



# MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EC NATIONAL HORSE TRIALS 2023

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Competitors and horses must have achieved minimum eligibility requirements to enter and compete in the appropriate EC horse trials division.

The Matrix of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements for National Horse Trials 2023 describes the minimum pre-requisites to move up the levels to optimize a safe and positive outcome. Athletes are encouraged to work with their personal coaches on their objectives and competition plans.

Competitors should maintain a record of each competition results on all phases – Dressage; Cross Country: Time & Jump Penalties; Jumping: Jump Penalties. EC competition results can be found at <https://events.equestrian.ca>

## **Definition of a Canadian Minimum Eligibility Requirement (CMER): *updated February 23, 2023***

For competitors and horses a CMER must be achieved at a competition that has been sanctioned by a National or International Equestrian Federation (eg: Equestrian Canada, USEF, USEA, FEI)

A Canadian Minimum Eligibility Requirement result 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 or USEF Eventing competitions.
- 0 jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test (activating one frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) will maintain CMER result on cross country).
- Not more than 75 seconds (30 time penalty points) in the Cross Country Test.
- Not more than 16 jumping penalties at obstacles in the Jumping Test.
- 25 penalty points received for dangerous riding will not achieve a CMER.

\*Note: All CMERs obtained prior to 2018 will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.



## Matrix of Minimum Eligibility Requirements for EC National 2023 Horse Trials

| Level / Division         | Minimum Age |       | Qualifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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|                          | Competitor  | Horse |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| EV85 /<br>EV85 Open      | Any age     | 4     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EV 85 division is open to Competitors until they have completed 3 events at the Pre-Training level or above during the previous-calendar year</li> <li>Competitors achieving CMERs in the EV 85 or above divisions should compete in the Open EV 85 division</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| EV90/<br>EV90 Open       | Any age     | 4     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EV 90 division is open to all Competitors until they have completed 3 events at the Training level or above during the previous calendar year</li> <li>Competitors achieving CMERs in the EV 100 or above divisions should compete in the Open EV 90 division</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| EV 100/<br>EV 100 Open   | 12          | 4     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Competitor and Horse</b> (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed a <u>minimum</u> of two EV 90 horse trials achieving – a CMER (no cross country jumping penalties) at one and a CMER with not more than 20 jumping penalties at one <b>OR</b> achieved a CMER at one sanctioned EV 90 horse trial plus has demonstrated competitive experience at a minimum of one sanctioned competition over fences at the equivalent or above level/height.</li> <li>Competitor/Horse combinations achieving MERs in the EV 110/CI2* or above divisions should compete in the Open EV 100 division</li> </ul> |
| EV 105/<br>EV 105 Open   | 12          | 5     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Competitor and Horse</b> (not necessarily as a combination) must have achieved a CMER at a minimum of two EV 100 (or above) horse trials</li> <li>Competitor/Horse combinations achieving CMERs in the EV 110 /CI2* or above divisions should compete in the Open EV 105/ division</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| EV 110y /<br>EV 110 Open | 14          | 5     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Competitor and Horse</b> (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed / achieved a CMER at a minimum of three sanctioned EV100 or EV105 (or above) horse trials.</li> <li>Competitor/Horse combinations achieving CMERs in the EV 115/CI3* or above divisions should compete in the Open EV 110 division</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| EV 115/<br>EV 115 Open   | 16          | 6     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Competitor and Horse</b> must have completed a minimum of three sanctioned EV 110 / CI2* horse trials, (one as a combination) achieving a CMER at a minimum of two.</li> <li>Competitor/Horse combinations achieving MERs in the EV 120 /CI4* or above divisions should compete in the Open EV 115 division</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| EV 120                   | 18          | 6     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Competitor and Horse</b> must have completed a minimum of three sanctioned EV 115 / CI3* horse trials, (one as a combination) achieving a CMER at a minimum of two.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

In cases where entries are limited, an organizer may host an Open Division which includes competitor/horse combinations who have demonstrated performance results at a higher level as described in the Matrix and the combinations upgrading to the new level.

If sufficient entries warrant, an Organiser may hold an Open and a Regular division; however, **it is not mandatory for an Organizer to host both Open and Regular divisions if entries do not warrant.**



***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.