

PARA EQUESTRIAN CLASSIFIERS

Requirements for Level 1, 2 and 3



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CAREER PATHWAY

General

An Equestrian Canada (EC) Para-Equestrian Classifier is a person authorized by EC to conduct evaluations for athletes who are ready to compete at EC sanctioned Silver and Gold level Dressage competitions and EC sanctioned Driving competitions. Classifiers execute the evaluation of eligible Athletes in accordance with the methods and standards of the Fédération Equestre International (FEI), as outlined in the FEI Classification Manual within Para-Dressage and Para Driving disciplines.

This document outlines the process for obtaining EC credentials as a Para Equestrian Classifier and is applicable to both Para-Dressage and Para-Driving. Details on maintaining classifier status as well as developing and progressing are also explained.

EC Para Equestrian Classifiers are first listed as Level 1 Classifiers and may then complete the prerequisite requirements and seek promotion to higher-level statuses.



Level 1 Para Equestrian Classifier Prerequisites

A Level 1 Para Equestrian Classifier is not part of the Classification Panel and does not have the authority to assign a National Para Equestrian Grade. A Level 1 EC Para Equestrian Classifier may be appointed to participate in some or all components of an athlete evaluation under the supervision of the Classification Advisory Panel to develop classifier competencies.

Criteria	Description
Eligibility	 Current EC Gold Sport Licence in good standing. Application and resume detailing physiotherapist and/or medical training, and any equestrian experience, submitted to EC. Minimum of 18 years old. Fluent in spoken English or French. Current licensed Physiotherapist and/or Medical Physician with authority to practice within home province. Current professional liability insurance.
Education	Course Attend an EC Para Equestrian Classifier Course within two years of applying for Level 1 status.



Criteria	Description
	Assessment Complete six practice athlete classification bench tests and submit to EC for assessment within six months of attending an EC Para Equestrian Classifier Course.
Apprenticeship /Support	 Complete a minimum of four athlete evaluations with a Level 2 or higher EC Para Equestrian Classifier within two years of acquiring Level 1 status. For each evaluation, an evaluation report must be submitted to EC. A Level 1 EC Para Equestrian Classifier may be appointed to participate in some or all components of an athlete evaluation under the supervision of the Classification Advisory Panel to develop classifier competencies. Receive mentorship by a Level 2 or higher EC Para Equestrian Classifier for the duration of Level 1 status. This includes mentorship during assessment and assigning profiles and grades to athletes.
Status	 After successfully completing all requirements, listed as Level 1 Par Equestrian Classifier in the EC Officials Directory. Level 1 Para Equestrian Classifiers may remain listed on the EC Officials Directory as current for a maximum of two years. If a candidate has not applied as a Level 2 Para Equestrian Classifier at the end of 2 years from the time of acquiring Level 1 status, the Level 1 status will be retired. A Level 1 Para Equestrian Classifier is not part of the Classification Advisory Panel and does not have the authority to assign a National Para Equestrian Grade to an athlete. They may be appointed to participate in some or all components of an athlete evaluation under the supervision of the Classification Advisory Panel to develop classifier competencies.
Maintenance	 Current EC Gold Sport Licence in good standing. Current licensed Physiotherapist and/or Medical Physician with authority to practice within home province and current professional liability insurance. Attend a minimum of one EC Classifier meeting every year. Attend an EC Para Equestrian Classifier Maintenance Course every two years. Pass an annual Para Equestrian Classifier maintenance exam with a minimum score of 80% by March 1 every year. Keep up to date with EC and FEI rules, processes and changes.

Level 2 Para Equestrian Classifier Prerequisites

Criteria	Description
Eligibility	 Current EC Gold Sport Licence in good standing. Application submitted to EC. Minimum of 18 years old. Fluent in spoken English or French. Current licensed Physiotherapist and/or Medical Physician with authority to practice within home province. Current professional liability insurance. Classifier Log for previous three years submitted to EC.



Criteria	Description
	 1. Course Attend an EC Para Equestrian Classifier Course within two years of applying for Level 2 status.
Education	Assessment Complete a minimum of four athlete evaluations with a Level 2 or higher EC Para Equestrian Classifier with positive recommendation within the last two years. For each evaluation, an evaluation report must be submitted to EC.
	Exam Pass the EC Level 2 Para Equestrian exam with a minimum score of 80%.
Status	1. After successfully completing all requirements, listed as Level 2 Par Equestrian Classifier in the EC Officials Directory.
Maintenance	 Current EC Gold Sport Licence in good standing. Current licensed Physiotherapist and/or Medical Physician with authority to practice within home province and current professional liability insurance. Attend a minimum of one EC Classifier meeting every year. Attend an EC Para Equestrian Classifier Maintenance Course every two years. Pass an annual Para Equestrian Classifier maintenance exam with a minimum score of 80% by March 1 every year. Complete a minimum of four athlete evaluations as a Level 2 Para Equestrian Classifier at a minimum of one Classification Hub within the last three years. Keep up to date with EC and FEI rules, processes and changes.

Level 3 Para Equestrian Classifier Prerequisites

Criteria	Description
Eligibility	 Current EC Gold Sport Licence in good standing. Application submitted to EC. Minimum of 18 years old. Fluent in spoken English or French. Current licensed Physiotherapist and/or Medical Physician with authority to practice within home province. Current professional liability insurance. Classifier Log for previous three years submitted to EC.
Education	Course Attend an EC Para Equestrian Classifier Course within two years of applying for Level 3 status.



Criteria	Description
Criteria	 2. Assessment Complete a minimum of ten athlete evaluations as a Level 2 EC Para Equestrian Classifier at a minimum of three Classification Hubs within the last three years. For each evaluation, an evaluation report must be submitted to EC. Demonstrate competency in classification skills, including the physical assessment, by attending a Classification Hub as a Classifier and submitting four cards to the Para Equestrian Head Classifier within the last two years (as stated by the FEI). 3. Shadowing Complete a minimum of one shadow classification with a positive recommendation at a Classification Hub within three months of attending an EC Para Equestrian Classifier Course. Shadowing to include a defined set of activities associated with the role of Para Equestrian Chief Classifier. For each shadow, an evaluation report must be submitted to EC.
Status	4. Exam • Pass the EC Level 3 Para Equestrian exam with a minimum score of 80%. 1. After processfully completing all provingments, listed as Level 2 Par Equestrian Classifier.
Sucus	 After successfully completing all requirements, listed as Level 3 Par Equestrian Classifier in the EC Officials Directory. May act as Chief Classifier at Classification Hubs Eligible to deliver EC Para Equestrian Classifier Course Eligible to apply for FEI Level 1 Para Equestrian Classifier status
Maintenance	 Current EC Gold Sport Licence in good standing. Current licensed Physiotherapist and/or Medical Physician with authority to practice within home province and current professional liability insurance. Attend a minimum of one EC Classifier meeting every year. Attend an EC Para Equestrian Classifier Maintenance Course every two years. Pass an annual Para Equestrian Classifier maintenance exam with a minimum score of 80% by March 1 every year. Act as Chief Classifier at a minimum of one Classification Hub every three years. Keep up to date with EC and FEI rules, processes and changes.



