

**Reciprocal Agreement between  
United States Equestrian Federation Inc.  
and  
Equestrian Canada**

This Reciprocal Agreement (“Agreement”) is made this 15th day of September, 2023, by and between the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (“USEF”), a New York not-for-profit corporation with 4001 Wing Commander Way Lexington, KY 40511 as its principal place of business and Equine Canada, operating as Equestrian Canada (“EC”), c/o House of Sport, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1H 7X7 as its principal place of business. USEF and EC are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party.”

WHEREAS, USEF has been recognized by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee as the national governing body for the sport of equestrian in the United States pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (“Sports Act”); and

WHEREAS, USEF has been recognized by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (“FEI”) as the National Federation (NF) for the sport of equestrian in the United States; and

WHEREAS, USEF manages the calendar for equestrian competition in the United States; and

WHEREAS, EC is recognized by the government of Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee, the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and the FEI as the National Federation (NF) for equestrian sport in Canada; and

WHEREAS, EC manages the calendar for equestrian competitions in Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Parties license officials who officiate at competitions allocated dates on their respective competition calendars; and

WHEREAS, individual members, licence holders and officials wish to participate in competitions in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are desirous of creating a relationship for reciprocity that would benefit members of the USEF and EC when competing or officiating in competitions held in the other country. Additionally, the Parties are desirous in creating a mechanism for recognition of disciplinary actions taken by either Party against someone under their disciplinary jurisdiction, pursuant to their respective Bylaws.

The Parties heretofore agree as follows:

**1. Membership and High Performance Fees**

- a. EC Sport Licence holders in good standing and with a Gold or Platinum Sport Licence (FEI disciplines) and Bronze, Silver, (Eventing) or Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Sport Licence (non-FEI disciplines and breeds) will be given a USEF Competing Membership at no cost for the purpose of competing in USEF competitions. Exception: certain qualifying classes and finals at USEF licensed competitions that would otherwise require a membership and do not permit participation with a Show Pass will

require a paid USEF membership and may require a USEF Recognized-Affiliate membership, e.g. participation in the Horse of the Year Awards program (HOTY) requires a paid membership. All USEF Senior Active members must take SafeSport Training produced by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

- b. USEF Competing members in good standing will be given an EC Sport Licence at no cost for the purpose of competing in EC competitions. EC Sport Licence holders are required to pay the appropriate levies as indicated in the EC rules and regulations which are applicable at the time of the sanctioned competition.
- c. Pursuant to EC rules, all individuals competing in EC sanctioned competitions must be EC Sport Licence holders in good standing of EC. EC Sport Licence Holders (18 and over) must complete the Fostering Healthy Equestrian Environments Training and the EC Concussion Awareness training.
- d. EC Sport Licence holders competing at international competitions licensed by USEF are required to pay International High Performance fees defined by USEF rules.
- e. USEF members competing at international competitions sanctioned by EC are required to pay high performance fees as defined by the EC rules.

## 2. **Reciprocation of Suspensions and Disciplinary Actions**

- a. Upon official notice to EC by USEF, a person who is suspended, banned, or otherwise disciplined by USEF (excluding monetary fines) must also be suspended or disciplined by EC, provided EC's rules regarding the disciplined actions are substantially similar to USEF's rules and regulations regarding the same. Such disciplinary actions may include: (i) abuse, including sexual, physical, or emotional abuse; (ii) injection or administration of substances prohibited by USEF Equine Drugs & Medications rules; (iii) injecting a substance into a horse within 12 hours of competing; (iv) (v) equine welfare infractions. EC is not required to suspend or otherwise discipline a person who has been suspended otherwise disciplined by USEF if EC rules are not violated by the action or an EC rule regarding the same does not exist or if EC's Bylaws do not permit such reciprocity.
- b. For purposes of this section and unless otherwise notified by USEF, an email will be sent to the CEO of EC as formal notification and will serve as the USEF official notification. Where applicable, the list of disciplinary actions for a current or former USEF member, or a related individual will be published on USEF's website.
- c. EC agrees to impose an eligible reciprocal disciplinary action if, in accordance with EC policies, the EC Complaints Manager determines that the party subject to the action received a hearing and procedural rights substantially similar to those set forth in EC Policies and Rules. However, should the EC Complaints Manager find that such procedural rights were not substantially similar, the EC Complaints Manager may, in their own discretion, conduct a hearing after proper notice is given to the affected party. Only after such a hearing may the disciplinary action be enforced.
- d. Upon official notice to USEF by EC, a person who is suspended, banned, or otherwise disciplined by EC (excluding monetary fines) must also be suspended or disciplined by USEF, provided USEF's rules regarding the disciplined actions are substantially similar to EC's rules and regulations regarding the same. Such disciplined actions may include: (i) prohibited surgical procedures or injection or administration of foreign substances, which could affect a horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or (ii) equine welfare infractions (including but not limited to yellow cards). USEF is not required to suspend or otherwise discipline a person who has been suspended or otherwise disciplined by EC if USEF rules are not violated by the action or a USEF rule regarding the same does not exist.

- e. For purposes of this section and unless otherwise notified by EC, an email will be sent to the CEO of the USEF as formal notification and will serve as the EC official notification. Where applicable, the list of disciplinary actions for a current or former EC Sport Licence Holder, or a related individual will published on EC's website.
- f. USEF agrees to impose an eligible reciprocal disciplinary action If, in accordance with USEF Bylaws, such action is permitted.
  - i. USEF Senior Active members must complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport Education;
  - ii. EC Sport Licence Holders (18 and over) must complete the Fostering Healthy Equestrian Environments Training and the EC Concussion Awareness training;
  - iii. Individuals holding dual memberships are required to complete the education requirements in both jurisdictions.
- g. Neither USEF nor EC will be responsible for collecting or implementing fines levied by either party, each NF will be responsible for the collection of their own fines issued.

### **3. Reciprocation of Return to Play Requirements**

- a. EC and USEF agree to provide reports of concussion and ineligibility to compete to each other in order to ensure that athletes are not traveling to another country to participate in competition when they are on a medical ineligibility list in either country.

### **4. Amateur Status.**

- a. USEF rules for amateur status apply for all competitions licensed by USEF. EC rules for amateur status apply for all competitions sanctioned by EC. For jointly recognized competitions, the rules governing the particular class would apply, e.g. EC rules govern EC classes and USEF rules govern USEF classes.

### **5. Horse Recordings, Passports, Identification Numbers, Measurement Cards**

- a. EC and USEF members/Sport Licence holders whose horses are annually registered in their home country are not required to annually register their horses in the other country for participation in a competition. However, in order to participate in certain programs and awards, horses may be required to be recorded and/or registered with the applicable NF or other association in accordance with program and awards requirements. Beginning, December 1, 2025, all horses competing in the United States must have a USEF Horse ID and microchip in accordance with USEF rules.
- b. USEF will recognize a valid EC measurement card for all divisions.
- c. EC will recognize a valid USEF measurement card for all divisions.

### **6. Jointly Licensed/Sanctioned Competitions**

- a. A competition is only eligible for joint licensing/sanctioning if it is first licensed/sanctioned by the home NF.
- b. If a competition loses its licensed/sanctioned status from the home NF, then it loses its licensed/sanctioned status from the other NF.
- c. USEF/EC jointly licensed/sanctioned competitions will be governed by the rules and regulations of the NF of the country in which the competition is conducted. However, competition classification/level/rating will be determined by the rules of each NF and a jointly licensed/sanctioned competition must abide by each NF's applicable rules for maintaining the classification/level/rating. If the rules of the NF's differ regarding the requirements for conducting the competition, the more stringent rules will apply, i.e. number of Stewards required, etc.

- d. If competition management applies to hold a jointly licensed/sanctioned competition on simultaneous dates as another licensed/sanctioned competition, and the mileage between competitions is such that it could influence the number of competitors at each competition, the conflicting dates may nevertheless be approved, provided all affected competition management is consulted in writing regarding the mileage issue. If a jointly licensed/sanctioned competition is to be held in the US, USEF mileage rules and mileage exemption processes apply. For a jointly licensed/sanctioned competition, if there is a mileage conflict, USEF mileage rules and mileage exemption process will apply for the USEF licensing.
- e. At jointly licensed/sanctioned competitions, there must be a Steward or Technical Delegate from the relevant NF who will file the applicable reports with both NF's including any accompanying documentation required by USEF or EC (e.g. steward or TD report, accident preparedness plan, accident/injury reports, fall, injury reports). Such reports must include the full information for the entire competition.

## 7. **Officials at USEF/EC Competitions**

- a. There shall be no reciprocal licensing of officials between USEF and EC. An official desiring an EC licence or USEF license will be subject to the rules and regulations of the NF issuing the license. However, eligible EC and USEF licensed officials may have competition organizers apply for a Guest Card on a form provided by the appropriate NF. See Appendix A for Guest Card Eligibility
- b. For all other licenses not identified in Appendix A, a competition organizer must submit a guest card following the application process as set forth by the respective NF, and will be subject to any reasonable requirements or conditions that either NF may establish for licensing officials.
- c. USEF competitions that wish to hire EC officials not also licensed by USEF must comply with all USEF Guest Card requirements, except that the USEF membership fee is not required and the two Guest Card limit is waived. USEF Guest Card fees must be paid by the competition. Successful completion of the SafeSport training required by USEF and a criminal background check are required for obtaining a USEF Guest Card.
- d. EC competitions that wish to hire USEF judges not also licenced by EC must comply with all EC Guest Card requirements. The EC Guest Card fee must be paid by the Organizing Committee. USEF officials are required to complete the EC Safe Sport education.
- e. There will be no guest card eligibility on special judges and steward cards for any competition.
- f. For multi-breed competitions, an official with large "R" or Senior National status in one of the Breeds offered that is granted a guest card can receive additional guest cards for other breeds at the same competition.

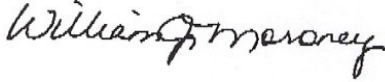
## 8. **Mandatory Necropsy**

As of December 1, 2019, the requirements of USEF General Rule 843, Mandatory Necropsy, shall be in effect at all USEF Licensed competitions in Canada.

## 9. **Term**

The term of this Agreement shall be for a period beginning upon date of signature and ending on November 30, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed this Agreement dated as of the date first set forth above.



William Moroney, Chief Executive Officer  
United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.

Date: September 15, 2023



Meg Krueger, Chief Executive Officer  
Equine Canada dba Equestrian Canada

Date: September 15, 2023

## Appendix A

USEF/EC Reciprocal Agreement - Licensed Officials Guest Card Eligibility					
USEF License Type	USEF to EC Guest Card	EC License Type	Reason for Unequal Reciprocity	EC to USEF Guest Card (SafeSport and Background Check Required)	Guest Card Application and Fee Required
Andalusian/Lusitano					
'r' Andalusian/Lusitano	Eligible for EC national breed division competitions only	N/A	Breed is not covered with a EC license or General Breed Sport license	N/A	N/A
'R' Andalusian/Lusitano	Eligible	N/A		N/A	N/A
Arabian					
'r' Arabian	Eligible for EC national breed division competitions only	recorded Arabian Judge	According to GR1005.6.f: Senior officials are required for a USEF Guest Card	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Arabian	Eligible	Senior Arabian Judge		Eligible	Yes
		Senior EC Dressage Judges are permitted to officiate USEF Arabian Sport Horse classes with a USEF Guest Card. See GR1010.8.i. <span style="color: red;">*Please note there is a rule change proposal that will alter these rules for 2024, if approved.</span>			
Stewards					
'r' C1 Steward	Not Eligible	recorded 1 Steward / Learner Dressage Steward		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' C1 Steward	Not Eligible	recorded 2 Steward / Basic Dressage Steward		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'r' C2 Steward	Not Eligible	Senior Steward / Medium Dressage Steward		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' C2 Steward	Not Eligible	Senior National Steward / Senior Dressage Steward		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Carriage Pleasure Driving					
		recorded Driving Judge	According to GR1005.6.f: Senior officials are required for a USEF Guest Card	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Carriage Pleasure Driving	Eligible	Senior Driving Judge		Eligible	Yes
		recorded Driving TD		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Carriage Pleasure Driving TD	Eligible	Senior Driving TD		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Combined Driving					
		recorded Driving Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Combined Driving	Eligible	Senior Driving Judge		Eligible	Yes
'R' Combined Driving CD	Eligible	Senior Driving Course Designer		Eligible	Yes
		recorded Driving TD		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Combined Driving TD	Eligible	Senior Driving TD		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Connemara					
		N/A	Breed is not covered with a EC license or General Breed Sport license	N/A	N/A
'R' Connemara	Eligible	N/A		N/A	N/A
Dressage					
'r' Dress Sport Horse Breeding	Not Eligible	N/A	Guest Cards are not permitted per GR1005.14	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Dress Sport Horse Breeding	Not Eligible	N/A		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'r' Dressage	Not Eligible	recorded Dressage Judge / Basic Dressage Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Dressage	Only USEF 'R' to EC Medium 'M'	M Dressage Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'S' Dressage	Only USEF 'S' to EC Senior 'S'	S Dressage Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'r' Dressage TD	Not Eligible	N/A (Dressage Stewards)		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Dressage TD	Not Eligible	N/A (Dressage Stewards)		Not Eligible	Not Eligible

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Endurance					
'r' Endurance Steward		Endurance Technical Delegate	Guest Cards are not permitted per GR1005.15	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'r' Endurance Veterinarian		Endurane Veterinary Control Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Eventing					
'r' Eventing	Not Eligible	Level 1 Three Day Event Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Eventing	Not Eligible	Level 2 Three Day Event Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'S' Eventing	Not Eligible	Level 3 Three Day Event Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Certified Eventing XC CD					
'r' Eventing CD	Not Eligible	Level 1 Eventing CD		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Eventing CD	Eligible	Level 2 Eventing CD		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'S' Eventing CD	Eligible	Level 3 Eventing CD		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Eventing JCD	Not Eligible	N/A		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'r' Eventing TD	Not Eligible	Level 1 Eventing TD		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Eventing TD	Not Eligible	Level 2 Eventing TD		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'S' Eventing TD	Not Eligible	Level 3 Eventing TD		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Friesian					
'r' Friesian	Eligible for EC national breed division competitions only	N/A	Breed is not covered with a EC license or General Breed Sport license	N/A	N/A
'R' Friesian	Eligible	N/A		N/A	N/A
Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred					
'r' Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred	Eligible for EC national breed division competitions only	recorded Hackney Judge	According to GR1005.6.f: Senior officials are required for a USEF Guest Card	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred	Eligible	Senior Hackney Judge		Eligible	Yes
		recorded Road Horse Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
		Senior Road Horse Judge		Eligible	Yes
		recorded Saddlebred Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
		Senior Saddlebred Judge		Eligible	Yes
Hunter/Jumper					
'r' Hunter	Not Eligible	recorded Hunter Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Hunter	Eligible	Senior Hunter Judge		Eligible	Yes
'r' Hunter CD	Not Eligible	recorded Hunter Course Designer		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Hunter CD	Automatically Eligible	Senior Hunter Course Designer		Eligible	Yes
'r' Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation	Not Eligible	recorded Equitation Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation	Eligible	Senior Equitation Judge		Eligible	Yes
'r' Jumper	Not Eligible	recorded Jumper Judge		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Jumper	Eligible	Senior Jumper Judge		Eligible	Yes
'r' Jumper CD	Not Eligible	recorded Jumper Course Designer		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Jumper CD	Automatically Eligible	Senior Jumper Course Designer		Eligible	Yes

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Morgan					
'r' Morgan	Eligible for EC national breed division competitions only	recorded Morgan Judge	According to GR1005.6.f: Senior officials are required for a USEF Guest Card	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Morgan	Eligible	Senior Morgan Judge		Eligible	Yes
Para-Equestrian					
Para-Equestrian Classifiers	Not Eligible	Para-Equestrian Classifiers		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Paso Fino					
'r' Paso Fino	Eligible for EC national breed division competitions only	N/A	Breed is not covered with a EC license or General Breed Sport license	N/A	N/A
'R' Paso Fino	Eligible	N/A		N/A	N/A
Reining					
		recorded Reining Judge	According to GR1005.6.f: Senior officials are required for a USEF Guest Card	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Reining	Eligible	Senior Reining Judge		Eligible	Yes
Saddle Seat Equitation					
'r' Saddle Seat Equitation	Not Eligible	recorded Saddle Seat Equitation	According to GR1005.6.f: Senior officials are required for a USEF Guest Card	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Saddle Seat Equitation	Eligible	Senior Saddle Seat Equitation		Eligible	Yes
Shetland					
		N/A	Breed is not covered with a EC license or General Breed Sport license	N/A	N/A
'R' Shetland	Eligible	N/A		N/A	N/A
Vaulting					
		Provincial Vaulting Judge	According to GR1005.6.f: Senior officials are required for a USEF Guest Card	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Vaulting	Eligible	National Vaulting Judge		Eligible	Yes
'r' Vaulting TD	Not Eligible	N/A		Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Welsh					
'r' Welsh	Eligible for EC national breed division competitions only	recorded Welsh Judge	According to GR1005.6.f: Senior officials are required for a USEF Guest Card	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
'R' Welsh	Eligible	Senior Welsh Judge		Eligible	Yes
Western					
'R' Western	Eligible	Senior Western Judge		Eligible	Yes
Western Dressage					
'r' Western Dressage	Not Eligible	N/A	Discipline is not covered with a EC license or General Breed Sport license	N/A	N/A
'R' Western Dressage	Eligible	N/A		N/A	N/A