

2014 World Equestrian Games WEG-R

France

Aug. 18-31, 2014*

***Exact dates of reining competition TBD**

CANADIAN REINING COMMITTEE TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA SCHEDULE A

SECTION 1: QUALIFICATION PERIOD

The qualification period for the 2014 World Equestrian Games shall be October 1, 2010 to April 30, 2014 inclusive. During this period, athletes must achieve all required selection criteria (Schedules 'A', 'B' and 'C'), including the minimum qualification standards as outlined below in Schedule 'A' in order to be **eligible** for selection.

SECTION 2: MINIMUM QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Athletes must achieve a score of 68 or greater under one judge or a minimum of 136 or 204 under a two or three judge system respectively, at four different CRIs (two of which must be Canadian CRI 3*s) during the qualification period.

Note: When a judging panel is comprised of more than one judge, the full panel score must be submitted as the qualification score.

SECTION 3: MAINTENANCE OF TEAM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All athletes who have met all required selection criteria (Schedules 'A', 'B' and 'C') within the qualification period must continue to fulfill their Equine Canada National Team program requirements in order to remain eligible for selection.

SECTION 4: INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These EC selection criteria and procedures are based on FEI Reining rules and regulations as presently known and understood, whichever rules are applicable. The current selection criteria and procedures are based on the latest information available to EC. Any required change in the selection criteria and procedures caused directly by a change in the FEI rules and regulations applicable will be broadcast as soon as reasonably possible.

SECTION 5: MEETING CRITERIA DOES NOT GUARANTEE SELECTION

Meeting the minimum qualification standards does not guarantee selection to the Canadian Reining Team for the 2014 World Equestrian Games.

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SCHEDULE B

SECTION 6: GENERAL CONDITIONS

All athletes must meet the following EC general qualification conditions and criteria:

- a) Athletes must be Canadian citizens at the time of nomination, selection, and until the conclusion of the 2014 World Equestrian Games
- b) Athletes must possess a valid Canadian passport and be current Equine Canada Platinum Sport License holders and Canadian Reining Committee members in good standing.
- c) Athletes must be a minimum of 18 years of age before the end of the year in which they compete at their first qualifying CRI.
- d) All athletes must abide by the Equine Canada Athlete Agreement and conform to all Canadian Reining Committee policies regarding team preparation, training, and competition.
- e) Athletes must abide by all Selection Criteria to become a team member and the Selection Committee has the right to remove an athlete from the team, after the athlete is selected, if the athlete is found to have contravened the EC Code of Conduct or the Athlete Agreement.
- f) All athletes who submit a declaration to compete at the 2014 World Equestrian Games must complete, sign and return an Equine Canada Athlete Agreement to Equine Canada.
- g) All athletes wishing to be considered for selection are required to read, sign and return the 2014 World Equestrian Games Declaration and Acceptance Form (Schedule C) with all supporting documentation by **February 28th, 2014** accompanied by a non-refundable declaration fee of \$100CDN.
- h) All athletes wishing to be considered for selection are required to return the following completed documentation by **June 1st, 2014**:
 - Athlete Nomination Form (Appendix 1)
 - Horse Nomination Form' (Appendix 2)
 - Equine Canada Athlete's Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement' (Appendix 3)
 - Equine Canada Owner's Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement' (Appendix 4)
 - Results Reporting Form (Appendix 5)
- i) Horse(s) that are selected by athletes to compete at the qualifiers and the event must be a minimum of six years of age and be otherwise eligible under FEI rules. FEI universal birthdate for all horses is January 1st of the year, therefore; any horses turning 6 within the calendar year are eligible. Nominated horse(s) must possess a valid and current FEI passport.
- j) It is the responsibility of the athlete to confirm and to satisfy himself or herself that any and all documents and correspondence submitted by the athlete to Equine Canada was, in fact, received by Equine Canada (including test scores to be used in the ranking and selection processes).
- k) All horses may be subject to drug testing according to FEI drug and medication rules. Blood and/or urine samples may be drawn at any time. Samples collected will be tested for the presence of all forbidden and/or controlled substances.
- l) All athletes may be subject to announced and unannounced drug testing in accordance with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) and Equine Canada rules and policies. 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. Athletes who do not keep up-to-date contact information and those who do not respond to the communication requests of the Equine Canada Program Coordinator, Non-Olympic FEI Disciplines will be considered in violation of these policies. Violations may result in the disqualification of the athlete from the selection process.
- m) All athletes wishing to be considered for selection must also provide the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the horse owner, their proposed groom and personal coach. Equine Canada/Canadian Reining Committee must consent to all individuals travelling with the team. Grooms must be at least 18 years of age.

SECTION 7: RANKING/SELECTION PROCESS

Athletes who achieve a score of 68 or greater under one judge or a minimum of 136 or 204 under a two or three judge system respectively, at four different CRIs (two of which must be Canadian CRI 3*s) during the qualification period will be eligible to compete at a CRC WEG selection final. The final does not count as one of the four CRIs. Participation at the CRC WEG selection final is required to be eligible for selection to the team for the 2014 World Equestrian Games. Four horse/athlete combinations plus one alternate will be named.

CRC WEG Selection Final

- The CRC WEG selection final will be an FEI (CRI) event held in Canada after the qualification period has ended (April 30th, 2014).
- The date and location of the CRC WEG selection final will be announced by February 15th, 2014.
- Each qualified athlete will be eligible to compete with up to 3 horses at the final.
- Horse(s) that are selected by athletes to compete at the CRC WEG selection final must have been nominated by the horse nomination deadlines, must be a minimum of six years of age as of January 1st, 2014, must possess a valid and current FEI passport and FEI registration, and be otherwise eligible under EC and FEI rules to compete at the event.
- The format of the CRC WEG selection final will follow FEI rules. Each horse/athlete combination will compete in two runs.

Ranking Process

Only the scores achieved by horse/athlete combinations at the WEG selection final will be considered for ranking purposes. Horse/athlete combinations will be ranked based on the composite of their scores from both runs at the CRC WEG selection final.

In the event of a tie in the ranking of horse/athlete combinations, the highest composite score from the first run from the designated tie breaking judge will be used to break the tie. In the event that the horse/athlete combinations remain tied, the horse/athlete combination with the highest number of +1 ½ maneuvers' in their first run will be used to break the tie (followed by the number of +1, +.5 maneuvers, if necessary).

Selection Process

The Team of horse/athlete combinations will be selected by June 30th, 2014, with the total team size being determined by the allowable number of entries granted to Canada for this competition. The horse/athlete combinations will be selected up to the allowable team size (including any alternates as determined by the FEI) using the following criteria:

- (a) In cases where more horse/athlete combinations are ranked than there are entry spots granted to Canada, the highest ranking athletes will be selected in descending order up to the maximum team size.

All horse/athlete combinations will be ranked in descending order, but an athlete who is ranked with more than one horse may only be selected to the team with their highest ranked horse. The athlete may however be listed as an alternate with another qualified horse in sequence of ranking.

If a selected horse or athlete becomes ill, injured, or unfit to compete, the horse/athlete combination will be ineligible to compete and may be replaced with the first available alternate horse/athlete combination from the selection finals ranking list subject to FEI entry rules and regulations.

SECTION 8: APPEALS TO THE SELECTION/NOMINATION PROCESS

Athletes participating in the selection process for the 2014 World Equestrian Games hereby adopt the 'Dispute Resolution Policy for Elite Athletes' as the mechanism to resolve disputes between all declared athletes and EC. Declared athletes and owners are 'Athletes' pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Policy for Elite Athletes. Therefore, any dispute relating to the Equine Canada Canadian Reining Committee Selection/Nomination procedure for the 2014 World Equestrian Games competition must be made according to said policy. Formal internal appeals to the Selection Process **must** be received by the EC Office within 48 hours after the team selection and announcement.

SECTION 9: FUNDING

Athletes and owners are responsible for all related financial costs incurred for participation in this competition.



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**DECLARATION AND ACCEPTANCE FORM
 SCHEDULE C**

All potential Team members are required to read, sign and return this Declaration and Acceptance Form by **February 28th, 2014 along with a non-refundable declaration fee of \$100 CDN** (payable to Equine Canada) to the Canadian Reining Committee, c/o Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, ON K2B 8K2. Fax: 613-248-3484.

I, _____, a current Equine Canada platinum sport license holder hereby acknowledge that:

1. I have read, understood and accept the qualification and selection criteria established by the Canadian Reining Committee and by Equine Canada in Schedule A and B to be applied to the selection of athletes and teams to the Canadian Reining Committee Team.
2. I understand that an athlete's right of appeal with respect to the Canadian Reining Committee internal qualification and selection procedures must be made in accordance with Section 8 of Schedule B.
3. I understand that Equine Canada grants the Canadian Reining Committee exclusive jurisdiction over the naming of athletes who will represent Canada at the 2014 World Equestrian Games competition. The CRC is responsible for team selection for the competition.
4. I understand athletes must achieve a score of 68 or greater under one judge or a minimum of 136 or 204 under a two or three judge system respectively, at four different CRIs (two of which must be Canadian CRI 3*s) during the qualification period.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

 Athlete's Signature

 Witness' Signature

 Name (Please Print)

 Name (Please Print)



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APPENDIX 1

ATHLETE NOMINATION FORM

This form must be completed and returned by **June 1st, 2014** to the Canadian Reining Committee, c/o Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, ON K2B 8K2. Fax: 613-248-3484.

This Nomination Form must be submitted with:

- 2 colour passport style photos of each athlete, groom and personal coach named on this form

ATHLETE INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel (h) _____ (w) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____ Citizenship: _____

Athlete's Canadian Passport Number and expiry date: _____

PROPOSED GROOM :
(Grooms must be 18 years of age or older)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel (h) _____ (w) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____ Citizenship: _____

Groom's Canadian Passport Number and expiry date: _____

PROPOSED PERSONAL COACH/GUEST:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel (h) _____ (w) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____ Citizenship: _____

Passport Number and expiry date: _____



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APPENDIX 2

HORSE NOMINATION FORM

This form must be completed and returned by **June 1st, 2014** to the Canadian Reining Committee, c/o Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, ON K2B 8K2. Fax: 613-248-3484.

I, _____ (Print- Athlete)

I, _____ (Print- Owner)

Of the horse _____ (Print- Name)

I have read, understood and accept the qualification and selection criteria established in the 2014 World Equestrian Games Schedule A and B to be applied to the selection of athletes and Teams.

Athletes and Owners Contractual Obligations

By signing the Equine Canada Horse Nomination form confirming the intent of the horse/athlete combination to seek selection to participate at the 2014 World Equestrian Games, the nominated athlete and the owner(s) of the nominated horse are, by their signature, expressly agreeing with Equine Canada that if the horse and athlete are selected to participate at the 2014 World Equestrian Games, the selected athlete and the owner(s) of the selected horse will accept and will comply in all respects with the terms and conditions contained within the selection criteria and the FEI regulations.

Signature of Athlete: _____

Signature of Owner: _____

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20_____

HORSE INFORMATION:

Name: _____

FEI Passport/Registration Number: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Breed: _____

Sex: _____ Height: _____ Colour: _____

Country of Origin: _____

Year of Birth: _____

Breeder (if known): _____

OWNER INFORMATION:

Owner 1:

Name (as listed in FEI Passport): _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel (h) _____ (w) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____ Citizenship: _____

Owner 2:

Name (as listed in FEI Passport): _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel (h) _____ (w) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____ Citizenship: _____



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APPENDIX 3

**EQUINE CANADA ATHLETE’S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
 ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

This form must be completed and returned by **June 1st, 2014** to the Canadian Reining Committee, c/o Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, ON K2B 8K2. Fax: 613-248-3484.

To: EQUINE 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 2014 World Equestrian Games, which event I am attending as a member of the Equine 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 transit; accidents in or near the show ring or competition grounds; accidents at the stables; transportation to and from the 2014 World Equestrian Games, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2014 World Equestrian Games; negligence on the part of Equine Canada, including the failure by Equine 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, death to me or my horse, property damage or loss resulting therefrom. I understand that if I know or suspect that my physical condition may be incompatible with the Equine Activities that I should seek medical advice before undertaking the Equine Activities.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equine Canada agreeing to provide me with accreditation at the 2014 World Equestrian Games so as to allow me to fully participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may have in the future against Equine 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.

Date: _____

 Signature of Athlete

 Print name

 Signature of Parent or Guardian
 (if athlete is under 18 years old)

 Witness



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APPENDIX 4

EQUINE CANADA OWNER’S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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To: EQUINE 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 2014 World Equestrian Games, which event the horse _____ is attending as an equine member of the Equine 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 transit; being forced to remain indefinitely in quarantine; accidents in or near the show ring or competition grounds; accidents at the stables; transportation to and from the 2014World Equestrian Games, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2014World Equestrian Games; negligence on the part of Equine Canada, including the failure by Equine 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 loss resulting therefrom. I understand that if I know or suspect that the physical condition or health of my horse may be incompatible with the Equine Activities that I will promptly advise the Team Veterinarian accordingly.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Equine Canada agreeing to provide my horse with accreditation at the 2014 World Equestrian Games so as to allow the horse to fully participate in the Equine Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may have in the future against Equine 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 _____

 Signature of Horse Owner

 Print name

 Name of Horse



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APPENDIX 5

RESULTS REPORTING FORM

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ATHLETE NAME	HORSE NAME/ PASSPORT NUMBER	NAME, PLACE, DATE OF CRI	FINAL SCORE

Signature of Athlete

Print name

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(if athlete is under 18 years old)

Print Name