



# YOUNG HORSE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM– DRESSAGE

## Purpose

The Equestrian Canada, Young Horse Development Program – Dressage (for 4, 5, 6 and 7-year-old horses) promotes and encourages the proper development of young horses using the training scale; identifies talent; encourages owners to keep horses in training with Canadian athletes and prepares horses for future international success.

## Program Benefits

- Eligibility for the Equestrian Canada Horse Maintenance Program. The Horse Maintenance Program provides the opportunity for the owner, or the individual, who has incurred the costs of maintaining the horse, to receive an official donation receipt for income tax purposes for the corresponding out-of-pocket expenses. A maximum of four (4) tax receipts will be offered to horses registered in the development program on an annual basis. One tax receipt per age group will be issued to the highest ranked horse for that age group, based on ranking of results.
- **Note:** Under the EC service pricing policy, the processing and submission of Horse Maintenance claims are subject to a charge for each file (See EC schedule of fees).
- National ranking recognition

## Eligibility Requirements

- Horses aged 4, 5, 6 and 7 are eligible for program consideration
- Both owners and riders of horses in the program, must be Canadian and must hold a current Equestrian Canada Sport Licence where dressage is listed as the primary discipline. Visit [equestrian.ca/compete/athlete-services/sport-licences](https://equestrian.ca/compete/athlete-services/sport-licences) to organize these requirements
- Each horse must have a completed application online form that can be found [here](#).
- A new application form is required for each year the horse remains in the program. Application forms are due **January 1<sup>st</sup>** annually. Changes to any information provided on the application form must be communicated to the Equestrian Canada Dressage Department as soon as the change is confirmed. This includes changes to the rider or owner details.
  - Exception: In situations where horses are purchased or obtained after the January 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline, please complete and submit the application as soon as possible



## Level of Competition

- **4-Year-Old Horses** - FEI 4-Year-Old Test or equivalent Training Level National Tests
- **5-Year-Old Horses** - FEI 5-Year-Old Test or equivalent Second Level National Tests
- **6-Year-Old Horses** - FEI 6-Year-Old Test or equivalent Third Level National Tests
- **7-Year-Old Horses** - FEI 7-Year-Old Test / Developing Prix St. Georges, FEI Prix St. Georges or equivalent Fourth Level National Tests

## Maintenance Requirements

- Horses in the program will be expected to progress in their training and achieve the minimum performance standards at EC Gold, Foreign National or CDI competitions throughout the season.

## Minimum Performance Standard

- Two scores of 68%, or better, from EC Gold, Foreign National or CDI competitions are required for ranking.
- Horses not achieving the minimum performance standard are not eligible for program benefits

## National Ranking

- Horses in the program will be ranked based on their performance at EC Gold, Foreign National or CDI competitions throughout the season
- In order to be ranked, horses must achieve a minimum of two scores from the current year of 68%, or better, at EC Gold, Foreign National or CDI competitions. Scores achieved at CDI competitions will receive a bonus of 1% for ranking purposes. The highest two scores achieved will be averaged for ranking.
- Where a panel of judges exists, the full panel score must be submitted for ranking.
- Scores for ranking must be submitted to the Equestrian Canada – Dressage Department using the online score submission form found [here](#). All current and updated scores should be submitted for ranking on, or before, December 1st. The **December 1<sup>st</sup>** ranking list will be used to determine Horse Maintenance eligibility