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In partnership with the Canadian Sport Institute - Atlantic and Sport Nova Scotia's Support4Sport Program, our 2025 Athlete Performance Program is now accepting applications. Our main goal is to support the journey of Nova Scotian athletes, whose goal is to represent Nova Scotia at designated national & international championships and qualify for Equestrian Canada's National Team programs.

The program is based primarily on competition results from the last 3 years (some exceptions apply). Athlete allocation into the program begins at Tier 1, then Tier 2 and so on until space is full. Although our target age is athletes under 25 years, athletes of any age may be accepted, based on the Long-Term Equestrian Development Model. As such, we encourage all athletes who meet the eligibility criteria to apply.

Tier-dependent, athletes are provided with mental performance training, fitness assessments, strength and conditioning, performance coach check-ins, athlete (human and equine) nutrition sessions, athlete's coach and parent engagement opportunities, training camps, peer support and mentoring.

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2025 Criteria and Application Process

We welcome you to consider your eligibility by reviewing the discipline requirements and goals found in this document. Then, simply scan the QR code to access the appropriate application. They can also be found at linktr.ee/equestrianns.

Please ensure that you provide as much detailed information as possible as this will determine your eligibility and tier placement.

Application Deadline: December 15, 2024



English Discipline



Endurance, Driving, and
Non-Olympic Pony Club



Western Discipline

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JUMPER

Tier 1 By 2026, a Tier 1 athlete's goal is to declare *or* qualify for eligible international level competition. i.e. North American Young Championships (NAYC)

Requirements

Children 12-13	~ Meet eligibility criteria for North American Children's Championships at 1.25m -1.30m
Pre-Junior 14-16	~ Meet eligibility criteria for North American Pre-Junior Championships {Pre-Jr.:14-16} {Jr.:14-18} at 1.30m
Junior 16-18	~ Meet eligibility criteria for North American Junior Championships {YR:16-21} {Jr.:14-18} at 1.40m -1.70m
Young Rider 16-21	~ Meet eligibility criteria for North American Young Riders Championships {YR: 16-21} at 1.50m -1.80m
U25	~ Meet eligibility criteria for U25 National Championships at 1.40m -1.60m
Senior	~ Meet eligibility criteria for Equestrian Canada's National Team Program at 1.55m -1.60m

Tier 2 By 2026, a Tier 2 athlete's goal is to have one placing *or* complete 2 rounds at EC National Championship (Royal Agricultural Winter Fair - RAWF) *or* NAYC/EC Team pathway

Requirements

Children 12-13	~ Results at EC Gold competition at 1.10m or higher with qualification for EC National Championships (RAWF), or ~ CET National Medal Finals (1.10m -1.15m)
Pre-Junior 14-16	~ Results at EC National Championships (RAWF) or completed 2 rounds at RAWF at 1.15m or higher, or ~ CET National Medal Finals (1.10m -1.15m)
Junior 16-18	~ Results at RAWF or 2 completed rounds at RAWF at 1.20m or higher, and ~ Competed at a minimum of 2 out-of-province competitions (may include RAWF) at 1.20m or higher in 2024
Young Rider 16-21	~ Results at RAWF or 2 completed rounds at RAWF at 1.25m or higher, and ~ Competed at a minimum of 2 out-of-province competitions (may include RAWF) at 1.25m or higher in 2024
U25	~ Results at RAWF or 2 completed rounds at RAWF at 1.30m or higher, and ~ Competed at a minimum of 2 out-of-province competitions (may include RAWF) at 1.30m or higher in 2024
Senior	~ Results at RAWF or 2 completed rounds at RAWF, and ~ Competed at a minimum of 2 out-of-province competitions (may include RAWF) at 1.40 or higher in 2024

JUMPER

Tier 3 By 2026, a Tier 3 athlete's goals are to obtain EC Gold Competition results that will achieve qualification for EC National Championships (RAWF) and to advance to Tier 2

Requirements

Children 12-13	~ Results in EC Gold competitions at 1.00m or higher, or ~ Results in CET Regional Medal Finals at 1.10m -1.15m
Pre-Junior 14-16	~ Results at EC Gold competitions at 1.00m or higher, or ~ Results at CET National or Regional Medal Finals at 1.10m -1.15m
Junior 16-18	~ Results at EC Gold competitions at 1.15m or higher, or ~ Completion of CET Medal class at 1.10m - 1.15m
Young Rider 16-21	~ Results at EC Gold competitions at 1.20m or higher, or ~ 2 placings in CET Medal Class at 1.10m - 1.15m ~ Out-of-province competition experience
U25	~ Results at EC Gold competitions at 1.25m or higher, and ~ Minimum of 2 out-of-province competitions with results, within the past 2 years, or ~ Qualified for CET National Medal Finals (1.10m-1.15m)
Senior	~ Results at EC Gold competitions at 1.30m or higher ~ Minimum of 2 out-of-province competitions with results, within the past 2 years. ~ Qualified for EC National Championships (RAWF)

Tier 4 By 2026, a Tier 4 athlete will strive to advance to Tier 3

Requirements

Children 12-13	~ 2 placings at 0.90m with completion at 1.00m or higher at Scotia Series and qualify for Provincial Championship, or ~ 2 placings at 0.90m with completion at 1.00m or higher at EC competitions, and ~ Athlete indicates clear intent and talent for advancing
Pre-Junior 14-16	~ 2 placings at 0.90m with completion at 1.00m or higher at Scotia Series or EC competitions, and ~ Competed and placed in 0.90m or higher at Scotia Series Provincial Championships ~ Athlete indicates clear intent and talent for advancing
Junior 16-18	~ 2 placings at 1.00m with completions at 1.10m or higher at EC competitions, or ~ Completion of NSHJA Mini Medal or CET Mini Medal Class ~ Athlete indicates clear intent and talent for advancing
Young Rider 16-21	~ Minimum of 2 years at EC Gold (4 competitions) resulting in 2 top-5 placings at 1.00m or higher with completions at 1.10m or higher, or ~ Top-3 placing in NSHJA Mini Medal or CET Mini Medal in the past 2 years
U25	~ Minimum of 2 years at EC Gold (6 competitions) at 1.00m or higher with 4 placings, or ~ Top-3 placing in NSHJA Mini Medal in the past 2 years ~ Consideration given to athletes identified as having potential to advance
Senior	~ Min. of 2 years at EC Gold (6 competitions) at 1.00m*, advancing to 1.25m and higher (*will consider 0.90m with 4 top-3 placings plus completions at 1.00m in Scotia Series or EC competitions.) ~ Consideration given to athletes identified as having potential to advance

EVENTING

Tier 1 By 2026, a Tier 1 athlete's goal is to submit a "Declaration of Intent to Compete" at one of Equestrian Canada's designated International/Olympic Championships Requirements

Pre-Junior 14-16	~ EV110 or CCI1 * (PC International/Inter-Pacific Rally B Level - Canadian Team)
Junior 16-18	~ EV 115 or CCI1 *, CCI2* (PC International /Inter-Pacific Rally A Level - Canadian Team)
Young Rider 16-21	~ EV 115 or CCI1 *, CCI2* or CCI3* or USEF Eventing Young Riders Championship (Ind./Team)
U25	~ EV 120 or CCIU252*, CCI1 * or CCI2* or USEF Eventing Young Riders Championship
Senior	~ EV 120 or CCI2*, and ~ Meet eligibility for Equestrian Canada's National Team or Development Squad

Tier 2 By 2026, a Tier 2 athlete's goals are to achieve top-3 placing at EC National Championships and to be on EC's National Team Pathway Requirements

Pre-Junior 14-16	~ EV105 or EV110 CCIP2* or CCI1 * (PC National Rally B level)
Junior 16-18	~ EV 110 or CCI1 * or CCI2* (PC International/Inter-Pacific Canadian Team B level)
Young Rider 16-21	~ Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MERS) for and in competition at EV 110 or CCI1 *, CCI2 *
U25	~ EV115 or CCI1 * or CCI2* (MERS for CCIU251 *)
Senior	~ EV115 or CCI1 * or CCI2* at Eventing Canada designated National Championship

Tier 3 By 2026, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to be on the NAYC Pathway or achieve top-3 placing at an EC designated National Championships Requirements

Children 12-13	~ Completed two EV100 ~ Athlete demonstrates clear intent and potential to achieve Canadian Minimum Eligibility Requirements (CMERS) for EV105
Pre-Junior 14-16	~ Two top-3 placings, with completion of two EV100 (PC National Rally C Level or higher)
Junior 16-18	~ Completed two EV105 (PC International/Inter-Pacific Canadian Team C level)
Young Rider 16-21	~ Completed two and placed in top-3 at one EV105 (PC National Rally B/A)
U25	~ Two top-3 placings at EV105, and ~ Achieved CMERS for EV110
Senior	~ Two top-3 placings at EV105 with one CMER for EV110

Tier 4 By 2026, the goal of a Tier 4 Athlete is to advance to Tier 3 through successful competition results. Requirements

Children 12-13	~ Completed two EV85 or EV90 at I Can Event (ICE) Scotia Series or EC competition
Pre-Junior 14-16	~ Completed one & placed top-3 in EV90 at I Can Event (ICE) Scotia Series or EC competition, or ~ Completed EV100 at EC competition or higher
Junior 16-18	~ Completed two EV100 at EC competition or higher
Young Rider 16-21	~ Completed two and placed in top-3 at one EV100 at EC competition or higher
U25	~ Two top-3 placings at EV100 at EC competition or higher
Senior	~ Two placings in top-3 EV100 with one CMER or EV105 in the past two years, and ~ Athlete must demonstrate clear intent and potential to advance.

INTERNATIONAL DRESSAGE

Tier 1 In 2025, a Tier 1 athlete's goal is to submit a "Declaration of Intent to Compete at one of Equestrian Canada's designated International Championships (Team/Individual i.e. North American Youth Championships) or to achieve the minimum eligibility selection requirements for EC's National Team Program

Requirements

Junior 16-18	~ FEI Jr test with 3 technical scores of 65% or better at EC Gold/FEI competitions; ~ Minimum Freestyle score of 66% or better (without whip)
Young Rider 16-21	~ FEI Young Riders (Team or Individual) with 3 technical scores of 65% or better at EC Gold/FEI competitions or higher, and ~ Minimum Freestyle test score of 66% or better (without whip), or ~ Meet eligibility requirements for North American Youth Championships (NAYC)
U25	~ FEI Intermediate 2 or U25 Grand Prix 16-25 with 3 panel scores of 68% or better at EC Gold/FEI competitions, or ~ Eligible for Equestrian Canada's Talent ID or Development Squad
Senior	~ Medium Tour (Intermediate 2 A/B) scores of 68% or better at EC Gold/FEI competitions, and ~ Completion of Big Tour technical tests (GP/GPSp) at EC Gold/FEI competitions, or ~ Eligible for Equestrian Canada's Development or National Squad

Tier 2 By 2026, a Tier 2 athlete's goal is to achieve success at this level and attain the eligibility criteria for Tier 1 advancement

Requirements

Children 12-13	~ FEI Pony Individual /Children's Individual/Second Level test with 2 scores of 64% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions
Pre-Junior 14-16	~ FEI Pony/FEI Children's Individual test/EC Third Level test with 2 scores of 64% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions
Junior 16-18	~ Third Level test with 2 scores of 64% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions, with completion of FEI Pony Individual, Jr Individual, or Fourth Level test
Young Rider 16-21	~ Fourth Level test with 2 scores of 64% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions, with completion of FEI Pre-Saint George or Young Riders test
U25	~ Two Small Tour (PSG, Intermediate 1) scores of 68% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions, and ~ Schooling at and with completion of tests at GP/FEI I2, or FEI U25, GP16-25, or ~ Eligible for Equestrian Canada's Development Squad
Senior	~ Two Small Tour (PSG, Intermediate 1) scores of 68% at EC Gold or higher competitions, and ~ Schooling at and with completion of Medium Tour (Intermediate 2 A/B) tests at EC Gold / FEI competitions, or ~ Eligible for EC Talent ID or Development Squad

Tier 3 By 2026, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to achieve success at this level and attain the eligibility criteria for Tier 2 advancement

Requirements

Children 12-13	~ First Level test with 2 scores of 66% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions, with completion of FEI Pony Individual, Children's Individual, or Second Level test
Pre-Junior 14-16	~ First Level test with 2 scores of 66% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions, with completion of FEI Pony Individual, Children's Individual, or Second Level test
Junior 16-18	~ Second Level test with 2 scores of 66% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions, with completion of FEI Pony Individual, Jr. Individual or Third Level test
Senior	~ Fourth Level test with 2 scores of 66% or higher at EC Gold or higher competitions, and ~ Schooling at PSG and Intermediate 1, with completion of 1 PSG test at Scotia Series or EC competition

INTERNATIONAL DRESSAGE continued

Tier 4 By 2026, a Tier 4 athlete's goal is to achieve success at this level and advance to Tier 3 and indicate intention and capability to advance to next test level

Requirements

Children 12-13	~ Minimum two years of competition experience with results at Scotia Series or EC competitions, and ~ 2 scores of 66% or better at Training Level test, with completion of 1 First Level test
Pre-Junior 14-16	~ Minimum two years of competition experience with results at Scotia Series or EC competitions, and ~ 2 scores of 66% or better at First Level test
Junior 16-18	~ Minimum two years of competition experience with results at Scotia Series or EC competitions, and ~ 2 scores of 66% or better at First Level test, with completion of 1 Second Level test
Senior	~ Minimum two years of competition experience with results at Scotia Series or EC competitions ~ 2 scores of 66% or better at Second Level or higher test, with completion of 1 Third Level test or higher

NATIONAL DRESSAGE

Tier 3 In 2025, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to compete at Equestrian Canada's National Dressage Championships
Requirements

FEI Nationally ranked	~ Scores of 66% or better for level in which you will be competing at 2025 National Dressage Championships, and ~ Declare for the 2025 National Dressage Championships by January 31, 2025
Fourth Level	~ Fourth Level test score of 66% or better or Third Level test score of 72% or better in 2024, and ~ Declare for the 2025 National Dressage Championships by January 31, 2025
Third Level	~ Third Level test scores of 66% or better or Second Level test scores of 72% or better in 2024, and ~ Declare for the 2025 National Dressage Championships by January 31, 2025
Second Level	~ Second Level test scores of 66% or better or First Level test scores of 72% or better in 2024, and ~ Declare for the 2025 National Dressage Championships by January 31, 2025
First Level	~ First Level test scores of 66% or better or Training Level test scores of 72% or better in 2024, and ~ Declare for the 2025 National Dressage Championships by January 31, 2025
Training	~ Training Level test scores of 66% or better or Introductory Level test scores of 72% or better in 2024, and ~ Declare for the 2025 National Dressage Championships by January 31, 2025

Tier 4 By 2026, a Tier 4 athlete's goal is to compete at EC's National Dressage Championships
Requirements

FEI Nationally ranked	~ Score of 60% or better for level in which you will be competing at 2025 or 2026 National Dressage Championships, and ~ Declare for National Dressage Championships by 2026
Fourth Level	~ Fourth Level test scores of 60% or better or Third Level test scores of 72% or better in 2024, and ~ Declare for National Dressage Championships by 2026
Third Level	~ Third Level scores of 60% or better or Second Level scores of 72% or better in 2024, and ~ Declare for National Championships by 2026
Second Level	~ Second Level scores of 60% or better or First Level scores of 72% or better in 2024, and ~ Declare for the National Championships by 2026
First Level	~ First Level test scores of 60% or better or Training Level test scores of 72% in 2024, and ~ Declare for National Championships by 2026
Training	~ Training Level test scores of 60% or better or Introductory Level test scores of 72% or better in 2024, and ~ Declare for National Championships by 2026

PARA DRESSAGE

Tier 1	By 2026, a Tier 1 athlete's goal is to be on Equestrian Canada's Talent ID, Development, or National Squad Requirements: ~ Classified FEI Para athlete with 2 scores of 62% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions and results from Grand Prix test (old Para FEI Team/Individual/Freestyle test),
Tier 2	By 2026, a Tier 2 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 1 Requirements: ~ Classified athlete with 2 scores of 62% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions and results from FEI Para Intermediate test (old FEI Para Novice), or ~ Classified athlete with 2 scores of 60% or better in FEI Para Grand Prix test (old FEI Para Team/ Individual/ Freestyle test) at EC Gold or higher competitions
Tier 3	By 2026, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 2 Requirements: ~ Classified athlete with 2 scores of 62% or better at EC Gold or higher competitions and results from FEI Para Novice test (old FEI Para Introductory), or ~ Classified athlete with 2 scores of 60% or better in FEI Intermediate Grand Prix test (old FEI Para Novice test) at EC Gold or higher competitions, or ~ Classified athlete with 2 scores of 66% or better in EC Para Dressage tests at EC Gold or higher competitions
Tier 4	By 2026, a Tier 4 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 3 Requirements: ~ EC Para Dressage test with 2 scores of 62% or better at EC Competitions, or ~ FEI Para Tests at EC Competitions, or ~ Classified athlete

PARA REINING

Tier 1	In 2025, a Tier 1 athlete's goal is to compete at the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) World Para Reining Championships Requirements: ~ Qualified for NRHA World Para Reining Championships, or ~ 2 scores of 70% or better at NRHA competitions
Tier 2	N/A
Tier 3	By 2026, a Tier 3 athlete's goals are to compete at the NRHA World Para Reining Championships and advance to Tier 1 Requirements: ~ Qualified for NRHA World Para Reining Championships, or ~ 2 scores of 68% or better at NRHA competitions, or ~ Placed top-3 at Regional Affiliate Final
Tier 4	In 2025, a Tier 4 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 3 Requirements: ~ 2 scores of 64% or better under a NRHA judge

REINING

Tier 1	In 2025, a Tier 1 athlete's goal is to compete at the NRHA National Affiliate Final. By 2026, a Tier 1 athlete's goal is to place top-3 at NRHA National Affiliate Final (Youth, Non-Pro, and Rookie Pro) Requirements: ~ Qualified for NRHA National Affiliate Final, or ~ 2 scores of 72% or better at NRHA competitions
Tier 2	In 2025, a Tier 2 athlete's goal is to compete at NRHA Eastern Canadian Affiliate Final. By 2026, a Tier 2 athlete's goal is to place top-3 at NRHA Eastern Canadian Affiliate Final (Youth, Non-Pro, Rookie Pro) Requirements: ~ Athlete must have qualified for NRHA Eastern Canadian Affiliate Final, or ~ 2 scores of 69% or better at NRHA competitions, or ~ Placed top-3 at Regional Affiliate Final
Tier 3	In 2025, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to compete at the NRHA competitions. By 2026, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to intend to compete at NRHA Eastern Affiliate Final Requirements: ~ 2 scores of 65% or better on a standard NRHA pattern under an NRHA judge
Tier 4	In 2025, a Tier 4 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 3 Requirements: ~ 2 scores of 64% or higher under a NRHA Judge

GENERAL PERFORMANCE BREED COMPETITIONS

Tier 1	In 2025, a Tier 1 athlete's goals are to be Top 5 at Congress, AQHA/APHA/Other Breed World Championships and by 2026, top-3 at those events Requirements: ~ Placed top-15 at Congress, or ~ Placed top-15 AQHA/APHA/Other Breed World Championships
Tier 2	In 2025, a Tier 2 athlete's goal is to be top-20 at Congress Requirements: ~ Placed top-20 at Congress, or ~ Placed top-20 AQHA/APHA/Other Breed World Championships, or ~ Champion or Reserve Champion in applicable Breed Regional Year End Awards (i.e. MPHA, MQHA)
Tier 3	By 2026, a Tier 3 athlete's goal will be to compete at Congress or qualify for AQHA/APHA/ Other Breed World Championships Requirements: ~ Competed at Congress or AQHA/APHA/Other Breed World Championships, or ~ Placed top-5 in applicable Breed Regional Year End Awards (i.e. MPHA, MQHA) in Youth/Amateur performance class (with lope)
Tier 4	In 2025, a Tier 4 athlete's goal is to be top-3 at SS Provincial Championships or High Point General Performance Division Champion (SS). By 2026, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 3 Requirements: ~ Scotia Series Western Performance Division High Point Award, or ~ Top-3 in the Western Performance Division at Provincial Championships, or ~ Competed at eligible Regional Breed Association (i.e. MPHA, MQHA) in Youth/Amateur performance classes (with lope)

HUNTER

Tier 2 In 2025, a Tier 2 athlete's goal is to move to the NAYC/EC Team Programs

Requirements

Junior 12-18	~ Top-3 at Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF) in JC Hunter Medal National Finals 3'6" (1.10m)
Senior	~ Top-3 at RAWF with clear intention of transition to Jumper (not required to be the same horse)

Tier 3 In 2025, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to compete at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF) in nationally ranked divisions.

Requirements

Junior 12-18	~ Qualified for the RAWF, or ~ Top-40 National Rankings at EC competitions in EC nationally ranked divisions or JC Hunter Medal National Finals 3'6" (1.10m)
Senior	~ Qualified for the RAWF, or ~ Top-40 National Rankings at EC competitions in EC nationally ranked divisions

Tier 4 By 2026, a Tier 4 athlete's goal is to qualify for (or compete at) the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in nationally ranked divisions.

Requirements

Children 12-13	~ Top-3 at Scotia Series Provincial Championships, or high point 2'3" or higher Hunter Division Provincial Champion (Scotia Series), or ~ NSHJA Year-End Champion in nationally ranked divisions ~ Minimum of 2 years of competition experience ~ Preference to applicants with EC competition experience in eligible divisions
Pre-Junior 14-16	~ Top-3 at Scotia Series Provincial Championships or high point 2'3" or higher Hunter Division Provincial Champion (Scotia Series), or ~ NSHJA Year-End Champion in nationally ranked divisions ~ Minimum of 2 years of competition experience ~ Preference to applicants with EC competition experience in eligible divisions
Junior 14-18	~ Top-3 at Scotia Series Provincial Championships, or ~ High point 2'3" or higher Hunter Division Provincial Champion (Scotia Series), or ~ NSHJA Year-End Champion in nationally ranked divisions ~ Minimum of 2 years of competition experience ~ Preference to applicants with EC competition experience in eligible divisions
Senior	~ Top-3 at Scotia Series Provincial Championships, or ~ NSHJA Year-End Champion in nationally ranked divisions ~ Minimum of 2 years of competition experience ~ Preference to applicants with EC Competition Experience in eligible divisions

**Registration Deadline:
December 15th**

SPEED EVENTS

<p>Tier 1</p>	<p>In 2025, a Tier 1 athlete's goals are to place top-10 in Division 1 at NBHA Worlds or top-5 at AQHA Congress, with a 2-year goal to place Top 3 Division 1 at NBHA Worlds or top 3 at AQHA Congress</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 14.6 or faster barrel racing speeds at Nova Scotia or equivalent arenas, or ~ 20.8 or faster pole bending speeds at a sanctioned competition, or ~ Competed in Division 1 or 2 at NBHA Worlds, or ~ Qualified for Division 1 at NBHA Worlds in 2024, or ~ Placed top-15 at Congress/AQHA/APHA/Other Breed World Championships in Pole Bending/Barrel Racing
<p>Tier 2</p>	<p>In 2025, a Tier 2 athlete's goals are to place top-20 in Division 1 or 2 at NBHA Worlds or top-20 at AQHA Congress, with a 2-year goal of Division 1 or 2 at NBHA Worlds or top-20 at AQHA Congress</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 15.5 or faster barrel racing speeds at Nova Scotia or equivalent arenas, or ~ 22.5 or faster pole bending speeds at a sanctioned competition, or ~ Competed in Division 2 or 3 at NBHA Worlds, or ~ Qualified for Division 2 or 3 at NBHA Worlds in 2024, or ~ Placed top-25 at Congress/AQHA/APHA/Other Breed World Championships in Pole Bending/Barrel Racing
<p>Tier 3</p>	<p>In 2025, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to place top-10 in respective regional/club division, with a 2-year goal of competing at NBHA Worlds or AQHA Congress or AQHA/APHA/Other Breed World Championships in Barrel Racing/Pole Bending</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~16.5 or faster barrel racing speeds at Nova Scotia or equivalent arenas, or ~ 23.5 or faster pole bending speeds at a sanctioned competition, or ~ Competed in NBHA Worlds, or ~ Competed at Congress/ AQHA/ APHA/Other Breed World Championships in Pole Bending/Barrel Racing
<p>Tier 4</p>	<p>In 2025, a Tier 4 athlete's goals is to be the Scotia Series Provincial Western Speed High Point Champion or place top-10 in respective regional/club division or advance to Tier 3</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 17.5 or faster barrel racing speeds at a sanctioned competition, or ~ 24.7 or faster pole bending speeds at a sanctioned competition

PARA DRIVING

Tier 1	By 2026, a Tier 1 athlete's goal is to compete at FEI World Championships in Para Driving Requirements: ~ Classified athlete with results at Para CDI or CDII level
Tier 2	N/A
Tier 3	By 2026, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 1 Requirements: ~ Classified athlete with results at EC Para Driving National Championships
Tier 4	By 2026, a Tier 4 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 3 Requirements: ~ Para Driving results at EC Competitions

DRIVING

Tier 1	By 2026, a Tier 1 athlete's goal is to compete at the FEI Driving World Championships Requirements: ~ Completion of a 3-day combined driving event including Driven Dressage, Marathon, and Cones in your class (i.e single horse or pony, pair horse or pony, or four-in-hand horse or pony) at an FEI rated, Equestrian Canada-sanctioned, or pre-approved USEF licensed Advanced/FEI event with specific Driven Dressage results for the applicable World Championship, or ~ Completed three CAI2*, and/or CAI U25/J at different competitions and/or CH EU J/CH EU U25 2 (Format 1, 2 or 3 only) without elimination, retirement or disqualification, or ~ Successfully completed one CAI-A or three CAI-Bs under the previous FEI Driving rules
Tier 2	Tier 2 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 1 Requirements: ~ Completed three CAI2*, and/or CAI U25/J at different competitions and/or CH EU J/CH EU U25 2 (Format 1, 2 or 3 only) without elimination, retirement or disqualification, or ~ Successfully completed one CAI-A or three CAI-Bs under the previous FEI Driving rules
Tier 3	Tier 3 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 2 Requirements: ~ Children 12-13: Single Pony CDI or CDII Level results ~ Junior 12-18: All Pony Classes, Junior Horse Single or Horse Pairs at CDI or CDII Level results ~ Senior: All Pony Classes, Junior Horse Single, Horse Pairs or Horse Four-In-Hand classes at CDI or CDII Level results
Tier 4	By 2026, a Tier 4 athlete's goal is to advance to Tier 3 Requirements: ~ Competed at National Championships

PONY CLUB

**NON-OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES:
QUIZ, PRINCE PHILLIP GAMES,
& TETRATHLON**



Tier 3	In 2025, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to intend to compete at a Canadian Pony Club designated National or International Championships Requirements: ~ Competed at Canadian Pony Club designated National or ~ Qualified for International Championships
Tier 4	By 2026 a Tier 4 athlete's goals are to advance to Tier 3 and intend to compete at a Canadian Pony Club designated National Championships Requirements: ~ Qualified for Canadian Pony Club designated National Championships

ENDURANCE

Tier 1	In 2025, a Tier 1 athlete's goal is to compete at FEI Endurance World Championship for Young/Junior Riders FEI Endurance World Championships for Seniors Requirements: ~ Athlete is competing at CEIs, CEIOs 1*, 2*, 3* level
Tier 2	By 2026, a Tier 2 athlete's goal is to compete at FEI Endurance World Championship for Junior/Young Riders or FEI Endurance World Championships for Seniors Requirements: ~ Athlete rides a minimum of 100km in one day at FEI competitions, or ~ Athlete rides a minimum of 120km in one day at EC competitions
Tier 3	By 2026, a Tier 3 athlete's goal is to place top-3 at EC East Regional Challenge or move to Tier 2 Requirements: ~ Athlete has accumulated at least 160km in the last two years (with at least one 80km in one day endurance ride) at EC sanctioned or FEI sanctioned events
Tier 4	By 2026, a Tier 4 athlete's goals are to compete at EC East Regional Challenge and move to Tier 3 Requirements: ~ Athlete has accumulated at least 160km in the last two years (with at least one 80 km in one day endurance ride) at EC sanctioned or FEI sanctioned events

FEI Championships include:

- 2* Junior & Young Rider Championships of a minimum of 120 km & maximum of 130 km in one day;
- 2* Senior Championships of a minimum of 120 km and maximum of 139 km in one day; and
- 3* Senior Championships of 160 km in one day.