



ENDURANCE FEI NOVICE QUALIFICATIONS

A QUICK GUIDE FOR CANADIAN ATHLETES & HORSES

Are you interested in representing Canada at the International level? If yes, then this Quick Guide is for you! Below are three easy steps needed to complete your, or your horse's, FEI Novice Qualifications and begin riding at the FEI level. (equestrian.ca/sport/endurance)

Step 1: Complete Four Novice Competitions

Distance Requirements & Speed Restrictions

- Two completions at 40-79km (single day competitions)
- Two completions at 80-100km (either in two single-day competitions, or one multi-day competition)
- All four completions are restricted to a speed of no more than 16 km/hour.
(There is also an exemption process for athletes and horses that have completed 480km at competitions of 80kms or more within the last 3 years. Contact feiservices@equestrian.ca for more information.)

Sanctioning Requirements

- Prior to and in 2025 if an athlete (equine and/or human) has completed their 4 novice competitions already or started them, those completions will count if the sanctioning is with an EC recognized organization and the Mandatory Rest Periods have been observed.
- Verification of results is required.
- Starting in 2026: At least two rides are to be completed at EC Bronze competitions or in concurrent events at applicable FEI competitions (EC/USEF/AERC/Provincial Distance Organization). An EC Bronze Sports License is required when completing your 3rd and 4th Novice Rides.

Step 2: Purchase EC Sports License & FEI Registration

For Athletes

- Through “[MyEC](#)”, purchase a SILVER Sports Licence (or upgrade from Bronze if in current year).
- A FEI Athlete Registration is required prior to the submission of the completed Novice Rides at: equestrian.ca/high-performance/national-team-program/athletes

For Horses

- Equines must have a FEI compatible Micro Chip and required vaccinations prior to requesting a National (FEI compliant) passport.



- A FEI Horse Registration is required prior to the submission of the completed Novice Rides. A horse seeking a FEI Registration must first have one of the following: EC National Passport, FEI Passport, or FEI Recognition Card. (Find and purchase via [MyEC](#), FEI Documents)

Step 3: Submit Your Novice Rides

<https://licence.equestrian.ca/ceifei/login>

- Once verified, your novice rides will be entered into the FEI system and confirmation of your FEI Novice Status will be emailed to you.

The three steps above cover the basic process for becoming FEI Novice Qualified. Please contact EC FEI Services at feiservices@equestrian.ca or endurancecommittee@equestrian.ca with all questions.

(This document is a quick guide; the FEI rules must be referenced for full FEI Novice Qualification requirements. <https://rebrand.ly/1wrfh9e> Pg 34)

equestrian.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025-Schedule-of-Feesxi.pdf - list of fees (\$180 National Passport)