RCRA Summer 2026 Dressage Show Series

Bronze/Silver/Gold

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Easter Ride – April 25th and 26th 2026

Closing date for entries: Monday April 20th at 6pm

Victoria Day Celebration – May 16th and 17th 2026

Closing date for entries: Monday May 11th at 6pm

Summer Kick-Off – June 6th and 7th 2026

Closing date for entries: Monday June 1st at 6pm

The following officials have been invited.
The Show Management reserves the right to add to or alter this list.

Show Manager

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Show Secretary and Sponsorship

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Judges

April 25th	Cara Whitham (FEI 4*) and Ellen King (EC S)
April 26th	Joanne Bouwhuis (FEI 2*) and Ellen King (EC S)
May 16th	Cara Whitham (FEI 4*) and Birgit Valkenborg (FEI 2*)
May 17th	Birgit Valkenborg (FEI 2*) and Joanne Bouwhuis (FEI 2*)
June 6th	Beth Murrary (EC S) and Marianne Fizet (EC S)
June 7th	Joanne Bouwhuis (FEI 2*) and Beth Murrary (EC S)

July, August and September - TBA

Steward	April 25 – 26 – Sue Foell **TBD**
Announcer	TBD
Veterinarian (On-Call)	Allossery Equine
Farrier (On-Call)	Hennings Farrier Services
Medical Services	TBD

The RCRA Dressage Series competitions are sanctioned as a Bronze, Silver and Gold competition of Equestrian Canada c/o House of Sport 2451 Riverside Drive Ottawa, ON Canada K1H 7X7 and is governed by the rules of EC." (A602.1)
Per Article A801, every entry at an EC sanctioned competition shall constitute an agreement by the person responsible that the owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver or rider and horse shall be subject to the EC constitution and all rules of EC and any additional rules set by the competition. It is the responsibility of all individuals participating in any capacity in EC sanctioned competitions to be knowledgeable regarding the EC constitution and the applicable rules of EC and the additional rules, if any, imposed by the competition. Do not participate in this EC sanctioned competition in any capacity if you do not consent to be bound by the constitution and rules of EC and any additional rules imposed by the competition. (A602.7)

Every class offered herein is covered by the rules and specifications of the current rules of EC and will be held and judged in accordance with the EC Rule Book. (A602.2)

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EQUESTRIAN CANADA STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES – HORSE WELFARE

1. Equestrian Canada (EC) is committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all participants that is free from Abuse. The purpose of this Policy is to stress the importance of that commitment by educating Individuals and the public about Horse Abuse, outlining how EC will work to prevent Horse Abuse, and how such Abuse or suspected Abuse can be reported to and addressed by EC.

2. EC requires that all Individuals adhere to this Code of Conduct and acknowledge and accept that the welfare of the Horse must always be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

3. Section A Horse Welfare rules apply to all disciplines and all Section Rule Books. Rule exceptions in other Sections that contravene Section A Horse Welfare rules are not permitted and will not be approved.

4. EC is committed to:

a. recognizing Horses as sentient beings, defined by the ability to feel, perceive or experience subjectively. (ie. the animal is not only capable of feeling pain and distress but also can have positive psychological experiences, such as comfort, pleasure or interest that are appropriate to its species, environment and circumstances). To state that animals are sentient accepts that they can experience positive and negative emotions.

b. upholding the welfare of the Horse, regardless of value and performance level, as the primary priority regardless of competitive commitments, expectations, or commercial influences;

c. requiring the Horse to be treated with the highest level of care, compassion, respect, and empathy;

d. requiring that no Horse be subjected to Abuse (ref: Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A General Regulations, Article A517) or Distress;

e. ensuring that all Individuals accept and implement, at a minimum, the requirements within the National Farm Animal Care Council Equine Code of Practice;

f. ongoing support for scientific studies of animal-based indicators of pain, Distress, and/or compromised welfare;

g. increasing education and awareness for the evolution of best management and equine husbandry practices;

h. requiring Individuals to know and follow the EC rules and implement industry regulations in all competitions; and,

i. reviewing, revising, and developing competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of the horse.

Class List

		Friday	Saturday			Sunday			Price/ class
Bronze	Introductory	Schooling	Test A	Test B	TOC	Test B	Test C	TOC	$ 30
	Training - 4th		Test 1	Test 2	TOC	Test 2	Test 3	TOC	$ 40
	Western Style Dressage		Test 1	Test 2	TOC	Test 3	Test 4	TOC	$ 50
	Para-dressage		TOC	TOC		TOC	TOC		$ 50
Silver	Training - 4th	Schooling	Test 1	Test 2	TOC	Test 2	Test 3	TOC	$ 45
	Para-dressage		TOC	TOC		TOC	TOC		$ 65
	FEI		TOC	TOC		TOC	TOC		$ 55
Gold	Training - 4th	Schooling	Test 1	Test 2	TOC	Test 2	Test 3	TOC	$ 50
	Para-dressage		TOC	TOC		TOC	TOC		$ 70
	FEI		TOC	TOC		TOC	TOC		$ 70
	FEI Young Horse		TOC	TOC		TOC	TOC		$ 60
	NAYC Qualifier Classes								$ 120

Miscellaneous Fees		
Administration Fee	$60	Non-refundable Includes a medic fee
Overnight Stabling Friday – Sunday	$150	Includes schooling Friday afternoon
Single Day Stabling	$60	
Shavings	$10	Per bag
Post Entry Fee	Bronze - $25 Silver - $30 Gold - $40	Per horse entry

Substitution	$25	OC to determine if possible
NSF Cheque	$50	
Dressage Levy	$12	Per horse entry
Equine Medication Control Fee	Bronze - $4 Silver - $8 Gold - $8	Per horse entry

Ribbons will be awarded to Sixth Place

Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in divisions with 3 or more riders.

Classes will be split into JR, AA & Open when there are more than 3 riders entered in each level. **Riding Times:**

Times will be available Wednesday evening prior to the show at www.rcra.ca.

Entries

Maximum tests per day: (See EC Section E 3.11.9.1 and E 3.11.9.2

Horse and/or pony and Rider:

For classes at Equitation, Rising Stars Equitation, Materiale, Introductory, Training, First, Second levels and all para dressage national tests plus FEI Grade I and II tests and FEI Children, FEI Pony and FEI 4 and 5 year old tests - a rider/horse combination may compete in any 2, but only 2, consecutive levels/ divisions and may compete up to a maximum of 3 tests per day including the freestyle. In-hand classes are exempt from this rule.

For classes at the Third, Fourth and FEI Junior levels plus FEI Grade III, IV, V and FEI 6 and 7 year old tests - a rider/horse combination may compete in any 2, but only 2, consecutive levels/divisions and up to a maximum of 2 tests per day including the freestyle. In-hand classes are exempt from this rule. Exception: Rider/horse combinations may in addition to the above compete in an Equitation or Rising Stars Equitation class. Page 34 2026 Rules of Equestrian Canada Section E

For classes at the FEI Young Rider, FEI Prix St. George, FEI Intermediate I, FEI Intermediate II, FEI Intermediate A, FEI Intermediate B, FEI Grand Prix U25, FEI Grand Prix levels - a rider/horse combination may compete in a maximum of 1 test per day including the freestyle. In-hand classes are exempt from this rule. Exception: Rider/horse combinations competing in the FEI Young Rider division may compete in an FEI Young Rider Freestyle test in addition to one FEI Young Rider technical test per day.

- It is compulsory for the horse's assigned competition number to be worn by the horse or athlete/handler when the horse is outside the stall from the time that the number is issued until the end of the competition so that officials can identify the horse.
- A horse may be substituted at the discretion of the show committee

- **Sport Integrity Athlete Testing Statement** - Any athlete an EC sanctioned competition may be selected for human anti-doping as outlined in the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and administered by Sport Integrity Canada. Please

see EC General Regulations Section A – Appendix A1, Policy on Human Medications for details.

- **Coach Status** – When registering for EC sanctioned competitions, athletes must indicate the name of their coach on the entry form or specify that they are selfcoached. Coaches from other countries, must be in good-standing with their home federation and must declare/have proof of insurance. See Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article 102, Safe Sport Environments
- Any horse entered in any class at a competition may be selected for equine medication control while at the event location

EC – RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1 – MEMBERSHIPS & SPORT LICENCES

1. Rider and Owner of horse must be current Ontario Equestrian members in good standing. Copy or proof of membership required with entry.
2. For Gold and Silver entries, a horse recording number must be provided with the entry before competition numbers will be issued and the horse is allowed to compete.
3. For Bronze, Silver and Gold entries, both Rider and Owner of horse must hold a valid Equestrian Canada Bronze, Silver or Gold sport licence or higher. Copy or proof of membership required with entry.
4. In order to receive national points by WSDAC, riders must be a member of WSDAC. Details can be found on the WSDAC website or by contacting WSDAC

SECTION 2 – ADMINISTRATION

3. Entries and applicable fees must be received on or before the closing date to avoid post entry fees. Entries will be accepted by mail and e-mail as long as they are addressed to the show secretary.

4. REFUNDS: Administration and stall fees are not refundable. NO EXCEPTIONS. Class/Division fees will be refunded if cancellation is made in writing and delivered to the show office 24 hours prior to the start of the horse show with the required medical documentation. Once a horse has entered the show grounds, there will be no refund unless authorized by the show committee.

5. Payment By cheque, debit, Visa, Mastercard or etransfer. Payment in full with Entry Form. **No numbers will be issued without full payment.** No numbers will be issued to any horse or rider for whom an entry form has not been fully completed.

CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: "RCRA" OR "Royal Canadian Riding Academy". E-TRANSFERS SHOULD BE SENT TO RAY@RCRA.CA

6. All NO SHOW entries will be charged full entry costs and applicable fees. All accounts must be settled prior to the next show, otherwise entries will be denied. Please note any outstanding accounts at year-end will not be eligible to receive year-end awards.

7. A $50.00 charge will be added to all accounts paid with cheques that are returned from the bank for any reason.

8. Posted ride times may change due to weather or other factors within reason. It is the responsibility of the rider to confirm their ride times. Additional classes may be offered provided due notice (i.e. at least 2 hours prior to the start of a class) is issued to riders. A copy of such changes must be included in the steward's report. See General Regulations ART A601.5 and ART A601.6

9. Under NO circumstances will a PHONED IN entry or cancellation be accepted.

SECTION 3 – GENERAL

10. **Dogs are allowed on leashes (6 foot max length).** Owners must clean up after their dogs meaning scoop any poop including from outdoor areas. If a dog is caught off leash, or causing a problem, one warning will be issued then a $50 fine will be issued.

11. **Show Office Hours -** RCRA Show Office is open an hour before the first ride and closes 30 minutes after the last ride

12. **Vaccinations**: All horses attending Equestrian Canada sanctioned competitions must have met the requirements of Article A519, Vaccinations. See Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article A519, Vaccinations.

All horses attending Equestrian Canada sanctioned competitions must have been administered Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes Virus (1&4) vaccinations within 6 months (+21 day grace period) before arrival at the event. No horse shall receive vaccination within 7 days prior to the arrival at the event. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be asked to leave the event site at the discretion of the Competition Management. It is expected that temperatures of all horses stabled at RCRA be checked twice daily.

13. Any horse entered in any class at a competition may be selected for equine medication control testing while at the event location.

14. **Coach Status** - When registering for EC sanctioned competitions, athletes must indicate the name of their coach on the entry form or specify that they are selfcoached. Coaches from other countries, must be in good-standing with their home federation and must declare/have proof of insurance. See Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article 102, Safe Sport Environments

15. **Food -** No food services on site. Bring a picnic, head to town to grab food, or Uber Eats delivers to the property.

16. **Lunging -** Lunging is allowed only in the warm-up arena (Arena 2) until 7:00 am. Steward may monitor any lunging.

17. Equipment and Dress Rules as per Dressage Chapter 4.

18. **Dressage Arena Size** – All tests will be conducted in a 20m x 60m ring with the exception of Para Dressage Grade 1,2 and 3 tests which will be conducted in a 20x40 ring. Dressage tests can be found on the Equestrian Canada website (https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/dressage/tests)

19. **Western dressage** classes have been sanctioned by western style dressage association of Canada and will be run with WDAA tests and under WSDAC rules. Any WDSAC class is not rated for EC awards.

20. **Approved headgear**: Junior competitors must wear proper fitting, approved protective headgear, with the safety harness correctly secured at all times while mounted in competition or on event grounds. Approved headgear meets the ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials) standards and displays the SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) seal. The British standard, BSI is also acceptable.

21. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse entries, to amend schedules and combine categories as they deem advisable without notification. Examples: to combine FEI tests. Management reserves the right to limit or close the entries of any class or division in an effort to adhere to the timetable. Please visit www.rcra.ca for any notices regarding the program or changes to the timetable.

22. **Stabling**: Stalls are assigned on a per calendar day basis; therefore if a horse arrives on Friday and leaves on Sunday, the cost will be for 3 days, regardless of departure time on Sunday.

23. Shavings: If your pre-ordered shavings are not in the stall when you arrive please contact the RCRA Show office or Front Desk immediately. RCRA will issue no refund for missing shavings at the end of the competition.

24. Hors Concours entries may be permitted if space allows at the show committee's discretion.

25. Freestyle Music. Please hand in to the show office 24 hours prior to scheduled ride time in an mp3 format.