



GENERAL INFORMATION ON NATIONAL EQUINE ORGANIZATIONS CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP (CATEGORY C)

Affiliation with EC provides National Equine Organizations with two different opportunities to represent their memberships - one is via **Operational Committees** namely the Equine Industry Development Committee (EIDC) for Industry Affiliates and the National Breed Sport Committee for Breed Associate Affiliates. Terms of Reference (TORs) for both can be found in the EC Operations Manual available on line. Affiliates are automatically aligned with one of these committees once an application has been approved. Special Interest Affiliates are not represented by a specific committee. However a Special Interest Affiliate may apply to the Chair of either of the other two committees for inclusion. Inclusion will be a Committee decision.

The second opportunity falls under **Governance**. **The attached Category C Terms of Reference has been approved by the Board of Equestrian Canada and will be implemented as of January 1, 2018.** This document provides the National Equine Organization category of membership with their mandate as Members and the means by which NEOs affiliated with EC can designate the nine (9) Members with voting rights in accordance with the EC By-laws.

The Governance structure of EC as defined by the By-laws provides for three (3) categories of membership with each Category having its own Terms of Reference (TOR) reflecting the membership differences within each category.

National Equine Organizations form Category C. This category of membership consists of three types of Affiliate... Industry Affiliates, Breed Associate Affiliates and Special Interest Affiliates. The revised TOR follows the original TOR in the assignment of numbers of Members ie five for Industry and up to four for Breed Associates and therefore does not provide a Member position to Special Interest Affiliates at this time.

The TOR reflects the recent formalization by the EC Board of the Breed organizations under the Breed Sports umbrella in the organizational structure of EC as *Breed Associate Affiliates* thereby meeting the requirements of the By-laws specifically Article 3.1 Categories; 3.7 (b) Recognition and Article 1 General where Recognized Affiliate Organizations and National Equine Organizations are defined.

Affiliates join EC on an annual basis and therefore Category C Members can only be designated and/or elected on an annual basis. If at some time in the future this changes then the Governance of EC could revisit the allowable rotation period in the TOR.

The criteria for each type of Affiliate reflect the uniqueness of current relationships, expectations and service requirements with EC as the National Equine Organization representing all equestrian interests to the Canadian Government. Affiliates are important to Equestrian Canada as they represent the large and varied equine & equestrian community across Canada. The Industry Affiliate, Breed Associate Affiliate and Special Interest Affiliate designations provide an opportunity for all National and/or Regional Equine Organizations to work with EC.



Industry Affiliate

Application requirements for an Industry Affiliate....

Those applying are required to be a registered Breed organization listed and in good standing with either Canadian Livestock Records or having an Independent Registry

Industry Affiliates are required to complete an “Industry Affiliate” application form or renewal form on an annual basis and pay the relevant fee.

Benefits of being an Industry Affiliate

1. Category C Members with voting rights: Industry Affiliates in good standing with EC have the opportunity to designate and/or elect a Category C Member(s) with voting rights in accordance with the Category C Terms of Reference (TOR);

and
 2. Industry Affiliates also have the opportunity in accordance with the Equine Industry Development Committee TOR to designate a representative to the EIDC, this person must be a member of their National Organization, and a “registered participant” with the PTSO in which they reside;
- have the opportunity to promote their Breed and its activities by a link to their web site through the EC web site;
 - as an Industry Affiliate have the right through the EIDC and EC to provide leadership and vision in developing the future direction of the equine industry in Canada;
 - support EC in dealing with emerging issues concerning the Canadian equine industry;
 - have the ability to speak with one equine voice to the Federal Government and the FEI;
 - have access to Federal Government sponsored programs and grant opportunities;
 - advocate for best practices in regard to health and welfare, growth and value of the equine industry;
 - effect change and help shape the Canadian equine industry;
 - increase awareness and effectiveness by sharing information that affects all aspects of the equine industry with all entities of the equine industry;
 - other responsibilities as outlined in the EIDC TOR.
 - Industry Affiliate membership does not provide individual members of a registered organization with “registered participant” or with “Sport Licence” membership with EC.
 - have the right to have their Breed Organizations “Rules & Regulations” published by EC on the EC website;



Breed Associate Affiliate

Application requirements for a Breed Associate Affiliate....

Those applying are required to be a registered Breed organization listed and in good standing with either Canadian Livestock Records or having an Independent Registry

Registered Breeds are required to complete a “Breed Associate Affiliate” application form on an annual basis and pay the relevant fee.

Completion, submission and acceptance by EC of an application form automatically provides EC with permission by a Breed Organization to publish their “Rules & Regulations”.

Benefits of being a Breed Associate Affiliate....

1. Category C Members with voting rights: Breed Associate Affiliates in good standing with EC have the opportunity to designate and/or elect Category C Member(s) with voting rights in accordance with the Category C Terms of Reference (TOR);
and
2. have the opportunity to designate a representative to the National Breed Sport Committee in accordance with the National Breed Sport Terms of Reference (TOR). This person must be a member of their Breed Organization, and a Sport Licence Holder (a requirement for the latter is that the person is also a “registered participant” in the PTSO in which they reside);
 - have the opportunity to promote their Breed and its activities by a link to their web site through the EC web site;
 - have the right to have their Breed Organizations “Rules & Regulations” published by EC on the EC website;
 - have access to EC Officials for competitions;
 - will be provided with equine industry related information via the meeting minutes of the Equine Industry Development Committee and the Health & Welfare Committee and other information as it affects the equine community as a whole;
 - interface with the Canadian Breed Sport community as a whole;
 - when opportunities arise via EC for promoting a particular Breed the contact person for that organization will be advised by EC;
 - other responsibilities as outlined in the National Breed Sports TOR.
- Breed Associate Affiliate membership does not provide individual members of a registered organization with “registered participant” or with “Sport Licence” membership with EC.



Special Interest Affiliate

Application requirements for a Special Interest Affiliate....

Those applying are required to be a registered equine related organization in good standing with the relevant Federal Government regulations.

Special Interest Affiliates are required to complete a “Special Interest Affiliate” application form or renewal form on an annual basis and pay the relevant fee.

Special Interest Affiliates are required as part of their application to complete an individualized statement of agreement for services with EC to be approved by the Board on an annual basis.

Note: Special Interest Affiliates do not currently have the opportunity to designate a Category C Member.

Benefits of being a Special Interest Affiliate means....

- Special Interest Affiliates in good standing with EC may request the opportunity in accordance with either the Equine Industry Development Committee TOR or the National Breed Sports Committee TOR to designate a representative to one of those committees. Any such request should be made to the Chair of the committee and will be considered by the Committee. A designate must be a member of their National Organization, and a “registered participant” with the PTSO in which they reside;
- have the opportunity to promote their organization and its activities by a link to their web site through the EC web site;
- support the National Equine Organization of Equestrian Canada which represents all equine entities and interests to the Federal Government;
- will be provided with equine industry related information via the meeting minutes of the Equine Industry Development Committee; the National Breed Sports Committee and other information as it affects the equine community as a whole;
- Special Interest Affiliate membership does not provide individual members of a registered organization with “registered participant” or with “Sport Licence” membership with EC.