

WHAT IS EQUINE MEDICATIONS CONTROL?

Anti-doping and medications control is enforced at all Equestrian Canada Equestre sanctioned competitions, prohibiting banned substances to protect the health and welfare of horses, the safety of athletes, and ensure fair play.

The Equine Medication Control (EMC) program promotes the health, welfare and safety of the horse and rider by:

- Encouraging equestrians in all sports to promote and participate in “Clean Sport” anti-doping measures and fair medications control;
- Setting rules that allow for legitimate and humane use of medications to protect the horse’s health, while ensuring that the horse does not compete with any serious underlying lameness or illness;
- Applying fairness of competition through random drug testing to deter the modification of a horse’s performance through the administration of prohibited medications and substances;
- Providing information and practical advice to members, trainers, owners and veterinarians about the rules and regulations that pertain to the use of medications for horses competing at all EC sanctioned competitions;
- Deterring the abuse of medications.

ROLE

- Equine Medications Control Technicians (EMCT or Technician) are contractors of Equestrian Canada (EC) and perform equine medications control testing services for EC.
- EMCTs are responsible for equine medications control testing at Equestrian Canada sanctioned events and at Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) sanctioned events in Canada, following the rules and guidelines set out by EC and FEI as applicable.
- EMCTs:
 - Select horses to be tested;
 - Perform the collection of the samples from the selected horses;
 - Process the submission of the samples to the testing lab as specified by EC

TRAINING and COMPENSATION

EMCTs are provided training through an annual in-person training workshop and documents, including written instructions and video tutorials. In addition, EMCTs are provided with opportunities to attend competitions with an experienced EMCT and learn the role in a hands-on setting. EC clothing is provided to EMCTs to be used during official equine medications control duties



EQUINE MEDICATIONS CONTROL TECHNICIANS BECOMING A MEDICATIONS CONTROL TECHNICIAN

EMCTs are compensated with mileage and an honorarium from the time of arrival at the competition to the time of their departure, paid in the following structure:

- Up to an 8 hour day
- 8 hour to 12 hour day
- Over 12 hour day

Mileage is covered in accordance with the allowance rates as per the Canada Revenue Agency, and if the EMCT is travelling 400km and above for a round trip, an additional payment fee will apply (per competition) or the EMCT will have the option to choose to stay in hotel accommodations for the night (cost to be approved by EC). If an EMCT travels over 600km roundtrip, hotel accommodations are required.

SCHEDULING

Competitions are selected for testing through the Equine Medications Control Competition Selection Committee. Once competitions have been selected for testing for the upcoming season, Technicians identify which competitions they are available for. The Coordinator, Technical Programs - Equine Medications Control will create the season's technician schedule. Additional shows may be added throughout the season. Confidentiality of the testing schedule is imperative to maintain the integrity of the program. Failure to keep the testing schedule confidential will be grounds to terminate the EMCT contract.

HOW DO I BECOME AN EMCT?

Equestrian Canada is accepting applications for EMCTs throughout Canada. EC sanctioned events take place in a variety of rural and urban locations, and occur mainly on weekends.

If you have extensive experience around horses and want to take on this unique opportunity to combine your love of horses with your professional experiences and promote clean sport, please submit your application to EC's Coordinator, Technical Programs - Equine Medications Control via email (equinemeds@equestrian.ca) or fax (613-248-3484). Please include your resume with contact information, a cover letter outlining your interest in the role and your experience with horses, as well as two references.