2027 FEI PAEC CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE AMERICAS EQUESTRIAN CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCEDURES - JUMPING

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this document is to set out the selection criteria and procedures (Selection Criteria) that the Jumping High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) will use to select athlete/horse combinations to compete at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championships of the Americas, Ocala, USA January 21st – 31st, with Jumping scheduled for January 27 – 31, 2027.

1.2 Discipline specific Selection Criteria are outlined in ***Appendix 1***. Questions specific to the Selection Criteria should be directed to Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Jumping Discipline Manager (DM) (khendry-ouellette@equestrian.ca) or the designated contact.

1.3 Athlete/Horse combinations must meet the expectations as outlined in these Selection Criteria in order to be considered for selection.

1.4 Athletes and owners who choose to participate in the selection process acknowledges 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 in the sole discretion of the EC Jumping High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG), eliminate the athlete/horse combination from both the qualifying process and from 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 1, 2027**
- Be eligible to travel to any required quarantine/training camp and 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
- Must sign and submit the Equestrian Canada (EC) Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
  Safe Sport policies
  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
  - Jumping: 18+ years of age in 2027, born on or before December 31st, 2009

2.2 Horse

- Meet minimum horse age requirements as per the current FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events as amended in and be 8+ years of age in 2027, born on or before December 31st, 2018
- 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 any required quarantine/training camp and 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 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

2.4 Owner

- Have a passport that is valid 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 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

2.5 **Support Team Members**

- Have a passport that is valid until at least **July 1st, 2027**
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- Must sign and submit the Equestrian Canada (EC) Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
  Safe Sport policies
  The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)
  Canadian Safe Sport Program, as applicable

2.6 **Personal Coaches** (If applicable)

- Have a passport that is valid until at least **July 1st, 2027**
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- Must sign and submit the Equestrian Canada (EC) Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
  Safe Sport policies
  The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)
  Canadian Safe Sport Program, as applicable
- All coaches must be a registered or chartered professional coach with the CAC by June 14, 2027.
- Must be 18 years of age or older at the time of nomination.
- Not be subject to a provisional suspension, other interim measure or period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation or any sanction imposed by Equestrian Canada, Sport Integrity Canada, an SDRCC Safeguarding Tribunal or Appeal Tribunal, or any other relevant sport organization that would prevent or restrict the athlete's ability to participate in or adequately prepare for the Games.

2.7 **Athlete Companion** (should accreditation be available)

- Have a passport that is valid until at least **July 1st, 2027**
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- Must sign and submit the Equestrian Canada (EC) Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
  Safe Sport policies
  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 **Purpose:** The declaration date allows sufficient time for the Accreditation Process to be completed for athletes, grooms, owners, and support team personnel.

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

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

3.4 **Fees**: No declaration fees will be charged for the Jumping 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, 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas (an expected four-week commitment which includes any potential staging camp period). EC reserves the right to deem a groom ineligible for an international team competition. Should a groom not carry out their assigned duties and obligations or exhibit inappropriate behavior detrimental to the team, then EC has the authority to remove such groom from the team. Please refer to the discipline specific Selection Criteria in ***Appendix 1*** for additional groom information, as applicable.

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 2.4 for owner eligibility.

3.8 **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 Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Jumping Discipline Manager (DM) (khendry-ouellette@equestrian.ca) of their decision in writing.

Accreditation

3.9 **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 to the Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Jumping Discipline Manager (DM) (khendry-ouellette@equestrian.ca) immediately in writing. Athletes, grooms, owners, and team personnel are not permitted to apply directly to the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas for accreditation.

3.10 **Allocation**: EC has the exclusive authority to, select, and allocate accreditations for the grooms, owners, and team personnel who comprise the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET) to represent Canada at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas. Accreditation for 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas are limited and are allocated based on the needs of the entire team and on what HPAG decides will lead to the best team performance at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas.

3.11 **Information Deadline**: Athletes, grooms, owners, coaches 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 section 3.1 above.

3.12 **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.). Participation in this process does not guarantee accreditation nor selection.

Release of Liability Waiver

3.13 All declared athletes, grooms, owners, and team personnel must complete and return the release of liability waivers to the Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Jumping Discipline Manager (DM) (khendry-ouellette@equestrian.ca) within 7 days following notification of selection decisions. 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/Athlete Companion/Coach/Support 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
- ***Appendix 5:*** Criteria Checklist

4 ANTI-DOPING HUMAN AND EQUINE

Athlete

4.1 **Eligibility**: The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offense.

4.2 **Testing**: Declared athletes may be subject to announced and unannounced drug testing in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and EC rules and regulations. Testing includes both in-competition and out-of-competition testing. All athletes who declare for the selection process must provide accurate and up-to-date contact information through the EC Sport Licence portal. 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 Discipline's High Performance Advisory Group (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 drug testing according to FEI drug and medication rules. Blood, and/or urine, or any other sampling method as instituted by the FEI may be drawn at any time throughout the qualification, selection and quarantine/training camp periods. Samples may be tested for the presence for all prohibited and/or controlled substances by the FEI.

4.5 **Prohibited Substances**: In the event a prohibited substance is detected, the amount of this substance will be quantified where possible and reported to the Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Jumping Discipline Manager (DM) (khendry-ouellette@equestrian.ca). Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the allowable IF limits may be eliminated from the 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 the HPAG has failed to comply with the correct procedures outlined in the Selection Criteria or has made a patently unreasonable decision based on the Selection Criteria. An appeal must be made in writing to the Independent Third-Party Complaint Manager within 72 hours of the relevant athlete being informed of the decision. Appeals must be accompanied by an administration fee of $1000.00 (CAD) as per the published EC Schedule of Fees. The EC Discipline, Complaints and Appeal Policy can be found HERE.

5.2 Process: In recognition of the short timelines required for the selection decision process, any appeals to decisions made under the Selection Criteria will proceed under the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) appeal process. The administration fee referred to in Section 5.1 will be applied to the fee required for the appeal to SDRCC.

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 Jumping 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 a circumstance occur, EC will review and may amend Selection Criteria to comply with the new regulations or conditions. Any amendments to this document will be communicated directly to all declared athletes via email. Communication will be sent to the email address provided in the EC Games portal.

6.3 Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Selection Criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including selection decisions, will be made by the individual (s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Selection Criteria, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) including but not limited to the EC Director of High Performance, Veterinary specialists, EC legal representative, the Jumping High Performance Advisory Group, 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

JUMPING SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas scheduled for January 21-31, 2027 in Ocala, USA
(Jumping January 27 - 31)

1. INTRODUCTION

EC may select as the "CET" either an individual or a team of up to the maximum number permitted to compete in the jumping competition for Canada at 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas (Canadian Jumping Team).

1.1 If sending an Individual:
One (1) athlete/horse combination and two (2) additional athlete/horse unofficial reserve combinations will be selected.

1.2 If sending a Team:
Five (5) athlete/horse combinations comprising a team of 4, plus 1 official reserve athlete/horse combination will beselected. Three (3) additional athlete/horse combinations will also be selected as unofficial reserves.

1.3 Performance Objective:
The primary performance objective for the Canadian Jumping Team at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas is to achieve a podium finish. The secondary objective is to use this championship as an opportunity to develop athletes and/or horses that demonstrate strong potential and for whom participation would provide meaningful experience and preparation for future international team competition.

2. PRINCIPLES FOR SELECTION

2.1 EC will select the most competitive athlete/horse combination(s) to represent Canada. Competitiveness, rather than participation at the Games will be stressed.

2.2 Contributing Factors to Consider Include:
(a) Past Major Games experience and/or results

(b) Performance analytics during the Selection Window (as defined in ***Appendix 1***, Section 3.3 below) of usable Nations Cup scores as defined in the National Team Program criteria (4 faults or less)

(c) Percentage of clear rounds at FEI competitions during the Selection Window (as defined in ***Appendix 1***, Section 3.3 below) as defined for a Squad in the National Team Program Criteria

3. INTERNAL SELECTION PROCEDURES

3.1 The Jumping High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) is comprised of the following members: *Ian Millar (Chef d'Equipe), Mike Lawrence, Marni Von Schalburg, Beth Underhill, Christopher Lowe and Tiffany Foster (Tiffany is part of HPAG but if she declares for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of Americas, she will not participate in selection decisions).* The EC High Performance Director and Jumping Discipline Manager assist the HPAG in their execution of the duties, each in an ex officio non-voting position.

3.2 By declaring, athletes and owners of horses eligible for selection to the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas agree to make themselves and their horses available if selection and confirm their willingness to comply with the team preparation plans as set forth by the Chef d'Equipe, while always keeping the best interest of the team in mind.

3.3 All horses and athletes that take part in 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas must achieve (not required as a combination), the MER required at selected events which take place from **Thursday, January 1, 2026 until Tuesday, December 15, 2026, as shortened to Monday, December 7, 2026 for these Selection Criteria, in order to meet the PAEC deadline for submission of nominations December 15, 2026. (January 1, 2026 to December 15 being the** (the "**Selection Window**").

3.4 Qualification and Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) qualifications:
A MER is achieved at events where the competition height is at least 1.45 m and the initial-round result does not exceed eight (8) penalties, at any of:

- CSI1* or higher Table A competition, including World Cup competitions (FEI Art. 220, 226, 221 or 223 only)
- Team and Individual Final of the 2025 Central American and Caribbean Games (Santo Domingo, DOM) or the ODESUR Games (Santa Fe, ARG), provided the initial round is at least 1.40 m
- In Nations Cup / Team competitions at Games, the qualifying result may be obtained in the first or second round

3.5 Once selected to the CET for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, athletes must submit all competition and travel plans, for approval by the Chef d'Equipe.

3.6 In selecting the CET for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, it is understood that an individual HPAG member may be in a real or a perceived conflict of interest position. Notwithstanding this, they shall remain as a member of the HPAG. Members with a conflict of interest shall declare their conflict of interest (real or perceived) in advance. Any member of the HPAG who has declared a conflict of interest will remove themselves from all discussions in which there is a conflict and will abstain from voting until such conflict is resolved.

3.7 **GROOMS**: The groom must be able to make independent knowledgeable decisions on the care of the athlete's horse. Riders are responsible for ensuring that their selected grooms are qualified, kept informed and are available for the time commitments in the proposed schedule for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas program. All selected grooms are subject to the direction and authority of the Chef d'Equipe and/or Team Manager.

4. SELECTION

4.1 The HPAG shall select the CET for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, that in the opinion of the HPAG and in the exercise of its sole discretion, can best represent Canada at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas. Selection will be based on but not limited to the following; performance within the Selection Window, previous experience of horse and/or athlete, perceived

reliability of horse and/or athlete, perceived ability of horse and/or athlete to jump courses of Championship scope and technicality, and perceived durability and soundness of horse.

4.2 The performance of all declared candidates may be monitored and considered at any shows they participate in during the Selection Window.

4.3 Candidates for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas will be observed, and results monitored at 3*, 4* and 5* competitions around the world.

4.4 Tight deadlines and logistics of sending the CET to the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas necessitate that, on or before **Monday, December 7, 2026**, the list of individual and/or team athletes will be narrowed down to the top five (5) individuals or up to the top eight to twelve (8 to 12) team candidates, as applicable, making up the long list that will be selected.

4.5 These combinations will be selected by a majority vote of the HPAG based on the Selection Criteria. In the case of a tie amongst the HPAG, it will be broken by the Chair.

4.6 The CET for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas will be selected as the Definite Sport Entries on or before the deadline of **Friday, January 15, 2027**.

4.7 Once selected to 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, athletes will be required to make sure their horses meet all quarantine and vet requirements necessary to compete at 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas. These requirements will be communicated by the Chef d'Equipe and/or the Team Veterinarian.

5. CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR SELECTION

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

5.1 **Policy Compliance:** All athletes who have declared and met all required Selection Criteria within the Selection Window must continue to conform to all EC policies regarding team preparation, training, and competition in order to remain eligible for selection.

5.2 **MER:** To be eligible for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, athletes must ensure that they are qualified and have achieved their Certificates of Capability (MER). All candidates must have achieved their respective MER no later than **Monday, December 7, 2026.** The MER period has been shortened for nomination of declared athletes as a result of the nomination deadline established by PAEC.

5.3 **Nominated Sport Entry List:** The CET for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas will be selected as the Nominated Sport Entries on or before the deadline of **Friday, December 15, 2026**.

5.4 **Drug Testing:** All athletes may be subject to announced and unannounced drug testing according to the Sport Integrity Canada (SIC) and EC Rules and Policies. Testing includes both in-competition and out-of-competition testing. Please note that EC Policy requires that any athlete representing Canada in a major championship must have had a drug test in the previous twelve-month period. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their horses are in full compliance with applicable FEI Drug Rules. Horses may be tested for drugs according to FEI Drug & Medication rules once selected.

OBLIGATIONS ONCE SELECTED

5.5 **Inspection**: Once named as one of the Definite Sport Entry athlete/horse combinations, the HPAG or its Chair may require a veterinary inspection at any time prior to departure for 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas. A member of the HPAG has the right to be present at such an inspection. The HPAG or its Chair may require such inspection to be conducted under FEI Drug & Medication rules. On or before **Monday, January 4, 2027,** any medication or veterinary procedure administered to a horse on the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas Definite Sport Entry list must be promptly reported to the Team Veterinarian no later than 72 hours following administration.

5.6 **Required Consent:** Upon arrival at the competition training site and/or the competition venue, **NO** other vets or clinicians may examine or treat a Team horse without the express consent of the Team Veterinarian and only in the presence of the Chef d'Equipe and/or Team Veterinarian.

5.7 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 three (3) 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).

5.8 **Equine Health:** Athletes and grooms are expected to cooperate fully with the Team Veterinarian and Chef d'Equipe at all times. The Team Veterinarian and/or Chef d'Equipe may ask to examine and/or jog a Team horse at any time provided either the athlete and/or the groom of the horse are present. The Team Veterinarian and/or Chef d'Equipe may request the presence of either the athlete and/or groom at a specific time and failure to provide full cooperation may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the Team.

Spur marks, it is recommended that the hair on the side of the horse should be grown out to help avoid the possibility of breaking the skin, resulting in the enforcement of the FEI Regulations as pertaining to the matter.

5.9 **Quarantine/Training Camp:** There may be a quarantine/training camp (inclusive of the equine quarantine requirements) prior to the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas to help build positive Team atmosphere and spirit between, CET members, grooms, and support personnel. The quarantine/training camp will include final training preparations as well as veterinary and blacksmith preparations as needed prior to departure for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas.

5.10**FEI Compliance:** Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their horses are in full compliance with current FEI Drug Rules. Horses may be tested for drugs according to FEI Drug & Medication rules.

6. SUBSTITUTIONS

6.1 Substitution of an athlete/ horse combination selected as Definite Entries with a named reserve athlete/horse combination shall be made as per FEI requirements and in accordance with this document. In the event of a conflict between these Selection Criteria and the FEI requirements, the latter shall prevail. All substitution decisions will be communicated via email.

The last date for substitution is the last date at which an athlete or horse selected to travel to the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas can be subject to substitution with a reserve athlete or reserve horse not previously selected to travel. The date will be determined by EC, based on when the Canadian

horses travel to the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, where they travel from, and whether the athlete/horses are taking part in Pre-Export Quarantine Training Camp prior to departing to the Event. Horses will only be allowed to travel to the Event with the Official designated horse shipping company, or as a team in private transport approved by EC.

6.2 A substitution may be required in the following:

6.2.1 if a selected horse becomes unfit, ill or unsound, such that, in the reasonable opinion of the Team Veterinarian in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe, it is not possible or desirable to have that horse compete at 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas;

6.2.2 if a combination is underperforming during the pre- 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas training camp to the extent that, in the reasonable opinion of the Team Veterinarian and Chef d'Equipe, it is likely to have a negative impact on the Team's performance during the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas; or

6.2.3 if a selected athlete is ill, injured, incapacitated or is in violation of the EC Athlete Agreement, EC Code of Conduct, an EC Policy, a FEI Policy or Non-compliance with WADA or FEI Equine medications. Any substitution for medical reasons must be certified by a physician. The final decision for substitutions of a horse will be made by the Team Veterinarian and Chef d'Equipe with respect to any horse fitness, soundness or welfare issues. The Chef d'Equipe shall have the authority and absolute discretion to make all such substitution decisions after reviewing all relevant evidence and in consultation with the athlete.

6.3 **DECLARATION OF STARTERS**

The declaration of starters will be done in accordance with the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/jumping/rules The declaration of starters will be made by the Chef d'Equipe in coordination with the Team Manager.

6.4 **SUBSTITUTIONS DURING COMPETITION**

In the team competition, substitution of a combination at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas would be in accordance with FEI regulations for Equestrian Events https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/jumping/rules. The substitution decision will be made by the Chef d'Equipe.

6.5 **ON-SITE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY (DMA)**

During the actual competition period onsite at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, decisions other than competition performance, in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe and Team Manager, all final decision-making authority will reside with the Team Leader.

7. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Jumping Discipline Manager will privately inform the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas athletes (including alternates) in writing of their selection on or before **Friday, January 8, 2027.** Final entries must be submitted to the PAEC and the FEI on or before **Friday, January 15, 2027**.

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, team personnel, and anyone else affiliated with a selected athlete, including grooms, friends, and family) respect this Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement until after the official announcement of the team by EC.

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

EC will officially announce the selected athlete/horse combinations. The date of the official announcement will be provided to each athlete at the time of notification of their selection. There will be no mention of the selection to the media or public until the official announcement has been made by EC.

8. CONTACT

For clarification or questions on selection policy as described in this document, please contact Team Manager, Jumping, Karen Hendry-Ouellette at khendry-ouellette@equestrian.ca.

Appendix 2

ATHLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA –2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, Ocala, FLORIDA: 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET), including without limitation my participation in qualification events for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas.

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 the horse, my death or the death of my horse, property damage or any loss resulting therefrom.

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas so as to allow me to fully participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

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

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

Dated this _____ day of _____

_____	_____
Signature of Athlete	Print Name (Athlete)
_____	_____
Signature of Parent or Guardian *if Athlete is under 18 years old*	Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: khendry-ouellette@equestrian.ca **7 days following team selection notification**

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/ATHLETE COMPANION/TEAM PERSONNEL RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA –2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, Ocala, FLORIDA: GROOM'S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT ("Agreement")

To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

Definition: In this Agreement, the term "Equine Activities" shall include all activities, actions or conduct in any way directly or indirectly related to my travel to and my participation at the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET), including without limitation my participation in qualification events for the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas.

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, 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.

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation to the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas so as to allow me to fully participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

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

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

Dated this _____ day of _____

_____ _____

Signature of Groom/Athlete Companion/Team Personnel | Print Name

_____ _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian | Signature of Witness

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

This form must be completed and returned to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: khendry-ouellette@equestrian.ca **7 days following team selection notification**

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Appendix 4

OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA –2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas, Ocala, FLORIDA: 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 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, 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 2027 FEI PAEC Championships 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.

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide my horse with accreditation to the 2027 FEI PAEC Championship of the Americas so as to allow the horse to fully participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

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

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

Dated this _____ day of _____

_____	_____
Signature of Owner	Name of Horse and passport number
_____	_____
Print Name of Owner	Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: khendry-ouellette@equestrian.ca **7 days following team selection notification**.
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Appendix 5

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CRITERIA – CHECK LIST

Key Criteria Dates:

- □ **Qualification Period (*Appendix 1*, Section 2.3)**
  - Qualification Period – **January 1, 2026 until Monday, December 7, 2026**

- □ **Athlete Declaration (Section 3.1)**
  - Due **12 midnight EST, Tuesday, December 1, 2026**
  - Submit using EC Games Portal
  - New Users https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/register?user=new
  - Existing Users: https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login.aspx (edit your profile)

- □ **Release and Waiver Forms**
  - ***Appendix 2, 3, & 4*** Due **7 days following athlete notification**

- □ **Nomination**
  - Announce to Team Members – on or before **Friday, December 15, 2026**

- □ **Definite**
  - Announce to Team Members – on or before **Friday, January 8, 2027**

- □ **Official EC Team announcement**
  - Those selected will be notified of the official date for announcement