



AUTHORIZATION TO COMPETE

All athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in a FEI Sanctioned Competition(s) (CDI Competitions) must complete and submit an Authorization to Compete request (A2C) via the portal
<https://licence.equestrian.ca/cdifei/login.aspx>

Please refer to the FEI authorization to compete guide for additional information [HERE](#)

Requests must be submitted a minimum of two weeks before the FEI definite entry date for the competition(s) in order to have sufficient time to be registered with the FEI and be authorized by the FEI and competition organizer.

Threshold Score Policy for FEI Sanctioned Competitions Outside Canada

1. Prior to being authorized by Equestrian Canada to compete in FEI Sanctioned Competitions outside of Canada athlete/horse combinations must have achieved the below threshold scores.
2. All threshold scores for the CDI-AM to CDI4* level must be from either a NF "Senior" judge or an FEI judge.

In cases of the FEI Children's test, or FEI 7-Year Old Young Horse Final test, the threshold score will need to have been a panel score with one judge (SR or FEI level) for the technical and one judge (SR or FEI) for the impression section

Scores must be obtained at EC Sanctioned Gold Competitions in Canada, or at NF equivalent foreign Competitions. Scores must be obtained within the 12 months preceding the authorization to compete request

3. **Proof of threshold scores that are uploaded into the Authorization to Compete Portal must clearly indicate the date of the show, the name of the judge(s) and name of the show. Missing information will result in authorization to compete applications not being processed.**

CDI-AM to CDI4* (including CDI-W) Level

Two threshold scores of **66%, or higher (exception - 7.0, or higher, for the FEI Young Horse tests)**, from the technical classes at the level for which you wish to compete:

- FEI Grand Prix or FEI Grand Prix Special threshold scores in order to compete at the Big Tour Level
- FEI U25 Grand Prix or FEI Intermediate II threshold scores in order to compete at the U25 Level
- FEI Intermediate A, Intermediate B threshold scores in order to compete at the Medium Tour Level
- FEI Prix St. Georges or FEI Intermediate 1 threshold score in order to compete at the Small Tour Level
- FEI Young Rider Team or Individual threshold scores in order to compete at the Young Rider Level
- FEI Junior Team, Individual or Third level threshold scores in order to compete at the Junior Level
- FEI Pony Team, Individual or Second level threshold scores in order to compete at the Pony Level



- FEI Children Team, Individual or Second level threshold scores in order to compete at the Children Level
- FEI Young Horse Final Test threshold scores in order to compete at the Young Horse Level (score must be from the age level for which you wish to compete)
 - First level threshold scores will be considered for the FEI 4-Year-Old Level
 - Second level threshold scores will be considered for the 5-Year-Old Level
 - Third level threshold scores will be considered for the FEI 6-Year-Old Level
 - Fourth level or Developing Prix St. Georges or FEI Prix St. Georges threshold scores will be considered for the 7-Year-Old Level

CDI5* Level

Two threshold scores of **67%, or higher**, from the technical classes. Threshold scores must have been achieved at CDI3* / CDI-W / CDI4* competitions

Should the athlete/horse combination's average competition scores, obtained at foreign FEI Sanctioned Competitions, be lower than 63% at the end of the calendar year, the athlete/horse combination must re-qualify as outlined above prior to competing in any further FEI Sanctioned Competitions. Athlete/horse combinations that have achieved scores higher than 63% do not have to submit scores for further Authorization to Compete at FEI Sanctioned Competitions as long as their most recent was obtained within the last 12 months.

Exemptions

Exemptions may be applied for and are at the discretion of Equestrian Canada. For automatic exemptions see below.

Automatic Exemption (for CDI1* to CDI3* competitions): Athletes listed on the current Dressage High Performance Ranking Lists and/or athletes who have formerly been senior Canadian Equestrian Team (CET) members (Olympics, World Equestrian Games, World Championships, Pan American Games, World Cup Final), who wish to enter FEI Sanctioned Competitions outside of Canada at the CDI1* to CDI3* level, with a horse that the athlete has not previously competed at the stated FEI level are automatically exempt from the requirement to achieve the minimum threshold score prior to being permitted to compete at FEI Sanctioned Competitions at the CDI1* to CDI3* level).

- However, if after two FEI Sanctioned Competitions, whether inside or outside of Canada, such athlete/horse combination fails to achieve a score equivalent to the minimum threshold scores as set out above, the exemption is terminated, and the athlete/horse combination must achieve the minimum threshold score set out above before authorization to compete is reinstated for that combination.

Athletes who have submitted a declaration to Equestrian Canada's Dressage Department for the next North American Youth Championships, and wish to enter FEI Sanctioned Competitions at the FEI Children, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider or FEI U25 level outside, Canada are automatically exempt from the requirement to achieve the minimum threshold score prior to being permitted to compete at FEI Sanctioned Competitions at the FEI Children, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider or FEI U25 level, with the horse that the athlete has declared.

- However, if after two FEI Sanctioned Competitions, whether inside or outside of Canada, such athlete/horse combination fails to achieve a score equivalent to the minimum threshold score as set out above, the exemption is terminated, and the athlete/horse combination must achieve the



minimum threshold score set out above before authorization to compete is reinstated for that combination.

*Note: Despite the exemption being automatically granted, an Authorization to Compete Request must still be submitted **a minimum of two weeks before the definite entry date for the competition(s)** in order to be authorized and registered with the FEI.*

Withdrawal From CDI Events

After an athlete has submitted an authorization to compete (A2C) and new needs to withdraw from the competition for any reason, the following steps are to be taken immediately:

Withdrawing from a competition before the entry has been submitted on your behalf or before the Organizing Committee has confirmed an invitation:

- Send an email to Equestrian Canada's FEI athlete services at feiservices@equestrian.ca and include your information, your horse's information and class(es) you are withdrawing from and the reason for the withdrawal.

Withdrawing from a competition *after* the entry has been submitted on your behalf, and/or *after* the Organizing Committee has confirmed an invitation:

- Send an email to Equestrian Canada's FEI athlete services at feiservices@equestrian.ca and include your information, your horse's information and class(es) you are withdrawing from and the reason for the withdrawal, and
- Email the Organizing Committee members as soon as possible along with the show office. The email is to state the reason for the withdrawal and an apology to the Organizing Committee members and show office for any inconvenience your withdrawing may have caused. NOTE: The Organizing Committee's contact information can be found in the FEI schedule for that competition.