

Ontario Equestrian Skills Development Show Sanctioning Requirements & General Guidelines

Statement of Principles

The Ontario Equestrian Skills Development show guidelines provide competition managers, exhibitors, trainers and owners with established show recommendations that promote sportsmanship, horsemanship and fellowship among adults and encourage participation by young riders in a controlled and structured show environment.

Sanctioning Requirements

- A. An OE membership is required by all exhibitors, owner and rider (if a rider does not own the horse both rider and owner must have an OE membership)
- B. Competitions must be stand alone
- C. **Competitions may extend over a maximum of two days from November to April (over one day from May to October) however each division must be completed on one day of the competition**
- D. No prize money
- E. Exhibitors do not require an Equestrian Canada (EC) Sports License
- F. No drug fees
- G. Must use EC recorded or senior Officials to be approved by OE
- H. Proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance to be in full force and effect to a minimum of \$2 million
 - ↻ The policy must contain clauses providing a \$2 million limit of liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage to spectators and participants, cross liability coverage and non-owned automobile coverage
 - ↻ The policy must contain a clause adding PSO, Officials, Judges, Course Designers and Volunteers as “additional insured” with respect to the operations of the competition
- I. Medic/Emergency Personnel must be on site
- J. Maximum level of classes as per OE discipline guidelines
- K. Competition report form and Officials report form are due within 14 days after the last day of the competition

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Competitions applying for Ontario Equestrian Skills Development show sanctioning must submit the following with their application

- Application forms received a minimum of 30-days prior to the competition start date, the registration fee is \$44.69 (\$39.55 plus HST) Application forms received less than 30-days prior to the competition start date, the registration fee is \$68.35 (\$60.50 plus HST)
- Certificate of Insurance
- Copy of prize list & entry form

Guidelines

Cruelty, abuse or inhumane treatment of horses:

- The abuse or inhumane treatment of a horse by an exhibitor, trainer or other person at OE Skills Development sanctioned competition shall not be tolerated under any circumstances. The competition organizing committee has the right to bar such violators from further participation in the competition if necessary.

Safety:

- Warm-up areas must be available for all divisions at the competition
- All persons must wear ASTM/SEI or BSI approved protective headgear secured with a safety harness permanently affixed to the helmet. The harness must be secured and properly fitted while mounted at any time, anywhere on the competition grounds.
- All persons must wear boots designed for riding, hard soled footwear with a heel of no less than 1.5 centimetres.
- All competition organizers should have an emergency action plan (EAP) in place for both horse and rider
- The competition ring must be enclosed

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Discipline - Dressage:

- Equestrian Canada Dressage tests are available for a fee of \$1.00 per test to a maximum of \$20.00 and can be found on the EC website at www.equestrian.ca
- Maximum level - walk/trot up to and including first level tests, dressage equitation, and Prix Caprilli classes

Discipline - Hunter/Jumper:

- Flags must be used in any jumper ring and hunter/jumper schooling areas (red flags on right and white flags on left). A separate schooling area is recommended where juniors are schooling or the area is congested.
- It is recommended that there be a minimum of two warm up jumps per schooling area (1 vertical & 1 oxer)
- Jumps in the ring and warm up area have plastic cups and plastic pins; poles should be either in cups or totally on the ground (exception: one end of a cross pole may rest on the ground). Poles must be able to fall easily when hit.
- The competition ring must be enclosed with fencing, roped or taped area is not acceptable
- Maximum level - up to and including a height of 3.0" (.90m)

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Combined Tests

- Combined tests consist of two distinct tests which a Competitor rides the same horse throughout. The tests may include an Eventing Dressage Test and Show Jumping round. The guidelines for Dressage and Hunter/Jumper (above in document) apply to Combined Tests.
- Equestrian Canada Eventing Dressage tests are available for a fee of \$1.00 per test to a maximum of \$20.00 and can be found on the EC website at www.equestrian.ca. The Competitors may enter the same horse in the two consecutive levels.

	Starter	Pre-Entry	Entry	Pre-Training
Max Height	0.60 m	0.78 m	0.85 m	0.90 m
Max Width	0.60 m	0.90 m	1.00 m	1.10 m
# of Obstacles	7-10	8-10	9-11	9-11
Speed	200-225 mpm	300 mpm	300 mpm	325 mpm
Distance	350-450 m	350-450 m	350-450 m	350-450 m
Obstacles	No combinations. No triple bars. No square oxers.	Combinations not recommended - if used, minimum 2 strides between fences. No triple bars.		

**For Combined Tests the jumping test distances may be up to 150m longer than specified.*

