



DRIVING TEAM SELECTION

Preamble

Whereas Equestrian Canada is expected to be invited to send driving teams representing Canada to FEI World Championship Driving; and whereas driving team selections is the responsibility of the Canadian Driving Committee (CDC), the following philosophy and criteria is set forth.

Foremost, all competitors accepted on the long list are considered to be part of the Canadian Driving Team and are expected to work together and in full cooperation with the Team Coach, Team Veterinarian, and Chef d'Equipe.

In the final selection, drivers representing Canada must be suited to and capable of international competition calibre. Equestrian Canada/Drive Canada is not obligated to name any individual or team if it is deemed that this standard is not met. The Canadian Equestrian Driving Team for any World Championship may consist of individuals eligible for individual gold, silver, or bronze medals or the Canadian National Team, as prescribed by the specific Championship, eligible for Team Championship gold, silver, or bronze medals

A Selection Committee consisting of the a Canadian Driving Committee representative, the team Coach, Team Veterinarian, Chef d'Equipe, and a long listed driver from another division (such as a singles driver for the ponies or a pairs driver for the singles) will be constituted for each World Championship as qualified athletes apply for a position. The Committee will initiate a Canadian Driving Team Long-Range Development Plan - with ratification by the Canadian Driving Committee - and will include, but not be limited to, an initial assessment by the Team Coach and Team Veterinarian for driver capability and equine(s) potential for World Championship Competition. Final determination of the team may rest with the Team Coach when authorized by the CDC. The Selection Committee shall be responsible for recommending the qualifying events, selection trials, and the team budget to the CDC. No active member of the committee may have any conflict of interest with a potential Athlete or equine.

Long Listing will not automatically be carried from one designated World Championship to the next. The new period will start with the next Drive Canada pre-approved event following the last World Championship for that division. Each driver must qualify for the long list for a particular World Championship in the designated qualifying time period as determined by the FEI:

- 1a. by completing, without being eliminated, an FEI, Equestrian Canada, or USEF licensed, pre-approved by CDC as a qualifying event for a specific upcoming World Championship and
- 1b. by achieving the prerequisite Driven Dressage score at an approved event (all judges averaged, plus additional driving penalties).
2. by the submission of a the Athlete's Checklist with the following attachments and information:
 - i. letter of intent to the Competitions Committee with resume
 - ii. signed Driving Long List Letter of Commitment.
 - iii. compliance with required membership(s), horse licence(s), and passport/identification papers

Having completed a qualifying competition for the long-list for a specific championship, the Horse is eligible for the Equestrian Canada Athlete's Agreement. Horses with an Athlete's Agreement are eligible for the Horse Maintenance Program.

Final Canadian Equestrian Driving Team selection is also dependant upon and subject to financial considerations. The Drive Canadian Driving Committee, Team Coach, Team Veterinarian, and Chef d'Equip will develop a budget and itinerary to the best of their ability with input from the competitors and will set the amount required of each competitor for common expenses and a date that those funds must be on deposit with Equestrian Canada. At that date, each competitor must also commit to personal financial responsibility for the balance of expenses. If the funds, proof of financial responsibility, and date requirements are not met, a Canadian Equestrian Driving Team will not be named.