



SECTION A: GENERAL REGULATIONS

AMENDMENT SUMMARY

EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2022

NOTE:

The following rules have been added or revised in the 2021 edition of the Equestrian Canada rules. All editions of Section A have been updated to include all of the changes in this document.

CHAPTER 1

SAFETY AND WELFARE/SPORT SAFETY

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ARTICLE A102 SAFE SPORT ENVIRONMENTS

- Effective 2022, EC Sport License holders at least 18 years of age must complete recognized safe sport training modules addressing the recognition and prevention of maltreatment in sport and concussion.
- Effective 2022, Coach Status is required to engage in coaching activities at EC sanctioned events.

ARTICLE A517 CRUELTY, ABUSE OR INHUMANE TREATMENT OF HORSES

[...]

- The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which, a person informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and competition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive or inhumane. Any treatment or practice that causes undue stress, and/or pain, is deemed abusive. Sensory hairs of the head may remain unclipped or unshaven, but removal will not be penalized.
- Cruelty can be defined as causing pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse. As examples, an act of cruelty can be but is not limited to any of the following:

[...]

- competing with a horse with raw or bleeding sores, or evidence of other blood on the horse (with the exception of insect bites or other environmental causes);

ARTICLE A602 PRIZE LISTS – MANDATORY INFORMATION

[...]

- The following statement must be included in the prize list of any EC-sanctioned competition: “When registering for EC sanctioned competitions, athletes must indicate the name of their coach on the entry form or specify that they are self-coached. Coaches from other countries, must be in good-standing with their home federation and must declare/have proof of insurance. See Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article 102, Safe Sport Environments.”

ARTICLE A802 ENTRY FORMS

[...]

- Space must be provided on the entry form for:
 - Passport and/or horse ~~licence~~ licences-recording number of each horse in all divisions requiring passports where required;
 - EC sport licence numbers for owner or lessee and rider or driver. Photocopy of current EC or other national federation licence or card to be attached;
 - date of birth for juniors, youths or young riders/drivers as required and, when a competition offers other classes divided by age, the date of birth of all riders or drivers entering these classes;
 - CET membership numbers for riders/~~drivers~~ competing in CET medal classes. Photocopy of current CET membership card to be attached;
 - Amateur status, if required. Photocopy of current EC Sport Licence listing amateur status to be attached;
 - discipline or breed affiliation and association membership number, if applicable. Photocopy of affiliated association membership card to be attached;
 - horse’s name, age, gender, breed, colour, height (for horses over eight years);
 - registration number(s) of horse, if required. Photocopy of registration to be attached;
 - name, signature and EC number/USEF number/PTSO number (if applicable) of person(s) responsible; ~~and~~
 - signature of parent or guardian in the case of junior competitors.
 - Name and EC number/USEF number (if applicable) of the athlete’s coach.

ARTICLE A907 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

[...]

Exception: Competitors with a documented physical ~~disabilities~~ disability/hearing impairment, or who ~~must~~ have an EC Para-Dressage Dispensation Certificate or the EC Classification Master List that authorizes the use of a communication device. (See also Article A214).



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ARTICLE A1005 EMERGENCY VETERINARY TREATMENT

1. [...]

- a) By exception to the time listed in Article A1005.1, and EC General Regulations, Section A, Chapter 10 Article 1005.3 (b), a horse that has been treated with ~~40mg a single dose~~ of dexamethasone, up to a maximum of 10mg, by a licenced veterinarian for an acute allergic reaction such as hives/urticaria must be withdrawn from competition for a minimum of 12 hours following administration. An emergency medication report form must be completed and given to the steward. Permitted ONCE per competition. Subsequent administration of dexamethasone requires 24 hour withdrawal.

ARTICLE A1307 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF JUDGES

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9. The judge shall examine and check for unsoundness or evidence of blood on all horses brought into any class. This is essential regardless of whether or not the competition indicates it is necessary. In the absence of a the competition- veterinarian, the judge's decision regarding the soundness or sign of abuse (A517(j)) of a horse is final. See Glossary for definition of "Unsoundness". See also discipline/breed sport rules.

CHAPTER 15

EC AWARDS & NATIONAL RANKINGS

ARTICLE A1501 GENERAL

EC offers awards to horses and riders or drivers who accumulate the highest number of points in their division or classes in a calendar year under the regulations set forth below. EC also calculates points won in select recognized divisions and provides a National Rankings list on the EC website. The purpose of these awards and rankings is to encourage participation at EC-sanctioned competitions.

ARTICLE A1504 VARIATIONS

2. [...]

Exception: National rankings will attribute points won by riders at any EC sanctioned competition to their home province.

ARTICLE A1505 CALCULATION OF POINTS

[...]

2. ~~The Awards Committee Equestrian Canada~~ shall not be liable for failure of a competition to file properly completed competition results ~~forms~~, nor for errors and omissions in the making thereof, nor responsible beyond the point of accuracy in calculating scores as furnished by the proper authorities of each competition.
3. Points used to determine EC provincial awards will be based on the total prize money actually awarded in divisions rated for EC points (i.e. each breed or discipline such as General Performance, Jumper, Arabian, etc.) offered at a EC sanctioned competition. The total prize money actually awarded at each competition will determine the multiplying factor for that competition or for each division at that competition. The total prize money actually awarded at each competition for all classes (per discipline) will determine the multiplying factor for that competition for National Rankings.
4. Points for the EC awards will be calculated according to the discipline/breed sport rules or following system, subject to exceptions noted in Article A1506:
Points for placing in the class (see Article A1505.6) multiplied by the number of horses competing in the class (see Article A1505.~~8~~7) multiplied by the factor for total prize money actually awarded in EC point classes in each division (see Article A1505.~~7~~3) offered in the competition.