



AUTHORIZATION POLICY FOR PARA DRESSAGE FEI SANCTIONED (CPEDI) COMPETITIONS

Athletes interested in competing in FEI sanctioned (CPEDI) competitions must meet and comply with the requirements set out below. This Equestrian Canada (EC) policy applies only to competitions where there are no other selection policies in place.

1 ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a current EC Platinum Sport Licence holder in good standing
- Hold an [FEI registration](#) for the current year
- Have an international FEI Para-Equestrian Dressage classification and be assigned one of five grades (I, II, III, IV and V)
- Additional threshold scores may be required prior to entry into a **foreign** CPEDI competition. Please see information outlined in see section 4 below
Note - Grade IV and V athletes must warm up their own horse prior to competing at EC Gold, foreign equivalent level competitions, if they wish to use the scores achieved as threshold scores for foreign CPEDI authorization purposes.

Foreign CPEDI competition is a CPEDI outside the country where the athlete permanently resides. The athlete must live have resided in the country for at minimum 6 consecutive months for the country to be considered the athlete's permanent residence.

- Athletes on the current National Team Program must additionally submit their completed athlete agreement and training plan by confirmed deadlines

2 HORSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Hold an [FEI registration](#) for the current year
- Hold a valid FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card

3. PROCESS:

- Athletes interested in competing at a CPEDI competition must request [authorization to compete](#) through the EC authorization portal. Please note: Requests **MUST** be received by the EC office a minimum of **3 weeks** prior to the competition's definite entry deadline which can be found in the competition schedule



- 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 above and has 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

4. THRESHOLD SCORE REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Canadian CPEDI1* and CPEDI2* Competitions

- There are no threshold score requirements to compete in Canadian CPEDI1* and CPEDI2* competitions.

4.2 Foreign CPEDI1* Competitions

- There are no threshold score requirements to compete in a foreign CPEDI1* competition

4.3 Foreign CPEDI2* Competitions

Athlete/horse combinations entering their first foreign CPEDI2* competition or athlete/horse combinations who have not competed within the previous 12 month period:

- Must achieve scores of **64%** or higher in two (2) technical tests at the EC Gold level, or foreign equivalent level or achieve scores of 62% or higher in two (2) intermediate technical tests at a Canadian CPEDI2*, before receiving authorization from EC to compete in a foreign CPEDI2* competition. Athlete/horse combinations may use one Gold score and one CPEDI score to meet the score requirements.
- Athlete/horse combinations without access to EC Gold level, or foreign equivalent level, competitions may submit videos in order to achieve the required score threshold. Submitted videos will be marked by either an FEI Para-Dressage judge or Senior National Dressage judge– See Appendix 1 for video submission requirements. The video must be taken away from your home stable.

4.4 CPEDI3* Competitions

4.4.1 Canadian CPEDI3* Competitions

- **Athlete/horse combinations entering their first Canadian CPEDI3* competition must first have achieved the FEI qualification requirements, see below:**
 - *As per Article 8404 of the FEI Para Dressage Rules, Athletes are required to qualify for CPEDI3* competitions:*
 - *To enter in a CPEDI3*, Athletes are required to have achieved a minimum score of 60% in a CPEDI2* or a CDI1* (or above) in any one test once.*
 - *Scores obtained in CPEDI3* and above prior to 2023 will count.*



Such qualification only needs to be obtained once. Scores achieved in a CDI must have been obtained in the 12 months prior to the Athletes first appearance in a CPEDI3.*

- No additional threshold requirements are required for Canadian CPEDI3* competitions.

4.4.2 Foreign CPEDI3* Competitions

- **Athlete/horse combinations entering their first foreign CPEDI3* competition must have first achieved the FEI qualification requirements, see below:**
 - *As per Article 8404 of the FEI Para Dressage Rules, Athletes are required to qualify for CPEDI3* competitions:*
 - *To enter in a CPEDI3*, Athletes are required to have achieved a minimum score of 60% in a CPEDI2* or a CDI* (or above) in any one test once.*
 - *Scores obtained in CPEDI3* and above prior to 2023 will count.*

Such qualification only needs to be obtained once. Scores achieved in a CDI must have been obtained in the 12 months prior to the Athletes first appearance in a CPEDI3.*

- In addition to the above FEI requirements. Athlete/horse combinations must achieve scores of **67%** or higher in two (2) Grand Prix technical tests at the EC Gold level, or foreign equivalent level or achieve scores of 64% or higher in two (2) Grand Prix technical tests at a Canadian CPEDI3*
 - before receiving authorization from EC to compete in a foreign CPEDI3* competition. Athlete/horse combinations may use one Gold score and one CPEDI score to meet the score requirements. **Exceptions:**
 - Athletes who have represented Canada within the past 4 years at either the Paralympic Games or World Championships are not required to achieve this EC threshold score requirement.
 - Athlete/horse combinations who are current members of the EC Para-Dressage National Team Program (NTP) National Squad (NS) and or Development Squad (DS) are not required this EC threshold score requirement.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION AT FEI SACTIONED COMPETITIONS:

- The Para-Dressage Technical Leader 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 Leader appointed by EC for an international event.



APPENDIX 1

PARA-DRESSAGE AUTHORIZATION

VIDEO SUBMISSION

FOR CPEDI2* ATHLETES ONLY

Rules for Video Submission - Para-Dressage Authorization Video Portal:

1. Athlete / horse combinations will be required to submit videos showing two (2) Intermediate technical tests from their grade.
2. The test must be ridden and filmed at a facility or competition venue which is not the home training venue for the athlete or horse.
3. The fee to submit each video is \$50.00 per test.
4. Tests must be ridden and recorded in an enclosed arena or ring with a minimum size of 18m x 36m (59 feet X 118 feet) and a maximum size of 20m x 40m (66 feet X 131 feet). If your arena is larger, please mark off an area of this size so that video results are similar.
5. The camera must be placed at “C” (far end of ring/arena), approximately 5 m (16.5 feet) back and between 1.5m-2.5m (5 feet-8 feet) high. If the zoom feature is used the horse may be no larger than ¼ of the screen. The recording should start approximately 5 seconds before the class or individual rider enters the arena. In an indoor arena, the rider may already be in the arena, and the recording will start 5 seconds before judging of the class begins. The recording should finish approximately 5 seconds after the class ends or after the final salute at the end of the test.

TIPS:

- Always film with your back to the sun
 - Make sure you keep the camera steady and try and keep the horse in the centre of the frame
 - Try not to film when there is a sharp contrast in light and dark areas in the arena
 - Use the highest quality setting on your camera
 - Set the zoom before you start and do not alter it once you have started filming
 - Make sure the light setting is correct for the time of day you are filming at
 - Stand at C either with your back to C or behind C facing A and do not move from that spot
 - Make sure you video from the start of the test as they turn onto the centre line and keep videoing until after the final halt so we can see some walk work as they leave the arena. (Just half a dozen steps or so)
6. Athletes must submit their video online. Videos may be submitted through the secure Equestrian Canada server providing a YouTube link (see below for YouTube instructions).



7. The name of the video file should include the rider's last name, horse name and test title.
Note: Videos may include more than one test providing they adhere to the following restrictions:
 - a. Must have a 5 second pause between tests
 - b. Clearly marked with the test, date, the rider and horse name
8. Once athletes have a video of themselves performing a specific test, it can be uploaded to the secure Equestrian Canada server at https://licence.equestrian.ca/pd_authvideo

Tips for Creating and uploading a YouTube Video

Go to www.YouTube.com and create an account. To do this, click on the 'Sign Up' button at the top of the screen. Fill out all of the requested information. An e-mail will be sent to you asking you to confirm your e-mail address. Click the link in the e-mail to confirm.

Customize Your YouTube Profile

You can customize your profile by clicking on your username at the top of the screen. You can choose to add a photo, video logs, favorite videos, subscribers, and friends.

Fill in the Video Upload Information

To upload a video, go to the upload page by clicking on 'Upload' in the upper right corner of the homepage. On this page, fill out your video information including title, description and tags. Tags are key words used to describe your video.

Upload the Video to YouTube

The next step is to upload your video onto YouTube from your computer. Click on 'Upload Video' to find a video file on your computer. Next, click the browse button to search for the file you want to upload. Double click on the file and it will appear in the text box. Click on 'Upload Video.'

Please be aware that posting videos on YouTube without security settings will allow outside individuals to view your video. It is highly recommended that users set the YouTube security setting to "Unlisted" (Only those who have been provided the link, can view the video)

Once athletes have a video of themselves performing a specific test, it can be uploaded to the secure Equestrian Canada server at any time before the competition deadline at http://licence.equinecanada.ca/pec_video

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions at: jgoodfellow@equestrian.ca