

REINING JUDGE

1 PROMOTION

1. Applications must be made on Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs application form. Applications must be forwarded to Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs.
2. To be considered for recognition or promotion, all applicants must submit their applications postmarked or hand delivered by October 1st in any year for consideration by Equestrian Canada. Late applications will not be considered.
3. Decisions Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs shall be sent in writing to the applicants.
4. All promotions and initial recognitions are probationary for one year from the date of approval.
5. All applicants and officials must be current Gold EC Sport License holders and EC-Reining affiliate members in good standing.
6. All officials must attend a minimum of one applicable EC or FEI approved Reining clinic/seminar at least once every three years. NRHA clinics/ seminars shall be accepted if approved by Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs.
7. In order to maintain certification, all officials must receive a passing mark on the officials' examination for their certification status a minimum of once every three years. Equestrian Canada may, from to time, further require that EC-licensed Reining officials submit to additional evaluation. Attaining passing evaluation is mandatory for maintaining license standing. Satisfactory participation in clinic preparation assignments will satisfy the requirement for completing an officials' examination.
8. Except in exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs, an official who does not officiate at a minimum of one competition in each category every three years or fails to meet evaluation requirements or is not in good standing with Equestrian Canada or having not paid current EC-Reining affiliation fees will lose his/her certification and will be required to re-apply.
9. Candidates may apply in writing to Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs to challenge a higher certification status. Requests for permission to challenge must be received by Equestrian Canada together with the license application and within the time requirements for such applications.
10. Letters of recommendation or sponsorship, required as part of the application for license status, may not be obtained from members of the candidate's family or spouse or members of the spouse's family or those living in the same household.
11. Evaluation forms must be completed and returned to Equestrian Canada on a timely basis for each Learner or 'r' status official requesting a confidential evaluation of performance. Contents of Evaluation forms are confidential and are available only to members of Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs in fulfilling its duties.
12. Reining Steward candidates without current EC licensing in Reining may apply for promotion after having registered as a Learner Reining Steward, having received satisfactory evaluations from the Chief Steward and judge at three separate qualifying events; and met the requirements for promotion under Appendix A.5.
13. Qualifications for FEI Judge status are outlined in the FEI Regulations, Annex I.
14. Applicants for FEI Reining Steward must have successfully attended a FEI Reining Steward clinic within the previous 3 years, and either have a minimum of five years experience as a licensed steward in EC national competitions, having assisted and received satisfactory evaluations from FEI Reining



Stewards in at least three FEI reining competitions (CRI or higher) within the three years preceding their application; or be a current EC Reining Steward.

2 LEARNER

Learner Judge (“L”) is an individual who has been accepted into EC Reining Official learner program in this classification. A Learner Reining judge may not officiate. They may accompany and monitor only, under the supervision of a Senior Reining judge. The purpose of the Learner status is to gain experience, educate and familiarize the Learner with the duties, obligations and requirements of the Reining judge and to afford an avenue for advancement and be a prerequisite for advancement to the Recorded status.

1. Must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Must hold a current EC Gold Sport License and have paid the annual EC Reining affiliation fee
3. Must attend a relevant Equestrian Canada, FEI or approved USEF or NRHA official’s clinic/seminar and receive a passing grade on the written portion of such clinic/seminar prior to application for Recorded status.
4. Must have two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a current Senior Reining Official, the second from either a Reining Official or a senior competitor, both of whom hold an EC sport license, are members in good standing with Equestrian Canada.
5. Must complete the prescribed Learner application and submit to Equestrian Canada with the required fees.

3 RECORDED

Recorded Judge (“r”) is an individual who has been approved in this classification by Equestrian Canada, and listed in the Officials Directory as “r”. Promotion from Learner to Recorded status shall be approved by Equestrian Canada. A Recorded Reining Judge may officiate alone at any national Reining Competition.

Applicants will be considered for promotion to Senior Judge after achieving ‘r’ status in the Reining division, based on satisfactory evaluations from at least three Reining competitions from EC, USEF or NRHA Recorded Judges that have been approved by Equestrian Canada.

1. Must hold a current EC Gold Sport License and have paid the current annual EC-Reining affiliation fee and EC prescribed officials fees.
2. Must have been a Learner Judge under different Senior Judges for the required number of separate sanctioned competitions and received favorable evaluations indicating sufficient experience to officiate as permitted by these rules.
3. Must attend a relevant Equestrian Canada, FEI, USEF or NRHA officials’ clinic/seminar approved by Equestrian Canada and receive a passing grade on the evaluations of such clinic/seminar prior to application for Recorded status.
4. Must have two letters of recommendation (from persons other than those in 2.2 above) one of which must be from a current Senior Reining Official, the second from either a Reining Official or a senior competitor, both of whom are current EC-Reining affiliate members and senior members in good standing of Equestrian Canada.
5. Must demonstrate knowledge of EC General and Reining rules by achieving a passing mark overall on the written examination or satisfactory participation in the pre-clinic assignments.
6. Must submit completed Application for Promotion.



4 SENIOR

Senior Judge (“S”) is an individual who has been approved in this classification by Equestrian Canada, and is listed in the Official’s Directory as “R”. A Senior Judge is entitled to officiate alone at any competition in the classification for which he is approved. After one year on probation, a Senior Reining Judge may officiate at National Championships.

1. Must be at least twenty-one years of age at the beginning of the calendar year in which they apply.
2. Must hold a current EC Gold Sport License and have paid the current annual EC-Reining affiliation fee and EC-prescribed officials fees.
3. Must have current recorded certification or permission to challenge.
4. Must have worked with different Senior Judges from at least three separate sanctioned competitions and received favorable evaluations.
5. Must demonstrate knowledge of all aspects relative to all Reining Discipline rules by achieving a passing mark overall on the written examination or satisfactory participation in the pre-clinic assignments.
6. Must submit completed Application for Promotion.

5 MAINTAINING STATUS

To maintain Equestrian Canada Official’s certification the following must be maintained:

1. Current EC Sport License, current EC Licensed Officials fees and has paid the annual EC-Reining affiliation fee.
2. Must attend a minimum of one applicable Equestrian Canada/ FEI or other reining official’s clinic that has been pre-approved by Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs at least once every three years and achieve a satisfactory evaluation.
3. Officiate at a minimum of one sanctioned competition every three years for the license(s) status held.
4. Required reports and evaluations are filed on a timely basis.

6 REINSTATEMENT

Reinstatement following a lapse for failure to pay annual dues may only be applied for once without special permission by Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs. However, the following shall apply:

1. Only on the grounds of illness or for other reason acceptable to Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs.
2. The candidate must rewrite and pass a written examination, if written more than 2 years previously, and
3. The candidate shall attend the first available, relevant, approved clinic.