



DRESSAGE STEWARD

1 LICENSING AND PROMOTION OF DRESSAGE STEWARDS

All applications, up to an including FEI level, must be sent using the EC Application for Status Form, with the appropriate application fee to Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs no later than January 31st of each year. Note: No late applications will be accepted.

Final criteria must be submitted by October 1st of the same year. The application form may be obtained from the EC website: www.equestrian.ca. Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs will review all completed applications in November of the same year.

The application fee for promotion of any official can be found on the application form.

Note: Any official who fails to pay their annual EC Sport License and DC affiliate fee by April 1st will not be permitted to officiate in that year.

All EC promotions are probationary for one year.

All recognition and promotions of EC dressage stewards will be made by the Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs. All nominations/recommendations for FEI steward status will be made to the FEI by the Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs.

2 LEARNER (I)

Applicants must:

1. Have paid their Dressage affiliate fee and hold an EC Gold Sport License.
2. Be eighteen years of age or older.
3. Outline their background of horse-related activities. (Activities such as show manager, show secretary, scribe, scorer, riding experience, horse-handling experience are highly recommended).

Note: EC Dressage Steward Clinic is highly recommended before applying but is not required.

3 BASIC (B)

Applicants must:

1. Have paid their Dressage affiliate fee and hold an EC Gold Sport License.
2. Be twenty-one years of age or older
3. Also have been learner dressage stewards on five occasions over a period of not more than three years.
4. Have attended and received a positive assessment at an EC sanctioned stewards' promotion clinic for Basic stewards, in the year application is made for promotion.
5. Complete an open-book exam with 80% accuracy. The exam will be sent to the applicant in advance of the Stewards' clinic and must be completed and brought to the clinic where it will be marked. The completion and marking of the exam is a mandatory component of the annual EC Dressage Stewards' clinic.

4 MEDIUM (M)

Applicants must:



1. Have paid their Dressage affiliate fee, hold an EC Gold Sport License
2. Have two years of experience stewarding, and:
 - a) have officiated as a basic steward at a minimum of four EC Gold/Silver dressage competitions
 - b) have officiated or shadowed as a basic steward with a medium or higher steward at a minimum of one EC dressage competition. In the case of shadowing, a full report must be submitted.
3. Have attended and received a positive assessment at an EC sanctioned dressage stewards' promotion clinic for Medium stewards, in the year application is made for promotion.
4. Complete an open book exam with a passing mark of 85%. The exam will be sent to the applicant in advance of the Stewards' clinic and must be completed and brought to the clinic where it will be marked. The completion and marking of the exam is a mandatory component of the annual EC Dressage Stewards' clinic.

5 SENIOR (S)

Applicants must:

1. Have paid their Dressage affiliate fee, hold an EC Gold Sport License.
2. Have two years of experience stewarding and;
 - a) Have officiated as a Medium dressage steward at a minimum of ten Silver and Gold dressage competitions, four of which must be Gold.
 - b) Have officiated or shadowed as a medium steward with a senior steward at a Silver or Gold dressage championship in Canada OR shadowed with an FEI steward at an FEI competition. In the case of shadowing, a full report must be submitted by the steward with whom the applicant shadows.
3. Have attended and received a positive assessment at an EC sanctioned stewards' promotion clinic for Senior dressage stewards in the year application is made for promotion.
4. Complete an open book exam with a passing mark of 85%. The exam will be sent to the applicant in advance of the Stewards' clinic and must be completed and brought to the clinic where it will be marked. The completion and marking of the exam is a mandatory component of the annual EC Dressage Stewards' clinic
5. Have held a Medium dressage steward's license for at least 2 years. As well, they must have officiated as a Medium dressage steward at a minimum of 10 Silver and/or Gold competitions, 4 of which must be Gold. Every senior dressage steward applicant must have worked as a Medium dressage steward either, assisting the FEI Chief Steward at FEI sanctioned events, or as a Medium dressage steward at one Gold Championships in Canada.

6 FEI DRESSAGE STEWARDS

1. The DC Officials Committee is solely responsible for nominating EC dressage stewards to the FEI for FEI dressage stewards' status.
2. All candidates must hold a Senior Dressage Steward card for a minimum of two years.
3. All candidates must contact the Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs to confirm their interest in obtaining FEI Dressage Steward status.
4. All candidates for consideration must have officiated as the chief or senior dressage steward at a minimum of 8 competitions, 4 of which must be gold. The other 4 can be gold or silver. They must also have assisted at a provincial gold or silver championship, regional/national championship and/or



an FEI-CDI2* or above. Those wishing to be considered for FEI Dressage Steward status must also complete the FEI requirements, which can be obtained from the Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs.

5. It must be understood that the FEI limits the number of FEI dressage stewards appointed to each NF and that the DC Officials Committee cannot guarantee that the FEI will accept all nominations.

7 NOTWITHSTANDING CLAUSE

Notwithstanding the above, applicants who live in areas where it is not possible to fulfill all the promotion requirements or who experience other extenuating circumstances, (including applicants from another national federation) may apply to Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs for special consideration.

8 MAINTAINING STATUS

Active Officials – Minimum requirements:

BASIC STEWARD

1. Basic dressage stewards must attend a clinic and pass the exam once every three years to maintain their status.
2. Basic dressage stewards must officiate at a minimum of two EC Gold or Silver sanctioned competitions over a three year period to maintain their status.
3. Basic dressage stewards who are inactive for a period of three consecutive years will be required to reapply for basic status.

MEDIUM STEWARD

1. Medium dressage stewards must attend a dressage stewards' clinic and pass the exam the 85% accuracy once every three years to maintain their status.
2. Medium dressage stewards must officiate at a minimum of two EC Gold or Silver sanctioned competitions over a three year period in order to maintain their status.
3. Medium steward who has not officiated at an EC-sanctioned competition within the last three calendar years will be listed as a non-active official and will be required to reapply for medium status.

SENIOR STEWARD

1. Senior dressage stewards must attend a dressage steward clinic once every three years and pass an exam with 85% accuracy once every three years to maintain their status.
2. Senior dressage stewards must officiate at a minimum of three EC Gold or Silver sanctioned competitions over a three year period in order to maintain their status.
3. Senior dressage steward who has not officiated at an EC Gold/Silver competition within the last three calendar years will be listed as a non-active official and will be required to reapply for senior status.