

Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund
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DRESSAGE BC High Performance Program Working Group

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DRESSAGE BC High Performance Program Working Group

The following individuals are current members of the Dressage BC High Performance Program Working Group and together collaborated to develop this program:

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The Working Group is responsible for ensuring the delivery and reporting requirements of this program as part of the Dressage BC collaboration with the BC Amateur Sport Fund via Sport BC.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund is to directly support eligible BC Athlete/Horse combinations in the advancement of their ultimate goal to represent British Columbia and Canada at World Championships and Olympic Games.

PROGRAM STREAMS

The Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund will support eligible BC Athletes in the following 4 program streams:

- 1) BC Athletes competing in CDI FEI Competitions (PRIORITY)
- 2) BC Technical Advisory Program
- 3) Clinics & Coaching/Development Opportunities
- 4) Other activities and opportunities which may arise in support of Dressage BC High Performance Athletes

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Athlete/Horse eligibility will be determined according to both:

- a) Program Requirements; and
- b) Meeting Performance Criteria outlined further below.

	Program Requirements	A SQUAD	B SQUAD	TALENT ID SQUAD	National/Gold Level SQUAD
	Current member of Dressage BC in good standing.	X	X	X	X
	Primary residence in the Province of British Columbia.	X	X	X	X
	Current member of Horse Council BC in good standing.	X	X	X	X
	Current Equestrian Canada Sport License Holder in good standing.	X	X	X	X
	Abide by Equestrian Canada Rules, Code of Conduct and Ethics, Safe Sport and Social Media Policy, and act in accordance with other national and international policies (FEI, CCES, WADA etc.)	X	X	X	X
	Be eligible to compete for Canada (hold a current Canadian passport or hold Canadian Citizenship)	X	X	X	X
	Declared to compete for Team Canada as per FEI and Equestrian Canada requirements.	X	X	X	
	Athlete and horse are registered with the FEI.	X	X	X	
	Horse is fit-to-compete.	X	X	X	X
	Financial Need ie; without access to sufficient alternative means to pay for High Performance development and competition opportunities.	X	X	X	X

PROGRAM TIERS & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

TIER 1: FEI CDI Athlete/Horse Combinations (PRIORITY)

The Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund criteria outlined below are aligned with Equestrian Canada National Team Program Performance Criteria.

- 1) **A Squad**
- 2) **B Squad - Development**
- 3) **Talent ID Squad – Young Riders**

1) **A SQUAD**

Performance Objective: BC A Squad athlete/horse combinations who have a team top 8 objective at the World Championships and Olympic Games.

Performance Criteria: Minimum eligibility requirements for these athlete/horse combinations as per current Equestrian Canada National Team Program Performance Criteria.

Section 3.1 **A Squad Criteria**

2) **B SQUAD - Development**

Performance Objective: BC B Squad athlete/horse combinations who have an objective to progress to the A Squad representing Canada on the National Team.

Performance Criteria: Minimum eligibility requirements for these athlete/horse combinations as per current Equestrian Canada National Team Program Performance Criteria.

Section 3.2 **B Squad Criteria**

3) **TALENT ID – YOUNG RIDERS SQUAD**

Performance Objective: The BC Talent ID Young Riders Squad athlete/horse combinations who have an objective to progress to the B Squad level.

Performance Criteria: Minimum eligibility requirements for these athlete/horse combinations as per current Equestrian Canada National Team Program Performance Criteria.

Section 3.3 **Talent ID Squad – Young Riders Criteria**

NOTE: Talent ID Squad Young Riders are eligible for funding in the following 2 program streams - BC Technical Advisory Program and Clinics & Coaching/Development Opportunities Program.

Eligibility Period: All eligible performance scores must be achieved during the following period **October 1st, 2024 to September 30th, 2025.**

TIER 2: NATIONAL + GOLD LEVEL SQUAD

Performance Objective: Athlete/horse combinations competing at National/Gold Level in Canada, USA (USEF Level 4) or Europe (EC National Level equivalent) who have an objective to progress to the A Squad.

Performance Criteria: Minimum eligibility requirements for these athlete/horse combinations are as follows:

Two (2) highest scores with at least one (1) score of 68%, or better in National/Gold, competition. Both scores to be achieved at the same competition level. Singles scores or panel scores, scores with a panel to include final score from all judges. These eligibility requirements apply to the following competition levels:

- Big Tour Technical Tests (Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special)
- Medium Tour Technical Tests (Intermediate A/B/II)
- U25 Tour Technical Tests (Intermediate II/Grand Prix (16-25))
- Small Tour Technical Tests (Prix St. Georges, Intermediate 1)
- Young Rider Technical Tests (Team or Individual)

Two (2) scores of 70%, or better in National/Gold, competition. Both scores to be achieved at the same competition level. Singles scores or panel scores, scores with a panel to include final score from all judges. These eligibility requirements apply to the following competition levels:

- Third Level Test 3
- Fourth Level Test 3

or

Two (2) panel scores of 68%, or better, from the Canadian National Dressage Championships in the:

- Big Tour Technical Tests (Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special)
- Medium Tour Technical Tests (Intermediate A/B/II)
- U25 Tour Technical Tests (Intermediate II/Grand Prix (16-25))
- Small Tour Technical Tests (Prix St. Georges, Intermediate 1)
- Young Rider Technical Tests (Team or Individual)
- Third Level Test 3
- Fourth Level Test 3

Eligibility Period: All eligible performance scores must be achieved during the following period **October 1st, 2024 to September 30th, 2025.**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES for 2025/26

For the coming year, there are 4 funding opportunities available. All funding awarded must be used during the period January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026.

- 1) Eligible Tier 1 FEI/CDI athlete/horse combinations who wish to compete at FEI CDI competitions in Canada, USA, Mexico or Europe (PRIORITY)
- 2) Eligible Tier 2 National/Gold athlete/horse combinations who wish to compete at FEI CDI competitions in Canada, USA, Mexico or Europe.
- 3) Eligible Tier 1 or Tier 2 athlete/horse combinations who wish to participate in the 2026 BC Technical ADVISORY Program.
- 4) Eligible Tier 1 or Tier 2 athlete/horse combinations who wish to participate in the 2026 BC Technical CLINIC Program.

Athletes may apply for more than 1 funding opportunity in their application.

Funding opportunities are subject to change and will be allocated based on an assessment of the applications received. Any funding award is dependent on sufficient donations to the Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund Awards Committee assists the Dressage BC Board in the exercise of its oversight responsibilities of this Program.

The Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund Coordinator is responsible for assembling and sharing all received *eligible* applications with the Awards Committee for their review.

Please visit the Awards Committee Terms of Reference for further details.

PROGRAM FUNDING & APPLICATION TIMELINE

At any given time, funding availability and applications for this program are contingent upon receiving sufficient donations to the Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund through its collaboration with the BC Amateur Sport Fund via Sport BC. Donations received directly through this program collaboration are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

Program funding allocations will be determined by the Dressage BC High Performance Program Working Group upon available funding along with an assessment of the nature of applications received.

In 2025, for the launch of this Program, we have a fundraising target of **\$50,000**.

2025 Projected Timeline

Sep 2025	Official Launch Dressage BC High Performance Program
Sep & Oct 2025	Secure Donors & Donations for \$50K+
Nov 1 st , 2025	Application Opens (TENTATIVE)
Nov 30 th , 2025	Application Deadline (TENTATIVE)

Use of Funds

Athletes awarded funds, will be eligible to use funds during the following timeframe:

January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026