



# Rules and Regulations

**Entries:** **BRONZE SPORT LICENSE** required to register for the 80 km Endurance distance. NOT available on site!! You must pre-purchase (\$37) by going to Equestrian Canada website and following the steps.

**Junior Competitors (Endurance Canada Rules):**

**A Junior is defined as, up to 18 yrs of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year to the end of the calendar year in which they reach 18 years of age.**

Junior competitors 14 years of age to the end of the calendar year in which they reach 16 years of age may ride unaccompanied by a competent adult sponsor provided each of the following conditions are satisfied prior to the unaccompanied ride:

- (i) consent, in writing, of Junior's parent or guardian;
- (ii) consent of the applicable organizing committee;
- (iii) successful completion of a minimum of three 40km and three 80km Endurance Canada/AERC sanctioned rides as a sponsored Junior.

Junior competitors 16 year of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year to the end of the calendar year in which they reach 18 years of age are not required to ride accompanied by an adult sponsor and are not eligible for points in the Junior Division.

**Refund policy:** Pre-entry is mandatory. In the event of a cancellation prior to Vet Inspection/arrival on site, ride fees will be reimbursed.

**Forfeiture of entry fees:** No refund for "no shows"

**Horse Substitution:** Substitution of horse allowed up to Vet Inspection. Once horse has passed inspection it is considered 'entered' and no further changes are allowed.

**Drugs & Medication Fee:** \$ 4.00

**Other fees:** \$3.00 per rider Discipline Levy to Endurance Canada.

**Equine Medication Control:** Any horse entered in any class at a competition may be selected for equine medication control testing while at the event location. (A602.5)

**Competition Numbers:** Competition numbers must be worn and visible on course and in the vet holds.

**Dogs:** All dogs must be on Leash or contained at all times.

**Vaccinations:** All horses attending an Equestrian Canada sanctioned competition must have met the requirements of Article A519, Vaccinations. See rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Reg Article A519, Vaccination (A602.8)

Per article A801, every entry at an EC-sanctioned competition shall constitute an agreement by the person responsible that the owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver or rider and horse shall be subject to the EC constitution and all rules of EC and any additional rules set by the competition. It is the responsibility of all

individuals participating in any capacity in EC-sanctioned competitions to be knowledgeable regarding the EC constitution and **the applicable rules of EC** and the additional rules, if any, imposed by the competition. Do not participate in this EC- sanctioned competition in any capacity if you do not consent to be bound by the constitution and rules of EC and any additional rules imposed by the competition. (A602.7)

Every class offered herein is covered by the rules and specifications of the current rules of EC and will be held and judged in accordance with the EC Rule Book (A602.2).

### **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

Equestrian Canada (EC), the national equestrian federation of Canada, supports adherence to humane treatment of horses in all activities under its jurisdiction.

EC is committed to:

- Upholding the welfare of the horses, regardless of value, as a primary consideration in all activities;
- Requiring that horses be treated with kindness, respect and the compassion that they deserve, and that they never be subjected to mistreatment;
- Ensuring that owners, trainers and exhibitors or their agents use responsible care in the handling, treatment and transportation of their horses as well as horses placed in their care for any purpose;
- Providing for the continuous well-being of horses by encouraging routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals and competition officials to achieve the highest possible standards of nutrition, health, comfort and safety as a matter of standard operating procedure;
- Continuing to support scientific studies on equine health and welfare;
- Requiring owners, trainers and exhibitors to know and follow their sanctioning organization's rules, and to work within industry regulations in all equestrian competition;
- Reviewing, revising, and developing competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of the horses.

The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be neither cruel, abusive nor inhumane.