



2026 EQUESTRIAN CANADA NATIONAL DRESSAGE AND PARA DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION SHEET

Declaration and Qualification

Declaration Process	Riders may declare for the Equestrian Canada (EC) National Dressage and Para Dressage Championships at the time of their Sport License renewal for the season. <i>Riders can upgrade or add a declaration to their file by going back into their MyEC account.</i>					
	Process					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select the National Championships declaration box• Select which event you plan to <u>attend</u>, if qualified: East - National Championship event – <u>Bécancour, QC - October 1 – 4, 2026</u> West - National Championship event – <u>Thunderbird Show Park - October 9-11, 2026</u>• Pay the \$25 declaration fee.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The final declaration deadline is August 14th, 2026.○ Declarations received after July 17th, 2025, will be subject to a \$100 late declaration fee. <p>Completing this process will automatically add the rider to the EC National Dressage and Para Dressage Championships Ranking List for qualification consideration</p> <p><i>* Declaration fees collected go directly to the host organizer(s) to support the delivery of the Championships. Declaration fees collected from the East go directly to support the East event and declarations fees collected from the West go directly to support the West event.</i></p>					
Qualification Period	January 1 st – August 31 st , 2026					
Qualification Score Requirements	Minimum of two scores achieved at EC Gold or Platinum sanctioned competitions held in Canada. Where a panel exists the panel score will be used for qualification. Scores must be from two different competitions.					
	Qualification scores must be from the test with the highest degree of difficulty in the division i.e. First level test 3. A complete list of the tests used for qualification for each division can be found in the below chart					
	Dressage – Test of Choice classes are not permitted for qualification Para Dressage – Test of Choice classes may be used for qualification					
	Dressage Division	Dressage Category	Qualification Dressage Test	Para Dressage Division	Para Dressage Category	Qualification
	Training	Jr/Am/Open	3	Walk Tests	Open	3



	First	Jr/Am/Open	3	Walk Trot Tests	Open	3
	Second	Jr/Am/Open	3	Walk Trot Canter Tests	Open	3
	Third	Jr/Am/Open	3	FEI Novice – Grade I	Open	B
	Fourth	Jr/Am/Open	3	FEI Novice – Grade II	Open	B
	FEI Children		Ind.	FEI Novice – Grade III	Open	B
	FEI Pony		Ind.	FEI Novice – Grade IV	Open	B
	FEI Junior		Ind.	FEI Novice – Grade V	Open	B
	FEI Young Rider		Ind.	FEI Inter – Grade I	Open	B
	FEI U25		GPU25	FEI Inter – Grade II	Open	B
	FEI Small Tour	Am/Open	Inter 1	FEI Inter – Grade III	Open	B
	FEI Medium Tour	Am/Open	Inter II	FEI Inter – Grade IV	Open	B
	FEI Big Tour	Am/Open	GPS	FEI Inter – Grade V	Open	B
				FEI Grand Prix – Grade I	Open	B
				FEI Grand Prix - Grade II	Open	B
				FEI Grand Prix - Grade III	Open	B
				FEI Grand Prix - Grade IV	Open	B



		FEI Grand Prix - Grade V	Open	B
Qualification Ranking	EC will maintain a Qualification Ranking List to determine the highest ranked combinations in each division and each category (Jr, AM, Open) for both the East and West Championship events.			
Qualification Confirmation and Invitations	<p>East Championship Event The top 8 ranked combinations (including ties for 8th) in each division and each category will be invited to compete for national championship titles</p> <p>West Championship Event The top 8 ranked combinations (including ties for 8th) in each division and each category will be invited to compete for national championship titles</p>			

Competition Structure

Horse Inspection	<p>All horses entered to compete at the 2026 EC National Dressage and Para Dressage Championships will be required to pass a horse inspection at the venue the day prior to the first championship class of the competition.</p> <p>Prizes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Dressed (Jr, AM, Open) • Best Presented - horsemanship award (Jr, AM, Open)
Stabling	<p>On-Site (No ship-ins permitted)</p> <p>Stabled by geographic or barn groups</p>
Rings	<p>Main championship rings must be clearly identified, with the best possible footing and in the prime location with spectator seating</p> <p>Footing to be similar in both venues to ensure equal field of play.</p> <p>Gate keeper for championship classes</p> <p>No whips or callers permitted as per EC Rules for Dressage Section E. Exception see Chapter 6 for Para Dressage</p>
Judges	<p>All judges for the EC National Dressage and Para Dressage Championships must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada</p> <p>All judges for the EC National Dressage and Para Dressage Championships are selected and agreed upon by the organizers and are appointed by EC.</p> <p>The judging panels will be identical for both the East and West. Judges will judge from the same positions at each event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel for all FEI tests will be made up of 3 EC senior judges (judges may also hold FEI status) • The panel for all national tests will be made up of 2 EC judges 1 senior and 1 medium • EC will select the President of the ground jury
Stewards	<p>All Stewards for the EC National Dressage and Para Dressage Championships must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada</p>



	<p>The Chief Steward for the EC National Dressage and Para Dressage Championships is selected and agreed upon by the organizers and is appointed by EC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chief Steward must be an EC senior steward (the chief steward may also hold FEI status) At minimum 1 additional EC steward must be hired to support the delivery of the National Championships this additional steward can hold EC basic, medium or senior steward status <p>Every championship ride to be thoroughly tack checked. Random tack checking at the Championships is not permitted.</p>					
Classifier	<p>The Classifier for the EC National Dressage and Para Dressage Championships must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada</p> <p>The Classifier for the EC National Dressage and Para Dressage Championships is selected and agreed upon by the organizers and is appointed by Equestrian Canada</p>					
Test Schedule	<p>The championship tests must be held over a two-day period example:</p> <p>First Technical Test Specific technical test as outlined in the below reference chart i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dressage - Training Test 2 / FEI Small Tour Prix St. Georges Test Para Dressage - Walk Test 2 or Grand Prix Test A (<i>Tests may be offered as TOC</i>) <p>Second Technical Test Specific technical test as outlined in the below reference chart i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dressage - Training Test 3 / FEI Small Tour Intermediate Test Para Dressage - Walk Test 3 or Grand Prix Test B (<i>Tests may be offered as TOC</i>) 					
	Dressage Division	Dressage Category	Dressage Tests	Para Dressage Division	Para Dressage Category	Para Dressage Tests
	Training	Jr/Am/Open	2 & 3	Walk Tests	Open	2 & 3
	First	Jr/Am/Open	2 & 3	Walk Trot Tests	Open	2 & 3
	Second	Jr/Am/Open	2 & 3	Walk Trot Canter Tests	Open	2 & 3
	Third	Jr/Am/Open	2 & 3	FEI Novice – Grade I	Open	A & B
	Fourth	Jr/Am/Open	2 & 3	FEI Novice – Grade II	Open	A & B
	FEI Children		Team & Ind.	FEI Novice – Grade III	Open	A & B
	FEI Pony		Team & Ind.	FEI Novice – Grade IV	Open	A & B
	FEI Junior		Team & Ind.	FEI Novice – Grade V	Open	A & B
	FEI Young Rider		Team & Ind.	FEI Inter – Grade I	Open	A & B
	FEI U25		Inter II & GPU25	FEI Inter – Grade II	Open	A & B
	FEI Small	Am/Open	PSG / Inter 1	FEI Inter – Grade III	Open	A & B



	FEI Medium	Am/Open	Inter A & Inter II	FEI Inter – Grade IV	Open	A & B
	FEI Big	Am/Open	GP & GPS	FEI Inter – Grade V	Open	A & B
				FEI Grand Prix – Grade I	Open	A & B
				FEI Grand Prix – Grade II	Open	A & B
				FEI Grand Prix – Grade III	Open	A & B
				FEI Grand Prix – Grade IV	Open	A & B
				FEI Grand Prix – Grade V	Open	A & B
Awards	<p>First Technical Test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ribbons to 8th place <p>Second Technical Test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ribbons to 8th place <p>Championship Placings Scores from first test and second test to be added together to determine placings for each division and category Champion and reserve champion</p> <p>Podium presentation (1st, 2nd, 3rd) (without horses) for each division and category</p> <p>Officials and/or sponsors to present awards to division and category champions</p> <p>Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion EC will recognize and award the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion for each division and category following the conclusion of both events</p>					
Reports	Following each regional event reports from the Chief Stewards and a Rider Representative will be required to be submitted to EC for future planning purposes					
Announcer	<p>Championship rings must have an announcer</p> <p>EC will provide to the organizer the promo scripts for the title sponsor along with any additional EC promotion messaging</p>					