

2013 Eventing Rules - Athlete Qualifications

The FEI Bureau has approved the Eventing Committee's proposal to update (fine-tune) the athletes qualification and categorisation Eventing Rules Article 519 & 520 with immediate implementation.

The request to update this principle was motivated by issues identified in the practical implementation in the last 2 months, discussion with interested NFs and the Eventing Rider Association. The 2013 Eventing Rules were approved by the General Assembly with the request specifically from the GBR and NZL NF to update the rules should such issues be known.

The modification to the 2013 Eventing rules in regard to the Athletes Qualification is as follows:

1. Provide an optional criteria to define the categorisation of athletes giving the option of **five (5) results at a higher level or** fifteen (15) of results at the level as currently requested.
2. Change the matrix of Athletes not yet categorized at the level of the competition to allow all categorized Athletes to enter directly at the 2 star level according to their national requirements without the need of additional international qualifications – (it has become apparent that higher qualified horses, if ridden by categorized Athletes, should not need to re-qualify from the 1 star level as this could put unnecessary mileage on the horse).
3. **Confirm also for 2014 and on the transitory criteria of 15 results at the level** and not implement the original criteria of 20.
4. Change the definition of "National Athletes" to "**Uncategorised International Athletes**" (as it was felt by the Athletes that National Athletes was derogatory).

For reference the changes are highlighted in the **Eventing Rules 11 December 2013** as follows:

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 (Uncategorized International, D, C, B, A) according to their performance in a rolling eight years period as defined in the following table.

D	<i>Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format Competitions of one star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI short (CICs) or long format (CCIs) competitions at a higher level</i>
C	<i>Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format Competitions of two star level or above ; or five (5) MERs at FEI short (CICs) or long format (CCIs) competitions at a higher level</i>
B	<i>Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format Competitions of three star level or above; or five (5) MERs at FEI long format (CCIs) competitions at four star level</i>
A	<i>Fifteen (15) MER at FEI short (CICs) or long (CCIs) format Competitions of three star level or above of which five at four star level.</i>

The Athlete category will be updated accordingly to the performances at the end of each calendar year.

NOTE: *Exceptionally, an intermediate list of categorisation of Athletes will be published at the latest 1 June 2013.*

Art 520.1 Athletes not yet categorised at the level of the Competition

For Athletes not yet categorized at the level of the Competition the Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination according to the following table:

Short format:

CIC 1*	All Athletes	NF requirements
CIC 2*	Uncategorized Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CI 1*
	D Athletes	NF requirements
CIC 3*	Uncategorized or D or C Athletes	NF requirements + 2 CI 2*

Long format:

CCI 1*	All Athletes	NF requirements
CCI 2*	Uncategorized Athletes	NF requirements + (1 CCI1* or 1 CIC2*) and 1 CIC2*
	D Athletes	NF requirements + (1 CCI1* or 1 CIC2*)
CCI 3*	Uncategorized or D or C Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CCI2* + 1 CIC3*
CCI 4*	Uncategorized or D or C or B Athletes	NF requirements + 1 CCI3* + 2 CI 3*

NOTE: Any Athlete that has obtained a MER in 2012 or before as an combination is automatically qualified to compete at the same type / level of Competition in 2013.

Note from HQ: updated lists of athletes categorization per nation taking into account the new criteria are published on the FEI web-site as of 20 March 2013.