



## DRIVING TEAM SELECTION

### *Criteria*

**Long List Drivers** – to qualify for the Canadian Equestrian Driving Team Long List, Drivers and all horses/ponies must be qualified (per Articles H919 - H925) by successfully completing a 3-day combined driving event of Driven Dressage, Marathon, and Cones; in their own class (single horse or pony, pair horse or pony, or four-in-hand horse or pony) at a FEI rated, Equestrian Canada-sanctioned, or USEF licensed Advanced/FEI event pre-approved by the Canadian Driving Committee as a qualifying event for a specific upcoming World Championship.

Drivers must achieve Driven Dressage results less than the stated penalties for the specific Championship. For World Championships, Equestrian Canada may name to the Canadian Equestrian Driving Team the number of horses specified:

- Four-in-Hand Horses – Article H920.
- Pair Horses – Article H921.
- Single Horse – Article H922.
- Combined Pony – Article H923.
- Youth – Article H924
- Single for Para-Equestrian – Article H925.

Drivers must write the Drive Canada Competitions Committee stating the desire to compete in the World Championships and include a resume on past competitive experience and performance record to date. The letter must also indicate the ability to enter and travel to the minimum number of qualifying events, and if selected for the Team, be able to attend the World Championship. Drivers must also include a signed Driver's Long List Letter of Commitment. Drivers must hold a valid Platinum Equestrian Canada Sport License, and be an EC-Drive affiliate member in good standing. To be eligible for qualifying competitions, the horse(s) or pony(s) must hold a horse passport required by the qualifying event. All of the above must be in place before qualifying points may be accumulated.

The Selection Committee will initiate a Canadian Driving Team long-range plan for developing winning teams, as ratification by the Canadian Driving Committee, and may include, but not be limited to, an ongoing assessment by the Team Coach and Team Veterinarian of driver capability and equine(s) potential for World Championship Competition.

**Team selection (final)** – may be at the discretion of the Team Coach. The following will be taken into consideration: the Team Veterinarian's recommendation regarding soundness; assessments of world championship calibre capability and potential, rankings based on individual competition placings for each Advanced qualifying or selection trial event completed without elimination, and other criteria based on the specific Championship. See EC Section H, Chapter 5 – Eligibility for requirements and procedures. The Minimum age for horses and ponies for World Championships is 6 years. Drivers meeting all the criteria must be prepared and be required to sign an Equestrian Canada Athlete's Agreement, obtain a valid FEI equine passport for each horse, and commit to full financial responsibility.

Any number of qualifying or selection trial events may be entered, points from the best four to count. The

Committee's objective is to provide reasonable and fair opportunity for the maximum number of Canadian drivers to participate at every FEI, Equestrian Canada or USEF event in as many regions of North America or Europe as possible.

**Qualifying Events and Selection Trials** - Other National (European, EC, or USEF Advanced Level competitions) to be used for record of results pre-approved by the Drive Canada Competitions Committee from time to time as required:

Note: Under extraordinary circumstances, the selection committee reserves the right to waive any or all of the requirements.

**Points for driver's rankings** (if required) are tabulated according to the following method:

- \* Overall placing out of the field of competitors x 10, plus
- \* Dressage Competition Placing out of field of competitors, plus
- \* Marathon Competition Placing out of field of competitors, plus
- \* Obstacles Competition Placing out of field of competitors;

Sum of the above placings times a factor of 3.0; plus

- \* Total penalties accumulated in Dressage, plus
- \* Total of section penalties during the Marathon, plus
- \* Total penalties accumulated in the Obstacles Competition.

The lowest total points then becomes the first place in the ranking for the specific event.

In addition, rankings will be weighted by the total number of competitors in the class and the placing of the driver within the class, ie: second in a field of 2 will not weigh as much as second in a field of 15.