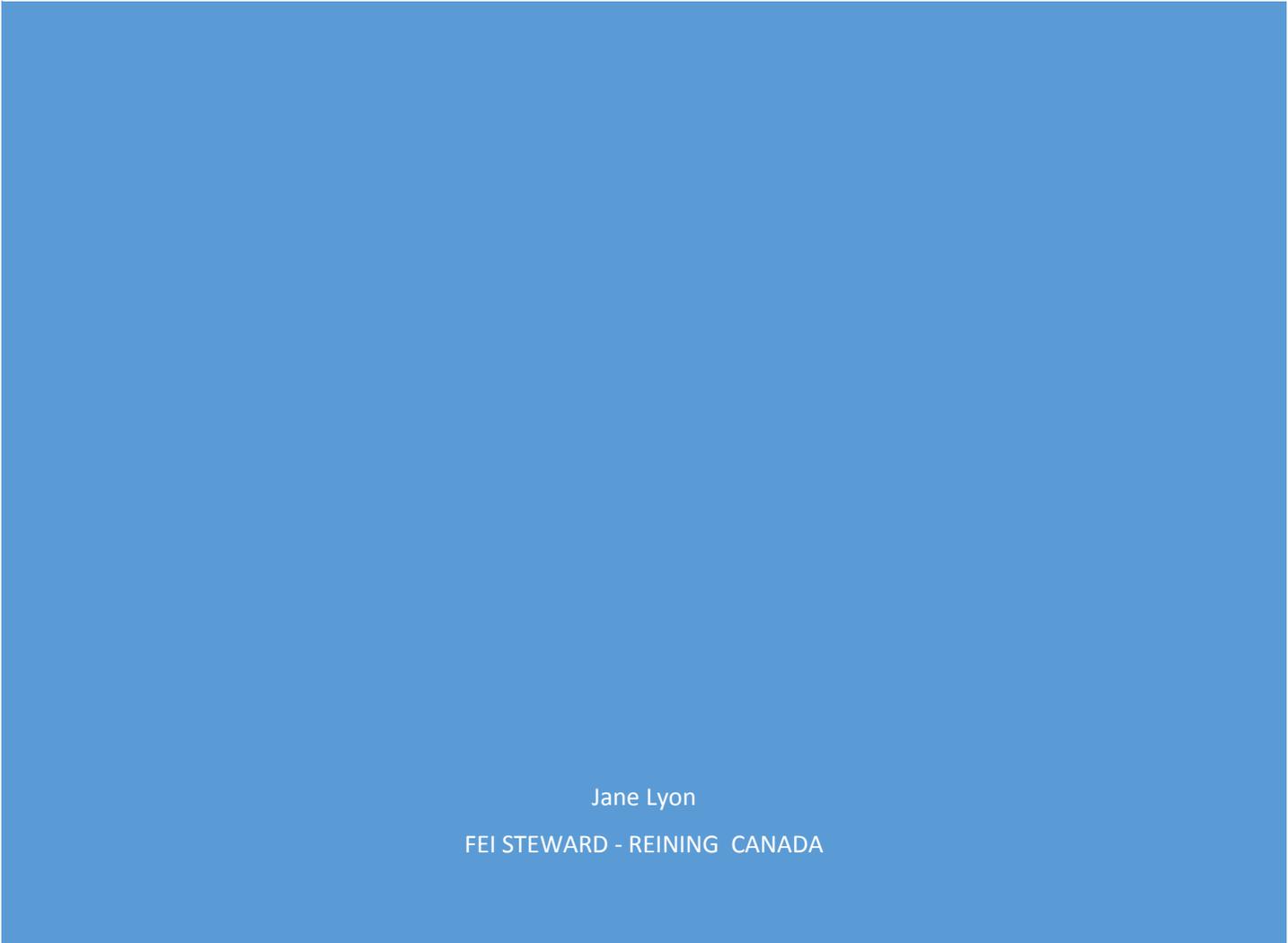




QUALIFYING CANADIANS FOR THE 2018 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES



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FEI STEWARD - REINING CANADA

Canadian Reiners,

As you may be aware the World Equestrian Games will be held in 2018 at the Tryon International Equestrian Park, North Carolina. If you have ever thought of riding for your county this is your chance. It's in our backyard! The following are some highlights of the requirements to get you started.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

FEI Reining has five levels of Competition, CRI 1*, 2*, 3*, 4* and Championships.

Athletes have three levels of Qualification (Expertise). These are 1* (Apprentice), 2* (Intermediate) and 3* (Advanced). In order to progress up through the level of Competitions an Athlete must qualify at each level before being allowed/required to compete at the next higher level. National Athletes have automatic entry to 1* FEI Reining Competitions.

Star qualification of Senior/Adult Athletes to compete:

1* Athletes: no minimum qualification criteria required

2* Athletes: Athletes who have successfully completed two different CRI1* with a minimum average score of 65 points at each of those CRIs.

3* Athletes: Athletes who have successfully completed two different CRI2* with a minimum average of 68 points at each CRI2*.

FAST TRACK TO 3* STATUS

Most riders will work their way up through the different levels in order to get qualified to ride in the 3* WEG qualifiers. HOWEVER, there is a "fast track" for those riders that feel they have the necessary credentials to by-pass the lower levels and go directly to the 3* events.

FEI states:

Article 305 Fast track procedure

1. NFs (National Federations, in this case Equestrian Canada) may fast track Athletes to a star level provided the Athletes have never started in a CRI before.

2. Each request for fast track must be accompanied by a report of records and must be approved by the FEI.

Presently we are still waiting to hear from Equestrian Canada to see final Canadian details on how to get fast tracked.

Star qualification of Juniors and Young Riders to compete:

1* Athletes: no minimum qualification criteria required

2* Athletes: Athletes who have successfully completed two different CRIJ1* or CRIYR1* with a minimum average score of 65 points at each CRIJ1* or CRIYR1*.

3* Athletes: Athletes who have successfully completed two different CRIJ2* or CRIYR2* with a minimum average of 68 points at each CRIJ or CRIYR.

Young Riders: from the beginning of the year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 21.

Juniors: CRIs and Championships for Juniors are open to FEI 3* Athletes from (Juniors category) the beginning of the year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 18.

3* Star qualification is obtained for life.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES/RIDERS, INCLUDING ADULT AND YOUNG RIDERS.

For athletes competing in the CRI classes they will require their Provincial Sport Licence, EC Platinum Sport Licence and FEI Registration.

Owners of horses from outside of Canada must hold the same class of Sport License as the rider.

You must fill out the "Authorization to Compete" form and send it to Sophie Heron, found here:
<https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/reining>

FEI Registration

- Canadian horses and riders can obtain FEI Registration through EC's FEI Registration Portal.
- All horses being registered for the first time are required to have a microchip compatible with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785.

Horses will require FEI passports for CRI3*, those competing in 1* and 2* can use the Equestrian Canada FEI Recognized National Passport. However once they graduate to the 3* level they will be required to upgrade to an FEI passport.

The above information can be found in the EC Reining rulebook.

HORSE REQUIREMENTS:

Canadian owned horses intending to compete in 3* classes will require:

FEI Passport

FEI Registration

Equestrian Canada Horse Recording

The horse must be seven (7) years of age to compete at all FEI Reining Classes.

Owner must hold their provincial membership

Owner, including non-Canadians, must hold an Equestrian Canada Platinum Sport Licence.

Equine Vaccination Requirements

Horses must be vaccinated against equine influenza in order to compete at FEI events. Every horse's passport is checked at events to ensure that the horse has been vaccinated according to the FEI Veterinary Regulations, therefore all equine influenza vaccines that have been given to the horse must be recorded in the horse's passport by a veterinarian.

Links: All riders and owners are required to read these documents and be knowledgeable of the rules.

EC Rules for reining can be found here.

www.equestrian.ca/programs-services/rules

FEI Rules of Reining

http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202017_Clean%20version.pdf

General Regulations

http://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/GENERAL_REGULATIONS-Eff.1January2017_Clean-Final%2022_Dec_2016.pdf

Doping Rules for Riders and Horses
<http://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/horses>
<http://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/humans>

MOBILE APPS: You can download the FEI Rule App here:

Apple Store <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fei-ruleapp/id982217322>
Google Play <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.fei.ruleapp>

When you arrive at an FEI competition this is what you can expect:

- An FEI Veterinarian will inspect your horse to see that it matches its documentation.
- There will be a horse inspection, commonly referred to as The Jog, where your horse will be jogged in front of the Officials of the Competition to determine its ability to compete. You will be expected to dress as if ready to show your horse. Riders must jog their horses or an agreed upon representative with approval of the Officials. Horses will be passed on to or out of the Competition.
- There will be a Rider's meeting with the Chief Steward reminding riders of their obligation to the welfare of their horses as outlined in the Rules of Reining and answering rider's questions.
- The draw will be made.
- Designated times for exercising your horses will be determined. Dress accordingly with no ball caps.
- No one other than the designated rider may ride the horse at any time.
- Numbers must be worn at all times.
- CRI horses are NOT allowed to compete in any other classes at the show. ie no other NRHA, AQHA or other classes unless they run concurrently.
- You can show in a maximum of two classes per day (FEI only). They must not be the same level ie not two 1* or 2*. It would be possible to compete in a 1*
- The only tack used on the horse will be tack accepted under the FEI Rules of Reining.

These are the BARE BONES of what you can expect if you decide to participate. It is imperative that you read all the FEI Rules as they do not entirely follow NRHA Rules.

3* RIDERS WISHING TO QUALIFY FOR WEG 2018:

Per FEI Rules, a minimum average score 70 at two out of three different CRI3* during the qualification period is required and one of these scores must be achieved no earlier than January 1st 2018 and before the end of the qualification period. There may be some additional requirements from Equestrian Canada. Please watch the website.

Be prepared. Ask for help. Add to your Bucket List. Ride for your Country!!