



2027 FEI PAEC CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS - **DRESSAGE**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to set out the selection criteria and procedures (“**Selection Criteria**”) that the Dressage High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) will use to select athlete/horse combinations to compete at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas – January 20th – 31st, 2027.
- 1.2 Discipline-specific selection criteria are outlined in *Appendix 1*. Questions specific to the Dressage Selection Criteria should be directed Christine Peters at: cpeters@equestrian.ca (“**Dressage Senior Manager**”).
- 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, 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 When there are issues of interpretation of the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas Criteria, the English and French versions are equally authoritative and must be read together in order to determine the intended meaning
- 1.7 Any intentional misrepresentation of information submitted for selection consideration may, at the sole discretion of the EC Dressage High Performance Advisory Group (“**HPAG**”), eliminate the athlete/horse combination from both the qualifying process and consideration for selection.



2. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection consideration for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas
- Have a Canadian passport that is valid until at least **July 1st, 2027**
- Be eligible to travel to the USA and complete any required quarantine in advance of the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas
- 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”)
- Meet minimum athlete age requirements as per the current FEI Regulations and be 16+ years of age in 2027. The athlete must have been born on or before December 31, 2010

2.2 Horse

- Meet minimum horse age requirements as per the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Dressage, as may be amended:
 - Big Tour – 8+ years of age in 2027, born on or before December 31st, 2018.
 - Small Tour – 7+ years of age in 2027, born on or before December 31st, 2019
- Possess a valid FEI Horse Registration document (passport) and be in good standing with EC and the FEI.

2.3 Groom

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas
- Have a passport that is valid until at least **July 1st, 2027**
- Be eligible to travel to the USA and complete any required quarantine in advance of the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas
- 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 **July 1st, 2027**
- 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

3 DECLARATION AND ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

Declaration

- 3.1 **Deadline Date:** Athletes must submit a declaration for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas to EC through the EC Games Portal on or before **12 midnight ET, December 1st, 2026**. Failure to submit the required information and documents by this deadline will make the declaration incomplete and invalid.
- 3.2 **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>
- 3.3 **Fees:** Discipline declaration fees are outlined in Appendix 1, Section 2.2.1

At the time of declaration, the athlete MUST provide the following:

(Failure to submit the required information and documents by this deadline will make the declaration incomplete and invalid)

- 3.4 **Horses:** The name, FEI passport number, and FEI passport expiry date for each declared horse. *Please refer to Section 2.2 for horse eligibility.*
- 3.5 **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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas (an expected four-week commitment which includes any potential staging camp period). 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.*
- 3.6 **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 2.4 for owner eligibility.*

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 Dressage Senior Manager.



Accreditation

- 3.7 **Process:** The accreditation process for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas 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 Dressage Senior Manager in writing. **Athletes, grooms, owners, and team personnel are not permitted to apply directly to the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas OC for accreditation.**
- 3.8 **Allocation:** EC has the exclusive authority to, select, and allocate accreditations for the grooms, support team members, owners, and team personnel who comprise the Canadian Equestrian Team ("CET") to represent Canada at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas. Accreditations for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas.
- 3.9 **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**.
- 3.10 **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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas 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 selection.

Release of Liability Waiver

- 3.11 All selected athletes and their applicable grooms, support team members, and owners, must complete, sign and return their applicable release of liability waivers to the Dressage Senior Manager within 5 days following notification of selection decisions in January. 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 anti-doping or anti-doping-related offense.
- 4.2 **Testing:** Declared athletes may be subject to announced and unannounced anti-doping testing in accordance with the **CADP**. 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. Testing may be conducted by Sport Integrity Canada, the International Testing Agency (WADA and FEI) or other agencies acting on behalf of any of these entities.



- 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 HPAG and may result in the disqualification of the athlete from the selection process.

Horse

- 4.4 **Testing:** All declared horses shall be subject to anti-doping 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 quarantine/training camp periods. Samples may be tested for the presence for 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 Dressage HPAG. 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 selection 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 selection process for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas have the right to appeal against a selection decision but only on the grounds that EC 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 \$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 May 26, 2025. 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 or procedures 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.

6 AMENDMENTS TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA

- 6.1 The Selection Criteria are based on applicable FEI and PAEC regulations, conditions and restrictions as currently known and understood, and on the latest information available to EC for Dressage by the FEI.
- 6.2 Any changes in the Selection Criteria necessitated by a change in FEI or PAEC regulations will be distributed via email to the declared athletes as soon as reasonably possible. Should such circumstances 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) including but not limited to the EC Director of High Performance, Veterinary specialists, EC legal representative, the Dressage HPAG, the EC Secretary General or other experts deemed relevant to the determination of selections, and will be made 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 – DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

1. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 1.1. **Team Selection:** EC plans to select a team (of three or four athlete/horse combinations) to compete in the dressage competition at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas.

In announcing the final selection for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, where appropriate and indicated in the selection criteria, EC will also announce alternate athletes who may be called to replace an athlete who is unable to compete at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas for any reason.

- 1.2. **Objective:** The objective of the Canadian Dressage Team at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas is to use the Championship as a strategic developmental opportunity to provide international team and championship experience to athlete/horse combinations with the potential to represent Canada at future major international competitions, including the 2027 Pan American Games (“2027 PAG”), the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games (“LA28”) and subsequent championships.

In establishing the Team, consideration may be given to athlete/horse combinations that demonstrate the required competitive standard and that, in the assessment of the HPAG, have the potential to contribute to the future depth, competitiveness and sustainability of the Canadian Dressage High Performance Program.

The HPAG may, in accordance with these Criteria, consider the developmental value of an athlete/horse combination, including the potential for future international team representation, in addition to the established qualification and performance requirements. The recommendations and professional assessment of the Technical Advisor regarding the individual athlete/horse combinations will be given strong consideration by the HPAG in determining the combinations best positioned for selection to the Team.

The Championship is not intended to be solely a selection of the four highest-ranked athlete/horse combinations based on a single competition or ranking average. Rather, the selection process is intended to identify combinations that demonstrate an appropriate combination of current performance, performance trajectory, international readiness and future development potential.

2. QUALIFICATION

- 2.1 **Qualification Period:** The Qualification Period (QP) for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas shall run from **September 1st, 2025 to December 14th, 2026**, inclusive.

- 2.2 **Qualification Process:** Qualification of athlete/horse combinations for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas will consist of a four-stage process:

- 2.2.1 Stage One – EC Declaration
- 2.2.2 Stage Two – Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)
- 2.2.3 Stage Three – EC Internal Qualification Requirements
- 2.2.4 Stage Four – EC Fitness Inspections

2.2.1 Stage One – EC Declaration

As a condition of declaration for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, an athlete must fulfil the following eligibility conditions:



2.2.1.1 An athlete must have achieved a minimum threshold score of 66% in the test at the level for which they intend to declare, at least once with one of the horses they are declaring, at either a national (EC Gold or equivalent foreign) or international (EC Platinum or FEI CDI) event. The applicable test level is as follows:

- **Big Tour:** Grand Prix (GP) test
- **Small Tour:** Prix St. Georges (PSG) test

The athlete must also submit the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas Declaration and a non-refundable declaration fee of \$100.00 CAD through the EC Games Portal on or before the declaration deadline **12 midnight ET, December 1, 2026.**

2.2.1.2 An athlete who has NOT achieved a minimum threshold score of 66% in the test at the level for which they intend to declare, must submit the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas Declaration and a non-refundable declaration fee of \$250.00 CAD through the EC Games Portal on or before the declaration deadline **12 midnight ET, December 1, 2026.**

2.2.2 Stage Two – Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) MER Qualification period: 1 January 2026 – 15 December 2026.

Dressage: qualifying results must be obtained at CDI1*/CDI2*/CDN and/or FEI World Dressage Challenge events and/or Bolivarian Games; results from the CAC and ODESUR Games count. At least two FEI judges of a nationality different from the athlete must judge the qualifying events. The number of qualifying events differs by tour:

Big Tour: one (1) event only. Achieve the MER using the Grand Prix; average 58%.

Small Tour: two (2) events. Achieve the MER twice using Prix St. Georges and Intermediate I at the same event; average 62% (PSG + Inter I) across the two events (the average of the two events is the final score).

2.2.3 Stage Three – EC Internal Qualification Requirements

Qualifying Competitions shall include:

Small Tour:

CDI1* or higher competitions offering the applicable Small Tour classes. A list of CDI1* competitions can be found [here](#)

Big Tour:

CDI3*, CDI4*, CDI5*, CDI-W and CDIO competitions offering the applicable Big Tour classes. A list of CDI1* competitions can be found [here](#)

Small Tour

Athlete/horse combinations must:

- Achieve two (2) Prix St. Georges scores above 66%
- Achieve one (1) Intermediate score above 66%
- Scores achieved must be from at minimum two (2) different qualifying competitions

Big Tour

Athlete/horse combinations must:

- Achieve two (2) Grand Prix scores above 66%



- Achieve one (1) Grand Prix Special score above 66%
- Scores achieved must be from at minimum two (2) different qualifying competitions

Meeting the minimum qualification requirements does not guarantee selection.

2.2.4 Stage Four – EC Fitness Inspections

2.2.4.1 Physician Assessment

- i. As part of the selection process the advice from the Team Physician, if so required, will be taken into consideration to ensure athletes considered for selection are healthy and fit-to-compete.

2.2.4.2 Veterinary Assessment

- i. **Purpose:** It is of paramount importance that the horse be serviceable and that the welfare of the horse be protected at all times. EC, the TA and the HPAG wish to ensure that no unfit or unsound horse travels to or competes at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas refer to Section 4. Athletes and owners are responsible and accountable for all positive testing results.
- ii. **Communication:** Throughout the selection process, observations and concerns identified by the Team Veterinarian will be communicated orally or in writing to the athlete of the horse in question, and to the TA and the HPAG. The onus will be upon the athlete to take any necessary action in order to follow the recommendations of the Team Veterinarian.
- iii. **Medical History:** Open communication between the regular veterinarian, all treating veterinarians and the team veterinarian is encouraged, and in order to best help support and prepare horses for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, athletes may be required to provide up to six (6) months of full medical history including all treatments, medications and supplements which have been given to declared horses. This history must be provided by the regular and treating veterinarian(s).

3. SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 Selection Panel

The HPAG is the selection panel for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas. A list of HPAG members can be found on the EC website at <https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/dressage>

No, voting or non-voting, member of the HPAG shall participate in any discussions or decisions regarding the selection of any athletes with whom they have a perceived or real conflict of interest. Any member of the HPAG who considers that they are in a position of perceived or real conflict of interest must declare such a conflict before any discussions are held or decisions are made and must remove themselves from any meetings until the matter giving rise to the perceived or real conflict of interest has been resolved by the HPAG.

3.2 Specific Responsibilities

- The general purpose of the HPAG is to provide input and feedback into the development of the high performance strategy, policies (including criteria) and programming
- Oversee the selection of Canadian athlete/horse combinations to represent Canada internationally
- Develop a national ranking system for elite riders
- Develop a mechanism for ensuring that the feedback and opinions of targeted athletes are represented in the key high performance policy and program decision making processes



- Collectively act as a resource to the TA, DM and the DHP on other high performance program areas, as requested
- Support management in dealing with appeals and disciplinary actions related to dressage programs and selection
- Provide strategic counsel to the TA, DM and the DHP on matters concerning high performance programs and services
- Review athlete development through objective assessment tools in collaboration with the Performance Analyst

3.3 Selection Procedures

- 3.3.1 Following the completion of Stage Three – EC Internal Qualification Requirements (*see Appendix I, Section 2.2.3*), all declared athlete/horse combinations who have met the eligibility and qualification requirements will be ranked based on their qualifying scores achieved during the Qualifying Period, with equal weighting given to the applicable tests.
- 3.3.2 The two (2) highest-ranked eligible athlete/horse combinations following the completion of the Qualifying Period will be selected to the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas Team based on their ranking position.
- 3.3.3 The remaining two (2) Team positions, as well as any reserve positions, will be determined by the HPAG based on the totality of the following factors:
- **Performance** – current scores, ranking position (including FEI ranking position) and consistency of performance;
 - **Performance Trajectory** – improvement and progression of all scores achieved during the Qualifying Period;
 - **International Readiness** – previous CDI, CDIO and championship/team experience, as well as demonstrated readiness to compete successfully in an international team environment;
 - **Future Development Potential** – the potential of the athlete and/or horse to contribute to future Canadian teams, including LA28, and the developmental value of gaining international team and championship experience in 2027;
 - **Competition Suitability** – the suitability of the athlete/horse combination to the anticipated competition environment and their ability to contribute positively to the Canadian Team; and
 - **Technical Advisor Assessment** – the recommendations and professional assessment of the Technical Advisor regarding the individual athlete/horse combinations will be given strong consideration by the HPAG in determining the combinations best positioned to fill the remaining Team and reserve positions.
- 3.3.4 Given the developmental objective of the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, the HPAG may select an eligible athlete/horse combination that is not among the highest-ranked combinations for the remaining Team positions or reserve positions where the HPAG determines that the combination demonstrates strong future potential and that participation would provide meaningful development toward future international team competition.
- 3.3.5 The final Team will therefore consist of the two (2) highest-ranked eligible athlete/horse combinations, together with two (2) additional combinations selected by the HPAG based on the factors outlined above. The same considerations will apply when determining the order and composition of the reserve combinations.
- 3.3.6 Except for the two (2) highest-ranked combinations identified in *Appendix I, Section 3.3.2*, ranking position alone does not determine selection to the Team or reserve positions. The HPAG



will use its discretion and consider the totality of the applicable performance, readiness and developmental factors when making the remaining selections.

4 SUBSTITUTIONS

- 4.1 Should the need arise prior to the start of the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, substitutions shall be made as per IF, PAEC and Organizing Committee (OC) requirements for substitution and in accordance with this document. In the event of a conflict between these Selection Criteria and the IF, PAEC or OC rules, the latter shall prevail. All substitution decisions will be communicated via email.

4.1.1 Substitutions Before arriving at the venue for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas

Should the need for a substitution arise before 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas the following provisions shall apply: if a selected horse becomes unfit, ill or unsound such that it is, in the reasonable opinion of the Team Veterinarian, not possible or desirable to have that horse compete at 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, or if a selected athlete is ill, injured, incapacitated or engages in misconduct, including violation EC Elite Athlete Agreement, EC Code of Conduct and/or EC, IF or PAEC Policies, so that it is not possible or desirable for the athlete to represent Canada at 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas the TA and the HPAG shall have the authority and absolute discretion to make all such substitution decisions after reviewing all relevant evidence.

4.1.2 Substitutions After Arriving at the venue for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas but Prior to the Horse Inspection

Should the need for a substitution arise after arriving on venue for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas but prior to the horse inspection, the following provisions shall apply: if a selected horse becomes unfit, ill or unsound such that it is, in the reasonable opinion of the Team Veterinarian, not possible or desirable to have that horse compete at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, or if a selected athlete is ill, injured, incapacitated or engages in misconduct, including violation EC Elite Athlete Agreement, EC Code of Conduct and/or EC, IF or PAEC Policies so that it is not possible or desirable for the athlete to represent Canada at 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas the Team Veterinarian, TA / Chef d'Equipe shall have the authority and absolute discretion to make a substitution decision as per the IF, PAEC and OC rules. During the actual competition period onsite at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, all final decision-making authority will reside with the TA/Chef d'Equipe. In the case of an athlete substitution at the same, note that the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET) privileges will be transferred to the incoming athlete while the privileges of the athlete who is being replaced will be re-evaluated.

5 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- 5.1 The TA and the HPAG will privately inform the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas athlete/horse combinations including alternates of their selection on or before **December 16th, 2026.**

Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement

It is important that ALL athletes selected for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas (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 by EC.

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 selection to any and all media, and must not make any references that confirms team selections 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas.

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

- 5.2 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.

6 CONTACT

For clarification or questions on the contents of the Internal Selection Policy (ISP) please contact Christine Peters at cpeters@equestrian.ca



APPENDIX 2 – ATHLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2027 FEI PAEC CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS: ATHLETE’S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET).

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, or 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas; 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 my 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas so as to allow me to 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”) 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 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 _____, 2027

Signature of Athlete

Print Name (Athlete)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Witness

if Athlete is under 18 years old

This form must be completed and returned by **June 20, 2027** to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail cpeters@equestrian.ca.

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 3 – GROOM/ TEAM PERSONNEL RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2027 FEI PAEC CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS: GROOM/ ATHLETE COMPANION/ TEAM PERSONNEL RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET).

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that the Equine Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards to me including, but not limited to: contracting human or equine diseases or illnesses in Canada or 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas; 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.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, so as to allow me to 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”) 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 the 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 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 _____, 2027

Signature

Print Name

Role

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned by **June 20, 2027** to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail cpeters@equestrian.ca.

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



APPENDIX 4 – OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2027 FEI PAEC CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS: OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY 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 horses’ travel to, training for and participation at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, 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 or 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas; 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 accreditation for up to two individuals and my horse for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, so as to allow the horse to 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”) and to RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury that I, or any other person receiving accreditation on my behalf, may suffer, my horse may suffer (including death) or my next of kin may suffer as a result of my horses’ 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 any person receiving accreditation on my behalf, or to any third party or injury to my horse resulting from my horses’ 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 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 _____, 2027

Signature of Owner

Name of Horse / Passport No

Print Name (Owner)

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned by **June 20, 2027** to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail cpeters@equestrian.ca.

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APPENDIX 5 – RELEASE OF VETERINARY MEDICAL RECORDS

Authorization for the Release of Veterinary Medical Records

I, _____ (*Name of Rider/Owner/Person Authorized to Release Medical Records – please print*), authorize the full release of all medical records including, but not limited to, all diagnostic imaging including ultrasound and radiographs, for the horse _____ (*please print*), to Equestrian Canada (EC) for the official 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas Team Veterinarian, Dr. Alan Manning, to enable him to support and assist with the presentation of my horse at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas. The below contact information for my personal Equine Support Team members has been provided which will authorize Dr. Manning's access to these records.

Personal Equine Support Personnel:

Name of Primary Veterinarian: _____

Tel(s): _____ Email: _____

Name(s) of Other Veterinarians who are, or have, treated the horse within the last 8 months:

Tel(s): _____ Email: _____

Name of Equine Support Personnel: _____

Tel(s) _____ Email _____

Name of Equine Support Personnel: _____

Tel(s) _____ Email _____

Signature/Date

Print name

Signature of Witness/Date

Print name of Witness

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E-mail cpeters@equestrian.ca.

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