



Cayman Islands Athlete Participation Policy for International Competitions

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1. Definition of International Competitions:

International Competitions encompass all equestrian events, whether organized under the auspices of the Federation Equestre Internationale (the "FEI"), the global governing body of equestrian sport, or otherwise (each an "International Event"), whereby

- (i) the flag or country of residence or citizenship of the participating athletes is displayed in the results; or
- (ii) the Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation (the "CIEF") is asked by an organizing committee (an "OC") from outside the Cayman Islands, another national federation (an "NF") or a regional confederation (eg. the CEA, PAEC, etc.) (an "RC") to select Athletes (as defined below) for participation in such International Event.

2. Requirements for Competing in International Events:

Each athlete (an "Athlete") wishing to compete in an International Event must be an Adult or Junior Member of the CIEF (each a "Competing Member" and together "Competing Members") and in Good Standing.

3. FEI Events:

Athletes wishing to compete in International Events sanctioned by the FEI ("FEI Events") must contact the CIEF Secretary General in writing at least 14 days prior to the entry deadline for such FEI Event in order to be entered in time via the FEI's online entry system. If an Athlete (a "Late Applicant") contacts the CIEF Secretary General in writing less than 14 days prior to the entry deadline, the CIEF Secretary General may, but is not obliged to, arrange for such Late Applicant's details to be entered in time via the FEI's online entry system.

In addition to the Athlete, and the Athlete's horse(s), being registered in the FEI data base, such Athlete must be a Competing Member of the CIEF in Good Standing and must provide evidence to the CIEF of their capability to compete at the level they wish to enter. Capability should be demonstrated with results from either CIEF Events or competitions sanctioned by an NF from North America or Europe at a level equal to or greater than the level of the FEI Event the Competing Member wishes to enter. Capability may be demonstrated in other ways, but acceptance of such evidence is at the sole discretion of the CIEF Executive Committee.

4. Non-FEI Sanctioned International Events:

- I. Where Participating Athletes will be Selected by the CIEF: Athletes wishing to compete in non-FEI sanctioned International Events in which the CIEF has received an invitation from an OC, another NF or RC, and where entry is limited, must:
 - a. Demonstrate their capability by:
 - i. Competing at a CIEF horse show in the designated discipline within the preceding 12 months at a level equal to or greater than the level of the Event in question, or
 - ii. Competing at a horse show recognized by an NF in North America or Europe within the preceding 6 months at a level equal to or greater than the level of the Event in question. Such results, provided by the relevant NF, must be submitted to the CIEF with the expression of interest in participation
 - b. Be a Competing Member in Good Standing.
 - c. Agree that when there are more Athletes wishing to compete than slots available, the CIEF Executive Committee will have the sole discretion to determine the process by which Athletes are selected to participate.
- II. Where Athletes may Enter Directly: Athletes who wish to compete in non-FEI sanctioned International Events in which the number of Athletes entering is not limited by the OC, may enter on their own but still must be Competing Members in Good Standing. If the CIEF becomes aware of any Athlete competing in such Event without being a Competing Member, the CIEF may at its sole discretion, lodge a complaint with the OC, the OC's governing NF and/or the FEI, as the participation by such Athlete without the permission of or a Letter of Good Standing from the CIEF is a violation of FEI GR 101 and the Athlete will be deemed not to be In Good Standing for a period of up to six months.

5. Obtaining a Letter of Good Standing:

Pursuant to FEI GR 101, Athletes competing in recognized national horse shows or Non-FEI sanctioned International Events held in a country of which they are not a citizen or resident will be asked by OC to obtain either a letter of Good Standing or permission from the CIEF in order to enter and compete. A letter of Good Standing or permission may be obtained by contacting the Secretary General of the CIEF by email at CaymanSecretaryGeneral@gmail.com. The fee for a letter of Good Standing or permission is CI\$25 and may be made valid for up to three (3) months.

6. Residency Requirements:

In order to be able to compete internationally a Competing Member must meet the following residency/citizenship requirements:

FEI Events – Adults: See FEI GR 119

FEI Events – Minors: See FEI GR 119. Note particulars for minors in 119.2.1, 119.3 and 119.6

Olympic Games: Subject to Olympic and Paralympic regulations. See Bylaw to Rule 42, Olympic Charter.

Regional Games (CAC & Pan Am) – See FEI GR 123

Island Games: Equestrian is not yet a sport, but there have been discussions regarding the addition of Equestrian Sport to the event. If so, athletes must meet the specific qualification criteria set by the OC of the Island Games in order to be qualified to compete.

Commonwealth Games: Equestrian is not yet a sport, but there have been discussions regarding the addition of Equestrian Sport to the event. If so, athletes must meet the specific qualification criteria set by the OC of the Commonwealth Games in order to be qualified to compete.

All other International Events, including Invitationals, CEA Challenges, International Online Dressage shows and any other Non-FEI sanctioned International Events: In order to be eligible to compete in such Events, Athletes must be Caymanian, a Permanent Resident, a work permit holder, or be a dependent of any such aforementioned persons (each “Ordinarily Resident”). For athletes pursuing educational studies abroad, whose parents are legal residents of the Cayman Islands as either Caymanians, Permanent Residents or Work Permit holders, shall be considered to be Ordinarily Resident on island while at school.

7. DEFINITIONS

“Adult Member”	means individuals who are eighteen (18) years of age or older on first day of the Membership year. Adult Members shall be eligible to compete in, officiate or judge at Events and shall be entitled to stand for election to the Executive Committee and vote at CIEF meetings.
“Junior Member”	means an individual who is under eighteen (18) years of age as of the first day of the Membership Year. Junior Members shall be eligible to compete in, officiate or judge at Events but shall not be entitled to stand for election to the Executive Committee or vote at CIEF meetings.
“Event”	means an equestrian competition.
“Executive Committee”	means the Board of Directors of the CIEF.
“Good Standing”	means any member who has paid in full their annual CIEF membership fees and any outstanding balances that may be owing to the CIEF, and who is not in violation of any of the rules or regulations of the CIEF or the FEI.
“GR”	means the general regulations of the FEI, which can be found on the FEI’s website at inside.fei.org
“Membership Year”	means the year beginning on the first (1st) day of September and expiring on the thirty first (31st) day of August of the following year.