

IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED UNDER
 EQUESTRIAN CANADA'S DISCIPLINE, COMPLAINTS, AND APPEALS POLICY
 ERIC RICHARDSON, EC# 4004706

On February 11, 2026, a Hearing Panel heard and decided the merits of three complaints against Eric Richardson. It was found that Mr. Richardson breached the EC Code of Conduct, the EC Horse Welfare Code of Conduct, and the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines (CPCHE), as follows:

Neglect - EC Horse Welfare Code of Conduct
 Physical Abuse - EC Horse Welfare Code of Conduct
 3.1 of the CPCHE

On March 30, 2026, the Hearing Panel issued decisions on sanctions for the three complaints. Given the seriousness of Mr. Richardson's conduct, Mr. Richardson is ordered suspended from participating in any capacity in any program, activity, event, or competition sponsored by, organized by, or under the auspices of EC until December 30, 2028, as well as additional sanctions set out in the following chart:

	Complaint 1	Complaint 2	Complaint 3	Total
Fines	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$36,000 due to EC by April 30, 2026
Suspensions (consecutive)	9 months, ending on December 30, 2026	12 months, ending on December 30, 2027	12 months, ending on December 30, 2028	33 months suspension, ending on December 30, 2028.
Education	Mandatory completion at own expense of the following courses; proof of completion to be provided prior to seeking reinstatement as EC licence holder: (1) World Horse Welfare Webinar: Balancing the needs of the Horse with the pressure of Competition, (2) Equine Care Program: Introductory Course, and (3) Equine Code of Practice 2021			
Probation	Five years post-suspension, ending on December 30, 2031.	Five years post-suspension, ending on December 30, 2032	Five years post-suspension, ending on December 30, 2033	7 years probation. Mandatory mentorship by EC-licence holder in 2029.