



2026 FEI U25 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MILLSTREET

Equestrian Canada Nomination Criteria & Procedures - Eventing

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to outline the eligibility requirements, nomination process, and procedures that Equestrian Canada (EC) will use to confirm athlete/horse combinations to represent Canada at the 2026 FEI U25 World Championships, Millstreet (“2026 U25 WC”) for Eventing, scheduled for July 21–26, 2026
- 1.2 Discipline-specific nomination criteria are outlined in *Appendix 1*. Questions specific to the Nomination Criteria should be directed to the Chair of Eventing, High Performance, Dr. Emily Gilbert at: egilbert@equestrian.ca
- 1.3 Athlete/horse combinations must meet the requirements outlined in these Criteria to be considered for nomination.
- 1.4 Athletes and owners who choose to participate in the process acknowledge that meeting the requirements outlined in these Criteria is necessary but does not guarantee nomination.
- 1.5 When there are issues of interpretation of the 2026 FEI U25 World Championship Nomination Criteria and Procedures, the English and French versions are equally authoritative and must be read together in order to determine the intended meaning. *En cas de problème d’interprétation de la politique, les versions française et anglaise ont la même valeur et doivent être lues conjointement afin de déterminer le sens voulu.*
- 1.6 Any intentional misrepresentation of information submitted for nomination consideration may, at the sole discretion of the EC, eliminate the athlete/horse combination from both the qualifying process and consideration for nomination.

2. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination consideration for the 2026 U25 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 **December 26, 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 the 2026 U25 WC
- Be in compliance with all relevant International Federation (“FEI”) requirements for eligibility
- Be a member in good standing (Platinum Sport Licence Holder) with EC



- Hold a current FEI Registration and be in good standing with the FEI
- 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
 - The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)
 - Canadian Safe Sport Program, as applicable
- **Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation** processes by the required deadlines, including for the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (“CADP”), and Competition Manipulation.
- Meet athlete age requirements as per the 2026 FEI Regulations, and between 16 and 25 years of age in 2026.

2.2 Horse

- Meet minimum horse age requirements as per the 2026 FEI Regulations for Equestrian Eventing Competitions and be 9 years of age in 2026, born on or before December 31st, 2017
- Possess a valid FEI Horse Registration document (passport) and be in good standing

2.3 Groom

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of the 2026 U25 WC
- Have a passport that is valid until at least **December 26, 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 the 2026 U25 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 EC Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - Safe Sport policies
 - The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (“UCCMS”)
 - Canadian Safe Sport Program, as applicable

2.4 Owner

- Have a valid passport until at least **December 26, 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 passport unless the horse is owned by a syndicate
- Must sign and submit the EC Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:



- Safe Sport policies
- The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)
- Canadian Safe Sport Program, as applicable

2.5 Support Team Members

- Have a passport that is valid until at least **December 26, 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 the 2026 U25 WC
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- Must sign and submit the EC Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - Safe Sport policies
 - The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)
 - Canadian Safe Sport Program, as applicable

2.6 Athlete Companion (should accreditation be available)

- Have a passport that is valid until at least **December, 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 EC Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - Safe Sport policies
 - The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)
 - Canadian Safe Sport Program, as applicable

3 DECLARATION AND ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

Declaration

- 3.1 **Deadline Date:** Athletes must submit a declaration for the 2026 U25 WC to EC through the EC Games Portal on or before **12 midnight ET, May 1, 2026**. Failure to submit the required information and documents by this deadline will make the declaration incomplete and invalid. *No late declarations will be accepted, except for already declared athletes in accordance with Section 3.8.*
- 3.2 **Purpose:** The declaration deadline 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 Eventing discipline.

At the time of declaration, the athlete MUST provide:

- 3.5 **Horses:** The name, FEI passport number, and FEI passport expiry date for each declared horse. *Please refer to Section 2.2 for horse eligibility.*
- 3.6 **Grooms:** The name, **unique e-mail address**, and phone number for a minimum of two (2), up to a maximum of four (4), declared grooms in priority order. 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 U25 WC. 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. *Please refer to Section 2.3 for groom information.*
- 3.7 **Owners:** The name, **unique e-mail address**, and phone number for up to two (2) declared owners per horse, in priority order for accreditation purposes; at least one owner must be listed in the IF horse passport. In the case of syndicate ownership groups, declared athlete/horse owners do not need to be individually listed in the FEI horse passport, but must be individually declared in priority for accreditation purposes. *Please refer to Section 2.5 for owner eligibility.*

Accreditation

- 3.8 **Process:** The accreditation process for the 2026 U25 WC will be coordinated through EC. To help facilitate this process, the athletes' declaration in the EC Games Portal must include the **personal/unique e-mail addresses** and phone numbers for all potential grooms and owners. Any subsequent changes to accreditation details i.e. new owners, grooms etc., must be reported promptly to the Eventing High Performance Chair in writing.
- 3.9 **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 U25 WC. Accreditations for 2026 U25 WC are limited and are allocated based on the needs of the entire team and on what the HPAG decides will lead to the best team performance at the 2026 U25 WC.
- 3.10 **Information Deadline:** Athletes, grooms, owners, and team support personnel 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 *Sections 3.1* and *3.8* above.
- 3.11 **Declared list:** It is very important that information is provided and entered in the EC Games Portal for EVERY possible individual who may attend the 2026 U25 WC in an accredited role (Athlete, Owner, Groom, Team Personnel, etc.) prior to the declaration deadline referenced in *Section 3.11*. Participation in this process does not guarantee accreditation nor nomination.



Release of Liability Waiver

3.12 All selected athletes and their applicable grooms, lungers, owners and team personnel, must complete, sign and return their release of liability waivers to the Eventing High Performance Chair within 7 days following notification of nomination decisions in June. The waiver and release forms are available 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 **CADP**. Testing includes both in-competition and out-of-competition testing. All athletes who declare for the nomination 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 EC and may result in the disqualification of the athlete from the nomination 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, nomination and quarantine/training camp periods. Samples may be tested for the presence of any 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 Eventing High Performance Chair. Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the allowable FEI 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 U25 WC have the right to appeal against a nomination decision, but only on the grounds that the selectors and EC have failed to comply with the correct procedures outlined in the Nomination Criteria or has made a patently unreasonable decision based on the Nomination 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 \$1,000.00 (CAD) as per the published EC Schedule of Fees, unless waived by EC, in its sole discretion, as set out in s. 74 of



the Discipline, Complaints, and Appeals Policy approved April 14, 2025. The EC Discipline, Complaints and Appeal Policy can be found [here](#).

- 5.2 **Process:** In recognition of the short timelines required for the nomination decision process, any appeals to decisions made under the Nomination 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.

6 AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 6.1 The Nomination Criteria are based on applicable FEI regulations, conditions and restrictions as currently known and understood, and on the latest information available to EC for Eventing by the FEI.
- 6.2 Any changes in the Nomination 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 Nomination 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 Nomination Criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Nomination Criteria, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) including but not limited to the EC Director of High Performance, Veterinary specialists, EC legal representative, the Eventing High Performance Advisory Group, the EC Secretary General or other experts deemed relevant to the determination of nominations, and will be made in accordance with the stated performance objectives and nomination 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 – DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CRITERIA: EVENTING

1. INTRODUCTION

This Appendix sets out the discipline-specific criteria and processes for nominating athletes and horses for the 2026 U25 FEI World Championships to be held in Millstreet, Ireland, from June 21-26, 2026 (“**2026 U25 WC**”). The discipline-specific criteria form a part of the Nomination Criteria.

The discipline-specific criteria have been compiled in consultation with Equestrian Canada (“**EC**”) and the EC Eventing High Performance Advisory Group (“**HPAG**”).

2. OVERALL CRITERIA OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives of the discipline-specific criteria are as follows:
 - (a) **Primary objective:** To achieve a team placing in the top half of the field at the 2026 U25 WC
 - (b) **Secondary objective:** To achieve as many top 20 individual placings as possible.
- 2.2 To achieve the primary and/or secondary objectives of the criteria, the Selection Panel will nominate based on the criteria outlined in **Section 9 of Appendix 1: SPECIFIC NOMINATION CRITERIA**.
- 2.3 There is no obligation on EC or the Selection Panel to nominate any athlete/horse combinations to compete at the 2026 U25 WC.

3. SELECTION PANEL

The panel shall comprise three members responsible for reviewing athlete/horse combinations and confirming nominations in accordance with these Criteria.

The Selection Panel for the 2026 U25 WC is as follows:

1. Bruce Mandeville, Chair
2. Bruce Haskell
3. Bonnie Mosser

The role, responsibilities and duties of the Selection Panel are described in **Appendix 5** of the Nomination Criteria.

The **Eventing High Performance Chair** (Dr. Emily Gilbert) and **EC Director of High Performance** (James Hood), shall assist the Selection Panel in the execution of its duties, each in an *ex-officio* position.

In making their decisions, the Selection Panel will consult the EC Eventing **Chef D’Equipe** (Rebecca Howard).



Should a Selector need to be replaced for any reason, e.g. conflict of interest, the HPAG will nominate a replacement to the EC **DHP** (James Hood) who meets the criteria of the job description laid out in **Appendix 5** of the Nomination Criteria.

In nominating the combinations for the 2026 U25 WC, it is understood that the individual Selectors may be in a real or a perceived conflict of interest position. Selectors with a conflict of interest shall declare their conflict of interest (real or perceived) in advance. Any member of the Selection Panel who has declared a conflict of interest will remove themselves from all discussions and will abstain from voting in connection with such conflict, including consideration of any family member (direct relatives), business affiliates or any other real or perceived conflicted situation or conflicted relationship that may arise.

4. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE FEI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTING COMPETITION

In accordance with the Overall Criteria Objectives outlined above (**Section 2**), Selectors acknowledge the technical specifications of the 2026 WC Eventing Competition:

FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the 2026 U25 WC

- **Dressage Test:** CCI4* (Test TBD)
- **Cross Country Test:** CCI4*S
- **Team Jumping Test:** CCI4*S

5. KEY TIMELINES:

May 1, 2026	Deadline for athletes to submit declaration in the EC Games Portal as per Section 3 of the Nomination Criteria: Declaration and Accreditation Procedures. Deadline for ALL Accreditation.
January 1, 2025 – June 17, 2026 (Qualifying Period)	FEI and EC MER: Period for athlete and horse, as a combination, to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements for 2026 U25 WC.
June 17, 2026	Definite Sport Entries: On or before this date, the Selection Panel to name the individual athlete(s) representing Canada at the FEI U25 World Championships



One week following notification of definite and alternate sport entries	Deadline for athletes, grooms, owners & support personnel to sign and submit waivers.
June 17, 2026	Deadline for Equestrian Canada to nominate sport entries to the FEI for the 2026 U25 WC.
July 1, 2026	Deadline for Equestrian Canada to nominate <u>the definite sport entries</u> to the FEI for the 2026 U25 WC.
July 21-26, 2026	2026 U25 WC Eventing Competition.

6. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION CONSIDERATION

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 **Minimum Eligibility Requirements** –All athletes/horses who take part in the 2026 U25 WC Eventing Competitions must achieve the following minimum eligibility requirements (MERs) as a combination by obtaining the FEI qualifying results as follows.

The minimum performance standards for consideration for the 2026 U25 WC are below. Athlete/horse combinations that do not meet these criteria will **NOT** be considered for nomination as members of the CET.

Within the qualifying period between January 1, 2025 and June 11, 2026 (Qualifying Period), the athlete/horse combination must have:

1 CCI4*- S MER obtained as a combination from 1 January 2025 to June 17, 2026

- 6.2 **Declaration:** In order to be considered for nomination, athletes must submit their declaration through the EC Games Portal on or before the declaration deadline of **May 1, 2026**, as outlined in *Section 3*.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 It is the sole responsibility of each athlete to ensure that they have achieved the required **FEI MER for eligibility for the 2026 U25 WC**. *Please note that meeting the minimum eligibility requirements does not obligate EC to select an athlete/horse combination.*
- 7.2 **Rule Responsibility:** It is each athlete's responsibility to be fully aware of the current EC Rules & Policies, FEI Rules for Eventing, and the FEI Clean Sport Policy.



7.3 **Compliance Responsibility:** Athletes must strictly abide by the following:

- 7.3.1 FEI General Regulations and FEI Discipline Sport Rules
- 7.3.2 FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse
- 7.3.3 FEI Equine Anti-Doping Rules and Equine Controlled Medication Rules
- 7.3.4 Human Anti-Doping Rules as set out by the FEI Clean Sport and Equestrian Canada
- 7.3.5 Equestrian Canada Rules and Policies
- 7.3.6 Equestrian Canada Code of Conduct
- 7.3.7 Prompt communications with the High Performance Eventing Team personnel
- 7.3.8 Athletes must show a commitment to personal fitness and professional behaviour
- 7.3.9 All athletes selected will be required to wear the official Team Canada clothing and are strongly encouraged to use all sponsored equine apparel on the field of play

8 SPECIFIC NOMINATION CRITERIA

9.1 Nomination Factors

The Selection Panel will use their discretion in the nomination process to attain the objectives outlined in *Appendix 1, Section 2*.

9.1.1 Performance Results

- (a) The Selection Panel will consider the performance results of the combination in FEI CCI4*-S competitions from **January 1, 2025 to June 17, 2026**.
- (b) Competition results achieved at the CCI4*-S level, prior to 2025, may be considered by the Selection Panel to demonstrate the experience of the combination.

In assessing *Section 9.1.1 (a)* and *(b)* performance results, the Selection Panel will consider, but are not limited to, the following factors:

- The demonstrated competitiveness of a declared combination throughout the Qualifying Period at the CCI4*-S level
- The trending performance history of the combination (i.e. is the performance improving, static or worsening)
- The potential of the combination to contribute to achieving the objectives as described in *Appendix 1, Section 2*

9.1.3 Performance Metrics

Performance result metrics and analysis provided by internal and external providers, including EquiRatings, may be used by the Selection Panel in comparing results for athlete/horse combinations.

10. NOMINATION PROCESS/ TIMETABLE

10.1 Timelines:

The timelines to be followed in the process are described in *Appendix 1, Section 5*.



- 10.2 **Entry Maximums:** The maximum number of definite sport entries permitted is dependent on team vs individual eligibility. For teams, up to 4 athletes plus 1 individual; if only individuals, up to 2 may be selected.
- 10.3 **Definite Sport Entries - Team:** Canada may nominate a team of up to 4 (four) athletes, plus 1 individual as definite sport entries. The nomination of definite sport entries will be the decision of the Selection Panel and approved by the EC via the HPAG Eventing in accordance with the Nomination Criteria.
- 10.4 **Definite Sport Entries - Individual:** Definite sport entries may be nominated for the individual competition, with up to a maximum of two (2) athletes. The nomination of definite sport entries will be the decision of the Selection Panel and will be approved by the EC via the HPAG Eventing in accordance with the Nomination Criteria.
- 10.5 **Declaration of the order of starters at the 2026 U25 WC:** The date for the declaration of the order of starters will be announced by the OC in the competition schedule. The Chef D'Equipe will declare the order of starters.

FORCE MAJEURE

- 11.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the performances of athletes at events or other attendances in line with the Nomination Criteria, the Selection Panel may, at their discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- 11.2 **Definition of Extenuating Circumstances:** For the purposes of *Section 11.1* above, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, or perform or contribute at an optimum level arising from:
- 11.2.1 Injury or illness;
 - 11.2.2 Bereavement or personal misfortune, and / or;
 - 11.2.3 any other factors considered by the Selection Panel to constitute extenuating circumstances, upon request of the declared athlete.
- 11.3 **Request for Extenuating Circumstances:** a request must be in submitted in writing to the Selection Panel c/o Eventing High Performance Chair by a declared athlete, at least 10 days prior to the definite sport entry decision deadline.
- 11.4 **Failure to Attend:** Athletes unable to compete at events or other attendances required must advise the Selection Panel c/o the Eventing High Performance Chair and provide the reasons thereof as soon as practicable after the extenuating circumstances arise.

12 COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 **Publication of criteria:** The Nomination Criteria will be placed on the EC website. Inquiries about the Nomination Criteria or process can be made in writing or by telephone to the Eventing High Performance Chair.
- 12.2 **Notification to HPAG:** The Selection Panel shall inform the HPAG of the nomination decision.



12.3 **Official Announcement**

The HPAG Chair will privately and officially inform the 2026 U25 WC athlete/horse combinations including alternates of their nomination on or before **July 11, 2026**

Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement

It is important that ALL athletes nominated for the 2026 U25 WC (as well as ALL owners, grooms, 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/individuals.

Until the official team announcement, athletes and their affiliates (owners, grooms, companions, team personnel, and anyone else affiliated with a selected athlete, including friends, and family) are to refrain from confirming team nomination of definite sport entries or alternative entries to any and all media, and must not make any references that confirms team nominations on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, 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 U25 WC.

Violation of this non-disclosure policy may result in sanctions, up to and including exclusion from nomination.

13. **FUNDING DISCLAIMER:** All funding associated with participation in the 2026 FEI U25 World Championship for Canadian athletes shall be the sole responsibility of the athlete and their horse's owner. This includes, but is not limited to, costs related to training, travel, accommodation, entry fees, horse transport, stabling, insurance, and any other expenses incurred in preparation for and attendance at the event. No financial support, reimbursement, or subsidy will be provided by the organizing body or affiliated organizations unless otherwise explicitly stated in writing.



APPENDIX 2 - ATHLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2026 U25 World Championships Millstreet (2026 U25 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 U25 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 U25 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.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the 2026 U25 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:

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.

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 me and 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 no later than one week following the nomination of definite and alternate sport entries to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: egilbert@equestrian.ca. Late submissions will not be accepted. Exception; see Section 3.8 of the Nomination Criteria.

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 U25 World Championships Millstreet (2026 U25 WC) GROOM’S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (“Agreement”)

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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 U25 WC, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2026 U25 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.

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In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation to the 2026 U25 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:

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.

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 me and 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 and returned no later than one week following the nomination of definite and alternate sport entries to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: egilbert@equestrian.ca. Late submissions will not be accepted. Exception; see Section 3.8.

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 - OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2026 U25 World Championships Millstreet (2026 U25 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 U25 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 U25 WC, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2026 U25 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.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide my horse with accreditation to the 2026 U25 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:

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.

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 me and 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 and returned no later than one week following the nomination of definite and alternate sport entries to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: egilbert@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 - EVENTING SELECTION PANEL MEMBER JOB DESCRIPTION

COMPOSITION: The Eventing Selection Panel (Selection Panel) shall be comprised of three members (each a Selector).

ACCOUNTABILITY: The Selection Panel reports its decision to the Eventing High Performance Advisory Group.

TERM OF OFFICE: A term of office for a Selector shall be an Olympic Cycle. (4 years, to be evaluated by the HPAG after the next Olympic Games).

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Selection Panel is responsible for identifying and selecting the athlete/horse combinations deemed most capable of team completion and an internationally competitive result, for senior major games and championships, including the Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan American Games and Nations Cups, through a fair, transparent and documented selection process.

The Selection Panel is also responsible for identifying and selecting the athlete/horse combinations for Nations Cup teams based on the overall objectives laid out by the HPAG.

The duties of the Selection Panel will include, but are not limited to:

1. Establishing objectives of the Criteria.
2. Selecting the combinations (and alternate combinations) to be nominated to, or selected by, EC in accordance with the published Criteria.
3. Ruling on contentious issues in the nomination or selection process or in the application process.
4. Ensuring all performance results under review are accurate.
5. Observing at designated competitions.
6. Selecting the alternates subject to the Selection Criteria and the FEI regulations and policies where applicable.
7. Reviewing reports related to the horse evaluations/examinations.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Competed at the Advanced Level or have obtained Level 3 or above FEI Eventing Official status with a minimum of 3 years' experience involved at Eventing High Performance levels.
Selection Panel members may not have been previously removed from an EC committee for violating EC Policies or Rules. In addition to following EC's rules, regulations, policies and procedures. Selectors must hold a current EC Sport license and complete, prior to the first committee meeting, a Non-disclosure Agreement (NDA).

PREFERRED SKILLS:

1. Understanding of the particular competition being selected for (Olympics, World Championships, Pan American Games, Nations Cups) including the level of competition, terrain, competition site and other potential challenges.
2. Ability to understand results at various global events in relation to other events – e.g. appreciating that all CCI4* and CCI5* events are not the same.
3. Understanding of how the sport has evolved over the last decade.
4. Ability to communicate effectively with athletes **without bias**.
5. Ability to travel to targeted major competitions identified in the annual selection plan (within their respective global region).
6. Knowledge of the major (FEI) competition venues around the world.
7. Knowledge and awareness of other nation's team programs with a clear understanding of the current performance standard of the world's top nations.
8. Understanding of key performance evaluation metrics available and how to measure. (i.e. EquiRatings).
9. Horse capability knowledge/ understanding of horse/ athlete strengths relative to type of competition or track. i.e. horses for courses.

**INABILITY TO COMPLETE A TERM:**

If a Selection Panel member vacates their position during their term, the DHP of Equestrian Canada, on the recommendation of the HPAG, may appoint a qualified individual to complete such term.

The HPAG and/or the CEO of Equestrian Canada may remove a Selection Panel member in the following circumstances:

1. A conflict of interest issue arises that cannot be resolved; and/or,
2. A member is unable to fulfill their responsibilities; and/or
3. A member has been found to be in violation of EC rules, regulations and/or policy; and/or
4. A member uses the information gained through their association with the Committee/HPAG to cause public harm, including without limitation, any defamation or other damage to reputation, to the Committee, HPAG, EC staff, participants or the organization.



APPENDIX 6 – DEFINED TERMS

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

“**2026 U25 WC**” means the 2026 FEI U25 World Championships, Millstreet, Ireland.

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

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

“**CCI**” means Concours Complet International (International Eventing Competition Event). The CCI has different competition formats and held different levels, with the higher numbers meaning a higher level; the star ratings for events:

CCI - L: Concours Complet International long - the FEI sanctioned international long format eventing competition (formerly known as CCI).

CCI – S: Concours Complet International short - the FEI sanctioned international short format eventing competition (formerly known as CIC).

“**CEO**” means the EC Chief Executive Officer (Meg Krueger).

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

“**Chef d’Equipe**” means the EC Eventing Chef d’Equipe / Technical Adviser (Rebecca Howard).

“**DHP**” means the EC Director High Performance (James Hood).

“**Discipline Manager**” or “**DM**” means the EC Chair of Eventing, High Performance.

“**EC**” means Equine Canada operating as Equestrian Canada.

“**EC Games Portal**” means the internet registration portal for EC used for Major Games and Championships

“**Eventing High Performance Chair**” means the Chair of Eventing, High Performance (Dr. Emily Gilbert).

“**FEI**” means the International Federation for Equestrian Sports - the Fédération Equestre Internationale.

“**HPAG**” means the EC High Performance Advisory Group for Eventing.

“**High Performance Eventing Team Personnel**” means the Director of High Performance (James Hood), Chair of High Performance (Dr. Emily Gilbert), Chef D’Equipe and Technical Advisor (Rebecca Howard) and Veterinarians (Dr. Alan Manning and Dr. Emily Jantzi).

“**MER**” means the Minimum Eligibility Requirement established by IF for qualification for the 2026 U25 WC.

“**MER Qualification Period**” means the period determined by FEI and EC -Eventing (1st January 2025 until June 11th, 2026 inclusive) within which MER must be achieved as a combination.

“**OC**” means the organizing committee for the 2026 U25 WC.

“**Qualifying Period**” means January 1, 2025 to June 11, 2026



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