

2011 North American Young Rider Championship July/August, 2011

CANADIAN REINING COMMITTEE TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA SCHEDULE A

SECTION 1: QUALIFICATION PERIOD

The qualification period for the 2011 North American Young Rider Championship shall be June 1st, 2010 through May 31st, 2011 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 <u>eligible</u> for selection.

SECTION 2: QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND QUALIFYING SCORES

Only scores of 68 or higher achieved in eligible classes during the qualification period will be used for selection and ranking purposes. A rider may qualify up to three (3) horses.

In order for a competition to be eligible as a qualifying competition, the following conditions must be met:

- The class/competition must be sanctioned by Equine Canada and must conform to the Equine General regulations, including, but not limited to: membership/licence requirements, liability insurance, and equine medication control testing (see Appendix 5 for additional information).
- The pattern ridden by the competitor in the qualifying class must be one of the ten (10) patterns identified in the current FEI rules for Reining (which can be located at www.fei.org).
- The qualifying class must be judged by an individual who holds a current reining judge designation in one or more of the following associations: Federation Equestre International (FEI), National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), or specific breed association. The judge must hold an Equine Canada gold sport licence (if a Canadian resident), or a USEF membership (if a US resident).
- The competition results (copies of the full score sheets from each Judge) must be submitted to Equine Canada within 5 days of the competition.

Any intentional misrepresentation of scores will eliminate the horse/rider combination from both the qualification process and consideration for team or individual participation in the NAYRC.

SECTION 3: MAINTENANCE OF TEAM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All riders 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 Equine Canada and 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 Equine Canada and/or FEI rules and regulations applicable will be distributed to all affected riders as soon as reasonably possible.

SECTION 5: MEETING CRITERIA DOES NOT GUARANTEE SELECTION

Meeting the General Conditions for Eligibility and the qualification standards does not guarantee selection to the 2011 North American Young Rider Championship.

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SECTION 6: GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY

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

- a) Riders must be Canadian citizens at the time of nomination, selection, and until the conclusion of the 2011 North American Young Rider Championship and possess a valid Canadian passport.
- b) Riders must be current Equine Canada Bronze Sport Licence holders and members in good standing at the time of competition during the qualification period in order for scores to be eligible. Riders must upgrade to an Equine Canada Platinum Sport Licence and hold a current FEI registration if selected to the team.
- c) Riders must be born between January 1st, 1990 and December 31st, 1995 in order to be between 16-21 years of age at the time of the 2011 North American Young Rider Championship
- d) All riders must abide by the Equine Canada Athlete Agreement and conform to all Canadian Reining Committee policies regarding team preparation, training, and competition.
- e) Riders must abide by all Selection Criteria to become a team member and the Selection Committee has the right to remove a rider from the team, after the rider is selected, if the rider is found to have contravened the EC Code of Conduct or the Athlete Agreement.
- f) All riders who submit a declaration to compete at the 2011 North American Young Rider Championship must complete, sign and return an Equine Canada Athlete Agreement to Equine Canada.
- g) All riders wishing to be considered for selection are required to read, sign and return the "2011 North American Young Rider Championship Declaration and Acceptance Form" (Schedule C) with all supporting documentation by <u>May 15th, 2011</u>. Only riders who remit the "2011 North American Young Rider Championship Declaration and Acceptance Form" will be eligible for selection.
- All riders wishing to be considered for selection are required to return the following completed documentation by-June 1st, 2011:
 - Rider Nomination Form (Appendix 1)
 - Horse Nomination Form' (Appendix 2)
 - Equine Canada Rider'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 in qualifying classes and at the event must be a minimum of six years of age and be otherwise eligible under EC and FEI rules.
- j) Nominated horse(s) must possess a valid and current FEI passport and FEI registration.
- k) It is the responsibility of the rider to confirm and to satisfy himself or herself that any and all documents and correspondence submitted by the rider to Equine Canada was, in fact, received by Equine Canada (including test scores to be used in the ranking and selection processes).
- All horses may be subject to drug testing according to Equine Canada and/or 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. If the presence of a forbidden and/or controlled substance is reported in the sample of a horse during the qualification period through FEI or EC Equine Medication Control Testing, that horse will be eliminated from the ranking and selection process.

- m) All riders 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 Manager of Reining will be considered in violation of these policies. Violations may result in the disqualification of the rider from the selection process.
- n) All riders wishing to be considered for selection must also provide the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the horse owner and their proposed groom and 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 PROCESS

Horse/rider combinations that have met the minimum qualification standards will be ranked by Province based on points from the chart below on their three best results achieved in three eligible qualifying classes during the qualification period.

The horse/rider combination with the highest number of points will be ranked first, the second highest average ranked second and so on. Only scores that were reported to Equine Canada during the qualification period will be used for the ranking process.

Ties in ranking will be broken using judges' score sheets. The horse/rider with the single highest score will be placed first and the second highest score will be placed second. In the event that horse/riders remain tied based on the single highest score, the rider with the highest number of $+1 \frac{1}{2}$ manoeuvres will be used to break the tie (followed by the number of +1, +.5 manoeuvres, if necessary).

<u>Point System</u> The following points system will be used to rank riders, and is based on the number of starters at each qualifier.

Placing	15 + riders	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4 or less
1st	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
2nd	17	16	13	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
3rd	15	14	15	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
4th	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
5th	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
6th	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2		
7th	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2			
8th	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2				
9th	8	7	6	5	4	3	2					
10th	7	6	5	4	3	2						
11th	6	5	4	3	2							
12th	5	4	3	2								
13th	4	3	2									
14th	3	2										
15th	2											

SECTION 8: SELECTION PROCESS

Canada may enter teams or individuals representing Provinces, as permitted by current FEI rules.

Teams of a minimum of three (3) horse/rider combinations to maximum of four (4) horse/rider combinations (plus one reserve) <u>per Province</u> will be selected by June 15th, 2011.

In cases where a rider has two or more horses qualified, the highest ranking horse will be selected. The second and third horse may be listed on the Nominated Entries and used as a substitute horse by that rider either prior to or at the event for medical or veterinary reasons or for breach of Section 6 – General Conditions for Eligibility with the approval of the Chef d'Equipe and members of the CRC present at the competition.

The Provincial Teams will be selected using the following criteria:

1. In cases where more horse/rider combinations in a Province qualify than the team spots available, the highest ranking horse/rider combinations will be selected based on the ranking process outlined in Section 7 to form a Provincial Team of between three and four horse/rider combinations. The decision regarding team size remains in the sole discretion of the CRC High Performance Committee.

Individual Competitors/Combined Provincial Teams will be selected using the following criteria:

2. In cases where two or fewer horse/rider combinations qualify within a Province, the highest qualified horse/rider combination(s) will be selected as individual competitors. It shall remain within the sole discretion of the CRC High Performance Committee to determine how the selected individual competitors from a Province that does not qualify a team may be joined or combined with individual competitors of another Province to form a Combined Provincial Team.

Horse Substitution:

If the horse of a declared rider becomes ill, injured, or unfit to compete prior to selection, the rider must notify the Manager of Non-Olympic FEI Disciplines at Equine Canada immediately in writing and receive written confirmation of receipt of this notification was received at Equine Canada.

If the horse of a selected rider becomes ill, injured, or unfit to compete, a rider may substitute their second qualified horse to the team upon written approval from the CRC HP Committee. If a rider does not have a second qualified horse, the horse/rider combination will be ineligible to compete and may be replaced with the first alternate qualified horse/rider combination.

SECTION 9: APPEALS TO THE SELECTION/NOMINATION PROCESS

Riders participating in the selection process for the 2011 North American Young Rider Championship hereby adopt the 'Dispute Resolution Policy for Elite Athletes' as the mechanism to resolve disputes between all declared riders and EC. Declared riders 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 2011 North American Young Rider Championship competition must be made according to said policy. Formal internal appeals to the Selection Process <u>must</u> be received by the EC Office within 48 hours after the team selection and announcement.

SECTION 10: FUNDING

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

SECTION 11: CHEF D'EQUIPES

The CRC High Performance Committee will appoint (a) Chef d'Equipe(s) for the provincial teams or individuals at the discretion of the CRC High Performance Committee with the approval of the CRC.

The Chef d'Equipe(s) in coordination with the EC Manager of Non-Olympic FEI Disciplines is/are responsible for submitting the Entry in Principle, Nominated Entry and Definite Entry with the relevant entry fees to the Organizing Committee (OC) for the 2010 NAJYRC by stated deadlines.

The Chef d'Equipe(s) is/are responsible to help the team members coordinate transportation, housing, team jackets, saddle pads, etc. The Chef d'Equipe(s) is/are further responsible for the behaviour of their teams and/or individuals throughout the event.



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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 <u>May 15th,</u> <u>2011</u> 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 bronze (or higher) sport licence 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; and
- 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 9 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 2010 North American Young Rider Championship competition. The CRC is responsible for team selection for the competition.
- 4 I understand that Riders and owners are responsible for all related financial costs incurred for participation in this competition.

Dated this	day of	, 20	
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Athlete's Signature

Witness' Signature

Name (Please Print)

Name (Please Print)

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Team Member is under 18 years old

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)



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APPENDIX 1

RIDER NOMINATION FORM

This form must be completed and returned by <u>June 1st, 2011</u> to Canadian Reining Committee, c/o Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, ON K2B 8K2. Fax: 613-248-3484.

RIDER INFORMATION: Name: Name: Address: Postal Code: Tel (h) Fax: Email: Rider's Canadian Passport Number and expiry date: EC Sport Licence Number and Level: FEI Registration Number: FEI Registration Number: PROPOSED GROOM : (Grooms must be 18 years of age or older) Name: Address: Postal Code: Tel (h) With the second second

PROPOSED PERSONAL COACH:

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 <u>June 1st, 2011</u> to Canadian Reining Committee, c/o Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, ON K2B 8K2. Fax: 613-248-3484. Only horses nominated by June 1st, 2011 will be eligible to compete at the 2010 North American Young Rider Championship. Riders may nominate more than one horse; please use a separate form for each horse.

l,	(Print - Rider)	
I,	(Print - Owner)	
of the Horse		(Print - Name)

I have read, understood and accept the qualification and selection criteria established in the 2010 North American Young Rider Championship Schedule A and B to be applied to the selection of athletes and teams to the NAYRC Team.

Riders and Owners Contractual Obligations

By signing the Equine Canada Horse Nomination form confirming the intent of the horse /rider combination to seek selection to participate at the 2011 North American Young Rider Championship, the nominated rider and the owner(s) of the nominated horse are, by their signature, expressly agreeing with Equine Canada that if the horse and rider are selected to participate at the 2011 North American Young Rider Championship, the selected rider 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. I understand that Riders and owners are responsible for all related financial costs incurred for participation in this competition. The declared owner has all full, necessary and sufficient authority even if there are other part owners of the horse.

Signature of Rider:						
Signature of Parent or Guardian (if Team Member is under 18 years old)						
	*)					
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:	
Note: Owner must hold at least the same licence I	evel as rider.
Owner 1:	
Name (as listed in FEI Passport):	
Address:	
Postal Code: Tel (h)	(w)
Fax: Email:	Citizenship:
EC Sport Licence Number and Level:	
Owner 2:	
Name (as listed in FEI Passport):	
Address:	
Postal Code: Tel (h)	
Fax: Email:	Citizenship:
EC Sport Licence Number and Level:	



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APPENDIX 3

RIDER'S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

This form must be completed and returned by <u>June 1st, 2011</u> to 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 2011 North American Young Rider Championship, 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 2011 North American Young Rider Championship, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2011 North American Young Rider Championship; 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 2011 North American Young Rider Championship 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.

Dated this day of , 20____

Signature of Athlete

Print name

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Team Member is under 18 years old

Witness



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APPENDIX 4

OWNER'S RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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To: EQUINE CANADA

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 2011 North American Young Rider Championship, the show ring, the competition grounds and stables; the negligence of other parties participating at the 2011 North American Young Rider Championship; 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 2011 North American Young Rider Championship 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 this day of	, 20	Name of Horse

Signature of Horse Owner



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APPENDIX 5

RESULTS REPORTING FORM

This form must be completed and returned by <u>June 1st, 2011</u> to the Canadian Reining Committee, c/o Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, ON K2B 8K2. Fax: 613-248-3484. Riders may submit multiple sheets over the duration of the qualification period to report scores. Scores will be compared against official competition results. <u>Riders and Owners must be Equine Canada bronze sport licence holders (or higher) at the time of competition in order for scores to be eligible.</u>

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Dated this day of

, 20____

Signature of Athlete

Print name

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Team Member is under 18 years old

Witness