

EVENTING – Demystifying changes to Technical Requirements for Competing

Have you seen the latest changes to the FEI rules (referenced in this passage by italics)?

Section 519 Athletes Categories

FEI Athlete categories for Eventing define a recognition of proven competence of the Athlete at a certain level. Athletes will be categorised (Uncategorised International, D, C, B, A) according to their performance in a rolling **four year** period as defined in the following table. W-CH and OG to count as 5star level MER towards Athlete categorisation.

The table has changed however category updates will occur at the end of each month.

D	<i>Ten (10)</i> MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of two star level or above; or <i>three (3)</i> MERs at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format competitions at higher level.
C	<i>Ten (10)</i> MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of three star level or above; or <i>three (3)</i> MERs at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format competitions at higher level.
B	<i>Ten (10)</i> MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of four star level or above; or <i>three (3)</i> MERs at FEI long format (CCIs-L) competitions at five star level.
A	<i>Ten (10)</i> MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of four star level or above of which <i>three (3) were</i> at five star level.

The Athlete category at the closing date of definite entries prevails.

Section 520 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for CIs and CIOs

Athletes already categorised at the corresponding level or above, can either use the full requirements for uncategorised Athletes as a combination or the Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to their Athlete’s categorisation. The Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination according to the following table:

Unified Format:

CCI1* -Intro	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCN1*-Intro		(EA- 3 x EvA95 as a combination unless cat C, B or A)

Short format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-S	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI3*-S	Uncategorised Athletes	1 CCI2*-S
	D Athletes	NF requirements only
	C or B or A FEI Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI4*-S	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	3 CCI3*-S
	B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI3*-S (Horse only)

Long format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-L	All Athletes	NF requirements only <u>1 MER at CCI1* for NFs without a national Eventing MER system</u>
CCI3*-L	Uncategorised Athletes	2 CCI3*-S and (1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S)
	D Athletes	1 CCI3*-S or 1 CCI2*-L
	C or B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S (Horse only)
CCI4*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI3*-L and 1 CCI4*-S or 1 CCI3*-L and 2 CCI4*-S
	B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI3*-L (Horse only)
CCI5*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S
	B Athletes	1 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S
	A FEI Athletes with Horses having not obtained yet a MER at a CCI5*-L competition	1 CCI4*-L (as a combination)
	A FEI Athletes with Horses having already obtained a MER at a CCI5*-L competition	2 CCI4*-S (as a combination) <u>or 1 CCI4*-L (as a combination)</u>

New Art. 518.3 CCI4*-S/L and CCI5*-L additional requirements

Horses having not competed at FEI Competition for a period of 13 consecutive months or more will have to complete an Event at a lower level before entering a CCI4*-S/L or CCI5*-L Event as follows:

- CCI4*-S: must complete a CCI3*-S/L
- CCI4*-L: must complete a CCI4*-S
- CCI5*-L: must complete a CCI4*-S/L

Please note the rules specify either horse only or as a horse/rider combination. The above tables must be read in conjunction with the additional EA NF requirements copied below.

Check your MERs as you may find changes to your category during 2023. Any questions, please email janethoughton@equestrianvictoria.com.au for clarification

EA SHORT FORMAT:		
Class	Category of Rider	MER Requirements
CCI4*-S	A	1x CCI3*-S (Horse only) + 1x (CCN4*-S or 1x CCI3*-S) (Horse only)
	B	1x CCI3*-S (Horse only) + 1x CCI/CCN3*-S + 1x (1x CCN4*-S or 1x CCI3*-S) (Horse only)
	C, D, uncategorised	3x CCI3*-S + 1x (CCN4*-S or 1x CCI3*-S) (As combination)
CCI3*-S	A	1x CCI/CCN2*-S + 1x (CCI2*-S or CCN3*-S) (Horse only)
	B	1x CCI/CCN2*-S + 1x (CCI2*-S or CCN3*-S) (Horse only)
	C	1x CCI/CCN2*-S + 2x CC/CCN2*-S (Horse only)
	D	1x CCI/CCN2*-S + 2x CC/CCN2*-S (As combination)
	Uncategorised	1 x CCI2*-S + 2x CC/CCN2*-S
CCI2*-S	A	None
	B	None
	C	3x CCN1*, PC Grade 1 or NSW Championship level (horse only)
	D	3x CCN1* MERs, or 2 x CCN1* plus 1 x PC grade 1 or Championship Grade (Horse only Seniors) Junior & YR MERs to be achieved as a combination
	Uncategorised	3x CCN1* MERs, or 2 x CCN1* plus 1 x PC grade 1 or Championship Grade (As combination)

EA LONG FORMAT:		
Class	Category of Rider	MER Requirements
CCI5*-L	A - with 5*-L MER's	2 x CCI4*-S or 1 CCI4*-L) (as a combination) + 1 x CCI4*-S/L or CCN4*-S/L (as combination)
	A - without 5*-L MER's	1x CCI4*-L (as a combination) + 2x CCI4*-S or CCN4*-S (as combination)
	B	1x CCI4*-L + 3x CCI4*-S + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S (as combination)
	C, D, uncategorised	2x CCI4*-L + 3x CCI4*-S + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S (as combination)
CCI4*-L	A, B	1x CCI3*-L (horse only) + 2x CCI3*-S or CCN3*-S (any time frame) or 1x CCI/CCN3*-S or in previous 12 months + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S or 1x CCI3*-L (Horse only)
	C, D, uncategorised	2x CCI3*-L + 1x CCI4*-S (or 1 x CCI3*-L and 2 x CCI4*S) + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S or 1x CCI/CCN3*-L (as combination)
CCI3*-L	A, B, C	1 x CCI2*-L or 1 x CCI3*-S (Horse only) + 1x CCI/CCN3*-S In previous 12 months (Horse only)
	D	1 x CCI2*-L or 1 x CCI3*-S + 1 x CCI3*-S + 1 x CCI2*-L (as combination)
	uncategorised	2 x CCI3*-S and (1 x CCI2*-L or 1 x CCI3*-S) + 1x CCI2*-L or CCI/N3*-S (as combination) One MER must be at long format and at least 2 x 3* MER's
CCI2*-L	A	None
	B	None
	C	2x CCI/CCN2*-S (Completed) or 1x CCI/CCN2*-S MER + 1x CCN1*-L MER (Horse only Seniors) Junior & YR MERs to be as a combination
	D	3x CCI/CCN2*-S or 2x CCI/CCN2*-S MERs + 1x CCN1*-L MER (Horse Only Seniors) Junior & YR MERs to be as a combination
	Uncategorised	3x CCI/CCN2*-S or 2x CCI/CCN2*-S MERs + 1x CCN1*-L MER (As combination)