

# Athlete Application & Criteria

Deadline: December 6, 2021

The GRIT program is for equestrians between the ages of 13-30 who have a strong work ethic, determination, and the ability to dig deep to achieve their goals. GRIT is targeted at athletes that are on the podium pathway in show jumping, eventing, and dressage.

- ❶ Athlete are required to be an Ontario resident and, if under the age of 18, registered in school full time (or full time equivalent approved by the athlete's school);
- ❷ Athlete must possess, or be eligible to receive, a valid Canadian passport;
- ❸ Athlete, parents and coach are required to sign the GRIT Code of Conduct, Program Waiver and GRIT Athlete Contract;
- ❹ Athletes riding a leased or sponsored horse are required to have the approval of the owner to participate in the GRIT program, including travel to qualifying competitions and training events as outlined in the program overview;
- ❺ Athlete are required to be between 13 and 30 years of age and have at least three 2021 competition results at the Gold level in one or more of the three Olympic disciplines as follows:

**\*Note – Age determined as of January 1 of the current year**

## **Group 1: 13 – 16 years**

- i. Dressage – Level 1 or 2, FEI Junior or Young Riders - three competitions results 67% or higher
- ii. Show Jumping – 1.20M - 1.30M - three placings in competition
- iii. Eventing – Modified/Training Level, CCI 1\* - three competition results with 0 Cross Country jumping penalties and a finishing score of 45 penalties or less or that achieve MER

## **Group 2: 17 – 20 years**

- i. Dressage – Level 2 or 3, Young Riders or U25 - three competition results 67% or higher
- ii. Show Jumping – 1.30M - 1.40M - three placings in competition
- iii. Eventing – Preliminary Level, CCI 2\* - three competition results that achieve MER

## **Group 3: 21 - 25 years**

- i. Dressage – FEI and U25 Open Division - three competition results 67% or higher
- ii. Show Jumping – 1.35M or higher - three placings in competition
- iii. Eventing – Intermediate Level, CCI 3\* - three competition results that achieve MER

## **Group 4: 25 to 30 years**

- i. Dressage – FEI - three competition results 67% or higher
- ii. Show Jumping – 1.4M or higher - three placings in competition
- iii. Eventing – Advanced Level, CCI 4\* / CCI 5\* - three competition results that achieve MER

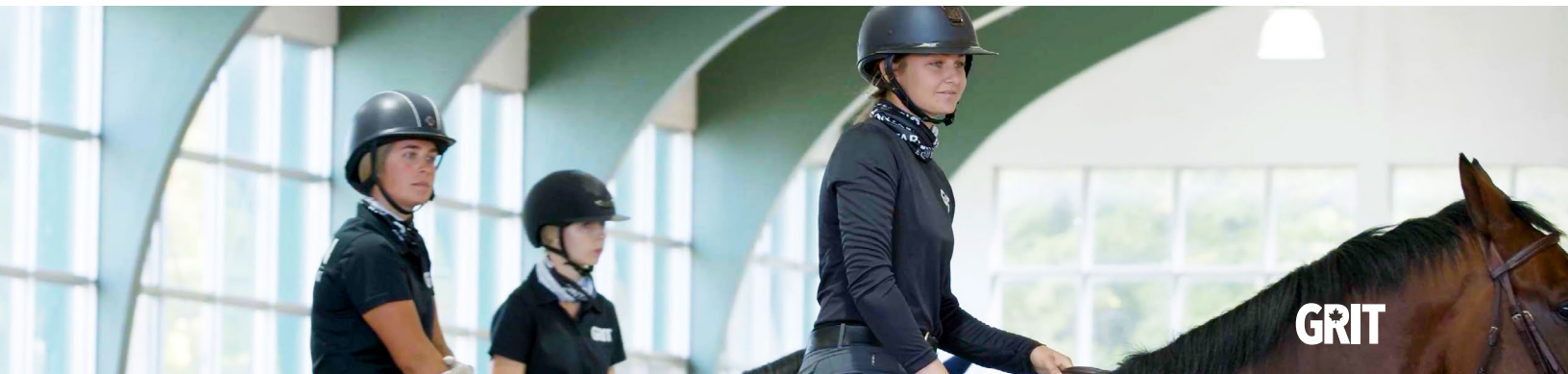
## **Group 5: 13 to 30 years**

- i. Dressage – FEI Young Horse Classes for 5, 6 and 7 year olds - three competition results 67% or higher

### **Definition of an FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) ( FEI Art 517 )**

A Minimum Eligibility requirement (MER) is achieved by completing a competition within minimum parameters of all-round performance as follows:

- **Dressage test:** Not more than 45 penalty points ( 55%)
- **Cross Country Test:** Clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device will maintain MER result on cross country). Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for two, three, and four-star competitions and 100 seconds at five-star competitions.
- **Jumping test:** Not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.



- 26 Athlete must ride with a certified coach or a coach holding a current International Trainers Passport or a coach who is currently a candidate for coach certification;
- 27 Athlete must be willing to participate in program training including:
  - a. Canadian Sport Institute of Toronto (CSIO – Pan Am Centre) Athlete Training sessions;
  - b. Cross Discipline Training Camps – schedule to be announced upon release of the Equestrian Canada 2022 Gold Competition Schedule;
  - c. One-on-one training sessions with the GRIT Head Coach;
  - d. Online education and training sessions;
  - e. Additional training and education sessions will be offered for coaches and parent;

28 Athlete are required to wear GRIT apparel during training and competition events;

29 Athlete are required to submit monthly competition updates to OE, within two weeks of the end of each month including:

- i. The name, location and date of competition
- ii. A description of the competition class
- iii. The number of entries
- iv. The number of finishes
- v. The athletes placing and points on each round/phase/class
- vi. Details of any injuries that may have been sustained by the rider or horse during the competition



- 30 Any athlete and/or horse who is unable to participate fully in the program due to injury must report the circumstances to the GRIT Head Coach to determine how the athletes training program (including unmounted training) can be modified;
- 31 All horses and athletes participating in the program may be subject to randomized drug testing, per Equestrian Canada guidelines. Any failed drug test will result in removal from the program;
- 32 Athlete will be required to pay for some of their expenses associated with GRIT program participation.

**Note: OE will not guarantee but will seek sponsorships to offset team and event costs where possible. For more information, please visit [ontarioequestrian.ca/grit-great-rider-intensive-training/](http://ontarioequestrian.ca/grit-great-rider-intensive-training/)**

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## Athlete Identification

*\*Athletes must be 30 years of age or under and an Ontario resident*

Name:

Birth Date:

OE Number:

EC Number:

Discipline:

Horse Name, Age, Breed:

Horse Owner (if leased or sponsored):

Coach Name:

NCCP No:

Coaches' Consent that the athlete has applied to the GRIT program:

Signature

Parent name (if the athlete is under 18 years of age):

Name (please print)

Parents' Consent for athlete's participation in GRIT:

Signature

## Contact Information

Address:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

## Competition Results

Refer to GRIT Athlete Criteria for age and discipline specific results requirements.

Date	Name of Competition	Location of Competition	Class Description	Number of Entries	Result

Attach proof of competition results including:

- Name and date of competition
- Description of the class entered
- Number of entries
- Athlete's result

## Video Submission

**Dressage** - One full test corresponding with result submitted

**Show Jumping** - Two full rounds corresponding with results submitted

**Eventing** - One full dressage test and one full show jumping round corresponding with results submitted

### Links:

You may provide the link(s) to your video submission directly within this application or include them in your application email.

*\*Please note that applications will not be considered without a legible and complete summary of results, attached proof of results, and video submission(s) by December 6, 2021. Please send completed applications to [h.gregory@ontarioequestrian.ca](mailto:h.gregory@ontarioequestrian.ca).*

## Undertaking

I hereby commit that the information I have submitted in this application is true and complete.

Signature:

Date: