



# 2026 CDIO-U25 WELLINGTON, FL - SELECTION PROCESS

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Equestrian Canada (EC) may enter a team or teams (see team composition below) in the **2026 CDIO-U25 Wellington, Florida (2026 CDIO-U25) scheduled for March 18-22, 2026.**
- 1.2 This Selection Process has been established with the view of identifying and selecting the best rider/horse combinations possible to represent Canada at the 2026 CDIO-U25.
- 1.3 All rider/horse combinations who take part in the 2026 CDIO-U25 **must** achieve the minimum eligibility standards as outlined in this criterion and the schedule for the 2026 CDIO-U25.

## **2.0 TEAM COMPOSITION**

- 2.1 The Canadian team composition and the number of teams permitted for entry by Canada will be dependent on the 2026 CDIO-U25 schedule.

## **3.0 DECLARATION FORM**

- 3.1 A Declaration Form must be submitted to the EC Dressage Department, by the end of day (12 midnight ET), **Monday, February 2, 2026**. The Declaration Form is to be completed through the online web portal at the following website link <https://licence.equestrian.ca/cdiou25/login.aspx>. There is no declaration fee. Late declarations will not be accepted.

## **4.0 QUALIFICATION**

- 4.1 Riders and Owners who choose to participate in the selection process acknowledge by their participation and declaration that meeting the qualification threshold outlined in this criterion does not guarantee that a rider/horse combination will be selected to participate in the 2026 CDIO-U25.
- 4.2 Riders **MUST** be current EC Platinum Sport Licence
- 4.3 The Qualifying Period is **January 1, 2025 – March 1, 2026.**
- 4.4 **Qualifying Scores:**
  - a) Qualifying scores shall be the final average of the complete judging panel for each test specified in s.4.4 d) below.
  - b) The two qualifying scores submitted will be used to determine ranking for selection.
  - c) Qualifying panel scores must be achieved at National or CDI-U25 competitions within the qualification period see s.4.3 above. Scores obtained at a National competition must be from a panel comprised of Senior or FEI judges.
  - d) The two qualifying scores for consideration must be from either the Intermediate II or the Grand Prix 16-25 test. At least one of the scores must be from the Grand Prix 16-25 test.
  - e) **Qualifying scores must be submitted using the online form on or before 9 am ET on March 2, 2026.**

## **5.0 CDIO-U25 Selection**

- 5.1 On **Monday March 2, 2026**, the Qualifying Scores will be tabulated and averaged to determine the rank order of each declared rider/horse combination. For selection purposes qualifying scores must be reported Using the [score reporting form](#) **Note: A 1% bonus will be added to each CDI-U25 qualifying score before scores are averaged for ranking.** Team selections will be based on the ranking of each rider/horse combination.



5.2 The High-Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) is the selection panel for the 2026 CDIO-U25. The member of the HPAG can be found at the bottom of the dressage page:

[www.equestrian.ca/sport/dressage](http://www.equestrian.ca/sport/dressage)

## **6.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CDIO-U25 RIDER/HORSE COMBINATIONS**

6.1 Equestrian Canada will announce the 2026 CDIO-U25 rider/horse combinations upon completion of the selection process.

## **7.0 NO ALTERATIONS**

7.1 No alteration of rider/horse combinations will be permitted after declaration.

## **8.0 APPEALS**

8.1 Athletes participating in the selection process for the 2026 CDIO-U25, have the right to appeal against a selection decision but only on the grounds that the HPAG has failed to comply with the correct procedures outlined in this selection document or have made a decision that no rational body of selectors could reasonably reach. An appeal must be made in writing to the EC Discipline Manager within 72 hours of the relevant athlete being informed of the decision. Appeals must be accompanied by an administration fee of \$1,000.00 (CAD).

8.2 Athletes hereby adopt the EC Discipline, Complaints and Appeal Policy as the mechanism to resolve disputes between all declared athletes and EC. Nevertheless, in recognition of the short timelines required for the decision process, both parties may agree to forgo the above EC policy process and as an option adopt the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) appeal process as a time-efficient alternative process. **In such instance, the administration fee will be applied to the fee required for appeal to SDRCC.**

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