

2027 Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund

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2027 DRESSAGE BC High Performance Program Working Group

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

Keri Rodgers	Volunteer Chair & Director – Dressage BC
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Alison Martin	Volunteer & Former Vice Chair/Director – Dressage BC
Heather O'Hara	Volunteer - Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund Coordinator

The Working Group is responsible for ensuring the effective 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.

2027 PROGRAM STREAMS

For the 2027 program year, the Dressage BC High Performance Program Fund will support eligible BC Athletes in the following program streams:

- 1) BC Athletes competing in CDI FEI Competitions (PRIORITY).
- 2) High Performance Coaching, Clinics, Training and Development Activities to meet the needs of individual BC Athletes who are eligible to participate in this program.
- 3) Other activities and opportunities which may arise in support of Dressage BC High Performance Athletes.

2027 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
	Athlete and horse are registered with the FEI.	X	X	X	
	Horse is fit-to-compete.	X International Level Horse	X International Level Horse	X	X
	Financial Need ie; without access to sufficient alternative means to pay for High Performance development and competition opportunities.	X	X	X	X

2027 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 program stream only - High Performance Coaching, Clinics, Training and Development Activities to meet the needs of individual BC Athletes who are eligible to participate in this program.

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD: All eligible performance scores must be achieved during the following period **January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026.**

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 **January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026.**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES for 2027

In 2027, the following funding opportunities are available. All funding awarded must be used during the period January 1st, 2027 to December 31st, 2027.

- 1) Eligible Tier 1 FEI/CDI athlete/horse combinations who wish to compete at FEI CDI competitions in Canada, USA, Mexico, South America or Europe (PRIORITY)
- 2) Eligible Tier 2 National/Gold athlete/horse combinations who wish to compete at FEI CDI competitions in Canada, USA, Mexico, South America or Europe.
- 3) Eligible Tier 1 or Tier 2 athlete/horse combinations who wish to participate in High Performance Coaching, Clinics, Training and Development Activities to meet their individual needs and who are eligible to participate in this program.

Athletes may apply for more than 1 or more funding opportunities from the eligible funding streams above 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.

Special Note: During the 2027 program year, a funded athlete may request re-allocation of their approved funding from the *eligible* activities listed above if their training needs and competition plans change. However:

- a) their request must be sent via email in writing directly to Heather O'Hara, High Performance Program Coordinator IN ADVANCE of the alternative eligible activity being conducted; AND
- b) must be APPROVED by the High Performance Working Group in writing.

Athletes who fail to both request a re-allocation in writing and who do not receive advance approval will NOT be reimbursed or receive any funding for any alternate activities.

2027 AWARDS COMMITTEE

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

The Dressage BC High Performance Working Group reviews and recommends all funding decisions of the DBC High Performance Program.

2027 PROGRAM FUNDING GOALS & TIMELINES

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 needs and nature of applications received.

We have a fundraising target of **\$250,000** to be donated to this fund on or before December 31st, 2026 and to be allocated in 2027. However, this ultimately relies on donations received.

2027 Program Timeline

Aug 2026	Launch 2027 Dressage BC High Performance Program
Aug to Dec 2026	Secure Donors & Donations for \$250K+

Dec 1, 2026 (approximate) 2027 Application Opens

Dec 31, 2026 Deadline for 2027 Applications

Jan 15, 2026 (approximate) Funding Approvals & Athletes Notified

Use of Funds

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

January 1st, 2027 to December 31st, 2027

