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PRESS RELEASE

FIRST-EVER EVENTING CHALLENGE FOR BARBADIAN EQUESTRIANS

The Barbados Equestrian Association is very excited to be holding its inaugural International Federation of Equestrian Sports (FEI) Eventing World Challenge on July 7th, 2024 at Whitehall Equestrian Centre. Eventing is an Equestrian event which comprises dressage, cross-country and show jumping.

The aim of the FEI World Challenge series is to offer athletes who, under normal circumstances, cannot take part in international competitions due to various factors (travel cost and distances for example), the opportunity to compete internationally without having to leave their own country. These "hybrid" competitions are meant as a bridge between the National and first International level of competition and are meant to help National Federation's develop the various disciplines in their country. Barbadian equestrians participate in Zone 10 of the FEI World Challenges for Jumping, Dressage and for the first time Eventing.

The FEI Eventing World Challenge starts at 8:00am and follows a One Day Event (ODE) format commencing with a dressage test followed by a "Derby" course with jumping and cross country fences with a maximum height of 0.80 metres. Riders' scores across both the dressage and derby elements are tabulated and ranked to determine placings. Similar to the FEI Jumping World Challenge, all scores will then be ranked against riders competing in the Eventing World Challenge around the world.

The event will run under the stewardship of a mix of overseas and local FEI Officials, all led by Ms. Rossana Lagunes Zaldivar of Mexico.