



Eventing Horse Trials Participation Policy 2018

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Competitors and/or Horses must qualify to enter the appropriate horse trials division. Open Divisions are for Competitor/Horse combinations who have demonstrated performance results at a higher level and who have more experience. Regular divisions are intended for those starting out, or upgrading to a new level.

An Organizer could, if entries warrant, hold an Open and a Regular division. It is not mandatory to host both Open and Regular divisions - an organizer with a limited number of entries at a particular level may host one Open division to accommodate both Open and Regular competitors. A Competitor/Horse needing a confidence boost may drop down to a lower level & compete in an Open Division.

The HORSE TRIALS PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY MATRIX lists the qualifications required to compete in each division. On the entry form is a section where the Competitor lists the qualifications. Competitors should maintain a record of each competition results all phases – Dressage; Cross Country: Time & Jump Penalties; Jumping: Jump Penalties.

Definition of a Canadian Minimum Eligibility Requirement (CMER): *updated Jan 1, 2017*

Minimum eligibility requirements must be obtained from a competition that has been sanctioned by a National or International Equestrian Federation (eg: Equestrian Canada, USEF, USEA, FEI)

A minimum eligibility requirement is achieved by completing a sanctioned competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:

- Not more than *45 penalty points (55%) in the Dressage Test of FEI, Equestrian Canada Eventing and USEF competitions
- 0 jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test, (activating one frangible/deformable device will maintain MER result on cross country)
- not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time or no more than 30 time penalty points in the cross country test.
- Not more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the Jumping Test.

* Dressage scoring (penalty point calculation system) modified in 2018 for FEI and EC competitions

Note: 1. All CMERs obtained prior to 2017 will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.



2018 Horse Trials Participation Eligibility Matrix

NOTE: Juniors have the option to compete in the Regular or Open divisions provided they meet performance eligibility requirements for their age category Refer to EC General Regulations, Section A, Article A901 & Glossary for the definition of a Junior.

Level / Division	Minimum Age		Additional Qualifications
	Competitor	Horse	
Entry	Any age	4	Open to Competitors until they have completed 3 events at the Pre-Training level or above during the previous-calendar year
Open Entry	Any age	4	Open to all Competitors
Pre-Training	Any age	4	Open to all Competitors until they have completed 3 events at the Training level or above during the previous calendar year
Open Pre-Training	Any age	4	Open to all Competitors
Training/ Open Training	12	4	<p>Junior Competitor – Competitor and Horse (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed a minimum of 2 sanctioned Pre-Training events achieving a CMER at one event and a CMER with not more than 20 jumping penalties at the 2nd event OR achieved a CMER at one sanctioned Pre-Training event plus demonstrated competitive experience at a minimum of one sanctioned competition over fences at the equivalent or above level/height.</p> <p>Senior Competitor – open to all senior Competitors – no CMER requirements</p> <p><i>Competitor/horse combinations with Preliminary /CI 1* level or higher competition experience should compete in the Open Training division</i></p>
EV 105/ Open EV 105	12	4	<p>Competitor and Horse (not necessarily as a combination) must have achieved a CMER at a minimum of two Training events or above</p> <p><i>Competitor/horse combinations with Preliminary /CI 1* level or higher competition experience should compete in the Open EV 105 division</i></p>
Preliminary / Open Preliminary	14	5	<p>Competitor and horse (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed / achieved a CMER at a minimum of three sanctioned Training or 1.05m (or above) events.</p> <p><i>Competitor/horse combinations with Intermediate/CI 2* level or higher competition experience should compete in the Open Preliminary division</i></p>
Intermediate/ Open Intermediate	16	6	<p>Competitor and horse (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed a minimum of four sanctioned Preliminary/ CI 1* events achieving a CMER at a minimum of two.</p> <p><i>Competitor/horse combinations with advanced /CI 3* level competition experience should compete in the Open Intermediate division</i></p>
Advanced	18	6	<p>Competitor and horse (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed a minimum of three sanctioned Intermediate /CI2* events, achieving a CMER at a minimum of two.</p>



CICs : 1*/2 */3*	16	6	See Regulations and Qualification Criteria for competitors and horses competing in FEI CICs in 2018
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