



## 2023 REGULATIONS AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES AND HORSES COMPETING CCI- L, CCI- S AND CCI EVENTING COMPETITIONS

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*These qualification criteria are established in order to comply with FEI Regulations and therefore may be modified throughout the year.*

FEI CATEGORIZATION 2018	FEI CATEGORIZATION 2023
Olympics & WEG Special category	Olympics & WEG Special category
CCI 4*	CCI 5*- L
CCI 3*	CCI 4* - L
CIC 3*	CCI 4*- S
CCI 2*	CCI 3*- L
CIC 2*	CCI 3*-S
CCI 1*	CCI 2*- L
CIC 1*	CCI 2*- S
Introductory Level	CCI 1* (Unified)

### **1. REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS FOR ENTRY AUTHORIZATION**

***All Canadian athletes and horses must be authorized by Equestrian Canada to compete in FEI competitions.***

Authorization of entries utilizes the Equestrian Canada – Eventing FEI Authorization Portal <https://licence.equestrian.ca/ccicic/login.aspx>

Entries for eligible Athlete/Horse combinations that have followed the process described below, will be authorized/validated by Equestrian Canada according to FEI regulations and process. Confirmation of the entry authorization is indicated in the Authorization Portal when the entry is validated in the FEI entry system.

The eligibility requirements and process applies to all FEI sanctioned eventing competitions. (CCI, CCI-L-CCI-S)



## 2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

### 2.1 Athlete and Horse Owner EC Sport License

- In order for the athlete to access the EC Authorization Portal to submit the entry, a 2023 EC Platinum Sport License is required - link: [www.equestrian.ca](http://www.equestrian.ca) "MY-EC ".
- In order for the entry to be authorized/validated, the horse owner must have a 2023 EC Platinum Sport License.

### 2.2 FEI - HORSE AND ATHLETE 2023 REGISTRATION

Athlete and Horse-- must be registered for 2023.

- For Athletes not previously registered with the FEI the link is: <https://licence.equestrian.ca/feireg/login.aspx>
- For Athletes registered FEI in 2022: update 2023 registration through their personal MY EC Sport license account. <https://licence.equestrian.ca/myec/login?lang=en> / <https://licence.equestrian.ca/myec/login?lang=fr>
- The Horse must be registered with EC and FEI by the Owner through their personal MY EC Sport license account. <https://licence.equestrian.ca/myec/login?lang=en> / <https://licence.equestrian.ca/myec/login?lang=fr>
- To verify a FEI registration (person and/or horse) - <https://data.fei.org/Default.aspx>

## 3. ENTRY PROCESS - ATHLETES AND HORSES - ALL FEI COMPETITIONS

<p><b>SUBMIT ENTRY</b> <i>And</i> <b>MER RESULTS</b></p>	<p>Athlete submits the entry and performance result information (Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) using the Equestrian Canada - Eventing FEI Authorization Online Portal.</p> <p>The Portal link is: <a href="https://licence.equestrian.ca/ccic/login.aspx">https://licence.equestrian.ca/ccic/login.aspx</a></p> <p>To submit the entry information – the Athlete and the Horse owner must have 2023 EC Platinum sport license and the Athlete and Horse must be registered with FEI for 2023. Horse must also be registered with EC for 2023.</p> <p>Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) results must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and date and the division of each MER competition</li> <li>• Complete performance result information (dressage cross country- jump &amp; time, show jumping- jump)</li> </ul> <p><b>DEADLINE: Entry with *performance result information must be submitted in the Portal prior to the closing date of the competition.</b></p> <p>* see Section 7.2 and 7.3 for performance results required</p>
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**Note 1** Entry information submitted online through the Equestrian Canada – Eventing Authorization Portal does not enter the athlete in the competition. Athletes are responsible for sending entries and fees to the applicable Organizing Committee.

**Note 2.** Entries submitted in the Portal the week of competition may not be validated,

4. **PASSPORT REQUIREMENT FOR FEI COMPETITIONS** - When required by FEI regulations, to be authorized, horses must be in possession of a current and validated FEI passport. As a general guideline, FEI passports are required for all horses competing in CCI-L /CCI-S 4\*s or above and for horses competing in CCI-L /CCI-S 3\*s/ CCI-L /CCI-S 2\*s and CCI 1\*s in a foreign country.

***Requirements effective as of January 1, 2017:***

*Canadian owned horses competing in FEI 1\* and /2\* / 3\* divisions in Canada not in possession of a FEI Passport:*

*Horses in possession of an EC National Passport plus a FEI Identification number issued prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 – May compete with current EC National Passport plus EC annual Horse Activation and FEI annual Horse Registration*

*Horses with no passport or in possession of an EC National Passport but not issued a FEI Identification number prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 – Must obtain New FEI Recognized EC National Passport or FEI Passport plus EC annual Horse Activation and FEI annual Horse Registration.*

**Horse Micro Chipping** All Horses competing in FEI competitions are required to be micro chipped compatible with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785.

The micro- chip number must be listed in the FEI passport- and must be registered with the FEI through Equestrian Canada.

Resource Link: <https://www.equestrian.ca/programs-services/horseid/fei>

Resource Link : <https://www.equestrian.ca/programs-services/horseid/national>

5. **WITHDRAWALS** In the case of withdrawals of authorized entries after the date of definite entries or no-shows, the athlete will be held liable to reimburse the OC for the actual financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling expenses) as a result of the late withdrawal or no-show. In addition, any additional costs incurred by the OC for late entries are the responsibility of the athlete.

6. **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION – ATHLETES AND HORSES**

Athletes should consult the FEI Rules for Eventing effective Jan 1, 2023- and any subsequent modifications- see FEI web site [www.insidefei.org](http://www.insidefei.org).

6.1. **Principles:**

In order to compete at an international (FEI) event, athlete and horse must have fulfilled the technical criteria set by the FEI and Equestrian Canada.



The eligibility to compete will be determined by a combination of the following:

- The Athlete's category as determined by the FEI (Uncategorized, FEI D.C,B.A) - Section 6.4
- The category and star level of the competition
- The achievement of a number of Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to the eligibility matrix of requirements – Section 7.

A specific level/type of qualification is reached by achieving a set number of MERs at applicable competitions. An Organizing Committee may, with the approval of their own NF and the FEI, impose additional qualifications that must be published in the schedule for the event.

Authorization by Equestrian Canada is dependent on the Athlete and Horse achieving FEI and Canadian Eligibility Requirements. FEI and Canadian Minimum Eligibility Requirements may be achieved at the same competition if appropriate.

## 6.2 Definition of a FEI / Canadian 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 (see Paragraph 7 for exemptions). Activating a maximum of one frangible/deformable device or having a maximum of one missing flag will maintain MER result on cross country.
  - Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the cross country phase for one, two, three and four star competitions (30 penalty points) and 100 seconds at five star competitions (40 penalty points).
- **Jumping test:**
  - Not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

Note: All MERS prior to 2017 will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

## 6.3 Minimum Eligibility Requirement Validity Period (FEI Art 518)

**The valid period for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement is anytime until:**

- At least 24 days before the Cross Country test of the competition (CCI- L or CCI-S) for which is needed if the MER has been achieved at a CCI-L.
- At least 10 days before the Cross Country test of the competition for which it is needed if the MER is obtained at a CCI-S.

## 6.4. FEI ATHLETE CATEGORIES (Art 519)

FEI Athlete categories for Eventing define a recognition of proven competence of the athlete at a certain level. Such categories will determine the different requirements of participation according to the Matrix of FEI and Canadian Eligibility Requirements (Section 7).

Athletes are categorized by the FEI (Uncategorized, International D, C, B, A) according to the performance criteria achieved. The Athlete category will be updated according to the performances at the end of each month taking into account the rolling four and a half years (4.5) in order to take into consideration, the cancellation of events due to the 2020 Covid pandemic. The Athlete category at the closing date of definite entries prevails.



FEI Athlete Category	Performance Criteria
D	Ten (10) MER at FEI short (CCI-S) or long (CCI-L) format competitions of two star level or above; or three (3) MERs at FEI short (CCI-S) or long (CCI-L) format competitions at higher level.
C	Ten (10) MER at FEI short (CCI-S) or long (CCI-L) format competitions of three star level or above; or three (3) MERs at FEI short (CCI-S) or long (CCI-L) format competitions at higher level.
B	Ten (10) MER at FEI short (CCI-S) or long (CCI-L) format competitions of four star level or above; or three (3) MERs at FEI long format (CCI-Ls) competitions at five star level.
A	Ten (10) MER at FEI short (CCI-S) or long (CCI-L) format competitions of four star level or above of which three (3) at five star level

Athletes that have not achieved the above criteria are categorized as Uncategorized.

**NEW FEI Art. 518.3 CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L additional requirements**

Horses having not competed at FEI Competition for a period of 13 consecutive months or more must complete an Event at a lower level before entering a CCI4\*-S/L or CCI5\*-L Event as follows:

- CCI4\*-S: must complete a CCI3\*-S/L
- CCI4\*-L: must complete a CCI4\*-S
- CCI5\*-L: must complete a CCI4\*-S/L

**7. FEI / CANADIAN MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CCI COMPETITIONS (Art520)**

7.1 The following describes the requirements needed to be authorized in the different formats, categories and levels of FEI competitions.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> activation of a frangible /deformable device (11 penalties) or having a maximum of one (1) missing flag (15 penalties) will still allow a MER.
- When multiple MERs are required to achieve the FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirement, one of the MERs can be achieved incurring 20 penalty points at obstacles of the cross country test. Canadian MERs must include 0 jumping penalties cross country unless otherwise stated.
- For Championships and Games **all** MERs must include zero jumping penalties cross country (exception 1<sup>st</sup> activation of a frangible /deformable device or missing a maximum of one flag) will still allow a MER.
- Where a MER at a CCI-S is required, a MER at a CCI-L of the same level is equally acceptable. (Providing the MER result complies with FEI validity period for the competition)

Athletes already categorized at the corresponding level or above may either use the full FEI requirements for uncategorized Athletes as a combination or the Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to the Athlete's categorization.



## 7.2 MATRIX FOR ATHLETES and HORSES CCI – L (LONG FORMAT) COMPETITIONS

Unless indicated – MERS must be achieved as a combination.

Level of competition	FEI MER		Canadian MER
	As a combination unless indicated		As a combination unless indicated
CCI 1*	All Athletes	Athletes must be certified as competent by their NF.	<b>FEI Uncategorized:</b> <b>As a combination,</b> Minimum of three MER Results at Training or 1.05M division horse trials including one MER result within three months of the competition. One MER may include a maximum of 20 jumping penalties cross country.
			<b>FEI D Athletes:</b> <b>As a combination:</b> Minimum of two MER Results at Training or 1.05M division horse trials including one MER result within three months of the competition.
			<b>FEI A-B-C Athletes:</b> <b>Recommended - Not necessarily as a combination:</b> <b>Minimum of two MER results</b> at Training or 1.05M division horse trials including one MER within three months of the competition (no jumping penalties cross country)
CCI 2*- L	All Athletes	NF requirements only.	<b>FEI Uncategorized:</b> <b>As a combination: Minimum of three MER results</b> at CCI 2*-S/CNC (Preliminary) horse trials including one MER within three months of the competition.
			<b>FEI D Athletes:</b> <b>As a combination: Minimum of two MER results</b> (no jumping penalties cross country) at CNC/CCI- 2* S (Preliminary) horse trials including one within three months of the competition (no jumping penalties cross country)
			<b>FEI A-B-C Athletes:</b> <b>Recommended - Not necessarily as a combination:</b> <b>Minimum of two MER results</b> at CNC/CCI 2*-S (Preliminary) horse trials including one MER within three months of the competition (no jumping penalties cross country)
CCI 3*-L	Uncategorized Athletes	One CCI 2* – L <b>Or</b> One CCI 3*-S <b>Plus</b> Two CCI 3*-S	<b>As a combination-</b> Minimum of 1 MER result at CCI 3*-S/CNC (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition.



	FEI - D Athletes	One CCI 2*- L <b>Or</b> One CCI 3*-S	<b>As a combination-</b> Minimum of 1 MER result CCI 3*-S/CNC (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition.
	FEI A-B-C Athletes	One CCI 2*-L <b>or</b> One CCI 3*-S	<b>FEI C Athletes</b> <b>As a combination: Minimum of 1 MER Result</b> at CNC/CCI 3*-S (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition.
		(horse only)	<b>FEI A - B Athletes</b> <b>Recommended - Not necessarily as a combination: Minimum of 1 MER Result</b> at CNC/CCI 3*-S (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition
<b>CCI 4*- L</b>	Uncategorized or FEI – C or D Athletes	Two CCI 3*- L <b>Plus</b> One CCI 4*- S <b>OR</b> One CCI3*-L <b>Plus</b> Two CCI 4*-S	<b>As a combination-</b> Minimum of 1 MER at CCI 4*-S/CNC (Advanced) Horse Trial result within three months of the competition.
	FEI - A-B Athletes	One CCI 3*-L  (horse only)	<b>Not necessarily as a combination:</b> <b>Recommended - Minimum of 1 MER Result</b> CNC/CCI 4*-S (advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition
<b>CCI 5*- L</b>	Uncategorized or FEI – C-or D Athletes	Two CCI 4*- L <b>Plus</b> Three CCI 4*-S	<b>As a combination-</b> Minimum of 1 MER CCI 4*-S/CNC (advanced) horse trial result within three months of the competition.
	B Athletes	One CCI 4*- L <b>Plus</b> Three CCI 4*-S	<b>As a combination-</b> Minimum of 1 MER CCI 4*-S (advanced) horse trial result within three months of the competition.
<b>CCI 5*-L</b>	FEI – A Athletes with Horses having not obtained yet a MER at a CCI5*-L competition	One CCI 4*-L (as a combination)	<b>As a combination:</b> Minimum of 1 MER Result at CNC/CCI 4*-S (advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.
	FEI - A Athletes with Horses having already obtained a MER at a CCI5*-L competition	Two CCI4*-S (as a combination) <b>Or</b> One CCI 4*-L (as a combination)	<b>As a combination:</b> Minimum of 1 MER Result at CNC/CCI 4*-S (advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.



### 7.3 MATRIX FOR ATHLETES / HORSES CCI – S (SHORT FORMAT) COMPETITIONS

Level of Competition	FEI MER <i>As a combination</i>		Canadian MER <i>All Athletes and horses</i>
CCI 2*-S	All Athletes	Horses and Athletes must be certified as competent by their NF.	<b>FEI Uncategorized Athletes:</b> <b>Athlete: Minimum of 2 MER Results</b> at Preliminary horse trials with no jumping penalties cross country <b>Horse: Minimum of 1 MER Result</b> at Preliminary horse trials with no jumping penalties cross country
			<b>FEI A- B- C- D Athletes:</b> <b>Horse: Minimum of 1 MER Result</b> at Preliminary Horse Trials
CCI 3*-S	Uncategorized Athletes	One CCI 2*- L <b>or</b> CCI 2*-S	<b>Minimum of 2 MERs Results</b> (not necessarily as a combination): at CNC 3* (Intermediate) horse trials.
	FEI D Athletes	NF requirements	<b>Minimum of 1 MER Result</b> (not necessarily as a combination): at CNC 3* (Intermediate) horse trials.
	FEI A-B-C Athletes	NF requirements	<b>Horse: Minimum of 1 MER Result</b> at CNC/ CCI – 2* L or S
CCI 4*-S	FEI Uncategorized, D or C Athletes	Three CCI 3*- L or CCI 3*-S	<b>FEI Uncategorized or FEI D Athletes: Minimum of 1 MER Result</b> (not necessarily as a combination): at CNC 4* (Advanced) horse trials
			<b>FEI C Athletes:</b> MER requirements
	FEI - A-B Athletes	One CCI 3*- S (horse only)	FEI MER requirements (horse)

## 8. EXEMPTION FROM THE CANADIAN MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

For FEI Categorized A, B, C or D athletes - There may be certain and limited exemptions from Canadian Minimum Eligibility Requirement provided there is demonstrated achievement of the FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirements.

Applications for exemption to the Canadian Minimum Eligibility Requirement must be submitted to the Manager Eventing, Equestrian Canada.

The application must be submitted electronically in writing and must be received not less than ten days prior to the first day of the applicable competition. Applications may not be considered if received after the deadline.

The application must include: 1. the rationale for the request; 2. a detailed horse and the athlete's performance summary reflecting results from National and International events during the current and previous two calendar years and including the results that verifies that athlete and horse have met the FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirements; 3. a letter of support from the athlete's personal coach.

Equestrian Canada – Eventing will review and will make the final decision in these cases.





## 9. REVERSE QUALIFICATION (FEI Art 522)/ RETURN TO PLAY

**Horse:** A reverse qualification is the obligation for a Horse to show restored competence at a lower level (MER) after a number of unsuccessful attempts at a certain level.

A reverse qualification of the horse is triggered by

- two consecutive cross country eliminations
- or
- a total of three cross country eliminations within a 12-month rolling period of time in international competitions

**Athlete:** In addition to the above, should an athlete be fully involved with two consecutive reverse qualifications at FEI competitions within a 12-month period rolling period of time, the athlete's category will drop down one level for one year as of the date of the second reverse qualification.

Reverse qualification remains unless cleared by a MER

For detailed FEI rules pertaining to Reverse Qualification including the requirements for re-establishing qualification and for consequences should an athlete be involved in two reverse qualifications within a 12 month rolling period of time – consult FEI Rules for Eventing Art 522.

## 10. PENALTIES FOR NON-SUBMISSION, LATE SUBMISSION OR SUBMITTING INCOMPLETE INFORMATION TO EQUESTRIAN CANADA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTAINING AUTHORIZATION TO COMPETE.

- \$100 fee per occurrence will be charged to the athlete.
- Five or more occurrences within a 12-month period: Disciplinary action of up to six months suspension at a time frame determined by Equestrian Canada – Eventing High Performance Advisory Group.

## 11. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES– CHS

Selection Criteria is developed by the Equestrian Canada for Senior Championships on a competition specific basis. Such competitions may include: World Championships - Eventing, Pan American Games – Eventing, Olympic Games- Eventing

## 12. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Minimum Eligibility Requirements is developed by the Equestrian Canada for Youth Championships on a competition and level specific basis. Such competitions may include North American Championships Youth Championships -Eventing. Information will be posted on the Equestrian Canada web site.



## APPENDIX 2

### Acronyms / Definitions

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- FEI - Fédération Equestre internationale – the IF for equestrian sport  
Web site: [www.insidefei.org](http://www.insidefei.org)
- CCI - L Concours complet international long - the FEI sanctioned international long format eventing competition (formerly known as CCI)
- CCI - S Concours Complet International short -- the FEI sanctioned international short format eventing competition (formerly known as a CIC)
- CCIO - L denotes a Long format unofficial team competition
- CCIO - S denotes a Short format team competition - Nations Cup
- Star levels – Effective January 1, 2019 all IF sanctioned eventing competitions are defined by five star levels – from 1\* (international introduction level) to 5\* (FEI classics, Olympic Games, World Championships level). Both 5\* and 4\* competitions are qualification opportunities for Olympics and World Championships.
- Factors which contribute to the designation of a star level include but not limited to: maximum height and spread of the obstacles, distance of the cross country course, time allowed to complete the cross country course without penalty, types and placement of obstacles, technical questions in cross country and jumping tests (combinations of obstacles vs single obstacles), and technical movements required in the dressage test
- Star levels are subject to modification by the international federation