

VaultCanada

Competition Policies

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The purpose of this document is to provide clarification to Officials and Competition Management to facilitate fair play and ensure that the principles of the Long Term Equestrian Athlete Program are upheld in Canadian competitions.

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1. Eligibility Criteria

In all national classes, male and female vaulters may participate in the same Team.

There are no minimum or maximum age limits for any classes unless otherwise noted in the Competitions' Invitation.

Scoring Out

Compulsory scores received during an Equine Canada Sanctioned Competition, and any Provincially Recognized Competitions, will be used to determine which classes an Individual vaulter may enter in the future years. This does not apply to Pairs or Teams. On January 1st of each year, the compulsory scores attained in the previous year will be used to classify Individual vaulters for the new year. Vaulters who "score out" of a division at any time during the season are permitted to complete the season at the lower level.

- Vaulters may start in division D, if they have not yet reached a compulsory score of 5.2 or higher in any round at two competitions in division D
- Vaulters must start in division C, if they have reached a compulsory score of 5.2 or higher in any round at two competitions in division D.
- Vaulters must start in division B, if they have reached a compulsory score of 5.5 or higher in any round at two competitions in division C.

Participation in CVI's

For Individual Vaulters who have competed in CVIs, the following criteria applies.

For CVI entries in Junior or Senior classes, the vaulter must enter the following required national class immediately.

- If a vaulter starts in a CVI 1*, he/she must compete in Division B or higher nationally
- If a vaulter starts in a CVI 2*, he/she must compete in Division A or higher nationally
- If a vaulter starts in a CVI 3*, he/she must compete in Division AA or higher nationally.

For CVI entries in Children's classes

- If a vaulter starts in CVI 1*, the vaulter must enter at least national Division C immediately, and must enter at least national Division B the following year.
- If a vaulter starts in CVI 2*, the vaulter must enter at least national Division B immediately, and must enter at least national Division A the following year.

Downgrading to Lower Divisions

Automatically Approved Downgrades

- From Division C, a vaulter may downgrade to Division D if he/she did not score out of Division D and has not yet scored above 5.0 in Division C.
- From Division B, a vaulter may downgrade to Division C if he/she did not score out of Division C and has not yet scored above 5.0 in Division B.

Other Downgrades may be granted by request to the VaultCanada Sport Committee.

2. Division D

Division D was created to provide beginner vaulters with a safe and enjoyable introduction to the sport. This policy was developed to ensure that beginning vaulters at each gait are performing only exercises which safely provide the foundation for future athlete development.

Limitation on Division D Freestyles

Vaulters in Division D may only perform exercises in the Freestyle test that are assigned a difficulty of E (easy) by the FEI Code of Points. If exercises are shown in the Freestyle test of a higher difficulty, the Artistic Score will be given a deduction of 2.0 points for each exercise performed of a higher difficulty.

3. Vaulters with a Physical Disability

Although our rules provide for vaulters with a disability who require extra assistance, our rules do not offer guidance for accommodating vaulters with disabilities who do not require assistance, and yet who should be given special consideration. This policy is to offer guidance to show management and officials in dealing fairly with vaulters who have physical limitations that will impact on their ability to perform certain required movements, such as in specific compulsory exercises.

In the spirit of fair play, vaulters should not be penalized for errors in mechanics that are attributed to physical disabilities. For example, a vaulter with a fused ankle will not be able to point the toes on that foot and should therefore not have a deduction for that fault.

Vaulters who require such special consideration should be identified by their coach at the time of club entries so that the show management can properly alert the judge(es). It is recommended that a note be attached to the score sheet advising the judge of the physical limitations of the vaulter. These vaulters are to be judged in all other aspects according to the rules of the class.

4. Championships

National and Provincial Championships shall be held annually. National Championships will be held in EVEN years in Alberta and in ODD years in BC.

Provincial:

Provincial championship titles shall be awarded to individuals, pairs and teams in the following divisions:

Division B Walk

Division B Trot

Division B Canter – Junior and Senior

Division A Canter – Junior and Senior

Division AA Canter

In addition, individual Zone championship titles shall be awarded to the vaulter with the highest overall score in each of the Zones established by the provincial sports organization. If there is no eligible vaulter in Division C Canter in a zone then the title shall be awarded to the vaulter with the highest overall score in Division D Canter.

National:

National championship titles shall be awarded to individuals, pairs and teams in the following divisions:

Division B Canter – Junior and Senior

Division A Canter – Junior and Senior

Division AA Canter

General:

In each National, Provincial and Zone championship class a Reserve Champion title shall be awarded to the vaulter/pair/team with the second highest overall score.

Junior and Senior age categories are established by the FEI rules.

In order to be receive a championship or reserve championship title the vaulter/pair/team must have completed all of the required rounds for the class.