



9 HUNTER, EQUITATION & HACK JUDGE

9.1 PROMOTION

Applications for hunter and equitation judge and course designer status must be made to Equestrian Canada. Applications must be in the national office prior to October 1st. Late applications will not be accepted.

All officials must attend one clinic for each card they are applying for and once promoted adhere to the recertification period.

Senior judges must ensure that the EC Self-Reporting System online accurately reflects all competitions judged in Canada, the U.S., and any other countries during the previous year. See also rules pertaining to all EC officials in Chapter 1.

In addition to fulfilling a structured set of guidelines and requirements, those considered for promotion and promoted as EC Officials must possess and project the ethics of the organization and embody the principles of EC and fair play.

9.1.1 RECORDED

An applicant for recorded judge status must:

1. hold an EC Gold Sport License and be at least 21 years of age;
2. be in good standing with EC;
3. have attended a judge's clinic in each relevant division and have scored the required passing mark of 80% on an exam, where applicable;
4. have shadowed an EC senior judge at a minimum of four EC sanctioned competitions in all divisions applied for. (Upon completion of shadowed shows, the applicant must have a "Shadow Judge Evaluation Form" completed and signed by the senior judge with whom they shadow judged);
5. complete five full days of shadow judging at any EC sanctioned competitions in all divisions applied for.
6. submit the Official Recorded Status Application Form prior to October 1st;
7. have attended a judge's clinic in the divisions for which he/she is applying;
8. have shadowed an EC senior judge at a minimum of four EC sanctioned competitions for each division applied for;
9. submit Shadow Judge Evaluation Forms from all shadowed shows;
10. provide a sample judges cards from divisions judged for review of complete divisions shadowed;
11. submit the names, addresses, and email addresses of three or more individual references, all of whom must be EC Gold sport license holders and two of whom must be current EC licensed senior judges in the division(s) in which the applicant seeks recognition. Letters are required from each of these judges, and must go directly from them to the Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs. References may be contacted at the discretion of EC.

9.1.2 SENIOR

In order to obtain senior judge status, a recorded judge must:

1. have acted as a recorded judge for complete divisions at a minimum of seven (7) EC-sanctioned competitions in the previous three (3) years;



2. for the Hunter/Equitation card, complete 20 full days of shadow judging with an EC Senior Hunter/Equitation Judge or USEF Senior Hunter/Equitation Judge.
3. have shadow judged at two (2) of the seven (7), at EC Gold A and Platinum competitions or the equivalent rated USEF Horse Show. . It is the recorded judge's responsibility to contact the competition management and the senior official directly to request permission to "shadow" judge. Upon completion of the competition, the recorded judge must have a "Shadow Judge Evaluation Form" completed and signed by the senior judge with whom they shadow judged with. If acting alone as a recorded judge, they must have a "Shadow Judge Evaluation Form" completed and signed by the competition manager.
4. Hunter & equitation judges must have personal competitive experience at EC Gold A and Platinum competitions and/or be a High Performance 1 Coach.
5. supply original copies of the "Shadow Judge Evaluation Form" for all shows judged, signed by competition managers and/or signed by the senior judge with whom they shadow judged;
6. supply two (2) "Shadow Judge Evaluation Forms" completed and signed by the senior judges they shadowed under, and sent directly to Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs;
7. have attended a judges' clinic in the division in which he/she is applying;
8. provide a sample judges card of complete divisions judged at the EC Gold A and Platinum competitions signed by the senior judge shadowed with. All divisions applied for must be included;
9. arrange for two letters of reference, one of which must be from an EC senior official in the requested disciplines. Note: senior judges, competition managers or other references on application forms may be contacted at the discretion of Equestrian Canada.
10. must have attended an EC clinic and passed exam with at least 80%.

Note: Recorded judging experience in foreign countries may be taken into consideration upon receipt of a letter from the competition at which the applicant judged.

9.2 MAINTAINING STATUS

The recertification period for recorded hunter, and equitation officials is three years starting January 1st, 2014 to December 31st, 2016. The recertification period for senior officials is five years starting January 1st, 2012 to December 31st, 2016.

For hunter and equitation judges, attendance at an EC recertification or EC approved clinic that is a minimum of six hours in duration maintains status.

An official who has allowed his/her license and/or EC membership to lapse for one year will be required to apply for reinstatement at the same level previously held; this application will be reviewed by Equestrian Canada – Officials Programs. The process for application for reinstatement is identical to that for initial application for official status.



HUNTER/JUMPER OFFICIALS' CLINICS

1. Any person or group may organize an officials' clinic with the approval of EC
2. Applications for clinic approval must be made in writing to the Officials Department at EC. Applications should be sent at least 3 months prior to clinic date with the following details:
 - a. Date and location
 - b. Clinician
 - c. Agenda and duration
 - d. Cost to participant
 - e. Contact information of organizer
3. Only EC approved clinics may be used to count towards updating or upgrading an official's status.
4. It is mandatory that notice of all officials' clinics is sent to all applicable officials and/or that a notice be placed in EC/JC newsletters to provide sufficient notice to officials of these clinics.
5. Persons organizing the clinic are responsible for providing the names, addresses, and email addresses, phone numbers and EC sport license numbers (if available) of those actually attending on the day to EC within one week of the clinic. Persons registering prior to the clinic and not attending will not receive credit for attendance.
6. Clinicians must hold Senior status in the division(s) in which they are conducting.