



2026 CDIO WELLINGTON, FLORIDA - SELECTION PROCESS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Equestrian Canada (EC) may enter a team in the **2026 CDIO Wellington, Florida (2026 CDIO) 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.
- 1.3 All rider/horse combinations who take part in the 2026 CDIO **must** achieve the minimum eligibility standards as outlined in this criterion and the schedule for the 2026 CDIO.

2.0 TEAM COMPOSITION

- 2.1 The Canadian team composition will be dependent on the 2026 CDIO 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/cdio/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.
- 4.2 Riders **MUST** be current EC Platinum Sport Licence holders in good standing.
- 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 top three qualifying scores will be used to determine ranking for selection.
 - c) The three qualifying scores must be achieved from CDI3* or higher, competitions within the qualification period see s.4.3 above.
 - d) Scores for consideration must be from either the Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special test. Two of the three scores may be from the same competition.

5.0 2026 CDIO Selection

- 5.1 On or before March 2, 2026, the three highest Qualifying Scores as reported on the FEI results database, will be tabulated, and averaged to determine the rank order of each declared rider/horse combination. 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.
The members of the HPAG can be found at: www.equestrian.ca/sport/dressage

6.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CDIO RIDER/HORSE COMBINATIONS

6.1 EC will announce the 2026 CDIO 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, 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.**