



2018 REGULATIONS AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES AND HORSES COMPETING IN CCI'S , CIC'S AND UNIFIED FORMAT EVENTS

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

1. REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS FOR ENTRY AUTHORIZATION

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

Declarations (CCIs only) and entries with qualification result information (CCIs CICs,Unified) are made using Equestrian Canada –Eventing FEI authorization Portal

Athletes who have followed the process and who achieved the eligibility requirements will be authorized by Equestrian Canada according to FEI regulations and process. Confirmation of the entry authorization is located in the Authorization Portal.

STEP 1 Athlete and Horse Owner EC SPORT LICENSES with EVENTING affiliation

In order to access the authorization portal 2018 EC Platinum Sport License with Eventing affiliate is required - online process link - www.equestrian.ca " My EC ".

STEP 2 FEI - Horse And Athlete 2018 Registration

All athletes and horses competing in FEI competitions (CCIs and CICs and Intro) must be annually registered with the FEI through Equestrian Canada using the EC **Online FEI Registration Portal**

The link is: <https://licence.equestrian.ca/feireg/login.aspx>

To verify a FEI registration (person and/or horse) go to the FEI database to search <https://data.fei.org/Horse/Search.aspx>

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

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



STEP 3A for competing in CCI's -

<p>STEP 1 : DECLARE</p>	<p>Athletes declare their intention to enter a FEI sanctioned CCI/CCIO in 2018 through the Equestrian Canada - Eventing FEI Authorization Online Portal.</p> <p>The Portal link is https://licence.equestrian.ca/ccicic/login.aspx</p> <p>The login for the portal is the athlete's EC Sport License – Eventing number and password. In order to log in to declare - the athlete must have 2018 sport license-eventing athlete must be registered with the FEI through the EC FEI Registration Portal</p> <p>DEADLINES: January 31, 2018 - For CCI's and NAJYCs taking place between <u>January 1 and August 31, 2018</u> June 1, 2018 – For CCI's taking place between <u>September 1 and December 31,2018</u></p>
<p>STEP 2: SUBMIT ENTRY</p> <p>&</p> <p>VERIFY ELIGIBILITY</p>	<p>Athlete confirms the entry by submits the entry information and Minimum Eligibility Requirements(MER) results through the Equestrian Canada - Eventing FEI Authorization Online Portal.</p> <p>The Portal link is: https://licence.equestrian.ca/ccicic/login.aspx</p> <p>In order to log in to submit the entry - the athlete's EC Sport License – Eventing must be 2018 and the athlete and horse must be registered with FEI for 2018 through EC</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>ENTRY DEADLINE : <u>Not later than closing date of the competition</u></p>



STEP 3B FOR COMPETING IN CICS/CICOS and Unified Events

<p>SUBMIT ENTRY</p> <p>&</p> <p>VERIFY ELIGIBILITY</p>	<p>Athlete submits entry information and Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) results through the Equestrian Canada - Eventing FEI Authorization Online Portal</p> <p>The Portal link is: https://licence.equestrian.ca/ccicic/login.aspx</p> <p>The login for the portal is the athlete's EC Sport License – Eventing number and password. In order to log in to enter - the athlete's sport license – eventing must be 2018 must be registered with FEI for 2018</p> <p>The Minimum Eligibility requirement (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>ENTRY DEADLINE – Not later than closing date of the competition</p>
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Note 1: Only in extraordinary cases, will declarations, FEI registrations and entry information be accepted by Equestrian Canada via a method other than the online system.

Note 2: 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

4. PASSPORT REQUIREMENT FOR FEI COMPETITIONS

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 and FEI Intro in a foreign country.

Requirements effective as of January 1 2017:

Canadian owned horses competing in Intro, FEI 1 and /2* 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 1st 2018 – May compete with current EC National Passport plus EC annual Horse Activation

Horses with no passport or in possession of an EC National Passport but not issued a FEI Identification number prior to January 1st 2018 – Must obtain New FEI Recognized EC National Passport or FEI Passport plus EC annual Horse Activation in order to compete .



5. **WITHDRAWALS** In the case of withdrawals of authorised 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, 2018- and any subsequent modifications- see FEI web site 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 level of the athlete category as determined by the FEI formula (uncategorized, International D.C,B.A) - Section 6.4
- 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.

2.2 **Definition of a FEI /Canadian Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) (FEI Art 517 updated Jan 1, 2017)**

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 55% of good marks. (67 penalty points in FEI and Equestrian Canada eventing competitions,)
- **Cross Country Test:**
Clear round at obstacles (see Paragraph 7 for exemptions) Activating a maximum of one frangible/ deformable device will maintain MER result on cross country
Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the cross time for one two and three star competitions and 100 seconds at 4* level competitions
- **Jumping test:**
Not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

Note: All MERS obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.



6.3 Minimum Eligibility Requirement Validity Period (FEI Art 518)

CIIs 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.

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 will be 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 short (CICs) or long(CCI) of one star level or above; or five MERs at FEI short(CICs) or long(CCI) competitions at higher level.
C	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long(CCI) of two star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCI) competitions at higher level.
B	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCI) of three star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI long format (CCI) competitions at four star level.
A	Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long(CCI) of three star level or above of which five (5) at four star level

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

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.

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

7.1 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 still allow a MER
- When multiple MERs are required for CIIs 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 (exception 1st activation of a frangible /deformable device (11 penalties) will still allow a MER
- 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)

7.2 **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*	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.
	B Athletes	One CCI 3* Plus three CIC 3*s	As a combination- Minimum of 1 MER result CNC/CIC 3* (Advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.



UNIFIED FORMAT COMPETITIONS

Level of competition	FEI MER <i>As a combination</i>	Canadian MER <i>All Athletes</i>
Intro	All athletes	As a combination, Minimum of three MER Results at Training or 1.05M division horse trials including one MER 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. Minimum of 1 MER Result (not necessarily as a combination): at CNC 2*s (Intermediate) horse trials.
	FEI D Athletes	NF requirements	
CIC 3*	Uncategorised or FEI -C-or D Athletes	Two CCI 2*s or CIC 2s*	Minimum of 1 MER Result (not necessarily as a combination): at CNC 3*s (Advanced) horse trials

7.3 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: <i>Minimum of two MER results</i> (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: <i>Minimum of two MER results</i> at CIC/CNC 1*s (Preliminary) horse trials including one MER within three months of the competition (no jumping penalties cross country)
CCI 2*	FEI A-B-C Athletes	One CCI 1* or One CIC 2* (horse only)	FEI C Athletes As a combination: <i>Minimum of 1 MER Result</i> at CNC/CIC 2* (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition. FEI A and B Athletes Not necessarily as a combination: <i>Minimum of 1 MER Result at</i> CNC/CIC 2* (Intermediate) Horse Trial within three months of the competition. .
CCI 3*	FEI - A-B Athletes	One CCI 2* (horse only)	Not necessarily as a combination: <i>Minimum of 1 MER Result</i> 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: <i>Minimum of 1 MER Result</i> at CNC/CIC 3* (advanced) horse trial within three months of the competition.

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 : <i>Horse: Minimum of 1 MER Result</i> at a CNC 1* /Preliminary Horse Trials
CIC 2*	FEI A-B-C Athletes	NF requirements	<i>Horse: Minimum of 1 MER Result</i> at a CNC/CIC or CCI 1*
CIC 3*	FEI - A-B Athletes	One CCI 2* or CIC 2* (horse only)	<i>Minimum of 1 MER Result</i> (not necessarily as a combination) at CNC 3* s (Advanced) horse trials



8. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR 2018 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIORS & YOUNG RIDERS (CH) CHAMPIONSHIPS (CIC0Y2 */ CH-N.Am-J-C1*)

Level of competition	FEI – MER including clear on the obstacles on the cross country course 1st activation of frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) will still allow a 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
CICOY 2 *	All Athletes	In combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One CIC 2* 	In combination Achieve MER at one CIC 2* competition within the qualifying period

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

9. 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, 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 High Performance **Special Permissions** will review and will make the final decision in these cases.

There are no exemptions for Championships –

10. REVERSE QUALIFICATION (FEI Art 522)

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

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

For this purpose, the relevant reasons for eliminations on cross country would be:

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

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.

11. PENALTIES FOR NON-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 twelve month period – Disciplinary action of up to six months suspension at a time frame determined by Equestrian Canada – Eventing High Performance .

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

Selection Criteria is developed by the Equestrian 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