



2026 FEI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AACHEN

EQUESTRIAN CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCEDURES - DRIVING

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to set out the selection criteria and procedures (“**Selection Criteria**”) that the Driving Selection Committee will use to select athlete/horse combinations to compete at the 2026 FEI World Championships Aachen (“**2026 WC**”) for Driving, scheduled for August 20th - 23rd, 2026.
- 1.2 Discipline-specific selection criteria are outlined in *Appendix 1*. Questions specific to the Selection Criteria should be directed to the Discipline lead Alex Hubley at ahubley@equestrian.ca.
- 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 If there is a difference in interpretation between this document's French and English versions, then the English version shall prevail.
- 1.7 Any intentional misrepresentation of information submitted for selection consideration may, at the sole discretion of EC and/or the Driving Selection Committee, eliminate the athlete/horse combination from both the qualifying process and consideration for selection.

2. ELIGIBILITY

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

2.1 Athlete

- Be a Canadian citizen at the time of declaration and until the conclusion of the 2026 WC
- Have a Canadian passport that is valid until at least **November 23, 2026**



- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's Entry/Exit System (EES)
- Be eligible to travel to any required quarantine/training camp and the 2026 WC
- Be in compliance with all relevant International Federation ("FEI") requirements for eligibility
- Be a member in good standing (Platinum Sport 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
- Meet minimum athlete age requirements as per the 2025 FEI Regulations and be 16 years of age in 2026, born on or before December 31st, 2010.

2.2 Horse

- Meet minimum horse age requirements as per the 2025 FEI Regulations for Equestrian Driving Competitions and be 6 years of age in 2026, born on or before December 31st, 2020.
- Possess a valid FEI Horse Registration document (passport) and be in good standing

2.3 Grooms and Navigators

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of the 2026 WC
- Have a passport that is valid until at least **November 23, 2026**
- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's Entry/Exit System (EES)
- Be eligible to travel to any required quarantine/training camp and the 2026 WC
- Have experience competing, navigating, or grooming at international equestrian competitions
- 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")
- 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 valid passport until at least **November 23, 2026**
- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's Entry/Exit System (EES)
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines



- At minimum one owner must be listed as an owner in the FEI horse passport unless the horse is owned by a syndicate
- Must sign and submit the EC Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - Safe Sport policies
 - The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)
 - Canadian Safe Sport Program, as applicable

2.5 Support Team Members

- Have a passport that is valid until at least **November 23, 2026**
- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's Entry/Exit System (EES)
- Be eligible to travel to any required quarantine/training camp and the 2026 WC
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- Must sign and submit the EC Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - Safe Sport policies
 - The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)
 - Canadian Safe Sport Program, as applicable

2.6 Athlete Companion (should accreditation be available)

- Have a passport that is valid until at least **November 23, 2026**
- Meet the European Union's travel requirements that are in place at the time of the championships, including the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) and meet the European Union's Entry/Exit System (EES)
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes by the required deadlines
- Must sign and submit the EC Athlete/Participant Agreement and adhere to all EC policies related to team preparation, training, and competition. This includes compliance with:
 - Safe Sport policies
 - The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)
 - Canadian Safe Sport Program, as applicable

3 DECLARATION AND ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

Declaration

- 3.1 **Deadline Date:** Athletes must submit a declaration for the 2026 WC to EC through the EC Games Portal on or before **12 midnight ET, January 7, 2026**. Failure to submit the required information and documents by this deadline will make the declaration incomplete and invalid. ***No late declarations will be accepted, except for already declared athletes in accordance with Section 3.8.***



- 3.2 **Purpose:** The declaration deadline allows sufficient time for the Accreditation Process to be completed for athletes, grooms, owners, and support team personnel.
- 3.3 **Process:** The declaration MUST be made through the EC Games Portal at:
- New Users <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/register?user=new>
 - Existing Users: <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login.aspx>
- 3.4 **Fees:** No declaration fees will be charged for declarations for the Driving discipline.

At the time of declaration, the athlete MUST provide:

- 3.5 **Horses:** The name, FEI passport number, and FEI passport expiry date for each declared horse. *Please refer to Section 2.2 for horse eligibility.*
- 3.6 **Grooms:** The name, **unique e-mail address**, and phone number for a minimum of two (2) up to a maximum of four (4) declared grooms in priority order. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their groom is eligible (please refer to Section 2.4 for groom eligibility), kept informed, and available for the time commitments in the proposed schedule for 2026 WC (an expected four-week commitment which includes any potential staging camp period). Should a groom not carry out their assigned duties and obligations or exhibit inappropriate behavior detrimental to the team, then EC has the authority to remove such groom from the team. *Please refer to Section 2.3 for groom information.*
- 3.7 **Owners:** The name, **unique e-mail address**, and phone number for up to two (2) declared owners per horse, in priority order for accreditation purposes; at least one owner must be listed in the IF horse passport. In the case of syndicate ownership groups, declared athlete/horse owners do not need to be individually listed in the FEI horse passport, but must be individually declared in priority for accreditation purposes. *Please refer to Section 2.5 for owner eligibility.*
- 3.8 **Declaration Date Exception:** Except as set out in this Section 3.8, athletes may not submit a declaration after the **12 midnight ET, January 7, 2026** deadline.
- 3.8.1 In the case of a horse being made available to an already declared athlete after the declaration deadline to form a “New athlete/horse combination”, EC may, in its sole discretion, accept this athlete/horse combination as a declared candidate for the 2026 WC.
- 3.8.2 Additional athlete/horse combinations must be submitted in writing to the Discipline Lead at the earliest date possible, and no later than **March 30th, 2026.**

Note 1: Horse owner accreditation may not be possible for new horses declared after **12 midnight ET, January 7, 2026** deadline.

Note 2: “New athlete/horse combination(s)” are defined as either a:

- new horse purchase
- horse transfer to an already declared athlete

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



Accreditation

- 3.9 **Process:** The accreditation process for the 2026 WC will be coordinated through EC. To help facilitate this process, the athletes' declaration in the EC 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 Discipline Lead immediately in writing. **Athletes, grooms, owners, and team personnel are not permitted to apply directly to the Aachen OC for accreditation.**
- 3.10 **Allocation:** EC has the exclusive authority to, select, and allocate accreditations for the grooms, lungers, owners, and team personnel who comprise the Canadian Equestrian Team ("CET") to represent Canada at the 2026 WC. Accreditations for 2026 WC are limited and are allocated based on the needs of the entire team and on what the HPAG decides will lead to the best team performance at the 2026 WC.
- 3.11 **Information Deadline:** Athletes, grooms, owners, and team support personnel are to provide all necessary accreditation information, including photos and passport details and personal information, in the EC Games Portal by the declaration deadlines outlined in Sections 3.1 and 3.8 above.
- 3.12 **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 2026 WC in an accredited role (Athlete, Owner, Groom, Team Personnel, etc.) prior to the declaration deadline referenced in Section 3.11. Participation in this process does not guarantee accreditation nor selection.

Release of Liability Waiver

- 3.13 All declared athletes, grooms, lungers, owners, and team personnel must complete and return the release of liability waivers to the Discipline Lead, within 7 days following notification of selection decisions in July by all definite and alternate sport entry personnel (athlete, groom, owners). The waiver and release forms can be found in the following appendices.
- **Appendix 2:** Athlete Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement
 - **Appendix 3:** Groom/ Team Personnel Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement
 - **Appendix 4:** Owner Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

4 ANTI-DOPING HUMAN AND EQUINE

Athlete

- 4.1 **Eligibility:** The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offense.
- 4.2 **Testing:** Declared athletes may be subject to announced and unannounced drug testing in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program ("CADP"). Testing includes both in-competition and out-of-competition testing. All athletes who declare for the selection process must provide accurate and up-to-date contact information through the EC Sport Licence portal.



- 4.3 **Deemed Violation:** Athletes who do not provide up-to-date contact information or respond to EC communications, will be considered in violation of these policies. Violations will be considered in context by the 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 Discipline Lead. 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 2026 WC have the right to appeal against a selection decision but only on the grounds that the Driving Selection Committee 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 April 14, 2025. The EC Discipline, Complaints and Appeal Policy can be found [here](#).
- 5.2 **Process:** In recognition of the short timelines required for the selection decision process, any appeals to decisions made under the Selection Criteria will proceed under the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (“SDRCC”) appeal process. The administration fee referred to in Section 5.1 will be applied to the fee required for the appeal to SDRCC. All appeals must be resolved prior to the final entry deadline of the 2026 WC as determined by the FEI criteria.

6 AMENDMENTS TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA

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



APPENDIX 1- DRIVING CRITERIA

1. TEAM/INDIVIDUAL COMPOSITION

- 1.1. **Team Selection:** For World Championships, Equestrian Canada may name to the Canadian Equestrian Team Driving the number of horses specified:
 - Four-in-Hand Horses – Article H920.
 - Pair Horses – Article H921.
 - Single Horse – Article H922.
 - Combined Pony – Article H923.
 - Youth – Article H924
 - Single for Para-Equestrian – Article H925.
- 1.2. **Individual Selection:** Should Canada not obtain a team qualification or should Canada not have enough eligible athlete/horse combinations to form a team for the 2026 WC, then entry in the individual event will be subject to the decision and approval of the Driving Committee in consultation with the EC Director High Performance (DHP) and the Discipline Lead (DL), and in accordance with these qualification and selection procedures and the Regulations for the 2026 WC.

2. QUALIFICATION

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

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

2.2.1 Stage One – EC Declaration

2.2.2 Stage Two – FEI Certificate of Capability

2.2.3 Stage Three – EC Qualification Score Requirements

2.2.4 Stage Four – EC Fitness Inspections

2.2.1 Stage One – EC Declaration

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

2.2.1.1 Must have submitted the 2026 WC Declaration through the EC Games Portal on or before the declaration deadline January 7th, 2026, Exception see Section 3.8 of the Selection Criteria.

2.2.1.2 Drivers must write the **Driving Committee** stating the desire to compete in the World Championships and include a resume on past competitive experience and performance record to date which may include EC Sanctioned and USEF sanctioned events. The letter must also indicate the ability to enter and travel to the minimum number of qualifying events, and if selected for the Team, be able to attend the World Championship. Drivers must also include a signed Driver's Long List Letter of Commitment.



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

Long List Drivers – to qualify for the Canadian Equestrian Team Driving Long List, Drivers and all horses/ponies must be qualified (per Articles H919 - H925) by successfully completing a 3-day combined driving event of Driven Dressage, Marathon, and Cones; in their own class (single horse or pony, pair horse or pony, or four-in-hand horse or pony) at any FEI sanctioned event. Drivers must achieve Driven Dressage results less than the stated penalties, on the FEI website for the specific Championship.

Minimum FEI Driving World Championship for Four-in-Hand Horses

To qualify, the Athlete must obtain the 3* Status as per art. 913.2, prior to obtaining the following qualifying results at two (2) different International Driving events: 3* Drivers must: - Achieve a score of 65 points or less during a CH-EU-A4, CAIO4*, CAI3* or CAI3* World Cup Qualifier; and - Successfully complete (without Elimination, Disqualification or Retirement) all three competitions (Dressage, Cones, Marathon) in their own class.

One of the qualifying results, as defined above, must be achieved no earlier than 1 January 2026. The Dressage Test 3*B H4 will be run at the Championship.

2.2.3 Stage Three – EC Qualification Score Requirements

2.2.3.1 Qualification scores must be achieved at FEI Sanctioned Events.

2.2.3.2 Any number of qualifying or selection trial events may be entered, points from the best four to count toward selection. The Drive Committee's objective is to provide reasonable and fair opportunity for the maximum number of Canadian drivers to participate at every FEI event in as many regions of North America or Europe as possible.

2.2.4 Stage Four – EC Veterinary Assessment

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

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

2.2.4.3 Communication: Throughout the nomination process, observations and concerns identified by the Team Veterinarian will be communicated orally or in writing to the athlete



of the horse in question. The onus will be upon the athlete to take any necessary action to follow the recommendations of the Team Veterinarian should one be appointed.

2.2.4.5 Medical History: Open communication between the regular veterinarian, all treating veterinarians and the team veterinarians, should one be appointed, is encouraged, and in order to best help support and prepare horses for the 2026 WC, athletes/owners are required to provide up to twenty four (24) 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) at the athlete/owner's expense.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 Team selection (final) – may be at the discretion of the Team Coach and/or the Driving Selection Panel.

The following will be taken into consideration:

- the Team Veterinarian's recommendation regarding soundness (if a Team Veterinarian should be appointed);
- assessments of World Championship caliber capability and potential;
- rankings based on individual competition placings for each Advanced qualifying or selection trial event completed without elimination, and;
- other criteria based on the specific Championship.

See EC Section H, Chapter 5 – Eligibility for requirements and procedures.

3.2 Points for driver's rankings (if required) are tabulated according to the following method:

- Overall placing out of the field of competitors x 10, plus
- Dressage Competition Placing out of field of competitors, plus
- Marathon Competition Placing out of field of competitors, plus
- Obstacles Competition Placing out of field of competitors;

Sum of the above placings times a factor of 3.0; plus

- Total penalties accumulated in Dressage, plus
- Total of section penalties during the Marathon, plus
- Total penalties accumulated in the Obstacles Competition.

The lowest total points then becomes the first place in the ranking for the specific event.

Note: Under extraordinary circumstances, the selection committee reserves the right to waive any or all of the requirements, within the restraints of FEI rules and qualification guidelines

In addition, rankings will be weighted by the total number of competitors in the class and the placing of the driver within the class, i.e.: second in a field of 2 will not weigh as much as second in a field of 15.



3.3 Athlete/horse combinations will be formally selected on or before **July 10th, 2026**.

Following selection, selected athlete/horse combinations plus named alternates, will be required to attend the 2026 WC quarantine staging camp. Confirmed details for the 2026 WC quarantine staging camp will be communicated to all declared athletes directly. The expected timelines for the quarantine staging camp will be between **August 1st – August 10th, 2026**.

4. SUBSTITUTIONS

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

1. 5. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

5.2 Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement

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

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

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

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

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

6. CONTACT

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



APPENDIX 2 - ATHLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

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

To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

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

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

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

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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

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

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

Dated this _____ day of _____

Signature of Athlete _____ Print Name (Athlete) _____

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

This form must be completed and returned by **April 1st, 2026** to your Discipline Lead at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: ahubley@equestrian.ca Late submissions will not be accepted. Exception; see Section 3.8.

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



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

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

To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

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

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

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

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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

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

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

Dated this _____ day of _____

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

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Signature of Witness _____
if Groom/Athlete Companion/Team Personnel is under 18 years old

This form must be completed and returned by **April 1st, 2026** to your Discipline Lead at Equestrian Canada, E-mail: Ahubley@equestrian.ca Late submissions will not be accepted. Exception; see Section 3.8.

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APPENDIX 4 - OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

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

To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

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

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

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

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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

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

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

Dated this _____ day of _____

Signature of Owner _____ Name of Horse and passport number _____

Print Name of Owner _____ Signature of Witness _____

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APPENDIX 5 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CRITERIA

Check List

Key Criteria Dates:

- **Qualification Period (*Appendix 1, Section 2.3*)**
 - Qualification Period - **January 8, 2025– 6 weeks from the start of the competition**
- **Athlete Declaration (Section 3.1)**
 - Due **12 midnight ET, January 7th 2026** Submit using EC Games Portal (edit your profile)
<https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login.aspx>
 - Exception for late declarations see Section 3.8
- **Release and Waiver Forms (Section 3.12)**
 - *Appendix 2, 3, & 4* Due **April 1, 2025**
 - Exception for late declarations see Section 3.8
- **Nomination (*Appendix 1, Section 7*)**
 - Announce to Team Members – on or before **July 10th 2026**
- **Official EC Team announcement**
 - Those selected will be notified of the official date for announcement