PERMISSION TO COMPETE AT CDI COMPETITIONS

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All athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in a FEI Sanctioned Competition(s) (CDI, CDI-W, and CDIO) must complete and submit a Permission to Compete / FEI Registration form to the Equestrian Canada Dressage Department *before the definite entry date for the competition(s) they wish to enter* in order to be registered with the FEI and be authorized to compete in the requested FEI Sanctioned Competition(s).

Threshold Score Policy for FEI Sanctioned Competitions Outside Canada (CDI, CDI-W and CDIO)

1. Prior to being authorized by Equestrian Canada to compete in FEI Sanctioned Competitions outside of Canada (CDI, CDI-W and CDIO) rider/horse combinations must have achieved the below threshold scores:

CDI-AM to CDI3* Level

Two threshold scores of 65%, or higher (exception - 7.0, or higher, for the FEI Young Horse tests), from the technical classes at the level for which you wish to compete:

- FEI Grand Prix or FEI Grand Prix Special threshold scores in order to compete at the Big Tour Level
- FEI U25 Grand Prix or FEI Intermediate II threshold scores in order to compete at the U25 Level
- FEI Intermediate A, Intermediate B threshold scores in order to compete at the Medium Tour Level
- FEI Prix St. Georges or FEI Intermediate 1 threshold score in order to compete at the Small Tour Level
- FEI Young Rider Team or Individual threshold scores in order to compete at the Young Rider Level
- FEI Junior Team, Individual or Third level threshold scores in order to compete at the Junior Level
- FEI Pony Team, Individual or Second level threshold scores in order to compete at the Pony Level
- FEI Children Team, Individual or Second level threshold scores in order to compete at the Children Level
- FEI Young Horse Final Test threshold scores in order to compete at the Young Horse Level (score must be from the age level for which you wish to compete)
    - First level threshold scores will be considered for the FEI 4 and 5 Year Old Level
    - Third level threshold scores will be considered for the FEI 6 Year Old Level
    - Fourth level threshold scored will be considered for the FEI 7 Year Old Level

CDI4* / CDI-W Level

Two threshold scores of 65%, or higher, from the technical classes. Threshold scores must have been achieved at CDI3* competitions

CDI5* Level

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

** Exemptions may be applied for and are at the discretion on Equestrian Canada. For automatic exemptions see point 3 below.*

2. All threshold scores for the CDI-AM to CDI3* level must be from either a NF "Senior" judge or an FEI judge. Scores must be obtained at EC Sanctioned Gold Competitions in Canada, or at NF equivalent foreign Competitions. Scores must be obtained within the 12 months preceding the permission to compete request.

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3. Automatic Exemption: Athletes listed on the current Dressage High Performance Ranking Lists and/or athletes who have formerly been senior Canadian Equestrian Team (CET) members (Olympics, World Equestrian Games, Pan American Games, World Cup Final), who wish to enter FEI Sanctioned Competitions outside of Canada with a horse that the athlete has not previously competed at the stated FEI level are automatically exempt from the requirement to achieve the minimum threshold score prior to being permitted to compete at FEI Sanctioned Competitions. However, if after two FEI Sanctioned Competitions, whether inside or outside of Canada, such athlete/horse combination fails to achieve a score equivalent to the minimum threshold scores as set out above, the exemption is terminated, and the athlete/horse combination must achieve the minimum threshold score set out above before permission to compete is reinstated for that combination.

Athletes who have declared for the next North American Junior Young Rider Championships who wish to enter FEI Sanctioned Competitions at the FEI Junior or FEI Young Rider level outside, Canada are automatically exempt from the requirement to achieve the minimum threshold score prior to being permitted to compete at FEI Sanctioned Competitions with the horse with which the athlete has declared. However, if after two FEI Sanctioned Competitions, whether inside or outside of Canada, such athlete/horse combination fails to achieve a score equivalent to the minimum threshold score as set out above, the exemption is terminated, and the athlete/horse combination must achieve the minimum threshold score set out above before permission to compete is reinstated for that combination.

Note: Despite the exemption being automatically granted, a Permission to Compete / FEI Registration form must still be completed and submitted before the definite entry date for the competition(s) in order to be authorized and registered with the FEI.

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

5. Athletes requiring authorization to compete in FEI Sanctioned Competitions are responsible for submitting their threshold scores to the Equestrian Canada Dressage Department in the form of a copy of the dressage test(s) or a copy of the formal competition class result. Qualification results must be attached to your permission to compete form in order to be considered.

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