



2026 FEI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AACHEN

EQUESTRIAN CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCEDURES - VAULTING

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to set out the selection criteria and procedures (Selection Criteria) that the Vaulting Selection Panel will use to select athlete/horse combinations to compete at the 2026 FEI World Championships Aachen (2026 WC) for Vaulting, scheduled for August 13- 16, 2026.
- 1.2 Discipline-specific selection Criteria are outlined in *Appendix 1*. Questions specific to the Selection Criteria should be directed to Alex Hubley.
- 1.3 Athlete/Horse combinations must meet the expectations outlined in these Selection Criteria to be considered for selection.
- 1.4 Athletes and owners who choose to participate in the selection process acknowledge by their participation and declaration that meeting the requirements outlined in these Selection Criteria does not guarantee that an athlete/horse combination will be selected.
- 1.5 It is important for the integrity of the selection process that athletes, grooms, lungers, owners, team support personnel and associated parties involved in the selection process, practice at all times a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may have a bearing on selection, and/or any selection decisions. All confidential information, conversations, and discussions will be identified as such. Any person who breaks this confidentiality may be removed from the selection process.
- 1.6 If there is a difference in interpretation between this document's French and English versions, then the English version shall prevail.
- 1.7 Any intentional misrepresentation of information submitted for selection consideration may, at the sole discretion of the Vaulting Selection Panel, eliminate the athlete/horse combination from both the qualifying process and consideration for selection.

2. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection consideration for the 2026 WC, the following minimum eligibility requirements listed in this section must be met.

2.1 Athlete



- Be a Canadian citizen at the time of declaration and until the conclusion of the 2026 WC
- Have a Canadian passport that is valid until at least **November 23, 2026**
- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the [European Travel Information and Authorization System](#) (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's [Entry/Exit System](#) (EES).
- Be eligible to travel to any required quarantine/training camp and the 2026 WC
- Be in compliance with all relevant International Federation (FEI) requirements for eligibility
- Be a member in good standing (Platinum Sport License Holder) with EC
- Hold a current FEI Registration and be in good standing with the FEI
- Must sign and submit the Equestrian Canada (EC) Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - [Safe Sport policies](#) (FR <https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/>)
 - [The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport \(UCCMS\)](#) (FR <https://cces.ca/sites/default/files/content/docs/2025-01/CCES-UCCMS-Final-Fr.pdf>)
 - [Canadian Safe Sport Program](#), as applicable. (FR - <https://cces.ca/fr/programme-canadien-de-sport-securitaire>)
 - Sport Integrity Canada's Clean Sport or Clean Sport Review e-learning module
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- Athletes competing in the Individual and Pas de Deux divisions must meet minimum athlete age requirements as per the 2025 FEI Regulations and be 16 years of age in 2026, born on or before December 31st, 2010.
 - Note: There is no minimum age requirement for athletes competing in the Senior Squad division.

2.2 Horse

- Meet minimum horse age requirements as per the [FEI Vaulting Rules](#) and be at least 7 years of age in 2026, born on or before December 31st, 2019.
- Possess a valid FEI Horse document (passport), a current FEI Horse 'Registration, and be in good standing.

2.3 Groom

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of the 2026 WC
- Have a passport or travel document that is valid until at least **November 23, 2026**
- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the [European Travel Information and Authorization System](#) (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's [Entry/Exit System](#) (EES).
- Be eligible to travel to any required quarantine/training camp and the 2026 WC
- Have experience competing or grooming at international equestrian competitions
- Be a member of the International Grooms Association (IGA)
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- Must sign and submit the Equestrian Canada (EC) Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:



- [Safe Sport policies](https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/) (FR <https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/>)
 - [The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport \(UCCMS\)](https://cces.ca/sites/default/files/content/docs/2025-01/CCES-UCCMS-Final-Fr.pdf) (FR <https://cces.ca/sites/default/files/content/docs/2025-01/CCES-UCCMS-Final-Fr.pdf>)
 - [Canadian Safe Sport Program](https://cces.ca/fr/programme-canadien-de-sport-securitaire), as applicable. (FR - <https://cces.ca/fr/programme-canadien-de-sport-securitaire>)
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines

2.4 Lunger

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of the 2026 WC
- Have a passport or travel document that is valid until at least **November 23, 2026**
- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the [European Travel Information and Authorization System](#) (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's [Entry/Exit System](#) (EES).
- Be eligible to travel to any required quarantine/training camp and the 2026 WC
- Have experience competing or grooming at international equestrian competitions
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- Must sign and submit the Equestrian Canada (EC) Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - [Safe Sport policies](https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/) (FR <https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/>)
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 - [Canadian Safe Sport Program](https://cces.ca/fr/programme-canadien-de-sport-securitaire), as applicable. (FR - <https://cces.ca/fr/programme-canadien-de-sport-securitaire>)
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines

2.5 Owners

- Have a passport or travel document that is valid until at least **November 23, 2026**
- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the [European Travel Information and Authorization System](#) (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's [Entry/Exit System](#) (EES).
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- At minimum **one Owner** must be listed as an owner in the FEI horse document.
- Must sign and submit the Equestrian Canada (EC) Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - [Safe Sport policies](https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/) (FR <https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/>)



- [The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport \(UCCMS\)](https://cces.ca/sites/default/files/content/docs/2025-01/CCES-UCCMS-Final-Fr.pdf) (FR <https://cces.ca/sites/default/files/content/docs/2025-01/CCES-UCCMS-Final-Fr.pdf>)
 - [Canadian Safe Sport Program](https://cces.ca/fr/programme-canadien-de-sport-securitaire), as applicable. (FR - <https://cces.ca/fr/programme-canadien-de-sport-securitaire>)
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines

2.6 Support Team Members

- Have a passport or travel document that is valid until at least **November 23, 2026**
- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the [European Travel Information and Authorization System](#) (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's [Entry/Exit System](#) (EES).
- Be eligible to travel to any required quarantine/training camp and the 2026 WC
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- Must sign and submit the Equestrian Canada (EC) Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - [Safe Sport policies](https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/) (FR <https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/>)
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- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines

2.7 Athlete Companion (should accreditation be available)

- Have a passport or travel document that is valid until at least **November 23, 2026**
- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the [European Travel Information and Authorization System](#) (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's [Entry/Exit System](#) (EES).
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines.
- Must sign and submit the Equestrian Canada (EC) Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - [Safe Sport policies](https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/) (FR <https://equestrian.ca/fr/compete/athlete-resources/safe-sport/>)
 - [The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport \(UCCMS\)](https://cces.ca/sites/default/files/content/docs/2025-01/CCES-UCCMS-Final-Fr.pdf) (FR <https://cces.ca/sites/default/files/content/docs/2025-01/CCES-UCCMS-Final-Fr.pdf>)
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- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines



3 DECLARATION AND ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

Declaration

3.1 Deadline Date: Athletes must submit a declaration for the 2026 WC to EC through the EC Games Portal on or before **12 midnight ET, January 7th, 2026**. Failure to submit the required information and documents by this deadline will make the declaration incomplete and invalid.

3.2 Purpose: The declaration date allows sufficient time for the Accreditation Process to be completed for athletes, grooms, owners, and support team personnel.

3.3 Process: The declaration MUST be made through the EC Games Portal at

- New Users <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/register?user=new>
- Existing Users: <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login.aspx>

3.4 Fees: No declaration fees will be charged for declarations for the Vaulting discipline.

3.5 Withdrawal: Declared athletes who subsequently choose to withdraw from the selection process (either themselves or their horse) prior to the naming of the team and alternates, must advise the discipline lead, Alex Hubley.

3.6 Accreditation

3.6.1 Process: The accreditation process for the 2026 WC will be coordinated through EC. Any changes to accreditation details i.e. new owners, grooms etc., must be reported to the **discipline lead, Alex Hubley**, immediately in writing. **Athletes, grooms, owners, and team personnel are not permitted to apply directly to the Aachen OC for accreditation.**

3.6.2 Allocation: EC has the exclusive authority to, select, and allocate accreditations for the grooms, lungers, owners, and team personnel who comprise the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET) to represent Canada at the 2026 WC. Accreditations for 2026 WC are limited and are allocated based on the needs of the entire team and on what the Vaulting Selection Panel decides will lead to the best team performance at the 2026 WC.

3.6.3 Information Deadline: Athletes are to provide all necessary accreditation information, including photos and passport details and personal information, in the EC Games Portal by the Declaration deadlines outlined in section 3.1.

Lungers, grooms, owners, and team support personnel will be required to provide all necessary accreditation information, including photos and passport details and personal information within 7 days of athlete selections.

3.7 Release of Liability Waiver: All declared athletes and team support personnel must complete and return the release of liability waivers to the Discipline Lead Alex Hubley by **May 1st, 2026. Grooms,**



lungers, and owners are required to complete and return the release of liability waiver within 7 days of athlete selections. The waiver and release forms can be found in the following appendices:

- **Appendix 2:** Athlete Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement
- **Appendix 3:** Groom/ Team Personnel Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement
- **Appendix 4:** Owner Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

4 ANTI-DOPING HUMAN AND EQUINE

Athlete

- 4.1 **Eligibility:** The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offense.
- 4.2 **Testing:** Declared athletes may be subject to announced and unannounced drug testing in accordance with the [Canadian Anti-Doping Program \(CADP\)](https://cces.ca/fr/antidopage) (FR <https://cces.ca/fr/antidopage>) and EC rules and regulations. Testing includes both in-competition and out-of-competition testing. All athletes who declare for the selection process must provide accurate and up-to-date contact information through the EC Sport Licence portal.
- 4.3 **Deemed Violation:** Athletes who do not provide up-to-date contact information or respond to EC communications, will be considered in violation of these policies. Violations will be considered in context by the Discipline's Committee and/or Selection Panel and may result in the disqualification of the athlete from the selection process.

Horse

- 4.4 **Testing:** All declared horses shall be subject to drug testing according to FEI drug and medication rules. Blood, and/or urine, or any other sampling method as instituted by the FEI may be drawn at any time throughout the qualification, selection and any applicable quarantine/training camp periods. Samples may be tested for the presence for all prohibited and/or controlled substances by the FEI.
- 4.5 **Prohibited Substances:** In the event a prohibited substance is detected, the amount of this substance will be quantified where possible and reported to the EC HP Manager/Chair. Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the allowable IF limits may be eliminated from the nomination process. Positive test results from samples collected during FEI competition will result in disqualification of that athlete/horse combination in all classes at that competition.

5 APPEALS

- 5.1 **Grounds:** Athletes participating in the nomination process for the 2026 WC 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 the Selection Criteria or has made a patently unreasonable decision based on the Selection Criteria. An appeal must be made in writing to the Independent Third Party Complaint Manager within 72 hours of the relevant athlete being informed of the decision. Appeals must be accompanied by an administration fee of \$1000.00.00 (CAD) as per the published EC Schedule of Fees. The EC Discipline, Complaints and Appeal Policy can be found [here](#).



- 5.2 **Process:** In recognition of the short timelines required for the selection decision process, any appeals to decisions made under the Selection Criteria will proceed under the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) appeal process. The administration fee referred to in Section 5.1 will be applied to the fee required for the appeal to SDRCC. All appeals must be resolved prior to be confirmed with release of schedule July 8th, 2026 at 4:59 pm EST.

6 AMENDMENTS TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA

- 6.1 The Selection Criteria are based on applicable FEI regulations, conditions and restrictions as currently known and understood, and on the latest information available to EC for Vaulting by the FEI.
- 6.2 Any changes in the Selection Criteria necessitated by a change in FEI regulations will be distributed via email to the declared athletes as soon as reasonably possible. Should such a circumstance occur, EC will review and may amend Selection Criteria to comply with the new regulations or conditions. Any amendments to this document will be communicated directly to all declared athletes via email. Communication will be sent to the email address provided in the EC Games portal.
- 6.3 Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Selection Criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including selection decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Selection Criteria, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, EC will communicate with all declared athletes as soon as possible.



APPENDIX 1: VAULTING CRITERIA

1. INTRODUCTION

Equestrian Canada (EC), in collaboration with the Vault Canada Sport Committee, has established this selection process to determine representatives for Canada at the 2026 FEI Vaulting World Championships for Seniors at Aachen, Germany, August 11-23, 2026.

The selection process set out below will ensure a fair method of selecting the Canadian Vaulting Team using objective criteria.

The Selection Panel made up of representatives from the Vault Canada Sport Committee, verified by EC, will select Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and a Squad for approval and entry by EC.

Any Individual vaulter or Pas de Deux set or Squad that wishes to be considered for selection must meet the minimum requirements as specified by the FEI. Achieving the minimum FEI requirements is not, on its own, sufficient to be named to the Team to represent Canada at the 2026 FEI Vaulting World Championships as there are potentially more Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and Squads that meet the FEI minimum requirements than can be sent to the 2026 FEI Vaulting World Championships.

The selection of Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and the Squad from those candidates that meet the minimum FEI performance criteria and/or the following qualification requirements will be accomplished by an objective system that includes scores achieved by the candidates during the qualification period.

2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Guiding Principles The selection process was developed according to the following guiding principles:

- Enables the selection of the Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and Squad that have the greatest likelihood of performing well at the 2026 World Senior Vaulting Championships.
- Allows the longest possible opportunity for competitors to qualify.
- Encourages (and does not discourage) competitors from attending as many CVI events as possible.
- Is straightforward, and resists manipulation or poor sportsmanship; Is sensitive to, but not constrained by, the costs involved.

3. APPLICABILITY

The selection process described in this document will be in effect for the 2026 FEI Vaulting World Championships for Seniors. This selection process has been reviewed and approved by Equestrian Canada for use at these Championships as is required by the regulations of Equestrian Canada.

4. TEAM SELECTION

4.1 Selection: For World Championships, Equestrian Canada may name to the Canadian Vaulting Equestrian Team:

- A single Squad consisting of 6 Vaulters and up to 2 alternates



- Up to 4 Individual Male and 4 Female Vaulters may be selected, including alternate individual vaulters
- Up to 2 Pas-de-Deux sets may be selected

5.. QUALIFICATION

5.1 The Qualification Period (QP) for the 2026 WC shall run from January 1st, 2025, to July 5th, 2026, inclusive.

Individuals, Pas de Deux sets and Squads must achieve the score(s) necessary to satisfy the minimum FEI performance criteria or the following qualification requirements, within the qualification period, which has a specific start date and an end date.

Equestrian Canada, in collaboration with the Vault Canada Sport Committee, has determined that the qualification period for the 2026 FEI Vaulting World Championships for Seniors shall run from January 1, 2025, until July 5th, 2026.

In developing this document, EC and the Vault Canada Sport Committee recognize that the FEI imposes minimum age restrictions for competitors, and to fairly accommodate individuals who may not meet the age requirements until the year of the 2026 FEI Vaulting World Championships the qualification period has been held open late enough to accommodate as many National and CVI competitions as possible in the year of the 2026 FEI Vaulting World Championship.

5.2 Qualification of athlete/horse combinations for the 2026 WC will consist of a four-stage process:

2.2.1 Stage One – EC Declaration

2.2.2 Stage Two – FEI Certificate of Capability

2.2.3 Stage Three – EC Qualification Score Requirements

2.2.4 Stage Four – EC Fitness Inspections

5.2.1 Stage One – EC Declaration

As a condition of declaration for the 2026 WC, an athlete must fulfil the following eligibility conditions:

5.2.1.1 Must have submitted the 2026 WC Declaration through the EC Games Portal on or before the declaration deadline **January 7th, 2026.**

5.2.2 Stage Two – FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) / Certificate of Capability

To be eligible to compete as an individual Vaulter, Pas-de-deux Vaulters and Squad Vaulters at FEI Vaulting Championships for seniors, Individual Vaulter, Pas-de-deux Vaulters and Squad Vaulters must have attained the following as per the [2026 FEI Vaulting Championships for Seniors Qualification Criteria](#):

Individuals:

- In individual class: 1 x 6.5: in a final score at CVI3* or at Senior Championship

Pas-de-Deux:

- The two Vaulters must meet the qualification criteria together as Pas-de-Deux:



- In pas-de-deux class: 1 x 6,5 in a final score at CVI3*/CVI4* or in final score at a Senior Championship

OR:

- 1x 7,5: in any one round at CVIJ2*/CVI2* or in final score at a Junior Championships

Squad:

- **At least four of the six Vaulters** must meet the following qualification criteria which must be obtained together as Squad:

- In squad class: 1 x 6,5 in first round at CVIJ2*/CVI2*/CVI3* Junior Championships or in final score at a CVI4*/Senior championships

OR:

- At least **five of the six Vaulters** must meet the following qualification criteria:
- 1x compulsory score of 6,5 per vaulter at CVICH2*/CVIJ2*/CVIY2*/CVI2* CVI3*/CVI4* or at any FEI Championships in Squad or Individual

Horses:

Individual

- In individual class: 1 x 6,0 horse score: in any Free Test or Tech Test with any Vaulter at CVICH2*/ CVIJ1*/CVI1*/CVIJ2*/CVI2*/ CVI3*/ CVI4*/CVIY2* / FEI Championship in Squad, Individual or Pas-de-Deux

Pas-de-Deux:

- In Pas-de-Deux class: 1 x 6,0 horse score: in any Free Test with any Vaulters at CVICH2*/ CVIJ1*/CVI1*/CVIJ2*/CVI2*/ CVI3*/ CVIY2*/CVI4* / FEI Championship in Squad or Pas-de Deux

Squad:

- In squad class: 1 x 6,0 horse score: in any Free Test with any Squad at CVIJ2*/CVI2*/CVI3*/CVI4* / FEI Championship

OR:

- 1x 6,5 horse score: in any Free Test with any Pas-de-Deux at CVIJ2*/CVI2*/CVI3*/CVI4*/ FEI Championship

5.2.3 Stage Three – EC Qualification Score Requirements

Individuals

- A declared Individual must submit 1 CVI score that satisfies the minimum FEI requirements. They must also submit a second score (final score) from a CVI OR a Nationally sanctioned competition (EC, USEF, or equivalent) which had two judges, one of whom had a minimum of FEI 2* status. This second score must have been obtained in the category for which the candidate has declared.

Pas-de-Deux:

- A declared Pas de Deux must submit 1 score that meets the minimum FEI requirements. They must also submit a second score (first or second round) from a CVI OR a Nationally sanctioned competition (EC, USEF, or equivalent) which had two judges, one of whom had a minimum of FEI 2* status. This second score must have been obtained in CVI3* or CVI4*.

Squad

- A declared Squad must submit 1 score that meets the minimum FEI requirements. They must also submit a second score (first round) from a CVI OR a Nationally sanctioned competition



(EC, USEF, or equivalent) which had two judges, one of whom had a minimum of FEI 2* status. This second score must have been obtained in a CVI 2*, CVI 3*, or the equivalent to these levels at a Nationally sanctioned competition.

5.2.4 Stage Four – EC Veterinary Assessment

5.2.4.1 Purpose: It is of paramount importance that the horse be serviceable and that the welfare of the horse be protected at all times. EC and the Vaulting Selection Panel wish to ensure that no unfit or unsound horse travels to or competes at the 2026 WC. All declared horses are subject to drug testing, according to FEI Clean Sport for Horses. Blood and/or urine samples may be drawn at any time throughout the qualification, nomination and any applicable quarantine / staging camp periods. Samples may be tested for the presence of substances identified by the FEI as both forbidden and/or controlled. Positive test results from samples collected during FEI competition will result in a zero (0) score for that athlete/horse combination in all classes at that competition. Athletes and owners are responsible and accountable for all positive testing results.

5.2.4.2 Advice: As part of the nomination process, the advice from the Team Veterinarian, (should one be appointed), will be taken into consideration during the nomination process to ensure that all horses considered for nomination are healthy and fit-to-compete.

5.2.4.3 Medical History: Open communication between the regular veterinarian, all treating veterinarians and the team veterinarian, should one be appointed, is encouraged, and in order to best help support and prepare horses for the 2026 WC.

6. SELECTION

6.1 Selection Panel: The Vaulting Selection Panel for the 2026 FEI Vaulting World Championships shall be the Vault Canada Sport Committee and approved by Equestrian Canada. It is the responsibility of the Selection Panel to apply the selection criteria described within this document, to determine the Individual males, Individual females, Pas de Deux sets and the Squad that will comprise the Team to represent Canada at the 2026 FEI Vaulting World Championships. The Selection Panel shall only consider candidates that have:

- a. Submitted scores achieved within the qualification period,
- b. Submitted complete and accurate information to the Selection Panel using the forms in Appendix 5, 6, or 7, of this document, and;
- c. Provided their scores to the Selection Panel prior to the end of the qualification period.

6.2 Team Selection: The following will be taken into consideration:

Individuals Selection

- The declared Individual athletes of each gender that have submitted the highest score will be selected to the Team in rank order based on the submitted scores, up to a maximum of four.
- Of the four selected individuals of each gender, the Individual from this group with the lowest score submitted shall be the alternate competitor, to be approved by Equestrian Canada.

Pas de Deux Selection



- The declared Pas de Deux sets that have submitted the highest score will be selected to the Team in rank order based on the submitted scores, up to a maximum of two Pas-de-Deux sets to be selected, to be approved by Equestrian Canada.

Squad Selection

- The Squad that has submitted the highest score will be selected to the Team, to be approved by Equestrian Canada.

In the application of the above, if candidates have identical scores, the tie(s) are resolved by applying the following, in sequence, until the tie is broken:

- The candidate with the highest average Freestyle Score ranks higher. If still tied then,
- By a random drawing of names to be conducted by the Vaulting Selection Panel.

Note: It is the responsibility of the athlete(s) to deliver their scores to the Selection Panel no later than the submission deadline, using the forms provided in Appendix 5, 6 or 7. The forms can be copied if more space is needed to submit qualifying scores you wish to be considered. The scores must be accompanied by a copy of the associated official signed score sheet, or an official FEI sanctioned event results sheet bearing the event name and date. Failure to provide this information to the Selection Panel by the aforementioned date and time will result in the candidate not being included in the selection process and thus being eliminated from selection consideration.

6.3 Athletes will be formally selected on or before **July 10th, 2026**.

6.4 At the time of selection, the athlete MUST provide:

6.4.1 Horses: The name, FEI passport number, and FEI passport expiry date for each declared horse. *Refer to Section 2.3 for horse eligibility.*

6.4.2 Grooms: The name, **unique e-mail address**, and phone number of the selected groom. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their groom is eligible (please refer to Section 2.3 for groom eligibility), kept informed, and available for the time commitments in the proposed schedule for 2026 WC. EC reserves the right to deem a groom ineligible for an international team competition. Should a groom not carry out their assigned duties and obligations or exhibit inappropriate behavior detrimental to the team, then EC has the authority to remove such groom from the team.

6.4.3 Lungers: The name, **unique e-mail address**, and phone number of the selected lunger. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their lunger is eligible (please refer to Section 2.4 for lunger eligibility), kept informed, and available for the time commitments in the proposed schedule for 2026 WC (an expected four-week commitment which includes any potential staging camp period). EC reserves the right to deem a lunger ineligible for an international team competition. Should a lunger not carry out their assigned duties and obligations or exhibit inappropriate behavior detrimental to the team, then EC has the authority to remove such lunger from the team.

6.4.4. Owners: The name, **unique e-mail address**, and phone number for up to two (2) selected owners per horse, in priority order for accreditation purposes; at least one owner must be listed in the FEI horse document. In the case of syndicate ownership groups, declared athlete/horse owners



do not need to be individually listed in the FEI horse document, but must be individually named for accreditation purposes. Please refer to Section 2.5 for owner eligibility.

6.5. Following notification of selection, all accredited persons will have 7 days to complete all eligibility requirements for accreditation.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

7.1 Should the need arise prior to the start of the 2026 WC, substitutions shall be made as per FEI requirements for substitution and in accordance with this document. In the event of a conflict between these Selection Criteria and the FEI/OC rules, the latter two shall prevail.

8. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

8.1 The Selection Panel will privately inform the 2026 WC athlete/horse combinations including alternates of their selection on or before **July 10th, 2026.**

8.2 Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement

It is important that ALL athletes selected for the 2026 WC (as well as ALL owners, grooms, lungers, athlete companions, carers, team personnel, and anyone else affiliated with a selected athlete, including friends, and family) respect this Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement until after the official announcement of the team by EC.

Until the official EC team announcement, athletes and their affiliates (owners, grooms, lungers, athlete companions, team personnel, and anyone else affiliated with a selected athlete, including friends, and family) are to refrain from confirming team selections to any and all media, and should not make any references that confirms team selections on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat etc.).

The purpose of this non-disclosure policy is to ensure maximum impact and exposure for the announcement of the athletes who will represent Canada at the 2026 WC.

Violation of this non-disclosure policy may impact your selection.

8.3 EC will officially announce the selected athlete/horse combinations. The date of the official announcement will be provided to the athletes when they are notified in writing of their selection. There will be no mention of the selections to the media or public until the official announcement has been made by EC.

9. CONTACT

For clarification or questions on the contents of the Internal Nomination Policy (INP) please contact the Discipline Lead, Alex Hubley at ahubley@equestrian.ca



APPENDIX 2: ATHLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2026 World Championships Aachen (2026 WC): ATHLETE’S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (“Agreement”)

To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

Definition: In this Agreement, the term “Equine Activities” shall include all activities, actions or conduct in any way directly or indirectly related to my travel to and my participation at the 2026 WC, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET), including without limitation my participation in qualification events for the 2026 WC.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that the Equine Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards to me and to my horse including, but not limited to: contracting human or equine diseases or illnesses in Canada, Asia, South America, Europe, the United States or in transit; accidents in or near the show ring or competition grounds; accidents at the stables; accidents during transportation to and from the 2026 WC, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2026 WC; negligence on the part of Equestrian Canada, including the failure by Equestrian Canada to safeguard and protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of Equine Activities. I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Equine Activities (for both myself and for my horse) and the possibility of personal injury, injury to the horse, my death or the death of my horse, property damage or any loss resulting therefrom.

IF I KNOW OR SUSPECT that my physical condition may be incompatible with the Equine Activities that I will promptly seek medical advice before undertaking the Equine Activities.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the 2026 WC so as to allow me to fully participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may have in the future against Equestrian Canada, its Directors, officers, employees, agents, coaches, independent contractors, subcontractors and representatives (all of whom are hereinafter referred to as the “Releasees”) relating to Equine Activities and to RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, my horse may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in the Equine Activities, due to any cause whatsoever, including NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES AND FURTHER INCLUDING FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF THE EQUINE ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

I agree to hold harmless and to indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability for any property damage of any description or personal injury to me or to any third party or injury to my horse resulting from my participation in the Equine Activities. I agree that this Agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns in the event of my death. I agree that this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, and laws of Canada applicable therein, and any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought exclusively in Ontario. In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of the Equine Activities other than as set forth in this Agreement.

Dated this _____ day of _____

Signature of Athlete

Print Name (Athlete)

Signature of Parent or Guardian
if Athlete is under 18 years old

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned by **May1stst, 2026**, to your Discipline Lead at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: ahubley@equestrian.ca. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Illegible forms will be returned for resubmission. Please type or print clearly on all attachments. Any intentional misrepresentation of information will eliminate the athlete/horse combination from being considered.



APPENDIX 3: GROOM/ ATHLETE COMPANION/TEAM PERSONNEL RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2026 World Championships Aachen (2026 WC) GROOM’S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (“Agreement”)

To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

Definition: In this Agreement, the term “Equine Activities” shall include all activities, actions or conduct in any way directly or indirectly related to my travel to and my participation at the 2026 WC, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET), including without limitation my participation in qualification events for the 2026 WC.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that the Equine Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards to me including, but not limited to: contracting diseases or illnesses in Canada, Asia, South America, Europe, the United States or in transit; accidents in or near the show ring or competition grounds; accidents at the stables; accidents during transportation to and from the 2026 WC, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2026 WC; negligence on the part of Equestrian Canada, including the failure by Equestrian Canada to safeguard and protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of Equine Activities. I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Equine Activities and the possibility of personal injury, my death, property damage or any loss resulting therefrom.

IF I KNOW OR SUSPECT that my physical condition may be incompatible with the Equine Activities, I will promptly seek medical advice before undertaking the Equine Activities.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation to the 2026 WC so as to allow me to fully participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may have in the future against Equestrian Canada, its Directors, officers, employees, agents, coaches, independent contractors, subcontractors and representatives (all of whom are hereinafter referred to as the “Releasees”) relating to Equine Activities and to RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in the Equine Activities, due to any cause whatsoever, including NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, AND FURTHER INCLUDING FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF THE EQUINE ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

I agree to hold harmless and to indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability for any property damage of any description or personal injury to me or to any third party or injury to a horse under my care resulting from my participation in the Equine Activities. I agree that this Agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns in the event of my death. I agree that this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, and laws of Canada applicable therein, and any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought exclusively in Ontario. In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of the Equine Activities other than as set forth in this Agreement.

Dated this _____ day of _____

Signature of Groom/Athlete Companion/Team Personnel

Print Name

Signature of Parent or Guardian

if Groom/Athlete Companion/Team Personnel is under 18 years old

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed within 7 days of athlete selection and returned to your Discipline Lead at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: Ahubley@equestrian.ca. Late submissions will not be accepted. *Illegible forms will be returned for resubmission. Please type or print clearly on all attachments. Any intentional misrepresentation of information will eliminate the athlete/horse combination from being considered.*



APPENDIX 4: HORSE OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2026 World Championships Aachen (2026 WC): OWNER’S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (“Agreement”)

To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

Definition: In this Agreement, the term “Equine Activities” shall include all activities, actions or conduct in any way directly or indirectly related to my horse’s travel to, training for and participation at the 2026 WC, which event the horse _____ [insert name here] is attending as an equine member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET).

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that the Equine Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards to my horse including, but not limited to: contracting equine diseases or illnesses in Canada, Asia, South America, Europe, the United States or in transit; being delayed in quarantine or forced to remain indefinitely in quarantine; accidents in or near the show ring or competition grounds; accidents at the stables; accidents during transportation to and from the 2026 WC, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2026 WC; negligence on the part of Equestrian Canada, including the failure by Equestrian Canada to safeguard and protect my horse from the risks, dangers and hazards of Equine Activities. I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers and hazards associated with my horse participating in the Equine Activities (for my horse) and the possibility of injury to the horse, death of the horse and property damage or any loss resulting therefrom.

IF I KNOW OR SUSPECT that the physical condition or health of my horse may be incompatible with the Equine Activities, I will promptly advise the Team Veterinarian accordingly.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide my horse with accreditation to the 2026 WC so as to allow the horse to fully participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may have in the future against Equestrian Canada, its Directors, officers, employees, agents, coaches, independent contractors, subcontractors and representatives (all of whom are hereinafter referred to as the “Releasees”) relating to Equine Activities and to RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury that I may suffer, my horse may suffer (including death) or my next of kin may suffer as a result of my horse’s participation in the Equine Activities, due to any cause whatsoever, including NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES AND FURTHER INCLUDING FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT MY HORSE FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF THE EQUINE ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

I agree to hold harmless and to indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability for any property damage of any description or personal injury to me or to any third party or injury to my horse resulting from my horse’s participation in the Equine Activities. I agree that this Agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns in the event of my death. I agree that this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, and laws of Canada applicable therein, and any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought exclusively in Ontario. In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of the Equine Activities other than as set forth in this Agreement.

Dated this _____ day of _____

Signature of Owner

Name of Horse and passport number

Print Name of Owner

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed within 7 days of athlete selection and returned to your Discipline Lead at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: Ahubley@equestrian.ca. Late submissions will not be accepted. Exception; see Section 3.8.

Illegible forms will be returned for re-submission. Please type or print clearly on all attachments. Any intentional misrepresentation of information will eliminate the athlete/horse combination from being considered.



APPENDIX 5:

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES

Name: _____ Date: _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Score One (CVI Only)

Event Name: _____ (e.g. CVI 3*, Langley)

Event Dates: _____ (e.g. Jun 30-Jul 2, 2025)

Final Score: _____ (e.g. 7.194)

Score Two (CVI or National Competition)

Event Name: _____ (e.g. CVI 3*, Langley)

Event Dates: _____ (e.g. Jun 30-Jul 2, 2025)

Final Score: _____ (e.g. 7.194)

Documentation Enclosed (select all that apply)

- Score sheets documenting Qualifying Scores: ()
- Event result sheet documenting Qualifying Scores: ()



APPENDIX 6:

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY PAS DE DEUX CANDIDATES

Name: (1) _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Name (2): _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Score One (CVI Only)

Event Name: _____ (e.g. CVI 3*, Langley)

Event Dates: _____ (e.g. Jun 30-Jul 2, 2025)

Round: One ☐ Two ☐

Score (for any round): _____ (e.g. 7.194)

Score Two (CVI or National Competition)

Event Name: _____ (e.g. CVI 3*, Langley)

Event Dates: _____ (e.g. Jun 30-Jul 2, 2025)

Round: One ☐ Two ☐

Score (for any round): _____ (e.g. 7.194)

Documentation Enclosed (select all that apply)

- Score sheets documenting Qualifying Scores: ()
- Event result sheet documenting Qualifying Scores: ()



APPENDIX 7:

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY SQUAD CANDIDATES

Name: (1) _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Name: (2) _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Name: (3) _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Name: (4) _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Name: (5) _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Name: (6) _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Name: (7) _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____



I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Name: (8) _____

EC Sport License # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Score One (CVI Only)

Event Name: _____ (e.g. CVI 3*, Langley)

Event Dates: _____ (e.g. Jun 30-Jul 2, 2025)

Final Score: _____ (e.g. 7.194) OR

Individual Compulsory Score 1: _____

Individual Compulsory Score 2: _____

Individual Compulsory Score 3: _____

Individual Compulsory Score 4: _____

Individual Compulsory Score 5: _____

Score Two (CVI or National Competition)

Event Name: _____ (e.g. CVI 3*, Langley)

Event Dates: _____ (e.g. Jun 30-Jul 2, 2025)

Final Score: _____ (e.g. 7.194)

Documentation Enclosed (select all that apply)

- Score sheets documenting Qualifying Scores: ()
- Event result sheet documenting Qualifying Scores: ()



APPENDIX 8: DEFINED TERMS

Where used in this document, unless otherwise defined, acronyms and capitalized words have the following meanings:

“2026 WC” means the 2026 FEI World Championships, Aachen, Germany

“CADP” means the Canadian Anti-Doping Program responsible for drug testing of athletes in Canada;

“Canadian Vaulting Team” means the team of athlete /horse combinations nominated to the FEI to represent Canada at the 2026 WCs.

“CET” means the Canadian Equestrian Team, as determined by Equestrian Canada

“COC” means Canadian Olympic Committee

“Discipline Manager/ Discipline Lead” or **“DM/ DL”** means the EC FEI Services Coordinator

“EC” means Equine Canada operating as Equestrian Canada;

“EC Games Portal” means the internet registration portal for EC used for Major Games;

“IOC” means International Olympic Committee

“IF” means the International Federation in the case of equestrian this is the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI);

“DHP” means the EC Director High Performance

“Qualification Period” means the period determined by the IF and EC (1st January 2025 until July 5th, 2026 inclusive) within which qualifying scores must be achieved.

“SDRCC” means the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, an independent adjudicative body for sport in Canada;