



SECTION A: GENERAL REGULATIONS

AMENDMENT SUMMARY

EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2024

NOTE:

The following rules have been added or revised in the 2024 edition of the Equestrian Canada rules. All editions of Section A have been updated to include all of the changes in this document.

ARTICLE A102 SAFE SPORT ENVIRONMENTS

1. Effective 2022, EC Sport License holders at least 18 years of age must complete recognized safe sport training modules addressing the recognition and prevention of maltreatment in sport and concussion.
2. Effective 2022, Coach Status is required to engage in coaching activities at EC sanctioned events. [See Article A103.](#)

ARTICLE A103 COACH STATUS

1. For the purpose of participation in EC-sanctioned competitions and meeting EC minimum requirements for Safe Sport coaching eligibility, there are two (2) recognized EC Coach Status designations:
 - a) Registered Coach Status: Self-declared coaches and instructors, and those working toward a recognized coaching certification/licence.
 - b) Licenced Coach Status: Coaches with knowledge and expertise achieved through formal certification, education, or validated practical experience.
2. EC Coach Status is required for all Canadian residents coaching athletes at EC-sanctioned competitions.
3. EC Coach Status must be renewed annually, and it is the responsibility of the individual holding EC Coach Status to ensure all component requirements for Coach Status are current and valid.
4. For Coaches who do not meet minimum Coach Status requirements at the time of competition, Temporary EC Coach Status is available. The fees for *Temporary EC Coach Status* are listed in the EC Schedule of Fees.
 - a) Only those who hold a valid EC Sport Licence may purchase Temporary EC Coach Status.
 - b) A Temporary EC Coach Status allows the person the privilege of participating as a coach at the competition where the Temporary Coach Status was purchased.
 - c) In 2024, rider and horse results achieved while coaching with a Temporary EC Coach Status may be used to qualify for year-end awards, championship competitions, finals or subsequent competitions requiring qualification.
 - d) Coaches who do not hold valid EC Coach Status must complete the Temporary EC Coach Status Application form and pay the associated fee forevery competition where Coach Status is required.
 - e) EC reserves the right to limit the number of times an individual may apply for Temporary EC Coach Status in any given year.
 - f) Temporary EC Coach Status will be permanently discontinued after December 31, 2025.
5. EC Coach Status is not applicable to Foreign Coaches.

ARTICLE A202 INDIVIDUAL SPORT LICENCE CATEGORIES

Individual licence categories are:

1. Platinum (A204)
2. Gold (A205)
3. Silver (A206)
4. Bronze (A207)
- ~~5. Temporary (A208)~~
- ~~6.5. Lifetime (A209)~~
- ~~7.6. Corporate/Syndicate (A210)~~

ARTICLE A203 GENERAL RULES -- SPORT LICENCES

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- ~~3. All Sport Licences except Life and Temporary expire at the end of the calendar year.~~

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~~ARTICLE A208 TEMPORARY SPORT LICENCE~~

- ~~1. Temporary Sport Licences are available for a one-time event in Silver or Gold classes. They are not available for competing in Bronze or Platinum classes.~~
- ~~2. Owners or lessees, Persons Responsible and competitors who do not hold a valid Sport Licences may purchase Temporary Sport Licences at the event. The fee for Temporary Sport Licences is listed in the current EC Schedule of Fees.~~
- ~~3. A Temporary Sport Licence allows the person the privilege of competing at the competition where the Sport Licence was purchased. However, such licence does not include any other EC benefits. A Temporary Sport Licence holder is not entitled to purchase a passport or to accumulate points.~~



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- ~~4. An eligible Temporary Sport Licence holder may compete in amateur classes provided an Amateur Affidavit has been completed and is on file with the competition Secretary.~~
- ~~5. Results achieved while competing with a Temporary Sport Licence may not be used to qualify for year-end awards, championship competitions, finals or subsequent competitions requiring qualification.~~
- ~~6. Owners who are Temporary Sport Licence holders must complete the Temporary Horse Registration form at every competition where Horse Recordings are required.~~
- ~~7. To purchase a temporary sport licence, for those residing in a participating province or territory, an individual must be a member of that participating ptso.~~

ARTICLE A211 SINGLE EVENT SPORT LICENCE UPGRADE

1. Owners or lessees, Persons Responsible and competitors who hold valid Sport Licences, but at a lower level than required, may purchase Single Event Sport Licence Upgrades at the event, directly from EC. Upgrades may be obtained for Silver or Gold competitions. The fee for a Single Event Sport Licence Upgrade is listed in the current EC *Schedule of Fees*.
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ARTICLE A215 SPORT LICENCE SUMMARY

1. Competitors participating in:
 - a) designated Bronze classes at EC-sanctioned events require a Bronze (or higher) Sport Licence. Bronze Sport Licences may be purchased through EC online, or at authorized Participating PTSOs. For privileges, see Article A207;
 - b) designated Silver classes at EC-sanctioned events require a Silver (or higher) Sport Licence, which may be purchased through EC online or a single-event upgrade may be purchased by Bronze Sport Licence holders. ~~For those without a current Sport Licence, a Temporary Sport Licence may be purchased at an EC sanctioned event.~~ A Temporary Horse Registration for classes where Horse Recordings are required may also be purchased at the event. For privileges, see Article A206;
 - c) designated Gold classes at EC-sanctioned events require a Gold (or higher) Sport Licence, which may be purchased through EC online or a single-event Upgrade may be purchased by Bronze or Silver Sport Licence holders. ~~For those without a Sport Licence, a Temporary Sport Licence may be purchased at an EC sanctioned event.~~ A Temporary Horse Registration for classes where Horse Recordings are required may also be purchased at the event. For privileges, see Article A205; and
 - d) designated FEI classes at EC-sanctioned events require a Platinum Sport Licence which must be purchased prior to the event through EC online. There is no Upgrade ~~or Temporary Sport Licence~~ available to Platinum.
Exception: Endurance FEI classes, Vaulting FEI classes.

ARTICLE A402 GENERAL RULES - HORSE RECORDINGS

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7. In competitions that require Horse Recording numbers, all Canadian entries are required to hold an EC Horse Recording and have paid the EC Horse Recording annual Activation Fee to compete, or ~~if owned by a temporary sport licence holder,~~ a Temporary Horse Registration form must be purchased at each competition entered.

ARTICLE A403 APPLICATION FOR HORSE RECORDING

- ~~1. Owners must hold current Sport Licences and be in good standing in order to purchase Horse Recordings.~~
Exception: ~~Temporary sport licence holders are not entitled to purchase Horse Recordings or accumulate points.~~
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ARTICLE A602 PRIZE LISTS – MANDATORY INFORMATION

1. The published prize list must contain the official EC statement certifying that the competition is a sanctioned competition of EC. Prize lists are required for all competitions and may not be replaced by electronic technology.
“*The _____ competition is sanctioned as a: Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze competition member of Equestrian Canada 11 Hines, Suite 201c/o House of Sport 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K2K 2X1 K1H 7X7 and is governed by the rules of EC.*”
[...]
4. In competitions that require Horse Recording numbers, the prize lists must state that all Canadian entries are required to hold an EC Horse Recording and have paid the EC Horse Recording annual Activation Fee to compete, or ~~if owned by a temporary sport licence holder,~~ a Temporary Horse Registration form must be purchased at each competition entered. Foreign entries must sign an affidavit. (See A404).
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ARTICLE A902 AMATEUR COMPETITORS

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2. A person competing in EC amateur classes must hold a valid EC sport licence indicating amateur status and adhere to the guidelines as indicated in the discipline/breed sport rules. ~~Riders competing in Amateur classes on a Temporary Sport Licence must have a signed Amateur Affidavit on file with the competition Secretary.~~

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ARTICLE A903 APPLICATION FOR EC AMATEUR STATUS

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- ~~5. Eligible amateurs who are competing on a Temporary Sport licence must complete an Amateur Affidavit to enter classes restricted to Amateur riders/drivers.~~

ARTICLE A1003 PERMITTED MEDICATIONS

Permitted Medications may be present in a horse during an EC-sanctioned competition, except Endurance competitions (refer to A1003.4).

1. Permitted medications are the following:
 - a) non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) approved for use in Canada for horses: flunixin meglumine, ketoprofen, phenylbutazone or acetylsalicylic acid, subject to the restrictions below.
 - b) Firocoxib (by exception to 1a)
 - c) pergolide;
 - d) the anti-ulcer medications: cimetidine, ranitidine, sucralfate or omeprazole.
 - e) altrenogest (for mares only)
 - f) antimicrobials (antibiotics and antiprotozoals)
Exception: procaine penicillin G
 - g) antiparasitic products (dewormers)
Exception: levamisole and tetramisole
 - h) hyaluronic acid, chondroitin sulfate, glucosamine, pentosan, and polysulfated glycosaminoglycans (Adequan) (Please note: the above cannot be given by intra-articular injections during competition, please see Article A1010.1)
 - i) cyclosporin
 - j) misoprostol
 - k) IV rehydration fluids; within the guidelines of the Prohibited Practice
 - l) Vitamins

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4. Endurance horses may only compete with the permitted medications listed in sub-paragraphs ~~D~~C through L in section A, Chapter 10 – Article 1003 Permitted Medications. Endurance horses may not compete with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

NOTE: The use of pergolide has been approved by the EC National Rules Committee on a two-year trial basis from January 1, 2024, through until December 31, 2025. Data collected during the trial period will be used to guide recommendations on a permanent ruling regarding use of this medication in competition.

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ARTICLE A1014 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

All Equine Medication Control hearings, whether documentary or oral are private. Only following the conclusion of a hearing or once the administrative penalty has been accepted, the following information shall be published on the EC website: The name of the person(s) responsible, the horse's name; the name and date of the competition, the drug, the class of violation and the penalty. The information outlined will only be published after the person(s) responsible has been notified by Equestrian Canada or its designate. The information will remain published ~~for three years~~ as per the time frame listed in the EC Schedule of Fines and Penalties. If the Person(s) responsible or any associated or related person makes information concerning a rule violation or an alleged rule violation public prior to the conclusion of the hearing, the acceptance of the administrative penalty and the release of the EC's public report, EC may comment on all such public information.



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ARTICLE A1301 GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO OFFICIALS

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8. Unless permitted by discipline / breed sport rules, no EC licensed official may officiate at any competition in Canada which is not sanctioned by EC. **Exceptions:** EC officials may officiate at non-sanctioned competitions:
- i) ~~restricted~~ to members of the Canadian Pony Club; ~~or~~
 - ii) where permitted by discipline/breed sport rules;
 - iii) if the event is of a discipline which EC does not sanction; or
 - iv) the official does not hold any cards in that discipline
9. The list of officials to serve at sanctioned competitions must be approved through the competition application procedure outlined in the Competition Administration Policy.

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ARTICLE A1305 GUEST CARDS

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4. Organizers in participating provinces may request a guest card, where permitted by discipline/breed sport rules, for a Senior official to act as a judge or additional Steward at provincially-sanctioned competitions below Bronze level for the specific purpose of mentoring a non-EC-licensed official. The *Guest Card* application must include the name of the uncertified official to be mentored. Discipline/breed sport committees may limit the number of guest card applications under this rule.

ARTICLE A1506 EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES FOR CALCULATING POINTS

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2. For the calculation of points in the Dressage/Para Dressage divisions or classes, see Section E, Chapter 20. For Dressage, the following multiplication factors apply:

- Provincial Championships Multiplier of 10
- Regional Championships Multiplier of 11
- National Championships Multiplier of 12

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