



POLICY FOR ENHANCED COMPETITION SAFETY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Effective for all EC sanctioned Events held as of July 1, 2020.

Equestrian Canada (EC) supports an early, safe return to competition. The EC Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic (“Policy”) is intended to assist organizers of EC sanctioned competitions and other in-person events (“Events”) and Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (PTSOs) in deciding how to hold Events while limiting the risk of transmission and further spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) during the pandemic.

This policy has been developed in alignment with the [FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) released on May 29, 2020.

This Policy is issued according to the EC Board decision on June 30, 2020, and applies to all Events held after July 1, 2020, until further notice. EC will continue to make updates to this Policy as and when necessary as the situation in relation to COVID-19 evolves and best practices are identified or amended. Reference to this Policy will be made in all EC Prize Lists.

1. Sanctioning Requirements

In addition to the standard sanctioning requirements (see [EC Competition Administration Policy](#)) for Events, there will be additional safety/COVID-19 related requirements, which vary depending on level of sanctioning.

| | WHO Risk Assessment*** | Collaboration with Local Authorities | Mitigation Plan |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Gold/Silver/Bronze <i>Local participants only</i> | Not required | ✓ | ✓ |
| Gold/Silver/Bronze <i>Including external participants*</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Platinum (FEI)** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

* Interprovincial participants where travel restrictions are in place and/or participants traveling internationally.

** For Platinum (FEI) Events, refer also to the [FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).

*** Where required, competition organizers must complete and submit the [World Health Organization’s \(WHO\) Risk Assessment sports addendum](#).

1.1 Collaboration with Local Authorities

Competition organizers must ensure that they are aware of and complying with the regulations and guidelines of the federal, provincial/territorial and regional authorities responsible for



COVID-19 operations. To support the enhanced safety of all participants, competition organizers must demonstrate collaboration with the appropriate local authority. This collaboration with local authorities must be documented and submitted to the administering PTSO or EC.

1.2 Risk Assessment Process for EC Competition Organizers

As applicable according to the table above, competition organizers must use the [WHO's Risk Assessment sports addendum](#). The completed Risk Assessment must be submitted to the administering PTSO or EC.

1.3. Mitigation Plan

Every competition organizer must have a plan to mitigate and minimize the potential risk of spread of COVID-19, including making the necessary PPE and appropriate sanitizers available for participants and others required to be in attendance. Competition organizers need to design their mitigation plan with their local authority responsible for COVID-19 operations. For Gold/Silver/Bronze competitions, the mitigation plan must be submitted to the administering PTSO or EC.

2. Groups Bound by the Policy

2.1 Competition Organizers, PTSOs, EC

2.1.1 Competition Organizers

- a) Collaborate with their local authority responsible for COVID-19 operations. Involve the local authorities responsible for COVID-19 operations in the planning, risk assessment and determination of appropriate mitigation measures. Submit documentation of local authority involvement to the administering PTSO or EC.
- b) Where applicable, complete and submit the WHO Risk Assessment.
- c) Monitor the evolution of the COVID-19 situation locally, nationally and internationally where applicable.
- d) Communicate the mitigation plan to all Event participants and officials.
- e) Apply and enforce the mitigation plan identified for the Event.

2.1.2 PTSOs

- a) Facilitate the competition organizers' interactions with applicable provincial authorities as reasonably required.
- b) Where applicable, submit the WHO Risk Assessment to EC.

2.1.3 EC

- a) Where applicable, ensure that completed WHO Risk Assessments and mitigation plans are received from organizers or administering PTSOs in accordance with paragraph 2.1 g).
- b) Follow up on feedback received from Organizers, PTSOs, Officials or other persons and share identified best practices with stakeholders.

3. EC Policy and Local Legislation

All measures decided by organizers in accordance with this Policy must take into account and comply with the applicable legislation and policies from the local government and health authorities.



EC retains the right to withhold sanctioning where requirements have not been met in full in accordance with EC's [Competition Administration Policy 4.5](#).

In support of competition organizers, competition organizers have the right to require an individual who refuses to comply with the established risk mitigation plan to leave the event site.

This Policy does not supersede the applicable legislation and policies from the local government and health authorities.