



OFFICIALS GROWTH INITIATIVE

In response to insufficient numbers of Equestrian Canada (EC) certified Officials nationwide, EC has introduced an initiative designed to invigorate the system by inviting current and new Officials to progress in their development or to contribute in new ways. This will address the immediate issue relating to Officials availability, as well as increase the potential applicant pool of up-and-coming Officials.

The initiative is comprised of two options: **Temporary Official Status** and a **promotion fast track**.

Timeline

The initiative is scheduled to run from Aug. 1, 2021, to Dec. 31, 2022.

Temporary Official Status

Temporary Official Status allows current EC certified Officials to officiate in an additional function other than the one for which they are certified. For example, a Dressage Judge could get Temporary Official Status as a Dressage Steward or a Course Designer could get Temporary Official Status as a Judge. Any experience under Temporary Official Status will count for professional development credit towards maintenance or certification in the new function.

For EC Sport Licence Holders who are not currently EC certified Officials, any experience under Temporary Official Status will count towards certification as an EC certified Official.

Preference for officiating roles will be given to current, certified EC Officials.

Eligibility

Candidates for Temporary Officials Status must meet the following criteria:

- Be registered with EC as an individual Sport Licence Holder at the same level of competition or higher.
- Complete the following e-learning modules in the [ECampus](#): Fostering Healthy Equestrian Environments, Concussion Awareness.
- Be screened.
- Have equestrian/industry experience.

OR



- Hold current Registered or Licensed Coach Status.

OR

- Be a current EC certified Official in another function.

To find out what Temporary Official Status(es) are available to you given your current Officials certification, please contact officials@equestrian.ca.

Limitations

An individual may only be granted Temporary Official Status a maximum of three (3) times before progressing in the pathway to certification (i.e., taking the appropriate clinic/exams).

A competition may only have one (1) individual on the team of Officials who is a Temporary Official under the terms of this initiative.

Fast-Track Promotion

The fast-track promotion option is available to EC certified Officials with considerable equestrian/industry experience.

Eligibility

Candidates for fast-track promotion must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current EC certified Official.
- Be up-to-date- on maintenance requirements.
- Complete the following e-learning modules in the [ECampus](#): Fostering Healthy Equestrian Environments, Concussion Awareness.
- Demonstrate breadth and depth of equestrian/industry experience such as: involvement in competition organizing; other EC Officials functions; coaching; competed as an athlete, knowledge/background in officiating and Canadian sport system.

OR

- Hold current Registered or Licensed Coach Status.

To apply for the Officials growth initiative, email officials@equestrian.ca.