

# The Roberts Family

## ATHLETES

A family devoted to the sport of equestrianism, Ian Roberts, his wife Kelly Plitz and their son Waylon are individually inducted having represented Canada in multiple international equestrian competitions.



In 1982, Ian was named Canadian Intermediate Champion and was first long-listed to the Canadian Team. A Level III coach since 1987, Ian was voted the 1989 Ontario Horse Trials Association's Coach of the Year and was named both Male Rider and Male Coach of the Year by the Ontario Equestrian Federation in 1995. In 1996, Ian won both the Canadian Advanced Championships and the Canadian Intermediate Championships, making Ian the only rider to win both titles in the same year. Ian competed as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens and the 2006 World Championships in Germany. Ian celebrated a bronze medal win at the Central American games in 2013 as a coach for the Costa Rican Eventing team.

In 1982, Kelly Plitz joined the Canadian Equestrian Team and that meant she and her horse, Dialadream, got the chance to compete in the world equestrian championships. Kelly's success continued as an eventing rider at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles where she was top Canadian in eventing.

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Waylon first represented Canada at the age of 14 at the 2002 FEI Children's Final for Show Jumping in Brazil. He then went on to compete at the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships in eventing on five separate occasions. Waylon is a 7-time winner of the Royal Winter Fair Indoor Eventing Challenge in Toronto, in addition to representing Canada at the Pan Am games in 2007 winning a team silver medal, and the 2017 Pan Am games winning a team bronze medal.