

Decision Summary – K. Bell

IN THE MATTER OF A COMPLAINT SUBMITTED UNDER  
EQUESTRIAN CANADA’S DISCIPLINE, COMPLAINTS, AND APPEALS POLICY

Complainant

and

Katherine Bell, EC# 5104199

Respondent

Equestrian Canada’s Independent Third Party Complaint Manager received a complaint about the Respondent on May 3, 2024 (the Complaint).

A Hearing Panel issued a decision on the merits of the Complaint on December 17, 2025 and a decision on sanctions followed on March 6, 2026.

In the merits decision, the Panel found that the Respondent engaged in conduct that breached the *Code* and the *UCCMS* by committing two separate instances of Boundary Transgressions. The *UCCMS* defines “Boundary Transgression” at s. 5.7.1

For these breaches, the Respondent was sanctioned to a two year suspension, from May 8, 2024 to May 8, 2026, followed by a two year probation period, ending May 8, 2028.

Following the suspension, the Respondent may apply to regain her EC licenses and designations with conditions on reinstatement of completing educational and policy review requirements.

Counsel for the Respondent, Victor O’Brien, was ordered to pay costs in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Equestrian Canada for his conduct during the proceeding.