



CANADIAN ICE EVENTING COMPETITION SERIES

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Guidelines prepared by the EC Eventing Committee
ICE (I CAN EVENT)

Introduction:

In response to requests to provide a guideline for a PTSO sanctioned fun, low-cost introduction to the sport of Eventing, the EC Eventing Committee is pleased to create the Canadian ICE Eventing Competition Series.

The following guidelines were developed to provide flexibility to Organizers and provinces to best suit their regional needs.

Guidelines:

The format of an ICE Eventing competition may vary from venue to venue depending on the competition facilities available to be used.

An ICE Eventing competition provides the opportunity for a competitor to experience the three phases of the sport of eventing in a competition comprised of one or two sections - dressage and jumping. The jumping section may include both show jumping and/or cross country fences.

An ICE Eventing competition shall be sanctioned by the applicable PTSO.

The PTSO is encouraged to work in partnership with the Provincial Eventing Association in hosting ICE Eventing competitions including date scheduling to avoid conflicts with other eventing competitions and activities. Provincial Eventing Associations are comprised of experts in the sport.

An ICE Eventing competition may be held in conjunction with an EC sanctioned Horse Trial or may be held independently.

An ICE Eventing competition shall comprise of:

1. Dressage Section: a recommended but *optional* dressage section (test at the applicable level (Organizer's discretion and selection))
2. Jumping Section: maximum of one (1 of the three possible options listed below:
 - a. Show Jumping – course comprised of standard show jumping fences in an arena
 - b. Show Jumping & Cross Country - a jumping course comprised of standard show jumping fences plus some fixed /cross country fences
 - c. Cross Country – cross-country course of fixed /cross country fences

Jumping and Cross-country specifications, permitted speeds etc. for an ICE division may be less than, but may not exceed those described for the EV 90 division in Annex 6 and 7 of the EC Eventing Rules.



However, the Jumping and Cross Country maximum height of fences in for example a ICE60 division may not exceed 60cm and maximum height of fences in ICE70 division may not exceed 70cm.

As an example - divisions could include:

- ICE 60 (where maximum height of show jumping and cross-country fences shall be 60cm)
- ICE 70 (where maximum height of show jumping and cross-country fences shall be 70cm)
- ICE 80 (where maximum height of show jumping and cross-country fences shall be 80cm)

Dressage Arena: The enclosure may consist of a low fence that may be either completely or partially enclosed or be enclosed at the corners and marked by letters at the appropriate spots in accordance with a 20 x 40m arena.

Jumping Arena: If the Jumping section is comprised solely of show jump fences, the perimeter of the course should be *enclosed* for safety

A Competitor/ Horse shall compete in both phases sections as a combination (if offering more than one phase).

A Competitor may ride more than one Horse. The number of Horses that a competitor may ride may be limited by the Organizer.

As a basic guide an ICE Eventing competition should be scored according to the EC Rules for Eventing. However, the PTSO /PHTA shall have the ability to modify the scoring penalties to best suit the series, especially for speeds and time penalties.

Exceptions: 1. A Competitor or Horse incurring a fall during competition shall be eliminated from that particular division. With Medical clearance, may continue in another division later.
2. Competitors shall not be eliminated for errors of test or course in the dressage test.

Saddlery, bridles, bits, whips and spurs and equipment used must conform to current the EC Rules for Eventing. Checking of saddlery, bits, whips, spurs, bridles and equipment by EC, PTSO or volunteer steward.

Competitors must ensure they wear the correct protective headgear, footwear, and body protector that meets the current EC Rules for Eventing. If the Jumping section includes fixed /cross country fences – saddlery/equipment and attire is per EC cross country rules. Body Protectors are required for jumping fixed Cross Country fences and are allowed in all phases.

Dangerous Riding and Abuse of Horse shall be in accordance with current EC Rules for Eventing.

Dressage tests may be called. Verbal directional assistance relating to the track of the course on XC or SJ by a coach is also permitted.

The dressage tests (when included) for an ICE competition shall be selected by the organizer. EC Eventing dressage tests be available at no cost through Equestrian Canada's Organizer Portal. Two special ICE Dressage tests for lower divisions will also be available through EC's Organizer Portal.



OFFICIALS

1. Dressage Section:

May be judged by EC Three Day Event Judge, EC or Provincially Licensed Dressage Judge (recommended) or other suitably knowledgeable individual or an EC Member who is a suitably knowledgeable individual

2. Jumping Section:

2.1 Jumping Section that is comprised only of show jump fences:

May be judged by EC Eventing Judge, EC Three Day Event Judge, EC or Provincially Licensed Jumping Judge (recommended) or other EC Member who is a suitably knowledgeable individual

2.2 Jumping Section that is comprised of fixed cross-country obstacles or a combination of show jump fences and cross country obstacles

- Course must be inspected by an official who is on site the day of the competition (course may be inspected prior but official is recommended on site day of competition)
- This official may be one of the following:
 - a. EC Technical Delegate
 - b. EC Eventing Course Designer
 - c. EC Jumping Course Designer who has completed EC Eventing Course Design Course for Level 1 Course Designers with positive assessment
 - d. Provincially Licensed Jumping Course Designer who has completed EC Eventing Course Design Course for Level 1 Course Designers with positive assessment, with positive assessment
 - e. * Approved EC In Training Level 1 Eventing Course Designer
*Certified Eventing Competition Coach Specialist or above, not otherwise involved in the competition, or riders who have previous competition experience at the EV100 or above AND have taken the EC/CD ICE clinic portion with a positive Evaluation.

***Note:** To be an approved as and “In Training” Eventing Course Designer for an ICE competition – the individual must:

- Have met or exceeded eligibility requirements to apply for Level 1 Eventing Course Designer
- Have submitted to EC an application for Level 1 Eventing Course Designer – and eligibility has been confirmed
- Have completed an EC Eventing Course Design Course for Level 1 CDs with positive assessment
- Hold a current EC Sport License (Bronze level -tbc)

During the inaugural 2025 ICE pilot year, EC officials are permitted to officiate at ICE shows held at Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO) sanctioned events for the purpose of officiating, education and promotion of safe grassroots sport development. EC Officials officiating at PTSO sanctioned ICE shows must self report in the officials self reporting portal: <https://official.equestrian.ca/officialsreport/Login.aspx>