



HORSE TRIALS PARTICIPATION POLICY 2016

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 who hosts four levels of competition could, if entries warrant hold Pre-Training, Open Pre-Training, Training, Open Training, Preliminary, Open Preliminary, and Intermediate & Open Intermediate. In this way all levels will have an Open & 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 horse needing a confidence boost may drop down to a lower level & compete in an Open Division.

The HORSE TRIALS PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY TABLE lists the qualifications required to compete in each division. On the entry form is a section where the rider will list the qualifications. This information will be used to determine the eligibility of the competitor and horse. Competitors should maintain a record of each competition results all phases – Dressage; Cross Country: Time & Jump Penalties; Jumping: Jump Penalties. Competition results are available on the Equestrian Canada web site www.equestrian.ca

Definition of a Canadian Minimum Eligibility Requirement (CMER):

Minimum eligibility requirements must be obtained from a competition that has been sanctioned by a National or International Equestrian Federation (eg: Equine 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 75 penalty points in the Dressage Test of Equine Canada Eventing competitions or not more than 50 penalty points in US competition
- 0 jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test, not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time or no more than 36 time penalty points.
- Not more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the Jumping Test.



2016 HORSE TRIALS PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY TABLE

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	12	4	<p>Junior Competitors - competitors and horses (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed a minimum of 2 events at the Pre-Training level, achieving a CMER at one event and a CMER with not more than 20 jumping penalties at the 2nd event OR have demonstrated competitive experience at competitions over fences at the equivalent or above level/height.</p> <p>Senior Competitors – open to all senior competitors - no CMER requirements</p> <p>Competitor/horse combinations with Preliminary /CI 1* level or higher competition experience should compete in the Open Training division</p>
Open Training	12	4	<p>Junior Competitors - competitors and horses (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed a minimum of 2 events at the Pre-Training level, achieving a CMER at one event and a CMER with not more than 20 jumping penalties at the 2nd event OR have demonstrated competitive experience at competitions over fences at the equivalent or above level/height.</p> <p>Senior Competitors - open to all senior competitors - no CMER requirements</p>
Preliminary	14	5	<p>- Competitors must have completed a minimum of four Training level events achieving a CMER at a minimum of three.</p> <p>- Horses must have completed a minimum of four Training level events achieving a CMER at a minimum of three. OR have demonstrated competitive experience at competitions over fences at the equivalent or above level/height</p> <p>Competitor/horse combinations with Intermediate/CI 2* level or higher competition experience should compete in the Open Preliminary division</p>



Open Preliminary	14	5	-- Competitors must have completed a minimum of four Training level events achieving a CMER at a minimum of three. - Horses must have completed a minimum of four Training level events achieving a CMER at a minimum of three. OR have demonstrated competitive experience at competitions over fences at the equivalent or above level/height
CIC 1 *	14	5	- See Regulations and Qualification Criteria for competitors and horses competing in CIs in 2016
Intermediate	16	6	- Competitors and horses (not necessarily as a combination must have completed a minimum of four Preliminary/ CI 1* events achieving a CMER at a minimum of two. --Competitor/horse combinations with advanced /CI 3* level competition experience should compete in the Open Intermediate division
Open Intermediate	16	6	- Competitors and horses (not necessarily as a combination must have completed a minimum of four Preliminary/ CI 1* events achieving a CMER at a minimum of two.
CIC 2 *	16	6	- See Regulations and Qualification Criteria for competitors and horses competing in CIs in 2016
Advanced	18	6	- Competitors and horses (not necessarily as a combination must have completed a minimum of three Intermediate /CI2* events, achieving a CMER at a minimum of two.
CIC 3 *	18	6	- See Regulations and Qualification Criteria for competitors and horses competing in CIs in 2016

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.