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VaultCanada Sport Committee

National Team Selection Process
for
World Equestrian Games 2010

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Overview

The VaultCanada Sport Committee has established this selection process in order to determine representatives for Canada at the *World Vaulting Championships* and *The World Equestrian Games*. Specifically, the selection process enables the selection of a maximum of:

- Four individual male and four individual females - three competitors plus an alternate for male and female. This is the maximum number of individuals that any country may send to a vaulting world championship; and,
- One team comprised of six vaulters plus an alternate. Each country is permitted to send only one team to a vaulting World Championship.

Any individual or team that wishes to be considered for selection must first meet the minimum performance criteria as specified by the FEI¹. Please note that achieving the minimum FEI performance criteria is not on its own sufficient to be named to represent Canada at the World Championships, as there are potentially more individuals/teams that meet the FEI minimum criteria than can be sent to the World Championships.

The selection of the individuals/teams from all those that meet the minimum FEI requirements will be accomplished by ranking the individuals and teams using a ranking scheme that includes scores achieved by the individual/team during the qualification period.

Guiding Principles

The selection process was developed according to the following guiding principles:

- Enables the selection of the individuals/team that have the greatest likelihood of performing well at the World Championships;
- Is based upon an indication of consistent performance at the highest level;
- Allows fair opportunity for competitors to qualify regardless of the year in which they were born;
- Encourages (and does not discourage) competitors from attending as many CVI events as possible;
- Is straightforward, and resists manipulation or poor sportsmanship; and,
- Is sensitive to, but not constrained by, the costs involved.

¹ Canadian Individuals/teams must achieve a minimum single round score of 6.0 at a CVI * or **. Please refer to the FEI web site for the complete details on qualification criteria.

Applicability

The selection process described in this document will be in effect for the 2010 World Equestrian Games only. This selection process has been reviewed and approved by Equine Canada for use at these Games, as is required by the regulations of Equine Canada.

Qualification Period

Individuals or teams must achieve the score(s) necessary to satisfy the minimum FEI requirements and the selected ranking scheme within the qualification period, which has a specific start date and end date.

The qualification period set by the VaultCanada Sport Committee must not start before, nor end after, the qualification period as defined by the FEI for any particular World Championship.

Note: The FEI typically defines the qualification period for a world championship event to be January 1 the year prior to the event. The FEI allows qualifications to be completed up to the “date of definitive entries” for the event, which varies between World Championships.

The VaultCanada Sport Committee has determined the start and end date for the qualification period for the 2010 World Equestrian Games as follows:

Table 1 - Qualification Period: Start and End Dates

Qualification Period - Start	January 1, 2009 (per FEI).
Qualification Period - End	The end date for the qualification period shall be determined as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> The end date for qualification shall be set 10 days prior to the date of nominated entries, where the date of nominated entries is as set by the organizers of the competition;<input type="checkbox"/> In the case that the 10-days-prior date falls on a weekend, then the end date shall be moved to the following Monday if there is a CVI scheduled during the weekend².

In developing this document, the VaultCanada Sport Committee recognized that the FEI imposes minimum age restrictions for competitors, and to fairly accommodate individuals who may not meet the age requirements until the year of the World Championships the qualification period must be held open late enough to accommodate as many CVI competitions as possible in the year of the world championship.

² In other words, if the cutoff “just misses” a CVI, the CVI will be included in the qualification period.

Ranking Scheme

A *ranking score* for each candidate individual and each candidate team shall be calculated by averaging the best two submitted rounds (average of compulsory and freestyle or compulsory and technical test marks from all judges) each candidate has achieved within the qualification period. The rounds do not need to be achieved at the same event, or necessarily at the same level of event. In determining a ranking score:

- A candidate individual or candidate team must submit scores from two rounds, according to either Option A or Option B below. The use of Option A or Option B is at the discretion of the candidate individual and candidate team (however the Option selected factors into the ranking – see below).

Option A	One first-round and one second-round score both from a CVI ** are submitted. The first round score must be 6.0 or above (to meet minimum FEI requirements) and the average of the two submitted rounds must exceed 6.0.
Option B	Two rounds are submitted, one of which must be a first round. The rounds may be achieved at any CVI competition. The first round score must be 6.0 or above (to meet minimum FEI requirements).

- Individuals and teams may enter as many CVI * or CVI ** events as desired.

The selection of the individual male(s), individual female(s), and team(s) to represent Canada shall be completed as follows:

1. Priority Selection: The top four ranking scores for individual candidates of each gender that have a ranking score comprised of two scores submitted per Option A. The top score for teams that have a ranking score comprised of two scores submitted per Option A.
2. In the event that positions for individuals or teams remain unfilled after the application of step 1, any remaining positions will be filled from the candidates that submitted scores per Option B, in the order of their ranking scores (i.e., candidates with higher ranking scores before candidates with lower ranking scores).
3. If there are sufficient candidates to select all four individual male or individual females positions, then of the four selected, the candidate with the lowest ranking score shall be the alternate competitor.

In the application of step 1 or step 2 above, if candidates have an identical ranking score, the tie(s) are resolved by applying the following, in sequence, until the tie is broken.

- A candidate with a higher first-round score ranks higher.
- A candidate with a higher compulsory round ranks higher.
- By a random drawing of names to be conducted by the Selection Committee.

Note: It is the responsibility of the athlete or team to deliver their scores to the Selection Committee no later than 11:59 PM Pacific Time on the Qualification Period End Date as described above, using the form provided in Appendix A or B. The scores must be accompanied by a copy of the associated official signed score sheet or an official FEI sanctioned event results sheet bearing the event name and date. Failure to provide this information to the Selection Committee by the aforementioned date and time will result in the athlete or team not being included in the ranking.

Selection Committee

The selection committee for the 2010 World Equestrian Games is as follows:

Paul Townsend, Committee Chair
Stella French
Marita Hoppe

It is the responsibility of the selection committee to apply the selection criteria described within this document, to determine the individual males, individual females and team that will represent Canada at the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

The selection committee shall only consider individual vaulters or teams that have (a) submitted scores achieved within the Qualification Period, (b) submitted complete and accurate information to the committee using the form shown in Appendix A or B of this document, and (c) provided their scores to the Selection Committee prior to the end of the Qualification Period.

Submissions must be sent to the address below:

Paul Townsend,
Chair, Vault Canada National Team 2010 Selection Committee
4849 Central Ave
Delta, BC
V4K 2G5

Dispute Resolution Policy – Elite Athletes

This selection procedure and the Canadian Vaulting Team competing at the 2010 WEG expressly adopts the Equine Canada Dispute Resolution Policy For Elite Athletes and the Equine Canada Appeals Policy as the mechanisms to resolve various disputes between all declared individual vaulters/teams and Equine Canada. Declared individual vaulters, teams and owners are "Athletes" pursuant to these EC Policies. Note that appeals of selection/nomination decisions made by EC relating to the Canadian Vaulting Team Selection/Nomination procedures for the 2010 WEG must be brought according to the said Equine Canada Appeals Policy, or may be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties in the discretion of the SDRCC.

Questions?

Any questions about this document may be directed to any member of the VaultCanada Sport Committee:

Colin Schmidt – Chair
Becky Marland – AEVA Representative
Paul Townsend – EVA of BC Representative

Appendix A – Information to be provided by Individual

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Equine Canada Sport Licence # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Score One

Event Name: _____
(e.g. CVI 1* Sao Paulo)

Event Dates: _____
(e.g. Jun 30 – Jul 2, 2007)

Round - One [] Two []

Score (for round): _____
(e.g. 7.194)

Score Two

Event Name: _____
(e.g. CVI 1* Sao Paulo)

Event Dates: _____
(e.g. Jun 30 – Jul 2, 2007)

Round - One [] Two []

Score (for round): _____
(e.g. 7.194)

Documentation Enclosed (select all that apply)

Score sheet documenting Score One:	[]
Score sheet documenting Score Two:	[]
Score sheet documenting both scores:	[]
Event result sheet documenting Score One:	[]
Event result sheet documenting Score Two:	[]
Event result sheet documenting both Scores:	[]

Appendix A - Information to be provided by Team (2 pages)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Equine Canada Sport Licence # and Level: _____

I declare that all information provided is true, accurate and without material omission.

Signature: _____

Score One

Event Name: _____
(e.g. CVI 1* Sao Paulo)

Event Dates: _____
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(e.g. 7.194)

Score Two

Event Name: _____
(e.g. CVI 1* Sao Paulo)

Event Dates: _____
(e.g. Jun 30 – Jul 2, 2007)

Round - One [] Two []

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Team Members

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Equine Canada Sport Licence # and Level</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____