rules and Policies.
- 7.4.6 Equestrian Canada Code of Conduct.
- 7.4.7 Prompt communications with the High Performance Eventing Team Personnel.



- 7.4.8 Athletes must show a commitment to personal fitness and professional behaviour.
- 7.4.9 All Athletes selected will be required to wear the official Team Canada clothing.

8. VETERINARY

8.1 **Communication:** Throughout the selection process, observations and concerns identified by the Team Veterinarian will be communicated to the athlete of the horse, the owner of the horse, the Selection Panel. The goal of this communication is first to ensure the well-being of the horses and, secondly, to ensure the best possible performance result. The athlete will be responsible for ensuring recommendations of the Team Veterinarian are followed. Athletes are expected to facilitate open communication between the Team Veterinarian and their personal veterinarians.

8.2 Veterinary Evaluations of Horses

8.2.1 **Evaluations of Horses:** To be considered for nomination as definite entry or alternate, athletes must make their declared horses available for veterinary evaluations. Evaluations will be conducted by the Team Veterinarian and coordinated with individual athletes at as-of-yet at undetermined venues prior to and following the selection decision. Prior to selection, the Team Veterinarian will provide a report to the Selection Panel. The advice of the Team Veterinarian will be taken into consideration during selection discussions.

8.2.2 **Final Evaluation of Horses:** Prior to the departure of the horses for the 2024 OG (definite sport entry horses and alternates), veterinary evaluations will be conducted to examine the overall soundness and fitness for competition with consideration of the cause and prognosis of any recognized unsoundness or concerns. The evaluations will be conducted Team Veterinarian or a veterinarian designated by the Team Veterinarian.

8.2.3 Following the final evaluation of horses prior to departure, the Team Veterinarian will confirm overall soundness and fitness for competition to the Selection Panel. In the event a Definite Entry horse is found to be unfit or unsound during evaluation, the horse may be re-evaluated within a 24-hr period. If a staging/quarantine camp is not held, the final evaluation shall be planned after final fitness work (gallop) prior to departure.

8.3 **Veterinary Records:** Athletes (at their own expense) shall make available, upon the request of the Team Veterinarian, the veterinary records of horse(s) being considered for selection. In addition, athletes, (at their own expense), shall be responsible for supplying any follow-up diagnostic information requested by the Team Veterinarian for horses being considered for selection. Failure to comply with any request of the Team Veterinarian may adversely affect a combination in respect to selection.

8.4 **Changes in Status:** Athletes must notify the Team Veterinarian of any change in their horse's health status or of any veterinary issues when they first become apparent.

8.5 **Testing:** All declared Horses are subject to testing per Section 5 of the Criteria and/or FEI Pre-Arrival-testing and/or as part of assessing the horse's well-being.



8.6 Veterinary Treatment of Horses:

8.6.1 All Veterinary treatments / procedures conducted on **all horses declared for the 2024 OG** must be reported to the Team Veterinarian as of **May 17, 2024**.

8.6.2 Observations of the Team Veterinarian relating to treatment of the horse as well as any concerns regarding the horse will be communicated to the athlete and the owner of the horse.

8.7 Veterinary Treatments - Definite Sport Entry Horses and Alternates for the 2024 OG

Following selection decisions (*on or before June 20, 2024*), for all selected horses (including alternates) for the 2024 OG, the Team Veterinarian must be consulted before such horse receives any kind of veterinary treatment or procedure by anyone other than the Team Veterinarian. In the event of an emergency circumstance where delay of treatment could jeopardize the horse's health or welfare, the Team Veterinarian shall be notified as soon as reasonably possible.

8.7.1 Treatment Decisions -Definite Sport Entry Horses and Alternates for the 2024 OG

The Team Veterinarian, in consultation with the personal veterinarian (unless waived by the athlete), shall make all treatment decisions on a named definite or alternate horse except in the event of an emergency circumstance where delay of treatment could jeopardize the horse's health or welfare.

8.8 Treatment Services Definite Sport Entry Horses and Alternates for the 2024 OG

Only team-appointed support personnel shall provide services/treatments on a named definite or alternate horse as of the time of departure to the 2024 OG unless deemed appropriate by the Team Veterinarian.

8.9 Feed and supplements

Definite Sport Entry Horses and Alternates for the 2024 OG

Athletes shall keep a record for each nominated horse of all products, treatments, foodstuffs and all supplements used on or given to the horse, commencing 30 days prior to the competition until the conclusion of the 2024 OG.

8.10 Removal from Selection

EC reserves the right to remove an athlete/horse combination from selection, where the athlete does not comply with any of the above veterinary requests, or the horse is deemed unsound and/or unfit to travel and compete at the 2024 OG. The decision of EC is final. Should this occur, the horse will be removed. See *Appendix 1, Section 10.8*.

9 SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

9.1 Selection Factors

The Selection Panel may consider the factors below but are not limited to these measures and will use their discretion in the selection process to attain the objectives as outlined in *Appendix 1, Section 2*.

9.2 Performance Results

(a) The Selection Panel will consider the performance results of the combination in FEI CCI5*-L, CCI4*-L, CCI4*-S competitions from **January 1, 2023 to June 16, 2024**.



- (b) Competition results achieved at the CCI5*-L, CCI4*-L, CCI4*-S level, prior to 2023 may be considered to demonstrate the experience of the combination.

In assessing the performance results, the Selection Panel will:

- Consider the demonstrated competitiveness of the combination on the international stage in all three phases.
- Consider the trending performance history of the combination (i.e. is the performance improving, static or worsening).

Consider the potential of the combination to contribute to achieving the objectives in priority order (meaning the primary objective will be prioritized over the secondary objective), as described in Appendix 1, Section 2. The potential of each combination to achieve a second show jumping (individual) round at the Olympic Games may be considered as appropriate by the selection panel.

9.3 **Veterinary Evaluation Results**

The Selection Panel will consider the results of any veterinary evaluations, tests or examinations, carried out with respect to the horse in considering fitness and soundness, that may affect their ability to achieve the performance objectives.

9.4 **Performance Metrics**

Performance result metrics and analysis provided by internal and external providers, including EquiRatings may be used by the Selection Panel in comparing results for athlete/horse combinations.

9.5 **Other Evidence:**

The Selection Panel may also consider equivalent National Eventing competitions as well as the use of show jumping and dressage competitions to improve performance. **It is the responsibility of the athlete to provide information from these competitions to the Selection Panel.**

10. **SELECTION PROCESS/ TIMETABLE**

10.1 **Timelines**

The timelines to be followed in the process are described in *Appendix 1, Section 5*

- 10.2 The maximum number of Definite Sport Entries permitted is dependent on team vs individual eligibility.

- 10.3 **Definite Sport Entries -Team** –EC may nominate up to 3 (three) Athletes plus 3 (three) Horse combinations as Definite Sport entries **plus 1 (one) alternate athlete plus 1 (one) reserve horse combination**. The nomination of definite sport entries will be the decision of the Selection Panel and approval of EC and the HPAG and in accordance with the qualification and selection procedures and the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the 2024 Olympic Games.

- 10.4 **Definite Sport Entries - Individual:** Should Canada not earn a team quota spot or-have enough eligible athlete / horse combinations to form a team for the 2024 OGs, then the selection of definite sport entries to be nominated for the individual competition will be subject to the decision of the Selection Panel and approval of EC and the HPAG in consultation and in accordance with the Criteria and the current FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the 2024 OG.



10.5 **Direct Horse Replacement-** The Selection Panel may, at their discretion, name a direct horse replacement for any of the definite or alternate entries for the 2024 OG.

10.6 **Non-Travelling Alternate Athletes /Reserve Horses**

The Selection Panel will also select **two additional** alternate athlete and/or reserve horse combinations in ranked order. These alternate athletes and/or reserve horses will not travel to the 2024 OGs. This follows the Criteria and the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the 2024 OG.

10.7 **Ongoing Obligations:-**Definite Sport Entry and alternate, athlete/horse combinations are required to demonstrate their continued preparation, soundness and ability for the 2024 OG. Athletes will work with Interim Chef D’Equipe/Technical Advisor for suitable post-selection competition plans which is expected to include a three phase competition.

10.8 **Staging/ Quarantine Camp:** Combinations selected as definite entries (including the first alternate athlete and reserve horse) plus the second alternate athlete and reserve horses must attend a pre-games staging/quarantine camp. Confirmed details will be communicated to selected athletes directly.

Travel Requirements for 2024 Staging/Quarantine and 2024 Olympic Games

Travel Requirements for 2024 staging/quarantine and 2024 OG

Position	Title	Travel to Staging/Quarantine Camp	Travel to 2024 Olympic Games
1-3	Definite Sport Entry	✓	✓
4	(First) Alternate Athlete/Reserve Horse	✓	✓
5	Second Alternate Athlete/ Reserve Horse	✓	✗
6	Third Alternate Athlete/Reserve Horse	✗	✗

10.9 **Substitution of Definite Entry**

NOTE: All Substitutions after July 3,2024 are conditional - subject to approval by the COC Team Selection Committee. After July 8, 2024 , 5pm ET, Substitutions are also subject to the IOC's Late Athlete Replacement Policy

10.9.1 Substitution for the 2024 OG is defined by any one of the following changes to the team structure:

- a. The first-ranked alternate athlete and/or reserve horse substituting a Definite Sport Entry.
- b. The second-ranked alternate athlete and/or reserve horse substituting the first-ranked alternate athlete and/or reserve horse OR substituting a Definite Sport entry.



Note: the second-ranked alternate athlete and/or reserve horse could move into a Definite Sport Entry position, without a change to the combination in the first-ranked alternate athlete/reserve horse position

c. A Definite Entry substituting the first-ranked alternate athlete and/or reserve horse.

10.9.2 Substitution Prior to Staging/Quarantine Camp

Substitution of an athlete/ horse combination nominated as Definite Sport Entry to the COC with a named alternate athlete/reserve horse combination shall be made as per FEI requirements and in accordance with this document: [FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympics](#).

A substitution may be required in the following:

- if a nominated horse becomes unfit, ill or unsound such that it is, in the reasonable opinion of the Team Veterinarian, not possible or desirable to have that horse compete at 2024 OGs;
- if a nominated athlete is ill, injured, incapacitated which or is in violation of EC Elite Athlete Agreement, EC Code of Conduct, EC Policies, IOC, COC Policies, FEI Policies or OCOG Policies. Any substitution for medical reasons must be certified by a physician(s) who is approved by EC-HPAG.

The Selection Panel shall then have the authority and absolute discretion to make all such substitution decisions after reviewing all relevant evidence and in consultation with the athlete.

The final decision for substitutions will be made by majority of the Selection Panel in consultation with Team Veterinarian with respect to any horse fitness, soundness or welfare issues.

NOTE: All Substitutions after July 3, 2024 are conditional - subject approval by the COC Team Selection Committee. After July 8, 2024, 5pm ET, Substitutions are also conditional- subject to the IOC's Late Athlete Replacement Policy

The last date for substitution is the last date at which an athlete or horse selected to travel to the OGs can be subject to substitution with an alternate athlete or reserve horse not previously nominated to travel. The date will be based on factors including when the Canadian horses transport to the OGs, where they fly from, and whether the athlete/horses taking part in Pre-Export Quarantine Training Camp prior to departing to the Event.

10.9.3 Substitution during Staging/Quarantine Camp

- if a nominated horse becomes unfit, ill or unsound such that it is, in the reasonable opinion of the Team Veterinarian, not possible or desirable to have that horse compete at 2024 OGs;
- if a combination is not on a positive trajectory during the 2024 pre- Games staging /quarantine camp to the extent that, in the reasonable opinion of the Chef D'Equipe in consultation with the Team Veterinarian, it is reasonably likely to have a negative impact on the team's performance during the 2024 OG; or
- if a nominated athlete is ill, injured, incapacitated which or is in violation of EC Elite Athlete Agreement, EC Code of Conduct, EC Policies, IOC, COC Policies, FEI Policies or OCOG



Policies. Any substitution for medical reasons must be certified by a physician(s) who is approved by EC-HPAG.

The last date for substitution is the last date at which an athlete or horse selected to travel to the OGs can be subject to substitution with an alternate athlete or reserve horse not previously nominated to travel. .

The Chef D'Equipe will consult with the Team Veterinarian and Selection Panel on this substitution. Still, the Chef D'Equipe shall have the authority and absolute discretion to make all such substitution decisions after reviewing all relevant evidence and in consultation with the athlete during staging/training camp

NOTE: All Substitutions after July 3, 2024 are conditional - subject to approval by the COC Team Selection Committee. After July 8, 2024, 5pm ET, Substitutions are also subject to the IOC's Late Athlete Replacement Policy

10.9.4 **Substitution during Team Competition**

In the team competition, substitution of a combination at the 2024 OG would be in accordance with Art 609.2 of the FEI regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games. The substitution decision will be made by the Chef d'Equipe. See [FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympics](#)

10.9.5 During the team competition, should an Athlete be substituted, their Olympic accreditation and entitlements will be transferred to the Alternate Athlete, and the replaced Athlete will lose their privileges.

10.10 **Declaration of the order of starters at the 2024 OG:** The date for the declaration of the order of starters will be announced by the OCOG in the competition schedule. The declaration of the order of starters will be made by the Eventing Chef d' Equipe.

11 **FORCE MAJEURE**

11.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the performances of athletes at events or other attendances in line with these Criteria, the Selection Panel may, at their discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances.

11.2 **Definition of Extenuating Circumstances:** For the purposes of Section 11.1 above, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, or perform or contribute at an optimum level arising from:

11.2.1 Injury or illness;

11.2.2 Bereavement or personal misfortune, and / or;

11.2.3 Any other factors reasonably considered by the Selection Panel to constitute extenuating circumstances; should the athlete wish to have other factors considered as extenuating circumstance,



a request must be in submitted in writing to the Selection Panel c/o EC Manager Eventing ftipton@equestrian.ca at least 10 days prior to the definite entry decision.

- 11.3 **Failure to Attend:** Athletes unable to compete at events or other attendances required must advise the Selection Panel c/o EC Manager Eventing and provide the reasons thereof as soon as practicable after the extenuating circumstances arise.

12 COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 **Publication of Criteria:** The Criteria will be placed on the EC website. Inquiries about the Criteria or nomination process can be made in writing or by telephone to the EC Manager, Eventing at the EC office.

- 12.2 **Notification to HPAG:** The Selection Panel shall inform the HPAG of the selection decision.

12.3 Official Announcement

The HPAG Chair will privately and officially inform the 2024 OG Athlete/Horse combinations including alternates of their nomination on or before **June 20, 2024**

Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement

It is important that ALL athletes nominated for the 2024 OG (as well as ALL owners, grooms, team personnel, and anyone else affiliated with a nominated athlete, including friends, and family) respect this Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement until after the official announcement of the team by the COC.

Until the official COC team announcement, athletes and their affiliates (owners, grooms, companions, team personnel, and anyone else affiliated with a nominated athlete, including friends, and family) are to refrain from confirming team nomination to any and all media, and must not make any references that confirms team nominations on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.).

The purpose of this non-disclosure policy is to ensure maximum impact and exposure for the announcement of the athletes who will represent Canada at the 2024 OG.

Violation of this non-disclosure policy may result in sanctions, up to and including exclusion from nomination.

- 12.4 COC will officially announce the nominated athlete/horse combinations. The date of the official announcement will be provided to the athletes when they are notified in writing of their nomination. There will be no mention of the nominations to the media or public until the official announcement has been made by COC.

13. **FUNDING DISCLAIMER:** EC and HPAG are dedicated to providing the necessary funds for a Canadian Eventing Team and/or individuals to compete at the 2024 OG to the extent it is reasonably possible. Any costs not covered by COC, EC, and HPAG, may be covered by the members of the team on an equitable basis.



APPENDIX 2 – ATHLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES (2024 OG): ATHLETE’S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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 2024 OG, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET).

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, Asia, South America, Europe, the United States or in transit; accidents in or near the show ring or competition grounds; accidents at the stables; accidents during transportation to and from the 2024 OG, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2024 OG; 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 my horse, my death or the death of my horse, property damage or any loss resulting therefrom.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the 2024 OG so as to allow me to 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:

IF I KNOW OR SUSPECT that my physical condition may be incompatible with the Equine Activities, I will promptly seek medical advice before undertaking the Equine Activities.

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 laws of Canada applicable therein, and any litigation involving the parties to this agreement shall be brought exclusively 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.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 202_

Signature of Athlete

Print Name (Athlete)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned by email by **February 13, 2024**, to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada. *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 3 – GROOM/ TEAM PERSONNEL

RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES (2024 OG): GROOM/ TEAM PERSONNEL RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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 2024 OG, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET).

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that the Equine Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards to me including, but not limited to: contracting human or equine diseases or illnesses in Canada, Asia, South America, Europe, the United States or in transit; accidents in or near the show ring or competition grounds; accidents at the stables; accidents during transportation to and from the 2024 OG, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2024 OG; 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 and the possibility of personal injury, my death, property damage or any loss resulting therefrom.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the 2024 OG so as to allow me to 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:

IF I KNOW OR SUSPECT that my physical condition may be incompatible with the Equine Activities, I will promptly seek medical advice before undertaking the Equine Activities.

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 the horse under my care 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 laws of Canada applicable therein, and any litigation involving the parties to this agreement shall be brought exclusively 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.

Dated this ___ day of _____, 202_

_____	_____	_____
Signature	Print Name	Role

Signature of Witness

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APPENDIX 4 – OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES (2024 OG): OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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 horses’ travel to, training for and participation at the 2024 OG, which event the horse _____ [insert name here] is attending as an equine member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET).

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that the Equine Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards to my horse including, but not limited to: contracting equine diseases or illnesses in Canada, Asia, South America, Europe, the United States or in transit; being delayed in quarantine or forced to remain indefinitely in quarantine; accidents in or near the show ring or competition grounds; accidents at the stables; accidents during transportation to and from the 2024 OG, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2024 OG; negligence on the part of Equestrian Canada, including the failure by Equestrian Canada to safeguard and protect my horse from the risks, dangers and hazards of Equine Activities. I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers and hazards associated with my horse participating in the Equine Activities (for my horse) and the possibility of injury to the horse, death of the horse and property damage or any loss resulting therefrom.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide accreditation for up to two individuals and my horse for the 2024 OG so as to allow the horse to 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:

IF I KNOW OR SUSPECT that the physical condition or health of my horse may be incompatible with the Equine Activities. I will promptly advise the Team Veterinarian accordingly.

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 that I, or any other person receiving accreditation on my behalf, may suffer, my horse may suffer (including death) or my next of kin may suffer as a result of my horses’ 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 MY HORSE 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 any person receiving accreditation on my behalf, or to any third party or injury to my horse resulting from my horses’ 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 laws of Canada applicable therein, and any litigation involving the parties to this agreement shall be brought exclusively 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.

Dated this ___day of _____, 202__

Signature of Owner

Name of Horse / Passport No

Print Name (Owner)

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned by email by **February 13, 2024**, to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, *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 5

EVENTING SELECTION PANEL MEMBER JOB DESCRIPTION

COMPOSITION: The Eventing Selection Panel (Selection Panel) shall be comprised of three members (each a Selector).

ACCOUNTABILITY: The Selection Panel reports its decision to the Eventing High Performance Advisory Group.

TERM OF OFFICE: A term of office for a Selector shall be an Olympic Cycle. (4 years, to be evaluated by the HPAG after the Olympics)

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Selection Panel is responsible for identifying and selecting the athlete/horse combinations deemed most capable of team completion and an internationally competitive result, for senior major games, championships including the Olympic Games, World Championships, Olympic Games through a fair, transparent and documented selection process.

The Selection Panel is also responsible for identifying and selecting the athlete/horse combinations for Nations Cup teams based on the overall objectives laid out by the HPAG.

The duties of the Selection Panel will include, but are not limited to:

1. Establishing objectives of the Criteria
2. Selecting the combinations (and alternate combinations) to be nominated to EC in accordance with the published Criteria.
3. Ruling on contentious issues in nomination process or application process.
4. Ensuring all performance results under review are accurate.
5. Observing at designated competitions.
6. Selecting the alternates subject to these criteria and the FEI regulations and policies where applicable
7. Reviewing reports related to the horse evaluations/examinations.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Competed at the Advanced Level or have obtained Level 3 or above FEI Eventing Official status with a minimum of 3 years' experience involved at Eventing High Performance levels.

Selection Panel members may not have been previously removed from an EC committee for violating EC Policies or Rules. In addition to following EC's rules, regulations, policies and procedures. Selectors must hold a current EC Sport license and complete, prior to the first committee meeting, a Non-disclosure Agreement (NDA).

PREFERRED SKILLS:

1. Understanding of the particular competition being selected for (Olympics, World Championships, Pan American Games, Nations Cups) including the level of competition, terrain, competition site and other potential challenges.
2. Ability to understanding results at various global events in relation to other events – e.g. appreciating that all CCI4* and CCI5* events are not the same.
3. Understanding of how the sport has evolved over the last decade.
4. Ability to communicate effectively with athletes **without bias**.
5. Ability to travel to targeted major competitions identified in the annual selection plan (within their respective global region).
6. Knowledge of the major (FEI) competition venues around the world.
7. Knowledge and awareness of other nation's team programs with a clear understanding of the current performance standard of the world's top nations.
8. Understanding of key performance evaluation metrics available and how to measure. (ie. EquiRatings)
9. Horse capability knowledge/ understanding of horse/ athlete strengths relative to type of competition or track. i.e. horses for courses.

INABILITY TO COMPLETE A TERM:

If a Selection Panel member vacates their position during their term, the CEO on the recommendation of the HPAG may appoint a qualified individual to complete such term.

The HPAG and/or the CEO may remove a Selection Panel member in the following circumstances:

1. A conflict of interest issue arises that cannot be resolved; and/or,
2. A member is unable to fulfill their responsibilities; and/or
3. A member has been found to be in violation of EC rules, regulations and/or policy; and/or
4. A member uses the information gained through their association with the Committee/HPAG to cause public harm, including without limitation, any defamation or other damage to reputation, to the Committee, HPAG, EC staff, participants or the organization



APPENDIX 6 – DEFINED TERMS

Where used in this document, unless otherwise defined, acronyms and capitalized words have the following meanings:

“**2024 OG**” means the 2024 Olympic Games, Paris France

“**CADP**” means the Canadian Anti-Doping Program responsible for drug testing of athletes in Canada;

“**Canadian Eventing Team**” means the team of athlete /horse combinations nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee to represent Canada at the 2024 OG.

“**CCI**” means Concours Complet International (International Eventing Competition Event). The CCI has different competition formats and held different levels, with the higher numbers meaning a higher level; the star ratings for events.

CCI - L: Concours complet international long - the FEI sanctioned international long format eventing competition (formerly known as CCI)

CCI – S: Concours Complet International short -- the FEI sanctioned international short format eventing competition (formerly known as a CIC)

“**CET**” means the Canadian Equestrian Team, as determined by Equestrian Canada

“**COC**” means Canadian Olympic Committee

“**Discipline Manager**” or “**DM**” means the EC Manager Eventing

“**EC**” means Equine Canada operating as Equestrian Canada;

“**EC Games Portal**” means the internet registration portal for EC used for Major Games;

“**IOC**” means International Olympic Committee

“**IF**” means the International Federation in the case of equestrian this is the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI);

“**HPAG**” means the EC High Performance Advisory Group for Eventing

“**DHP**” means the EC Director High Performance

“**MER**” means the Minimum Eligibility Requirement established by IF for qualification for the 2024 OG;

“**MER Qualification Period**” means the period determined by the IF and EC -Eventing (1st January 2023 until June 10, 2024 inclusive) within which MER must be achieved as a combination

“**OCOG**” means the Organizing Committee for the 2024 OG

“**SDRCC**” means the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, an independent adjudicative body for sport in Canada;