



## 2023 INVITATIONAL TEST EVENT RIDER APPLICATION FORM

RIDER NAME:

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PHONE #:

ADDRESS:

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DATE OF BIRTH:

TOWN/PROV/PC

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PARENT NAME:

EMAIL:

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PHONE #:

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CURRENT COACH'S NAME

& BARN NAME:

CURRENT COACH'S PHONE #:

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HORSE'S REGISTERED NAME

HORSE'S REGISTRATION #:

& BREED (If applicable):

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1. Currently, are you working or attending school? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many years have you been riding Saddle Seat Equitation? Please list the professional coaches you have worked with and for how long you have worked with each.

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3. List all significant equestrian prizes, class wins or equestrian titles you have won within the last 5 years (Include a brief description of the prize or title if applicable)

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4. Please list rider development opportunities/clinics you have attended:

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5. Please indicate show divisions you competed in during the 2022 show season. Please check all that apply.

- Saddle Seat Performance divisions  
 Saddle Seat Equitation  
 Other discipline Equitation classes  
 Other (if checked, which other class divisions did you compete in?)

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6. Are you currently taking riding lessons and, if so, how often, and with which coach?

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7. List any international shows that you attended in 2022 and include your results by class, placing, and number of entries in the class.

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**8.** If you did not show in 2022, please detail the reason (sold horse, college, etc.). Outline what you are doing to keep “riding-fit”. Please indicate the last time you showed, at what show and what division.

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**9.** List your personal equestrian strengths.

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**10.** List your personal equestrian weaknesses.

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**11.** Why do you think that you should be selected as a member of Team Canada and how do you feel that you can contribute to Team Canada’s success?

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**12.** Do you have a current Canadian passport? If so, please attach a copy. Yes / No

**13.** Please add any other information that relates to your consideration for Team Canada.

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## **REFERENCES**

**Written references must accompany your application and must be signed by the reference provider.**

**Please provide at least one written reference letter from a professional coach/instructor that has worked with you. Ensure the reference letter provides details on your saddle seat and equitation abilities, your equestrian successes, your strengths, show abilities and the length of time your reference has worked with you. Ensure the letter includes the coach's/instructor's signature, the coach's/instructor's name, barn name, phone number, email address and current coaching designations, if any.**

**Please provide one written reference (non-horse related and not related to you) from an employer and/or teacher. Ensure the reference letter includes details about your work or school successes, and the timeframe that your reference has worked with you. Ensure the letter includes the reference's name, the reference's signature, and phone and email contact information.**

**VIDEO CLIP – If possible, please also submit a short video clip from the last show season or recent lesson. The video need not be longer than 1 minute but could include highlights showing transitions, show passes, rider position, etc.**

### **Saddle Seat Canada Code of Conduct Policy Statement**

- SSC is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Members of SSC shall refrain from comments or behavior that is disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist, or sexist. Behavior that constitutes harassment or abuse will not be tolerated by SSC.
- During all SSC activities and events, members must avoid behavior that brings the team into disrepute including but not limited to abusive use of alcohol and non-medical use of drugs.
- Members shall not use illicit drugs/narcotics or performance enhancing drugs or methods and shall agree to submit to random drug testing as requested.
- Members shall always adhere to SSC operational policies and procedures, to rules governing SSC events and activities, and to rules governing any events in which the member participates on behalf of SSC.
- Members shall not engage in any activity or behavior which interferes with a competition or with any rider's preparation for a competition, or which endangers the safety of others.
- Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Discipline policy of SSC. Such action may result in the member losing the privileges that come with membership in SSC, including the opportunity to participate in World Cup or Invitational activities.

- Members shall hold an Equestrian Canada Sport License (minimum level of Bronze) and as such completed the Safe Sport course if member is an adult.
- As a member of Team Canada and a member, coach, or manager of the Saddle Seat Canada team, I acknowledge my obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards of horsemanship, sportsmanship, and citizenship whenever I am representing my country whether as a team member, alternate member, coach, or manager.
- As a horseman, I will place my horse's welfare above all other considerations.
- As a sportsman, I will know and will comply with all the pertinent rules of Equestrian Canada, Saddle Seat Canada, the International Saddle Seat Equitation Association (ISSEA), and honor the principles of fair play inherent in them. I will place the best interests of the Team above my own and accept the decisions of Saddle Seat Canada Board made in the Team's best interest and in the interest of safety to all.
- As a citizen, I will respect the laws of my own country as well as those of foreign countries in which I may compete. I acknowledge that I also serve as an ambassador for my sport, Saddle Seat Canada, and my country. I will always endeavor to reflect credit on them through my conduct.

I understand and accept that serious or repeated transgressions of this code may be grounds for immediate elimination from the team and competition. If I were to be dismissed from the team, I and/or my parents/legal guardians will be responsible for reimbursing Saddle Seat Canada for any expenses incurred to date on my behalf including, but not limited to travel expenses, such as airfare, and other taxes and deposits as well as equipment, clothing and official gear. Similarly, I will be responsible for reimbursing Saddle Seat Canada for any additional expenses incurred as a result of replacing me with an alternate rider.

Any infraction that results in dismissal while enroute to or during the official International Saddle Seat World Cup or Invitational event or on any related tour proceeding the competition shall result in my being barred from the competition in any or all remaining and future events or attendance at any remaining official functions. I and/or my parents/ guardians will solely be responsible for securing and paying my return travel to Canada.

I understand that my official term as a member of Team Canada and a representative of Canada continues from the date of my selection to the team through to such time as our next team is chosen. Up until that time, I understand that I may be requested to attend training, fundraising or public relations appearances on behalf of the Team. Therefore, I commit to exemplary behavior during my full term as a SSC team member.

I acknowledge that it shall be the sole right and responsibility of the Board of Saddle Seat Canada to adjudicate matters pertaining to violations of this code of conduct.

**My signature below confirms that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of this Application, Video Submission, References, Saddle Seat Code of Conduct and Saddle Seat Policy and Procedures.**

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/RIDER**

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**DATE**

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**PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT**

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**PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 18**

