



2018 FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES

EQUESTRIAN CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

EVENTING

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria and procedures that will be used by Equestrian Canada (EC) to select athlete/horse combinations for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games (2018 WEG), to be held at the Tryon International Equestrian Centre in Mill Spring, North Carolina, USA, September 11th – 23rd, 2018.
- 1.2. Discipline specific selection criteria and procedures are outlined in *Appendix 1*.
- 1.3. Athlete/horse combinations must meet the expectations as outlined in these selection criteria and procedures in order 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 qualification outlined in these criteria does not guarantee that an athlete/horse combination will be selected for the 2018 WEG.
- 1.5. It is vitally important for the integrity of the selection process that athletes, grooms, owners, team support staff 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 process.
- 1.5. If there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, then the English version shall prevail.
- 1.6. EC is not responsible for any late, lost, delayed, misdirected or stolen correspondence directed to EC; either submitted online, via fax, electronically, via postal service, commercially shipped or voice activated.
- 1.7. Any intentional misrepresentation of information submitted for selection consideration will eliminate the athlete/horse combination from both the qualifying process and from consideration for selection.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. To be eligible for selection consideration for the 2018 WEG, the following minimum eligibility requirements listed in this section must be met.
- 2.2. **Athlete**
 - Be a Canadian citizen at the time of declaration, selection and until the conclusion of the 2018 WEG
 - Meet minimum athlete age requirements as per the FEI rules:
 - Dressage: 16 years of age as per Article 422.1

- Eventing: 18 years of age as per Article 503.2
- Jumping: 18 years of age as per Annex IX Article 6.1
- Para-Dressage: 16 years of age as per Article 8422.3
- Possess a valid Canadian passport with an expiry date on or after April 1, 2019 and be eligible to travel to the United States
- Be a current EC Platinum Sport License holder, possess discipline affiliation as applicable, and be in good standing as per EC rules, at the time of declaration, selection and until the conclusion of the 2018 WEG
- Hold a current FEI Registration and be in good standing under FEI rules, at the time of declaration, selection and until the conclusion of the 2018 WEG
- Submit and abide by the EC Elite Athlete Agreement and conform to all EC policies regarding team preparation, training, and competition
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes
- *Para-Dressage Only*: Have an international FEI classification and be assigned one of five (5) International Grades: I, II, III, IV, V

2.3. Horse

- Meet minimum horse age requirements as per the FEI rules:
 - Dressage: 8 years of age as per Article 422.1
 - Eventing: 8 years of age as per Article 503.4
 - Jumping: 9 years of age as per Article 254.1
 - Para-Dressage: 6 years of age as per Article 8422.7
- Possess a valid current FEI Horse Passport and FEI Horse Registration and be in good standing under FEI rules, at the time of declaration, selection and until the conclusion of the 2018 WEG

2.4. Groom

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of the 2018 WEG
- Possess a valid passport with an expiry date on or after April 1, 2019 and be eligible to travel to the United States
- Have experience competing or grooming at international equestrian competitions
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes

2.5. Owner

- Possess a valid passport with an expiry date on or after April 1, 2019 and be eligible to travel to the United States
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes

2.6. Athlete Companion

- Possess a valid passport with an expiry date on or after April 1, 2019 and be eligible to travel to the United States
- Provide all the information and documents necessary for the declaration, entry, and accreditation processes

3. DECLARATION AND ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

Declaration

- 3.1. The declaration submission for the 2018 WEG MUST be submitted on or before **Wednesday January 31st, 2018**. Failure to submit the required information and documents prior to this deadline will make the declaration incomplete and invalid. No late submissions will be accepted, with the exception as outlined in Section 3.7.
- 3.2. The declaration MUST be submitted through the EC Games Portal, at the following link: <https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login>
- 3.3. **Horses:** At the time of declaration, the athlete will provide the name, FEI passport number, and FEI passport expiry date for each declared horse, Refer to section 2.3 for horse eligibility.
- 3.4. **Grooms:** At the time of declaration, the athlete will provide the name, e-mail, and phone number for up to four (4) declared grooms in priority order. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their groom is qualified, kept informed, and available for the time commitments in the proposed schedule for 2018 (including an expected four week commitment over the time of the Games including any potential training camp). 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. Refer to Section 2.4 for groom eligibility. Refer to the discipline specific criteria in Appendix 1 for additional groom information, as applicable.
- 3.5. **Owners:** At the time of declaration, the athlete will provide the name, e-mail, 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 FEI passport. In the case of syndicate ownership groups, declared horse owners do not need to be individually listed in the FEI passport, but must be individually declared in priority for accreditation purposes. Refer to Section 2.5 for owner eligibility.
- 3.6. **Athlete Companions:** At the time of declaration, the athlete may provide the name, e-mail, and phone number for up to one (1) declared athlete companion. Refer to Section 2.6 for athlete companion eligibility
- 3.7. In the case of a horse being made available to a declared athlete after January 31st, 2018, to form a new athlete/horse combination, EC may, in its sole discretion, accept this rider/horse combination as a declared candidate for the 2018 World Equestrian Games.

Additional declared athlete/horse combinations must be submitted in writing to the EC Discipline Manager at the earliest date possible, and no later than **June 30th, 2018**. *Note* horse owner accreditation may not be possible for new horses declared after January 31, 2018.

- 3.8. 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 EC Discipline Manager of their decision in writing.

Accreditation

- 3.9. The accreditation process for the 2018 WEG will be coordinated by EC. In order to help facilitate this process, athletes are requested to provide e-mail addresses and phone numbers for all potential grooms, owners, and athlete companions at the time of declaration.

- 3.10. EC has the exclusive authority to select, name, and allocate accreditations for the grooms, owners, athlete companions and team personnel who comprise the Canadian Equestrian Team to represent Canada at the 2018 WEG. Athletes, grooms, owners, and athlete companions are not permitted to apply directly to the Organizing Committee for accreditation.
- 3.11. Athletes will be requested to provide all required accreditation information, including photos and passport information, at the time of declaration in the EC Games Portal by Wednesday **January 31st, 2018**. This facilitates a simplified entry for athletes.

Important Note: Athletes will not be able to finalize and submit the declaration until all required accreditation information is entered in their profile in the EC Games Portal.

- 3.12. EC will contact declared grooms, owners, and athlete companions by e-mail to request accreditation information, including photos and passport information, to be submitted in the EC Games Portal by Wednesday **February 14, 2018**, otherwise accreditations may not be processed for the 2018 WEG.

It is very important that information is provided and entered for EVERY possible individual who may attend the 2018 WEG. Participation in this process does not guarantee accreditation.

Release of Liability Waiver

- 3.13. All declared athletes, grooms, and owners must complete and return the release of liability waiver to their EC Discipline Manager by **Wednesday January 31, 2018**. Exception see Section 3.7. 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 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 AND DRUG TESTING

Athlete

- 4.1. 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. This includes testing in and outside of competition. All athletes who declare for the selection process must provide accurate and up-to-date contact information.
- 4.2. Athletes who do not provide up-to-date contact information and those who do not respond to EC communications will be considered in violation of these policies. Violations will be considered in context by EC and High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) and may result in the disqualification of the athlete from the selection process.

Horse

- 4.3. 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 selection and training camp

periods. Samples will be tested for the presence for all prohibited and/or controlled substances by the FEI.

- 4.4. In the event a prohibited substance is detected, the amount of this substance will be quantified where possible and reported to the EC Discipline Manager. 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 by the HPC or HPAG.

5. APPEALS

- 5.1. Athletes participating in the selection process for the 2018 WEG have the right to appeal against a selection decision but only on the grounds that the Selection Panel has failed to comply with the correct procedures outlined in this selection document or have made a patently unreasonable decision based on the selection criteria. An appeal must be made in writing to the EC 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(CA)
- 5.2 Athletes hereby adopt the EC Appeals Policy as the mechanism to resolve disputes between all declared athletes and EC. Nevertheless, in recognition of the short timelines required for the decision process, both parties may agree to forgo the above EC policy process and as an option adopt the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) appeal process as a time-efficient alternative process. **In such instance, the administration fee will be applied to the fee required for appeal to SDRCC.**

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE CRITERIA

The selection criteria and procedures are based on applicable FEI regulations and WEG Organizing Committee conditions and restrictions as currently known and understood and on the latest information available to Equestrian Canada. Any changes in the selection criteria and procedures necessitated by a change in FEI regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes as soon as reasonably possible. Should such a circumstance occur, EC will review and may amend criteria contained in this document to comply with the new regulations or conditions. The amendments to this document will be communicated directly to all affected athletes.

APPENDIX 1 – EVENTING SELECTION CRITERIA

World Equestrian Games Eventing Championship

Tryon North Carolina, USA, September 12-16, 2018

Final December 21, 2017

1. OBJECTIVE

1.1 The objectives of this Selection Criteria are as follows:

Primary objective: To place in the top six in the team competition and thereby earn a team qualification for the 2020 Olympic Games.

Secondary objective: To achieve as many top individual placings as possible

Additional objective: To give championship experience to potential 2020 Olympic Games athletes

1.2 To achieve the objective of the criteria, EC will select the most competitive athlete/horse combinations to represent Canada. Competitiveness, rather than participation at the Games will be stressed, hence, all spots for the team may not be filled. Meeting the conditions of these criteria does not guarantee selection.

1.3 This criteria has been compiled in consultation with Equestrian Canada, EC Eventing High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG), athletes, and owners

2. TEAM COMPOSITION

2.1 A squad of up to a maximum of five (5) athlete/horse combinations will be selected, of which up to four (4) combinations will make up team and compete in the team competition for team classification. The fifth combination will compete for the individual classification. All combinations will need to meet the qualification requirements set forth in this criteria to be eligible for selection by Equestrian Canada (**EC** or **Equestrian Canada**) Selection Panel.

2.2 Equestrian Canada Selection Panel may also select a number of alternate combinations. The Selection Panel may or may not rank the list of alternate combinations.

2.3 Should less than three (3) combinations be selected to compete at the World Equestrian Games Eventing Competition, then entry(s) in the individual event will be subject to the decision and approval of EC and in accordance with (i) these criteria and (ii) the FEI Regulations for the 2018 World Equestrian Games.

3. SELECTION PANEL

Three individual members of the Selection Panel for the 2018 WEGs are as follows:

- James Atkinson
- Penny Rowland
- Rob Stevenson

The Selector Veterinarian will provide further assessment in the selection process as described in Appendix 1 Section 8 of the criteria.

The Selection Panel may choose to designate “Official Competition Observers” for certain competitions and may consult with such observers.

The duties of the Selection Panel will include but are not limited to:

1. Selecting the combinations (and alternate combinations) to be nominated to EC in accordance with the selection criteria
2. Ruling on contentious issues in nomination process or application process
3. Ensuring all performance results under review are accurate
4. Observing at designated competitions
5. Selecting the alternates subject to these criteria and the FEI regulations and policies where applicable
6. Attending when possible the horse evaluations/examinations as described in Appendix 1 Paragraph 8 of the criteria or reviewing reports related to the horse evaluations/examinations.

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION CONSIDERATION

4.1 As a condition of selection for the 2018 World Equestrian Games – Eventing Championships , an athlete must fulfil the following eligibility conditions:

- Must be eligible according to the minimum eligibility criteria as defined in the FEI Eventing Regulations as set out in Appendix 1 Paragraph 4.2.
- Must have submitted the WEG Declaration and declaration fee of \$400.00 CAD per athlete through the EC Portal.

4.2 **FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirement** - To be considered for selection, an athlete /horse combination must achieve the Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) for a FEI Certificate of Capability in accordance with Art 521 of the FEI Rules for Eventing, 2017 between January 1, 2017 and August 13, 2018.

The FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirement for the 2018 World Equestrian Games must be achieved as a combination as follows:

- *one MER result in a CCI 4* (CCI four star)*
- or*
- *one MER result in a CCI 3* plus one MER result in a CIC 3**

MER definition: The FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing within the minimum parameters of an all round performance as follows:

- **Dressage Test:** Not less than 55% percent
- **Cross-Country Test:** A clear round (0 penalties) at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device will maintain the MER result on Cross Country)
Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum Cross-Country time for three star competitions and 100 seconds in the case of four star 4*competitions.
- **Jumping Test:** not more than 16 jumping penalties

Note: If two Minimum Eligibility Requirements are used to qualify for the WEG, both of them must be achieved with a clear round on cross country obstacles.

The FEI eventing competitions calendar is published on the FEI website:
<https://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>

As for all Championships, **no exemptions** to the above will be permitted.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 The Selection Panel will consider the factors below and use their discretion in the selection process in order to attain the objectives as outlined in Appendix 1, Section 1.1. The Selection Panel will at all times use discretion honestly, in good faith and with integrity.
- 5.2 The selection of the athlete/horse combinations to be named to the WEG Eventing team will be based on the following factors:
- 5.2.1 The overall performance and soundness of the combination in international three and four star competitions in 2017/2018, with emphasis on: cross country performance, including faults, boldness, rideability, and speed.
 - 5.2.2 Strong consideration will be given to those combinations that have demonstrated reliable cross country finishes with no jumping penalties in order to ensure the best possible team result.
 - 5.2.3 The current fitness, soundness and ability of the combination to produce peak performance at the standard of the 2018 World Equestrian Games Eventing Competition: e.g. distance, size and complexity of obstacles, and the required speed to minimize time penalties.
 - 5.2.4 The prospect of the combination to contribute to the achievement of the primary objective as described in Appendix 1, Paragraph 1.1.
 - 5.2.5 The results of any evaluations, tests or examinations carried out with respect to the horse, which may affect their ability to perform.
 - 5.2.6 The fitness of the athlete to compete.
 - 5.2.7 The commitment of the athlete to a positive, cohesive team environment both on and off of the field of play.
 - 5.2.8 The Selection Panel will, in its sole discretion consider (but not rely on) data and analysis provided by external providers including Equi Ratings. Any rankings or ratings provided by external providers will not automatically position one combination ahead of another for selection purposes.

6. SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 ***Nominated Entries:*** **Not later than August 13th** a list of up to fifteen (15) combinations (the maximum number of combinations permitted under FEI rules) will be entered as the Nominated Entries. All combinations must have met the FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirement for the 2018 WEG per Appendix 1, Paragraph 4.2.

- 6.2 **Definite Entries:** On or about August 21st, 2018, the Selection Panel will select the Team of up to a maximum of five combinations to compete in the 2018 World Equestrian Games. The HPAG will be informed of the decision. These combinations will be submitted as the Definite Entries on or about September 3, 2018.
- 6.3 In addition to selecting the 2018 World Equestrian Games Eventing - Definite Entries, the Selection Panel, may select combination(s) to serve as alternate(s) for the WEG Eventing Team. If for any reason one of the selected combinations is unable to travel to the WEGs then it may be possible to replace that previously named combination with a named alternate to the team.
- 6.4 The Definite Entries and alternate(s), if any, named for the 2018 World Equestrian Games will consist only of combinations that the Selection Panel decides, in the exercise of their discretion, are competent to represent Canada in competition at the standard of the WEGs. No combination will be named to the Canadian Eventing Team – Nominated or Definite Entry for the 2018 World Equestrian Games or to the list of alternate(s) unless the Selection Panel decides the combination is capable of competing successfully at the World Equestrian Games in 2018.
- 6.5 All athletes and owners of horses of selected combinations will be informed of the selection decision by the EC- Eventing HPAG Chair on or about August 21st, 2018.
- 6.6 Following selection, selected combinations plus alternates (if named), will be asked to attend the pre-Games Training Camp. Confirmed details for the pre-Games training camp will be communicated to all athletes directly. The expected timelines for the training camp will be between September 4th – September 10th, 2018.

7. POST TEAM SELECTION

7.1 Maintaining Form

Selection decisions are subject to the athlete and horse maintaining soundness, fitness and performance. Once an combination has been selected they must maintain their form and fitness in a suitable training and competition program established in consultation with the athlete, team's Technical Advisor and the athlete's personal coach. Failure to follow this program or to discuss amendments to the program with the team's Technical Advisor could lead to the athlete/horse being substituted.

7.2 Substitution of Combination

Substitutions shall be made in accordance with current FEI and WEG 2018 OC Rules for substitutions. A maximum of five combinations may compete in the 2018 World Equestrian Games.

Substitution of a combination may occur at any time between the announcement of the team and departure for the WEGs.

Should the need for a substitution arise the following provisions shall apply:

- if a selected horse becomes unfit, ill or unsound such that it is, in the reasonable opinion of the Selector Veterinarian, not possible or desirable to have that horse compete at 2018 WEG,

- if a combination is underperforming during the 2018 pre- Games training camp to the extent that, in the reasonable opinion of the Selection Panel, it is reasonably likely to have a negative impact on the team's performance during the 2018 WEG,
- if a selected athlete is ill, injured, incapacitated or engages in misconduct, including violation of the EC Elite Athlete Agreement, EC Code of Conduct , EC Policies, FEI Policies or WEG OC Policies, so that it is not possible or desirable for the athlete to represent Canada at 2018 WEG,

the Selection Panel shall then have the authority and absolute discretion to make all such substitution decisions after reviewing all relevant evidence.

The final decision for substitutions will be made by majority of the Selection Panel in consultation with Selector Veterinarian with respect to any horse fitness, soundness or welfare issues.

7.3 **Team and Individual selection and order of start**

Once the Canadian Eventing Team for the 2018 WEGs has been named, the specification of which combinations will compete in the team classification and which combinations will compete in the individual classification as well as the starting order of all combinations will be made by the Eventing Chef d' Equipe in the exercise of his discretion. This decision will be a subjective judgment entrusted to him in his role with the team. The timing of this decision will be in accordance with FEI Rules for Eventing Art 512. If possible, and if deemed necessary by the Chef, the Selection Panel will be available for consultation regarding this decision. As this final decision will take place within a short time period from the actual competition, there will be no appeal. It is anticipated that this decision will take place at the competition site after the first horse inspection and the cross country inspection.

8. **VETERINARY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 To be considered for selection, horses will need to be available for certain veterinary evaluations. Evaluations will be conducted by the Selector Veterinarian (or veterinarian designated by the Selector Veterinarian) prior to and following final selection. Evaluations will include the assessment of overall soundness and suitability for competition with consideration of the cause and prognosis of any recognized unsoundness. Re-evaluations of the horse at a later time may be performed if deemed necessary by the Selector Veterinarian.
- 8.2 Final veterinary evaluations will be made by the Selector Veterinarian (or veterinarian designated by the Selector Veterinarian) prior to the departure of the horses for the World Equestrian Games.
- 8.3 Throughout the selection process, observations and concerns identified by the Selector Veterinarian will be communicated in writing to the athlete of the horse, the owner of the horse, the Selection Panel and the Team Veterinarian. The goal of this communication is firstly to ensure the wellbeing of the horses and secondly to ensure the best possible result for the team.
- 8.4 Athletes are expected to facilitate open communication between the Team Veterinarian and their personal attending veterinarians.
- 8.5 **Veterinary Treatment of Declared horses:** Veterinary treatments /procedures conducted on all declared horses must be reported to the Team Veterinarian.

- 8.6 Once nominated for the 2018 World Equestrian Games, the Team Veterinarian must be consulted prior to the horse receiving any kind of veterinary treatment or procedure by anyone other than the Team Veterinarian. In the event of an emergency circumstance where delay of treatment could jeopardize the horse's health or welfare the Team Veterinarian shall be notified as soon as reasonably possible.
- 8.7 Records and observations of the Team Veterinarian relating to treatment of the horse as well as any concerns regarding the horse will be communicated to the athlete of the horse and the owner of the horse. The Team Veterinarian, in conjunction with the personal attending vet (unless waived by the athlete or owner, as applicable), shall make all treatment decisions on a nominated horse except in the event of an emergency circumstance where delay of treatment could jeopardize the horse's health or welfare.

9. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 9.1 In assessing the performances of combinations at competitions, training camps or other attendances as described in the nomination criteria, the Selection Panel may give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- 9.2 For the purpose of this clause extenuating circumstances means an inability to continue to compete and/or attend competitions, training camps or other attendances arising from:
- Injury or illness to either athlete or horse
 - Travel delays
 - Force majeure (unforeseeable circumstances)
 - Bereavement or disability from death or serious illness of an immediate family member and/or
 - Any of the factors reasonably considered by the Selection Panel to constitute extenuating circumstances
- 9.3 Prior to Selection, combinations unable to compete at competitions, training camps or other attendances required under these criteria must advise the Equestrian Canada Manager Eventing in writing and provide the reasons before the commencement of the competitions, training camps or other attendances required under these criteria
- 9.4 Prior to Selection, in the case of illness or injury to athlete or horse, documentation from the Team Veterinarian, personal attending veterinarian or personal physician will be required.

10. COMMUNICATION

10.1 Publication of criteria

The selection criteria will be placed on the EC web site. Enquiries about the Selection Criteria can be made in writing or by telephone to the EC office.

10.2 Announcements

Equestrian Canada will officially announce Canada's definite entries for the 2018 World Equestrian Games. The date of the official announcement will be provided to athletes when they are notified of their selection. .

Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement



It is important that ALL athletes selected for the 2018 WEG (as well as ALL owners, team personnel, and anyone else affiliated with a selected athlete, including grooms, friends, and family) respect this Non-Disclosure Policy Regarding Team Announcement until after the official announcement of the team by EC.

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

The purpose of this non-disclosure policy is to ensure maximum impact and exposure for the announcement of the athletes who will represent Canada at the 2018 WEG.

11. FUNDING DISCLAIMER

EC and HPAG are dedicated to providing the necessary funds for a Canadian Eventing Team and/or individuals to compete at the 2018 World Equestrian Games to the extent reasonable possible. Any costs not covered by EC and HPAG, may be covered by the members of the team on an equitable basis.



APPENDIX 2 – ATHLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2018 FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES (WEG): 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 WEG, which event I am attending as a member of the Equestrian Canada National Equestrian Team.

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, 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 WEG, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the WEG; 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.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the WEG 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:

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.

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 any litigation involving the parties to this agreement shall be brought 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 _____, 201_

Signature of Athlete

Print Name (Athlete)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned by **February 14, 2018** to Eventing Manager at Equestrian Canada, 308 Legget Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa ON, K2K 1Y6. E-mail ftipton@equestrian.ca. Late submissions will not be accepted. Exception see Section 3.7.

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 RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2018 FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES: GROOM’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 WEG, which event I am attending as a member of the Canada Equestrian Team.

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, 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 WEG, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the WEG; 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.

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In consideration of Equestrian Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the WEG 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:

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.

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 any litigation involving the parties to this agreement shall be brought 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 _____, 201_

Signature of Groom

Print Name (Groom)

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned by **February 14, 2018** to Eventing Manager at Equestrian Canada, 308 Legget Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa ON, K2K 1Y6. E-mail ftipton@equestrian.ca. Late submissions will not be accepted. Exception see Section 3.7.

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



APPENDIX 4 – OWNER RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER

EQUESTRIAN CANADA – 2018 FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES: OWNER’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 horses’ travel to and participation at the WEG, which event the horse _____ [insert name here] is attending as an equine member of the Equestrian Canada National Equestrian Team.

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, South America, Europe, the United States or in transit; being 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 WEG, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the WEG; 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 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 my horse with accreditation at the WEG 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:

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 may suffer, that my horse may suffer (including death) or that 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 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 any litigation involving the parties to this agreement shall be brought 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 _____, 201_

Signature of Owner

Name of Horse / Passport No

Print Name (Owner)

Signature of Witness

This form must be completed and returned by **February 14, 2018** to Eventing Manager at Equestrian Canada, 308 Legget Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa ON, K2K 1Y6. E-mail ftipton@equestrian.ca. Late submissions will not be accepted. Exception see Section 3.7.

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APPENDIX 5 – World Equestrian Games – Check list

Key Dates:

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Reference</u>
January 31, 2018	Athlete/Horse(s) Declaration and payment For late horse declarations see Section 3.7	Submit using EC Games Portal https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login	Section 3.1 & Appendix 1, Section 4.1
February 14, 2018	Owner, Groom, Athlete Companion Accreditation Details submitted	Submit through EC Games Portal https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login	Section 3.12
February 14, 2018	Release and Waiver Forms Athlete, Owner, Groom returned - Appendix 2, 3& 4 For late horse declarations see Section 3.7	Send to EC Manager Eventing national office.	Section 3.13
June 30th, 2018	Late Horse Declaration	Submit through EC Games Portal https://licence.equestrian.ca/gamesdb/login	Section 3.7
January 1st, 2017 – August 13th, 2018	FEI Certificate of Capability - Qualification Period	Qualification Period	Appendix 1, Section 4.2
August 13, 2018	Deadline for submission of Nominated entries by EC	FEI Nominations	Appendix 1 Section 6
August 21st, 2018	Individual Selection Notification	Selection	Appendix 1 Section 6
Date to be confirmed	Equestrian Canada Official Team Announcement	Official team announcement	Appendix 1, Section 10
September 3, 2018	Definite Entry deadline to WEG OC	Definite Entries	Appendix 1, Section 7.3
September 4th–10th, 2018 –tbc	Pre-Games Training Camp Dates/details to be confirmed, expected dates	Training	Appendix 1 Section 6