



2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

EQUESTRIAN CANADA NOMINATION CRITERIA & PROCEDURES - DRESSAGE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This nomination criteria and procedures (Nomination Criteria) for the Pan American Games (2023 PAG) will be communicated through Equestrian Canada (EC) official publications, posted on the EC website and distributed by email to EC National Team Program (NTP) athletes.
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to set out the Nomination Criteria that will be used by EC to nominate athlete/horse combinations to compete at the 2023 PAG scheduled for October 20th – November 5th, 2023 in Santiago, Chile (2023 PAG).
- 1.3 Discipline specific Nomination Criteria are outlined in *Appendix 1*. Questions specific to the Nomination Criteria should be directed to the appropriate Discipline Manager at EC.
- 1.4 Athlete/horse combinations must meet the expectations as outlined in these Nomination Criteria in order to be considered for nomination.
- 1.5 Athletes and owners who choose to participate in the nomination process acknowledge by their participation and declaration that meeting the qualification outlined in these Nomination Criteria does not guarantee that an athlete/horse combination will be nominated.
- 1.6 It is vitally important for the integrity of the nomination process that athletes, grooms, owners, team support personnel and associated parties involved in the nomination process, practice at all times a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may have a bearing on nomination, and/or any nomination decisions. All confidential information, conversations, and discussions will be identified as such. Any person who breaks this confidentiality may be removed from the nomination process.
- 1.7 If there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, then the English version shall prevail.
- 1.8 EC is not responsible for any late, lost, delayed, misdirected or stolen correspondence directed to EC, whether submitted online, electronically, via postal service, commercially shipped, voice activated or in any other manner.
- 1.9 Any intentional misrepresentation of information submitted for nomination consideration may in the sole discretion of EC, eliminate the athlete/horse combination from both the qualifying process and from consideration for nomination.



2 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 To be eligible for nomination consideration for the 2023 PAG, the following minimum eligibility requirements listed in this section must be met.

2.2 Athlete

- Be a Canadian citizen
- Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before **May 5th, 2024**
- Be in compliance with all relevant International Federation (IF) and International Olympic Committee (IOC)/Pan American Sports Games (PASO) requirements for eligibility
- Sign, submit and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form (Eligibility Conditions form for 2023 PAG) no later than **September 5, 2023**. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements
- Be a member in good standing (Platinum Sport Licence Holder) with EC
- Be in compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of EC, COC, IF, PASO and the host country of the event, if applicable
- Meet minimum athlete age requirements as per the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games Equestrian Technical Manual:
 - Dressage: 18 years of age in 2023
 - Eventing: 18 years of age in 2023
 - Jumping: 18 years of age in 2023
- Hold a current IF Registration and be in good standing with the IF
- Sign, submit and comply with the EC Athlete Agreement and conform to all EC policies (including safe sport) regarding team preparation, training, and competition
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes

2.3 Horse

- Meet minimum horse age requirements as per the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games Equestrian Technical Manual
 - Dressage: Small Tour Horses 7 years of age in 2023, Big Tour Horses 8 years of age in 2023
 - Eventing: 7 years of age in 2023
 - Jumping: 8 years of age in 2023
- Possess a valid current IF Horse Registration document (IF horse passport) and be in good standing with the IF

2.4 Groom

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of the 2023 PAG
- Have a valid passport that does not expire on or before **May 5th, 2024**
- Be eligible to travel to any required staging camp and the 2023 PAG.
- Have experience competing or grooming at international equestrian competitions
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes
- Sign, submit and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Support Staff Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form (Eligibility Conditions form for 2023 PAG) no later than **September 5, 2023**.
- Be in compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of EC, COC, IF, PASO and the host country of the event, if applicable



- Agree and conform to all EC policies (including safe sport) regarding team preparation, training, and competition

2.5 Owner

- Have a valid passport that does not expire on or before **May 5th, 2024**
- Be eligible to travel to the 2023 PAG.
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes
- At minimum one Owner must be listed as an owner in the IF horse passport
- Sign, submit and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Guest Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form (Eligibility Conditions form for 2023 PAG) no later than **September 5, 2023**.
- Be in compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of EC, COC, IF, PASO and the host country of the event, if applicable
- Agree and conform to all EC policies (including safe sport) regarding team preparation, training, and competition

2.6 Support Team Members

- Have a valid passport that does not expire on or before **May 5th, 2024**
- Be eligible to travel to any required staging camp and the 2023 PAG.
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes
- Sign, submit and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Support Staff Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form (Eligibility Conditions form for 2023 PAG) no later than **September 5, 2023**.
- Be in compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of EC, COC, IF, PASO and the host country of the event, if applicable
- Agree and conform to all EC policies (including safe sport) regarding team preparation, training, and competition
- Note: To access “P” (coach) Accreditations the coach must be a member in good standing with the Coach Association of Canada

3 DECLARATION AND ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

Declaration

- 3.1 **Deadline Date:** Declarations for the 2023 PAG must be submitted on or before **Monday, January 30th, 2023**. Failure to submit the required information and documents by this deadline will make the declaration incomplete and invalid. Athletes not declared on or before **Monday, January 30th, 2023**, will not be eligible. **No late declarations will be accepted except for already declared athletes in accordance with Section 3.7.**
- 3.2 **Purpose:** The declaration date allows sufficient time for the **Accreditation Process** to be completed for athletes, grooms, owners and support team personnel through the COC and the OCOG.



- 3.3 **Process:** The declaration MUST be made through the EC Games Portal at
- New users (excluding Athletes): <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/register?user=new>
 - Existing users: <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login.aspx>

Fees: Declaration fees, if any, are outlined in *Appendix 1*

At the time of declaration, the athlete will provide:

- 3.4 **Horses:** The name, IF horse passport number, and IF horse passport expiry date for each declared horse, refer to Section 2.3 for horse eligibility.
- 3.5 **Grooms:** The name, unique e-mail address, and phone number for a minimum of two (2) up to a maximum of four (4) declared grooms in priority order. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their groom is eligible (please refer to Section 2.4 for groom eligibility), kept informed, and available for the time commitments in the proposed schedule for 2023 PAG (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 Nomination Criteria in *Appendix 1* for additional groom information, as applicable.)
- 3.6 **Owners:** The name, unique e-mail address, and phone number for up to two (2) declared owners per horse, in priority order for accreditation purposes; at least one owner must be listed, as owner, 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 IF horse passport, but must be individually declared in priority for accreditation purposes. (Please refer to Section 2.5 for owner eligibility.)
- 3.7 **Declaration Date Exception:** Except as set out in this Section 3.7, athletes may not submit a declaration after the **Monday, January 30th, 2023** deadline.
- 3.7.1 In the case of a new 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 2023 PAG.
- 3.7.2 Additional athlete/horse combinations must be submitted in writing to the EC Discipline Manager at the earliest date possible, and no later than **Friday, April 7th, 2023**
- Note:** “New Athlete/Horse Combination(s)” are defined as either a new horse purchased or horse transfer to an already declared athlete
- 3.8 **Withdrawal:** Declared athletes who subsequently choose to withdraw from the nomination process (either themselves or their horse) prior to the naming of the team and alternates must advise the EC Discipline Manager of their decision in writing.

Accreditation

- 3.9 **Process:** The accreditation process for the 2023 PAG will be coordinated by EC through the COC. To help facilitate this process, athletes are required to provide unique e-mail addresses and phone numbers for all potential grooms and owners at the time of declaration in the EC Games Portal. Any subsequent changes to accreditation details i.e. new owners, grooms etc. must be reported to the Discipline Manager immediately in



writing. Athletes, grooms, owners and team personnel are not permitted to apply directly to the COC or the OCOG for accreditation.

- 3.10 **Allocation:** EC has the exclusive authority to nominate, and allocate accreditations for the grooms, owners and team personnel who comprise the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET) to represent Canada at the 2023 PAG. Accreditation for 2023 PAG are limited and are allocated based on the needs of the entire team and on what EC feels will lead to the best team performance at the 2023 PAG.
- 3.11 **Information Deadline:** Athletes, grooms, owners and team support personnel are to provide all necessary accreditation information, including photos, passport details and personal information, in the EC Games Portal by the Declaration timelines outlined in Section 3.1 and Section 3.7 above.
- 3.12 **Longlist:** It is very important that information is provided and entered in the EC Games Portal for EVERY possible individual who may attend the 2023 PAG in an accredited role (Athlete, Owner, Groom, Team Personnel etc.). Participation in this process does not guarantee accreditation.

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 Discipline Manager by **Friday, April 7th, 2023**. 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
- **Appendix 5:** Release of Veterinary Medical Records (Dressage only)

4 ANTI-DOPING AND DRUG TESTING

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 nomination process must provide accurate and up-to-date contact information through the EC Sport Licence portal.
- 4.3 **Deemed Violation:** Athletes who do not provide up-to-date contact information or respond to EC communications will be considered in violation of these policies. Violations will be considered in context by the Discipline's High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) and may result in the disqualification of the athlete from the nomination process.

Horse

- 4.4 **Testing:** All declared horses shall be subject to drug testing according to IF drug and medication rules. Blood and/or urine samples may be drawn at any time throughout the qualification, nomination and staging camp periods. Samples may be tested for the presence for all prohibited and/or controlled substances by the IF.
- 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 Manager. 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 nomination process by the HPAG. Positive test results from samples collected during IF competition will result in a zero (0) score for that athlete/horse combination in all classes at that competition.

5 APPEALS

- 5.1 **Grounds:** Athletes participating in the nomination process for the 2023 PAG have the right to appeal against a nomination decision but only on the grounds that the HPAG has failed to comply with the correct procedures outlined in the Nomination Criteria or have made a patently unreasonable decision based on the Nomination Criteria. An appeal must be made in writing to the Discipline Manager within 72 hours of the relevant athlete being informed of the decision. Appeals must be accompanied by an administration fee of \$500.00(CAD). EC Discipline, Complaints and Appeal Policy can be found at: <https://www.equestrian.ca/about/governance/policies>
- 5.2 **Process:** In recognition of the short timelines required for the nomination decision process, any appeals to decisions made under the Nomination Criteria will proceed under the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) appeal process. **The administration fee referred to in Section 5.1 will be applied to the fee required for the appeal to SDRCC.**

6 AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 6.1 The Nomination Criteria and procedures are based on applicable IF, COC and OCOG regulations, conditions and restrictions as currently known and understood and on the latest information available to EC. Any changes in the Nomination Criteria and procedures necessitated by a change in IF, COC or OCOG regulations will be distributed via email to the affected athletes (declared athletes) as soon as reasonably possible. Should such a circumstance occur, EC will review and may amend Nomination Criteria to comply with the new regulations or conditions. Any amendments to this document will be communicated directly to all affected persons (declared athletes) via email. Communication will be sent to the email address provided in the EC Games portal.
- 6.2 COVID-19 Clause: EC is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota spots for the 2023 PAG and/or domestic nomination of athletes for the 2023 PAG. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, EC will respect these published Internal Nomination Procedures as written. However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Internal Nomination Procedure. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.
- 6.3 Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and nomination philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, EC will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.



APPENDIX 1 – DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC NOMINATION CRITERIA

1. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 1.1. **Team Nomination:** EC plans to nominate a team (of three or four athlete/horse combinations) to compete in the dressage competition at the 2023 PAG. *Note: Only teams with at least two (2) Big Tour Combinations will be eligible to obtain team Olympic Qualification for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.*

In announcing the final nomination for the 2023 PAG, where appropriate and indicated in the nomination criteria, EC will also announce alternate athletes who may be called to replace an athlete who is unable to compete at the 2023 PAG for any reason. These athletes' information will be submitted to the COC at the same time as the nominated athletes' information.

- 1.2. **Individual Nomination:** Should Canada not obtain a team qualification slot for the 2023 PAG or should Canada not have enough eligible athlete/horse combinations to form a team for the 2023 PAG, then entry in the individual event would only occur in exceptional circumstances and only if the individual combination has achieved an average qualification score above 70%. The decision would still be subject to the decision and approval of the HPAG in consultation with the EC Director High Performance (DHP) and the Discipline Manager (DM), and in accordance with these qualification and nomination procedures and the regulations for the 2023 PAG.
- 1.3. **Performance Objective:** The performance objective for the Canadian Dressage Team at the 2023 PAG is to achieve team qualification for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. *Note: In Dressage, the top two (2) teams, who have not yet qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, will obtain direct qualification at the 2023 PAG.*

2. QUALIFICATION

- 2.1 **Qualification Period:** The Qualification Period for the 2023 PAG shall run from **January 1st, 2023 to September 5th, 2023**, inclusive.

- 2.2 **Qualification Process:** Qualification of athlete/horse combinations for the 2023 PAG will consist of a four stage process:

- 2.2.1 Stage One – EC Declaration
- 2.2.2 Stage Two – IF MER/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 2023 PAG, an athlete must fulfil the following eligibility conditions:

- 2.2.1.1 Must have submitted the 2023 PAG Declaration including a non-refundable declaration fee of \$500.00 CAD per athlete through the EC Games Portal on or before the declaration deadline **Monday, January 30th, 2023**. Exception see Section 3.7 of the Nomination Criteria.

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

Small Tour - 64% panel score twice from January 1st, 2022, in a CDI or at Games (Central American and Caribbean Games, ODESUR South American Games) at a minimum the same level test. CDI



organized must have at least 2 FEI Judges of a nationality other than the Athlete. The two eligibility scores must be obtained at two separate events (Note: The term “event” is to be interpreted according to the FEI General Regulations).

Big Tour - 58% panel score from January 1st, 2022, in a CDI 2* or higher in a GP. CDI organized competitions must have at least 2 FEI Judges of a nationality other than the Athlete and must have been approved by the FEI before the start of the event.

The deadline to achieve the Certificate of Capability is **September 24th, 2023**.

2.2.3 Stage Three – EC Qualification Score Requirements

SMALL TOUR COMBINATIONS

2.2.3.1 **Small Tour** - Qualification scores must be achieved at CDI1*, or higher, competitions within the Qualification Period (see Appendix 1, Section 2.1). Scores achieved at CDI-AM competitions will not be considered. All qualification scores must be achieved from a panel of at least three FEI judges.

2.2.3.2 **Small Tour** - Athlete/horse combinations must compete in a minimum of four Prix St. Georges and four Intermediate 1 classes during the Qualification Period (see Appendix 1, Section 2.1), in order to be considered for nomination. A minimum of one Prix St. Georges and one Intermediate 1 score must be achieved after July 1st, 2023. All scores must have been obtained in tests ridden with a double bridle. A declaration to this effect must be signed and sent by the rider on or before Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 (See Appendix 6).

2.2.3.3 **Small Tour Freestyle Score** As a minimum eligibility standard, athlete/horse combinations must obtain one (1) score in the FEI Intermediate 1 Freestyle test at a CDI1*, or higher, competition within the Qualification Period (see Appendix 1, Section 2.1). The submitted Freestyle score will not be used as a nomination score. All scores must have been obtained in tests ridden with a double bridle. A declaration to this effect must be signed and sent by the rider on or before Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 (See Appendix 6).

BIG TOUR COMBINATIONS

2.2.3.4 **Big Tour** - Qualification scores must be achieved at CDI3*, or higher, competitions within the Qualification Period (see Appendix 1, Section 2.1). Scores achieved at CDI-AM competitions will not be considered. All qualification scores must be achieved from a panel of at least five FEI judges.

2.2.3.5 **Big Tour** - Athlete/horse combinations must compete in a minimum of four Grand Prix and three Grand Prix Special classes during the Qualification Period (see Appendix 1, Section 2.1), in order to be considered for nomination. A minimum of one Grand Prix and one Grand Prix Special score must be achieved after July 1st, 2023.

2.2.3.6 **Big Tour Freestyle Score** As a minimum eligibility standard, athlete/horse combinations must obtain one (1) score in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle test at a CDI3*, or higher,



competition within the Qualification Period (see Appendix 1, Section 2.1). The submitted Freestyle score.

Important Note - Eliminations and, or, withdrawal of athlete/horse combinations after entering the competition ring for a test will be considered as a score of zero (0) for qualification calculations under the criteria.

2.2.4 Stage Four – EC Fitness Inspections

2.2.4.1 Physician Assessment

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

2.2.4.2 Veterinary Assessment

- i. **Purpose:** It is of paramount importance that the horse be serviceable and that the welfare of the horse be protected at all times. EC and the HPAG wish to ensure that no unfit or unsound horse travels to or competes at the 2023 PAG refer to Section 4. Athletes and owners are responsible and accountable for all positive testing results.
- ii. **Initial Assessment:** As part of the nomination process an assessment for soundness and serviceability for competition will be conducted, by either the team veterinarian or by an IF certified veterinarian acceptable to the HPAG, on the top 6 horses prior to nomination decisions being made. Assessments will be done to evaluate the overall soundness and serviceability of the horse for competition with special emphasis on the cause and prognosis of any recognized unsoundness. Following this assessment, the assessing veterinarian will provide a report to the HPAG either in person or via conference call. The advice of the assessing veterinarian will be taken into consideration during nomination discussions.
- iii. **Final Assessment:** A final assessment for soundness and serviceability for competition will be conducted on all nominated horses including alternates, by the Team Veterinarian prior to the departure of the horses for the 2023 PAG. Assessments will examine the overall soundness and serviceability for competition with consideration of the cause and prognosis of any recognized unsoundness. Following the final assessments, the Team Veterinarian shall provide a report to the HPAG either in person or via conference call. In the event a nominated horse is found to be unfit or unsound during assessment, they may be re-presented within a 24-hr period for re-assessment. Should the horse be unable to proceed to the 2023 PAG, the HPAG will remove the horse based on **Appendix 1**, Section 4 Substitutions below.
- iv. **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, and to the HPAG. The onus will be upon the athlete to take any necessary action in order to follow the recommendations of the Team Veterinarian.
- v. **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 2023 PAG, athletes may be required to provide up to six (6) months of full medical history including all treatments, medications and supplements



which have been given to declared horses. This history must be provided by the regular and treating veterinarian(s).

3. NOMINATION PROCESS

3.1 Nomination Panel

The HPAG is the nomination panel for the 2023 PAG. A list of HPAG members can be found on the EC website at <https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/dressage>

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

3.2 Specific Responsibilities

- The general purpose of the HPAG is to provide input and feedback into the development of the high performance strategy, policies (including criteria) and programming
- Oversee the nomination of Canadian athlete/horse combinations to represent Canada internationally
- Develop a national ranking system for elite riders
- Develop a mechanism for ensuring that the feedback and opinions of targeted athletes are represented in the key high performance policy and program decision making processes
- Collectively act as a resource to the DHP on other high performance program areas, as requested
- Support management in dealing with appeals and disciplinary actions related to dressage programs and nomination
- Provide strategic counsel to the DHP on matters concerning high performance programs and services
- Review athlete development through objective assessment tools in collaboration with the Performance Analyst

3.3 Nomination Calculations

SMALL TOUR COMBINATIONS

- 3.3.1 **Small Tour** - All qualifying Prix St. Georges and Intermediate 1 scores achieved by each athlete/horse combination throughout the Qualification Period (see Appendix 1, Section 2.1), will be used to calculate each combination's final ranking average. Exception see Appendix 1, Section 3.3.2 below.
- 3.3.2 **Small Tour** - Athlete/horse combinations may discard a maximum of one qualifying Prix St. Georges or Intermediate 1 score from their final ranking average, however at least four Prix St. Georges and four Intermediate 1 scores from 2023 must be included in the final ranking average and at least one qualifying Prix St. Georges and one qualifying Intermediate 1 score must have been achieved after July 1st, 2023, and those scores must be included in the final ranking average. See Appendix 1, Section 2.2.3.2 above.
- 3.3.3 **Small Tour** - The average of all qualifying Prix St. Georges scores earned during the Qualification Period (minus any discarded score - see Appendix 1, Section 3.3.2 above) will count for 60% of the combination's final ranking average.



3.3.4 **Small Tour** - The average of all qualifying Intermediate 1 scores earned during the Qualification Period (minus any discarded score - see Appendix 1, Section 3.3.2 above) will count for 40% of the combination's final ranking average.

3.3.5 **Ties**: In the event of a tie between any two or more athlete/horse combinations the combination with the highest Prix St. Georges score shall break the tie.

BIG TOUR COMBINATIONS

3.3.6 **Big Tour** - All qualifying Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special scores achieved by each athlete/horse combination throughout the Qualification Period (see Appendix 1, Section 2.1), will be used to calculate the combination's final ranking average. Exception see Appendix 1, Section 3.3.7 below.

3.3.7 **Big Tour** - Athlete/horse combinations may discard a maximum of one qualifying Grand Prix or one qualifying Grand Prix Special score from their final ranking average, however at least four Grand Prix and three Grand Prix Special scores from 2023 must be included in the final ranking average and at least one qualifying Grand Prix and one qualifying Grand Prix Special score must have been achieved after July 1st, 2023, and those scores must be included in the final ranking average. See Appendix 1, Section 2.2.3.5 above.

3.3.8 **Big Tour** - The average of all qualifying Grand Prix scores earned during the Qualification Period (minus any discarded score - see Appendix 1, Section 3.3.7 above) will count for 60% of the combination's final ranking average.

3.3.9 **Big Tour** - The average of all qualifying Grand Prix Special scores earned during the Qualification Period (minus any discarded score - see Appendix 1, Section 3.3.7 above) will count for 40% of the combination's final ranking average.

3.3.10 **Big Tour** - Athlete/horse combinations competing in the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special will have a bonus of 3% added to their final ranking average.

3.3.11 **Ties**: In the event of a tie between any two or more athlete/horse combinations, the combination with the highest Grand Prix score shall break the tie.

3.4 Nomination Procedures

Note: Only teams with at least two (2) Big Tour Combinations will be eligible to obtain team Olympic Qualification for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

3.4.1 Following the Qualification Period (see Appendix 1, Section 2.1 above), the HPAG will review the final ranking average for all Small Tour and all Big Tour athlete/horse combinations and will nominate the Big Tour athlete/horse combination with the highest final ranking average as per Appendix 1, Section 3.3 to the team for the 2023 PAG.

3.4.2 The final three athlete/horse combinations nominated to the 2023 PAG team, and up to two athlete/horse combinations named as reserves, will be nominated from among either the Big Tour or the Small Tour combinations. In an effort to identify and nominate the best possible team to represent Canada at 2023 PAG, the HPAG will review and evaluate athlete/horse combinations on the following non-exhaustive factors:



- 3.4.2.1 Submitted qualification scores, including the currency and consistency of the qualification scores, examples of which are:
- Consistency of qualification scores from qualifying classes during the qualification period;
 - Whether qualification scores from qualifying classes reflect improvement over the Qualification Period;
 - Number of qualification scores obtained within the last 3 months of the Qualification Period; and
 - Consistency of qualification scores from qualifying classes at different venues, under different conditions, before different judges/panels.

3.4.2.2 The fitness, soundness and ability of the athlete/horse combination to contribute to a Gold medal team performance at the 2023 PAG;

- 3.4.2.3 The previous international experience of the athlete/horse combination, examples of which are:
- Whether the athlete/horse combination has previously competed for Canada at a CDIO Competition or Major Games (Pan American Games, World Equestrian Games, Olympic Games) and the impact of their contribution to the team at such events;
 - Athlete's previous international experience and the impact of their contribution at such events;
 - Horse's previous international experience and the impact of its contribution at such events;
 - Evidence of performance under pressure;

- 3.4.2.4 The prospect of the athlete/horse combination to win at the 2023 PAG, including consideration of:
- the athlete/horse combination's relative placing in qualifying classes during the Qualification Period, taking into consideration:
 - The CDI level (CDI 1* – 5*) of the qualifying competitions;
 - The international ranking of other athlete/horse combinations competing in the qualifying class

3.4.3 Extraordinary Unforeseen Circumstances

The HPAG may consider athlete/horse combinations that did not achieve the *Appendix 1*, Section 2.2.3, Stage Three Qualification Score Requirements for nomination, but only under extraordinary, unforeseen circumstances. Extraordinary, unforeseen circumstances may include, without limitation, situations of temporary injury to either the athlete or the horse that are outside the reasonable control of the athlete, extreme weather causing cancellation of a qualification event, or unusual and unforeseen events occurring at a qualification event or preventing access to one or more qualification events or preventing one or more qualification events from taking place etc.

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the HPAG will determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the HPAG shall communicate the alternative nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

- 3.4.4 Following nomination, athlete/horse combinations plus named reserves, will be required to attend the pre-Games Staging Camp. Confirmed details for the pre-Games staging camp will be communicated to all declared athletes directly. The expected timelines for the training camp will fall within the period October 1st – 19th, 2023.



4 SUBSTITUTIONS

- 4.1 Should the need arise prior to the start of the 2023 PAG, substitutions shall be made as per IF, COC and OCOG requirements for substitution and in accordance with this document. In the event of a conflict between these Nomination Criteria and the IF, COC or OCOG rules, the latter shall prevail. All substitution decisions will be communicated via email.

4.1.1 Substitutions After Nomination but Before the 2023 PAG Staging Camp

Should the need for a substitution arise prior to the 2023 PAG staging camp, the following provisions shall apply: if a nominated horse becomes unfit, ill or unsound such that it is, in the reasonable opinion of the Team Veterinarian, not possible or desirable to have that horse compete at the 2023 PAG, or if a nominated athlete is ill, injured, incapacitated or engages in misconduct, including violation of the EC Elite Athlete Agreement, EC Code of Conduct and/or EC Policies, IF Policies, COC Policies or PASO /OCOG Policies, so that it is not possible or desirable for the athlete to represent Canada at 2023 PAG, the HPAG shall have the authority to make all such substitution decisions after reviewing all relevant evidence in connection with any illness, injury, misconduct or unsoundness issues.

4.1.2 Substitutions During the 2023 PAG Staging Camp

Should the need for a substitution arise during the 2023 PAG staging camp, the following provisions shall apply: if a nominated horse becomes unfit, ill or unsound such that it is, in the reasonable opinion of the Team Veterinarian, not possible or desirable to have that horse compete at 2023 PAG, or should a situation arise where an athlete/horse combination is underperforming during the 2023 PAG staging camp to the extent that, in the reasonable opinion of the HPAG, it is reasonably likely to have a negative impact on the team's performance during the 2023 PAG, or if a nominated athlete is ill, injured, incapacitated or engages in misconduct, including violation EC Elite Athlete Agreement, EC Code of Conduct and/or EC Policies, IF Policies, COC Policies or PASO /OCOG Policies, so that it is not possible or desirable for the athlete to represent Canada at 2023 PAG, the HPAG shall have the authority and absolute discretion to make all such substitution decisions after reviewing all relevant evidence.

4.1.3 Substitutions After Departure for the 2023 PAG but Prior to the Horse Inspection

Should the need for a substitution arise after departure for the 2023 PAG but prior to the horse inspection, the following provisions shall apply: if a nominated horse becomes unfit, ill or unsound such that it is, in the reasonable opinion of the Team Veterinarian, not possible or desirable to have that horse compete at the 2023 PAG, or if a nominated athlete is ill, injured, incapacitated or engages in misconduct, including violation EC Elite Athlete Agreement, EC Code of Conduct and/or EC Policies, IF Policies, COC Policies or PASO /OCOG Policies so that it is not possible or desirable for the athlete to represent Canada at 2023 PAG, the Team Veterinarian and Chef d'Equipe shall have the authority and absolute discretion to make a substitution decision as per the IF, COC and OCOG rules. During the actual competition period onsite at the 2023 PAG, all final decision making authority will reside with the Chef d'Equipe. In the case of an athlete substitution at the same, note that the Canadian Pan Am Team privileges will be transferred to the incoming athlete while the privileges of the athlete who is being replaced will be re-evaluated.

5 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- 5.1 The HPAG will privately inform the 2023 PAG athlete/horse combinations including alternates of their nomination on or before **Monday, September 11th, 2023.**

Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement

It is important that ALL athletes nominated for the 2023 PAG (as well as ALL owners, grooms, , team personnel, and anyone else affiliated with a nominated athlete, including friends, and



family) respect this Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement until after the official announcement of the team by the COC.

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

The purpose of this non-disclosure policy is to ensure maximum impact and exposure for the announcement of the athletes who will represent Canada at the 2023 PAG.

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

- 5.2 COC will officially announce the nominated athlete/horse combinations. The date of the official announcement will be provided to the athletes when they are notified in writing of their nomination. There will be no mention of the nominations to the media or public until the official announcement has been made by COC.

6 CONTACT

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



APPENDIX 2 – ATHLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES (2023 PAG): ATHLETE’S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

Definition: In this agreement, the term “Equine Activities” shall include all activities, actions or conduct in any way directly or indirectly related to my travel to and my participation at the 2023 PAG, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET).

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that the Equine Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards to me and to my horse including, but not limited to: contracting human or equine diseases or illnesses in Canada, 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 2023 PAG, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2023 PAG; negligence on the part of Equestrian Canada, including the failure by Equestrian Canada to safeguard and protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of Equine Activities. I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Equine Activities (for both myself and for my horse) and the possibility of personal injury, injury to my horse, my death or the death of my horse, property damage or any loss resulting therefrom.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the 2023 PAG so as to allow me to participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

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

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

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

Dated this ___day of _____, 2023

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 **Friday, April 7th, 2023** to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail cpeters@equestrian.ca.

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



APPENDIX 3 – GROOM/ TEAM PERSONNEL RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES (2023 PAG): GROOM/ ATHLETE COMPANION/ TEAM PERSONNEL RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

Definition: In this agreement, the term “Equine Activities” shall include all activities, actions or conduct in any way directly or indirectly related to my travel to and my participation at the 2023 PAG, which event I am attending as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET).

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that the Equine Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards to me including, but not limited to: contracting human or equine diseases or illnesses in Canada, 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 2023 PAG, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2023 PAG; negligence on the part of Equestrian Canada, including the failure by Equestrian Canada to safeguard and protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of Equine Activities. I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Equine Activities and the possibility of personal injury, my death, property damage or any loss resulting therefrom.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the 2023 PAG so as to allow me to participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

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

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

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

Dated this ___ day of _____, 2023

_____	_____	_____
Signature	Print Name	Role

Signature of Witness

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APPENDIX 4 – OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES (2023 PAG): OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

To: EQUESTRIAN CANADA

Definition: In this agreement, the term “Equine Activities” shall include all activities, actions or conduct in any way directly or indirectly related to my horses’ travel to, training for and participation at the 2023 PAG, 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 2023 PAG, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2023 PAG; negligence on the part of Equestrian Canada, including the failure by Equestrian Canada to safeguard and protect my horse from the risks, dangers and hazards of Equine Activities. I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers and hazards associated with my horse participating in the Equine Activities (for my horse) and the possibility of injury to the horse, death of the horse and property damage or any loss resulting therefrom.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide accreditation for up to two individuals and my horse for the 2023 PAG so as to allow the horse to participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

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

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

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

Dated this ___ day of _____, 2023

Signature of Owner

Name of Horse / Passport No

Print Name (Owner)

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned by **Friday, April 7th, 2023** to your Discipline Manager at Equestrian Canada, E-mail cpeters@equestrian.ca.

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APPENDIX 5 – RELEASE OF VETERINARY MEDICAL RECORDS

Authorization for the Release of Veterinary Medical Records

I, _____ (*Name of Rider/Owner/Person Authorized to Release Medical Records – please print*), authorize the full release of all medical records including, but not limited to, all diagnostic imaging including ultrasound and radiographs, for the horse _____ (*please print*), to Equestrian Canada (EC) for the official 2023 PAG Team Veterinarian, Dr. Alan Manning, to enable him to support and assist with the presentation of my horse at the 2023 PAG. The below contact information for my personal Equine Support Team members has been provided which will authorize Dr. Manning’s access to these records.

Personal Equine Support Personnel:

Name of Primary Veterinarian: _____

Tel(s): _____ Email: _____

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

Tel(s): _____ Email: _____

Name of Equine Support Personnel: _____

Tel(s) _____ Email _____

Name of Equine Support Personnel: _____

Tel(s) _____ Email _____

Signature/Date

Print name

Signature of Witness/Date

Print name of Witness

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E-mail cpeters@equestrian.ca.

Please type or print clearly on all attachments. Incomplete or illegible forms will be considered invalid. Equestrian Canada is not responsible for any late, lost, delayed, misdirected or stolen correspondence; either submitted electronically, via postal service, commercially shipped or voice activated. Any intentional misrepresentation of information will eliminate the applicant from being considered



APPENDIX 6 – PAN AMERICAN GAMES NOMINATION CRITERIA DOUBLE BRIDLE DECLARATION (FOR SMALL TOUR COMBINATIONS)

I _____ declare that I obtained all my technical and freestyle scores
(Rider's Name – Please Print)

within the qualifying period using a double bridle.

Signed : _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____
(Please print name – must not be rider's coach or family member)

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to:

Equestrian Canada, Dressage

E-mail: cpeters@equestrian.ca

submit no later than **Tuesday, September 6, 2023 by 9 a.m. ET**



APPENDIX 7 – PAN AMERICAN GAMES NOMINATION CRITERIA CHECK LIST

Key Criteria Dates:

- **Declaration (Section 3)**
 - Due Monday, January 30th, 2023
 - Submit using EC Games Portal <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login>
 - Exception for late declarations see Section 3.7
- **Late Declaration (Section 3.7)**
 - Due Friday, April 7th, 2023
 - Submit using EC Games Portal <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login>
- **Release and Waiver Forms (Section 3.13)**
 - *Appendix 2, 3, 4, 5* Due Friday, April 7th, 2023
- **Qualification Period (Appendix 1, Section 2.1)**
 - Qualification Period - January 1st, 2023 – September 5th, 2023
- **FEI Certificate of Capability – MER Period (Appendix 1, Section 2.2.2)**
 - MER Period - 1st January 2022 until September 24th, 2023.
- **Fitness Inspections (Appendix 1, Section 2.2.4)**
 - Review all details
- **Double Bridle Declaration (Small Tour Combinations) (Appendix 1, Sections 2.2.3.2 and 2.2.3.3)**
 - *Appendix 6* Due Tuesday, September 5th, 2023
- **Nomination (Appendix 1, Section 3)**
- **Team Announcement (Appendix 1, Section 5)**
- **Pre-Games Staging Camp (Appendix 1, Section 3.4.4)**
 - Dates to be confirmed, expected dates – October 1st – 19th, 2023
- **Substitutions (Appendix 1, Section 4)**
 - Review all details



APPENDIX 8 – DEFINED TERMS

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

“**PAG**” means the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile;

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

“**Canadian Dressage team**” means the team of rider/horse combinations nominated to represent Canada at the 2023 PAG.

“**CDI**” means Concours de Dressage International (International Dressage Event) and has different levels, with the higher numbers meaning a higher level; the star ratings for events also relate to a number of other factors, such as the level of the judges present, the participation requirements and the prizemoney on offer;

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

“**Discipline Manager**” or “**DM**” means the EC Dressage Discipline Manager

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

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

“**IF**” means the International Federation in the case of equestrian this is the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI);

“**GP**” means a Grand Prix Test

“**GPS**” means a Grand Prix Special Test

“**GPF**” means a Grand Prix Freestyle Test

“**PSG**” mean Prix St. Georges test

“**I1**” means Intermediate 1 test

“**I1F**” means Intermediate 1 Freestyle test

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

“**DHP**” means the EC Director High Performance

“**MER**” means the Minimum Eligibility Requirements established by IF for qualification for the 2023 PAG;

“**MER Period**” means the period determined by the IF (1st January 2022 until 24th September, 2023) within which MER must be achieved as a combination

“**OCOG**” means the Organizing Committee for the 2023 PAG

“**Qualification Period**” means January 1, 2023 to September 5th, 2023

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