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IMPORTANT UPDATE: EC SPORT LICENCE FEES & STRUCTURE STREAMLINED FOR 2019

Dear EC Sport Licence Holders,

Please note that renewals for 2019 Equestrian Canada (EC) Sport Licences will open in early December 2018. In advance of renewals, we are pleased to inform you that following discussion and support from operational, discipline and coaching committees, the EC Board of Directors has officially approved a new, streamlined Sport Licence structure for 2019.

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

Major changes to the EC Sport Licence structure for 2019 are as follows:

- Discipline-specific affiliate fees are now built into the base Sport Licence fee.
- Amateur fees have also been built into the base Sport Licence fee. Athletes will still be required to register for amateur status, but no fee will be applied.
- Annual fees for EC Officials previously ranged between \$20 and \$50 per designation. They have now been standardized at \$35 per designation. In addition, fees will no longer apply to Learner and Apprentice Officials.
- The Sport Licence requirements for instructors and coaches have been revised as per the table below:

2019 SPORT LICENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES

Coaching Level	Required Sport Licence
Instructor	Bronze
Competition Coach	Bronze
Coach Specialist	Silver
High Performance 1	Gold

2019 EC SPORT LICENCE FEES

To reflect the new streamlined structure for EC Sport Licences, the 2019 fees are as follows:

2019 SPORT LICENCE FEES

Sport Licence Category	Sport Licence Fee	Affiliation Fee*	Amateur Fee*
Bronze	\$30	Included	Included
Silver	\$105		
Gold	\$175		
Platinum	\$265		

**2018 affiliate fees ranged from \$0-40 within the disciplines, with an average price of \$15. The 2018 Amateur fee was \$15.*

Please note that the Registered Participant fee remains the same in 2019 at \$15. The full 2019 EC Schedule of Fees will be posted to the EC website soon and will be communicated once available.

KEY BENEFITS

The Sport Licence structure changes will provide the equestrian community with the following benefits:

- **Faster Renewals:** The standardized fee structure simplifies and improves user experience during the renewal process. Your 2019 renewal through the MyEC portal will be faster and easier than ever before.
- **Simplified Requirements:** The simplified and streamlined join/renew process will help eliminate confusion about competition requirements. Never worry about missing out on points due to non-compliance again.
- **Freedom to Compete:** The streamlined Sport Licence encourages multi-discipline participation. You can now compete in any (or all!) disciplines without paying additional affiliate fees.

- **Growth of Officials:** The removal of Officials fees at the Learner and Apprentice levels, and standardization of Officials designation fees, encourages increased participation in the Officials program. A strong depth of trained and certified Officials benefits all participants at EC sanctioned competitions.
- **Lower Costs for Coaches:** The re-structure of Sport Licence requirements for EC Certified Coaches and Instructors results in significantly decreased costs for those at the Instructor, Competition Coach and Coach Specialist levels. This will encourage growth within the Coaching program, giving more coaches and instructors access to training resources and ongoing personal development, and in turn providing parents and athletes with increased opportunities for coaching from individuals with proven competency and additional credentials in vital areas like first aid, concussion awareness and respect in sport.

Q&A

The following Q&A addresses commonly asked questions around the fee and structure changes for 2019.

If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the EC Customer Service department by calling Toll Free 1-866-282-8395 or emailing sportlicences@equestrian.ca.

Will my EC Sport Licence fees increase in 2019?

In 2019, some individuals may see an increase to their Sport Licence fee, while others will have a significant decrease in fees, depending on their competition level and discipline(s) of choice. This is because both Discipline Affiliate fees and Amateur fees have been standardized and streamlined in the renewal process, allowing for multi-discipline participation at no extra cost.

Here are examples of situations that will result in a fee increase or decrease:

Example #1 – Fee Decrease

Many eventing athletes also compete at dressage competitions, requiring them to pay both an Eventing Affiliate fee (\$10-\$25), and a Dressage Affiliate fee (\$20-\$30). Therefore, a Silver Sport Licence Holder who wanted to enter eventing and dressage competitions would pay a minimum total of \$130 (\$80 Silver Sport Licence fee + \$30-\$70 in affiliate fees).

Under the new fee structure, the purchase of a Sport Licence allows you to compete in any discipline with no additional fees. Therefore, a Silver level eventing athlete would have the flexibility to compete in any discipline for one flat fee of \$105.

Example #2 – Fee Increase

The Gold and Platinum level Sport Licences have the highest fee increase for 2019. For example, a Gold level para-dressage athlete who previously paid \$145 (\$125 Gold Sport Licence + \$20 Para-Dressage Affiliation) will now pay one fee of \$175. A small portion of this increased revenue is to cover inflation; however the majority will be used to increase financial capacity for para-dressage athlete and discipline development initiatives.

However, a Gold level senior amateur dressage athlete who previously paid \$170 (\$125 Gold Sport Licence + \$30 Senior Dressage Affiliation + \$15 Amateur Fee) will only see an increase of \$5.

How will the increased revenue generated by the new 2019 Sport Licence Fees be used?

A small portion (4%) of the Sport Licence fee increase is to cover the inflation rate since the last increase. The rest of the revenue will be used by all disciplines to increase financial capacity for athlete and discipline development initiatives. *No portion of the increase in revenue will be directed to general EC administration.*

Are these changes supported by EC Stakeholders?

Prior to approval by the EC Board of Directors, the new Sport Licence structure and fees were discussed with, and supported by, a broad range of stakeholders, including EC operational, discipline and coaching committees.

Pam Law, Chair of the EC Jumping Committee provided the following statement of support:

In the past, some disciplines at EC had mandatory Affiliation Fees, while the discipline of Jumping did not. For 2019, the Jumping Committee is in favour of eliminating the affiliate fees and having one standardized Sport Licence fee across all disciplines of the Federation. This support from our stakeholders will be a considerable boost to our jumping programs as we strive to continue to be one of the top show jumping countries in the world.

How do I maintain my amateur status if I no longer pay an annual fee?

Athletes who wish to obtain designation as an amateur must still apply annually through the MyEC portal during renewal. Users will be prompted to complete a mandatory digital signature acknowledging and agreeing to the [amateur rules](#).

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

For questions regarding the Sport Licence fee and structure changes for 2019, please contact:

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