

BERMUDA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION (“BEF”)

Guidance document for the selection and entry criteria for the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games | July 24- August 8, 2026

The [Central American and Caribbean Games](#) (“the CAC Games”) will offer jumping, dressage and eventing competitions to be run in accordance with the FEI rules. At present, all competitions are expected to take place in Santo Domingo (DOM) although the venue has not been confirmed. The BEF will update this document once the venue, and certain key dates noted below, are finalised.

In order to participate, all athletes must be members of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation and must submit their initial request to participate to Erin Smith at beferinsmith@gmail.com no later than **Feb 1 2026**. COC and proof of qualifications must be submitted before 1 May 2026.

Qualification Criteria:

Qualification Period - 30 April 2025 - 30 April 2026

Deadline for achieving Certificates of Capability: 30 April 2026 (TBC)

A - Minimum Eligibility Criteria:

Nationality requirements: Athlete must be Bermudian in compliance with FEI Article 119
Athletes must be members in good standing with the Bermuda Equestrian Federation (“BEF”)

FEI Membership

1. The athlete and horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI prior to being named to the FEI Nominated Entries and until the conclusion of the Event.
2. The horse must have a valid FEI Passport.
3. The athlete and horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Event.
4. The athlete and horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI prior to being named to the FEI Nominated Entries and until the conclusion of the Event.

Age of Athletes

DRESSAGE: - Athletes for Small Tour must be born on or before 31 December 2012 (16 years of age) - Athletes for Big Tour must be born on or before 31 December 2008 (18 years of age)

EVENTING: Athletes must be born on or before 31 December 2012 (16 years of age)

JUMPING: Athletes must be born on or before 31 December 2008 (18 years of age)

Age of Horses

DRESSAGE: - Small Tour Horses must be born on or before 2019 (7 years of age) - Big Tour Horses must be born on or before 2018 (8 years of age)

EVENTING: Horses must be born on or before 2020 (6 years of age)

JUMPING: Horses must be born on or before 2018 (8 years of age)

B - SELECTION CRITERIA

1. **Jumping:** Fences up to 1.50m
 - a. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing in a CSI 1* (or higher-level event) Table A competition set at 1.40m or higher with a score of eight (8) faults or less. (Only FEI Art. 238 or 264 or 273 or 276)
 - b. Horse/Rider combinations must have jumped a clear round in at least one competition in an FEI or National Federation endorsed class held at 1.40m or higher
 - c. Where there are more athlete/horse combinations that have met the minimum selection criteria than there are eligible spaces at the event, selection will be made by calculating the top six cumulative best results at eligible competitions. In the event that there remains an equality of points, the highest ranked under the FEI standings will be selected.
2. **Dressage:** Small Tour
 - a. At least two FEI International Judges from different nationalities must be present to judge the qualifying events.
 - b. Athletes in Small Tour must achieve their COC twice using Prix St. George & Intermediate I tests at the same event. Riders require an average of 62% score (PSG+Inter I) to obtain their COC over two different events. The average of the two events will then provide the final score.
 - c. Where there are more athlete/horse combinations that have met the minimum selection criteria than there are eligible spaces at the event, selection will be made by calculating the top six cumulative best results at eligible competitions. In the event that there remains an equality of points, the highest ranked under the FEI standings will be selected.
3. **Dressage:** Big Tour
 - a. Athletes in Big Tour must achieve 58% panel score in a CDI 2* or higher in a GP
 - b. Where there are more athlete/horse combinations that have met the minimum selection criteria than there are eligible spaces at the event, selection will be made by calculating the top six cumulative best results at eligible competitions. In the event that there remains an equality of points, the highest ranked under the FEI standings will be selected.
4. **Eventing:**
 - a. Certificate of Capability at a CCI 2*
 - b. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER)
 - i. Dressage: Max 45 Penalty Points (55%)
 - ii. Clear round or 11 Penalty Points on Cross Country Obstacles and not to exceed 75 seconds over the time allowed
 - iii. Jumping not more than 16 faults
 - iv. Where there are more athlete/horse combinations that have met the minimum selection criteria than there are eligible spaces at the event, selection will be made by calculating the top six cumulative best results at eligible competitions. In the event that there remains an equality of points, the highest ranked under the FEI standings will be selected.

Entries:

1. By no later than the closing date for the FEI Nominated Entries for the Event, TBD, 2026, athletes who have met the above criteria will be named to the FEI Nominated Entries for the Event.
2. Chefs d'Equipe: Athletes will be represented by a Chef d'Equipe which will be selected by the BEF.
3. Once all FEI Definite Entries have been submitted, the BEF will make the final decision on athlete/horse combinations for a Team of three (3) or four (4) athlete/horse combinations, or as Individual competitors (maximum of two athlete/horse combinations if the BEF is unable to field a complete team)
4. Horse Substitution Request - Horse Substitution requests from an athlete will only be considered if submitted before the FEI Nominated Entries Deadline (TBD, 2026) Horses submitted for consideration must have earned a Certificate of Capability for the appropriate level though not necessarily as a combination with the athlete
5. An athlete/horse combination whose name is submitted on the FEI Nominated Entries and/or the FEI Definite Entries may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the BEF in accordance with these procedures:
 - a. Voluntary withdrawal. Athletes must submit a written letter to the BEF.
 - b. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by BEF.
 - c. Violation of the BEF Code of Conduct.
 - d. Injury or illness of the Horse as determined by a Veterinarian approved by the BEF.
 - e. Detection of a Prohibited Substance in the Horse (see below).
 - f. Failure to adhere to all World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), and or FEI anti-doping protocols, policies or procedures regarding athletes and horses, including participation in required Out-of Competition testing
 - g. Equine Anti-Doping: All Horses are subject to drug testing both in competition and out of competition.
 - h. In-Competition. All Horses entered to compete in any FEI Event are subject to drug testing at any time from when the Event begins until the Event ends or beginning when the Horse arrives for the Event until the Event ends, whichever beginning occurs first. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected and tested for substances prohibited or forbidden under the subject Event rules.