



**REGULATIONS AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES AND HORSES
COMPETING IN CCI'S AND CIC'S IN 2016**

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

These qualification criteria are established in order to comply with FEI Regulations. Should FEI Rules change during the year these criteria may be modified. Check www.equinecanada.ca - Eventing

ALL CANADIAN ATHLETES AND HORSES MUST BE AUTHORISED BY EQUINE CANADA TO COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

1. REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS FOR ENTRY AUTHORIZATION

NEW Effective **January 1st, 2016**, all Declarations, Entries and CCI Qualification Certificate will be completed online using the new **Equine Canada – Eventing CCI/CIC Authorization Portal**. A link to the login page can be found at www.equestriancanada.ca/eventing A help/resource guide will be available online. Should an athlete be unable to access the online portal for any reason, please contact Email: ftipton@equestriancanada.ca

1.1 AUTHORIZATION PROCESS - CCIs/ CCIOs: *is a two step process:*

STEP 1 : DECLARE	Athletes must declare in advance their intention to enter a FEI sanctioned CCI/CCIO and NAJYCs in 2016 through the Equine Canada - Eventing CCI/CIC Authorization Online Portal . The Equine Canada – Eventing CCI/CIC Authorization Portal is online at www.equestriancanada.ca/eventing The login for the portal is the athlete's Sport Licence number and password.
DECLARATION DEADLINES	January 31, 2016 - For CCI's taking place between <u>January 1 and August 31, 2016</u> June 1, 2016 – For CCI's taking place between <u>September 1 and December 31, 2016</u>
STEP 2: SUBMIT ENTRY	Athlete submits their entry information through the Equine Canada – Eventing CCI/CIC Entry /Authorisation Online Portal. MER- CCI Qualification Certificate information is also submitted online using the same portal. (see MER information)
ENTRY DEADLINE	Preferably on the opening date <u>but not later than closing date of the competition</u>



VERIFY ELIGIBILITY	<p>The Minimum Eligibility requirement results (MER) information - CCI Qualification Certificate will be completed online through the EC – Eventing CCI/CIC Entry/ Authorization Portal</p> <p>Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) results must include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and date and the division of each MER competition • Complete performance result information (dressage cross country- jump & time, show jumping- jump)
<p>Note: Only in extraordinary cases, will declarations, FEI registrations and entry information be accepted by Equine Canada via a method other than the online system. Contact Eventing Department, Equine Canada Email: ftipton@equestriancanada.ca</p>	
<p>Note: Entry information submitted online through the Equine Canada – Eventing CCI/CIC Authorization Portal <u>does not enter the athlete in the competition.</u> Competitors are responsible for sending originals entries and fees to the applicable Organising Committee</p>	

1.2 AUTHORIZATION PROCESS - CIC'S is a one step process:

SUBMIT ENTRY	<p>Athlete must submit their entry information through the Equine Canada – Eventing CCI/CIC Authorization Online Portal.</p> <p>The Equine Canada – Eventing CCI/CIC Authorization Portal is online at www.equestriancanada.ca/eventing</p> <p>The login for the portal is the athlete's Sport Licence number and password.</p>
DEADLINE	<p>Preferably on the opening date <u>but not later than closing date of the competition</u></p>
VERIFY ELIGIBILITY	<p>The Minimum Eligibility requirement results (MER) information - will be entered online through the EC – Eventing CCI/CIC Entry/ Authorization Portal</p> <p>Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) results must include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and date and the division of each MER competition • Complete performance result information (dressage cross country- jump & time, show jumping- jump)
<p>Note: Only in extraordinary cases, will declarations, FEI registrations and entry information be accepted by Equine Canada via a method other than the online system. Contact Eventing Department, Equine Canada Email: ftipton@equestriancanada.ca</p>	



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1.3. FEI PASSPORT REQUIREMENT

When required by FEI regulations, in order 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 CICs/ CCI 3*s or above and for horses competing in CIC/CCI 2*s/CIC/CCI 1*s in a foreign country

1.4. FEI HORSE AND ATHLETE REGISTRATION

All athletes and horses authorised to compete in FEI competitions - CCIs and CICs must have be registered with the FEI through Equine Canada (For information and process see: “FEI Horse and Athlete Registration” – Canadian Athletes and Horses)

Micro Chipping Requirement

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 Equine Canada using the FEI Horse Registration Form.

This requirement does not apply to horses registered with the FEI prior to 2013.

1.5 EQUINE CANADA AUTHORIZATION:

Athletes who have followed the process described above and who achieved the eligibility requirements will be authorized by Equine Canada according to FEI regulations and process. Athletes do not receive an individual letter of authorization however confirmation of the entry authorisation can be found in the CCI/CIC Authorization Portal.



2. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION - COMPETITORS AND HORSES

Important: Athletes should read the FEI Rules for Eventing effective Jan 1, 2016- Chapter 5 and any subsequent modifications- see FEI web site www.fei.org.

2.1.. Principles:

In order to compete at an international (FEI) event, athlete and horse must have fulfilled the technical criteria set by the FEI and Equine Canada –Canadian Eventing High Performance Committee.

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

- The level of the athlete category as determined by the FEI formula (uncategorized, International D.C,B.A) - Section 2.4
- The achievement of a number of Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to the eligibility matrix of requirements – Section 3.

A specific level/type of qualification is reached by achieving a set number of MERs at applicable competitions. An Organising 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 Equine 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.

2.2 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 less than 50% of good marks. (Equals 75 penalty points in FEI and Equine Canada eventing competitions, 50 penalty points in USEF eventing competitions)

- **Cross Country Test:**

Clear round at obstacles (see Paragraph 7 for exemptions)

Not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the cross time for one two and three star competitions and 120 seconds at 4* level competitions



- **Jumping test:**
Not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

2.3 Minimum Eligibility Requirement Validity period (FEI Art 518)

CIs and CIOs - 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 or CIC) for which is needed if the MER has been achieved at a CCI
- At least 10 days before the Cross Country test of the competition for which is needed if the MER is obtained at a CIC.

Championships- The valid period for obtaining a MER is from the preceding calendar year to the closing date of the nominated entries

2.4. 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 (Uncategorised, International D, C, B, A) according to their performance in a rolling eight year period as defined in the following table.

Athlete Category	Performance criteria
D	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI CICs or CCIs of one (1) star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI CICs or CCIs competitions at higher level.
C	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI CICs or CCIs of two (2) star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI CICs or CCIs competitions at higher level.
B	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI CICs or CCIs of three (3) star level or above; of five (5) MERs at FEI CCIs competitions at four star level.
A	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI CICs or CCIs of three (3) star level or above at which five are at four star level

Athletes that have not achieved the above criteria are categorised as Uncategorized

The FEI Athlete category list will be updated by the FEI according to the performances on July 1st and at the end of the calendar year.



3. FEI AND CANADIAN MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CCIS AND CICS (Art 520)

The following table describes the requirements needed to be authorised in the different formats, categories and levels of FEI competitions

- The 1st activation of a frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) will allow a MER
- When multiple MERs are required for CIs and CIOs, 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 (CHs including the NAJYCs) **all** MERs must include zero jumping penalties cross country
- Where a MER at a CIC is required, a MER at a CCI of the same level is equally acceptable. (providing the MER result complies with FEI validity period for the competition)

3.1 MATRIX for Athletes not yet categorised at the level of Competition

Unless indicated – MERS must be achieved as a combination.

CCI COMPETITIONS

Level of competition	FEI MER <i>As a combination</i>		Canadian MER <i>All Athletes</i>
CCI 1*	Athletes and horses must be certified as competent by their NF.		As a combination, Minimum of three MER Results at CIC/CNC 1*s (Preliminary) horse trials including one MER within three months of the competition. One of the three MERs may include a maximum of 20 jumping penalties cross country
CCI 2*	Uncategorised Athletes	One CCI 1* Or One CIC 2* Plus One CIC 2*	As a combination- Minimum of 1 MER result at CNC/CIC 2* (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition.
	FEI- D Athletes	One CCI 1* Or One CIC 2*	As a combination- Minimum of 1 MER result CNC/CIC 2* (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition.



CCI 3*	Uncategorised or FEI – C or D Athletes	One CCI 2* Plus One CIC 3*	As a combination- Minimum of 1 MER result at CNC/CIC 3* (Advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.
CCI 4* (if held prior to June 29, 2016)	Uncategorised or FEI – B or C-or D Athletes	One CCI 3* plus Two CIC 3*s	As a combination- Minimum of 1 MER result CNC/CIC 3* (Advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.
CCI 4* (held after to June 29, 2016)	Uncategorised or FEI –C-or D Athletes	Two CCI 3* plus Two CIC 3*s	As a combination- Minimum of 1 MER result CNC/CIC 3* (Advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.
CCI 4* (held after to June 29, 2016)	B Athletes	One CCI 3* plus 3 CIC 3*s	As a combination- Minimum of 1 MER result CNC/CIC 3* (Advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.

CIC COMPETITIONS

Level of Competition	FEI MER <i>As a combination</i>		Canadian MER <i>All Athletes</i>
CIC 1*	Horses and Athletes must be certified as competent by their NF.		Competitor: Minimum of 2 MER Results at CNC 1*s (Preliminary) horse trials with no jumping penalties cross country Horse: Minimum of 1 MER Result at CNC/CIC 1* (Preliminary) horse trial with no jumping penalties cross country
CIC 2*	Uncategorised Athletes	One CCI 1* or CIC 1*	Minimum of 2 MERs Results (not necessarily as a combination): at CNC 2*s (Intermediate) horse trials.
	FEI D Athletes	NF requirements	Minimum of 1 MER Result (not necessarily as a combination): at CNC 2*s (Intermediate) horse trials.
CIC 3*	Uncategorised or FEI -C-or D Athletes	Two CCI 2*s or CIC 2*s	Minimum of 1 MER Result (not necessarily as a combination): at CNC 3*s (Advanced) horse trials

Note: The updated FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirements will be enforced as of June 29, 2016



3.2 MATRIX for Athletes already categorised at the level of competition

Athletes already categorised at the corresponding level or above may either use the full FEI requirements for uncategorised athletes as a combination or the MER requirements according to the following table:

CCI COMPETITIONS

Level of competition	FEI MER		Canadian MER <i>All athletes unless specified</i>
CCI 1*	Athletes must be certified as competent by their NF.		FEI D Athletes : As a combination: Minimum of two MER results (no jumping penalties cross country) at CIC/CNC 1*s (Preliminary) horse trials including one within three months of the competition (no jumping penalties cross country) FEI A-B-C Athletes: Not necessarily as a combination: Minimum of two MER results at CIC/CNC 1*s (Preliminary) horse trials including one MER within three months of the competition (no jumping penalties cross country)
CCI 2* (if held prior to June 29, 2016)	FEI A-B-C Athletes	One CCI 1* or One CIC 2*	FEI C Athletes (as a combination) - Minimum of 1 MER Result at CNC/CIC 2* (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition. FEI A and B Athletes (not necessarily as a combination) Minimum of 1 MER Result at CNC/CIC 2* (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition.
CCI 2* (if held after June 29, 2016)	FEI A-B-C Athletes	One CCI 1* or One CIC 2* (horse only)	FEI C Athletes (as a combination) - Minimum of 1 MER Result at CNC/CIC 2* (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition. FEI A and B Athletes (not necessarily as a combination) Minimum of 1 MER Result at CNC/CIC 2* (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition.
CCI 3* (if held prior to June 29, 2016)	FEI - A-B Athletes	One CCI 2*	Not necessarily as a combination Minimum of 1 MER Result CNC/CIC 3* (advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.
CCI 3* (if held after June 29, 2016)	FEI - A-B Athletes	One CCI 2* (horse only)	Not necessarily as a combination Minimum of 1 MER Result CNC/CIC 3* (advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.



CCI 4*	FEI – A Athletes	One CCI 3* (as a combination)	As a combination- Minimum of 1 MER Result at CNC/CIC 3* (advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.
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CIC COMPETITIONS

Level of Competition	FEI MER		Canadian MER
			<i>All athletes unless specified</i>
CIC 1*	Horses and athletes must be certified as competent by their NF.		FEI D Athletes : Horse: Minimum of 1 MER Result at a CNC 1* /Preliminary Horse Trials
CIC 2*	FEI A-B-C Athletes	NF requirements	Horse: Minimum of 1 MER Result at a CNC/CIC or CCI 1*
CIC 3*	FEI - A-B Athletes	One CCI 2* or CIC 2*	Minimum of 1 MER Result (not necessarily as a combination) at CNC 3* s (Advanced) horse trials

Note: the updated FEI Minimum Eligibility requirements will be enforced as of June 29, 2016

4. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR 2016 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIORS & YOUNG RIDERS (CH) CHAMPIONSHIPS (CH-N.Am-Y-C2*/CH-N.Am-J-C1*) July 2016:

Level of competition	FEI MER		Canadian MER
			<i>All athletes</i>
CH – J 1*	All Athletes	In combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One CCI 1 * 	In combination Minimum of one MER Result at CIC/CNC 1* (Preliminary) horse trials within three months of the competition with a maximum of 20 jumping penalties cross country
Y 2 *	To be announced	To be announced	To be announced



4. EXEMPTION FROM THE CANADIAN MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT – CCIS & CICS

For CCIs and CICS 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, Equine 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. Equine Canada will review and will make the final decision in these cases.

There are no exemptions for Championships – CHs

5. WITHDRAWAL PRIOR TO START OF COMPETITION

Athletes are reminded that it is their responsibility to notify the Organizing Committee and Equine Canada in a timely manner of their intention to withdraw before a competition. Failure to act accordingly may result in penalty.

6. REVERSE QUALIFICATION (FEI Art 522)

Athletes need to be aware of the FEI Reverse Qualification regulations.

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 is triggered by two consecutive cross country eliminations

or

a total of three cross country eliminations within a 12 month rolling period of time. The relevant reasons for eliminations on cross country would be:

- Three refusals
- Fall of horse or athlete
- Dangerous riding



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.

7. PENALTIES FOR SUBMITTING INCOMPLETE INFORMATION TO EQUINE CANADA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTAINING EQUINE CANADA AUTHORISATION TO COMPETE.

- \$100 fee per occurrence will be charged to the competitor.
- Five or more occurrences within a twelve month period – Disciplinary action of up to six months suspension at a time frame determined by the High Performance Committee.

8. *MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES— CHS*

Selection Criteria is developed by the Equine Canada for CH 2*, CH 3* and CH 4* Senior Championships on a competition specific basis. Such competitions may include: World Equestrian Games- Eventing, Pan American Games –Eventing , Olympic Games- Eventing