

DEAR COMPETITION ORGANIZERS,

As of January 1st 2012, the Equine Canada Eventing Officials and Rules Committees will be strongly encouraging all organizers to use licensed officials at all levels of eventing competitions. Currently, it is not mandated that an organizer use a licensed official at Bronze Level competitions; consequently we are seeing people with no judging training acting as judges at various competitions.

The Officials and Competitions Committees have agreed that it is unfair to competitors who are paying entry fees to not have the opportunity to be judged by a licensed official. Therefore, as of Jan 1st 2012, both committees hope that anybody judging dressage or show jumping will have a minimum designation of being Equine Canada “Trained”. In order to receive this designation, the candidate must attend either a Dressage “Develop Your Eye” or an Eventing “Develop Your Eye” clinic and receive a passing grade. For Show Jumping judging, attendance and receipt of a passing grade at an Eventing Officials course is required.

Once a candidate has received the “Trained” designation, their name will be added to the Equine Canada Officials database. Trained judges will NOT be EC Licensed Officials and may therefore continue to judge at non-sanctioned competitions. However we do hope that these individuals will then follow through to become Equine Canada licensed officials.

Please note that the Officials and Competitions committees will require organizers to have licensed officials at all levels of eventing competitions by an estimated date of January 1st 2014. We hope that in the coming years we are able to train as many individuals across the country to ensure that organizers have access to numerous “Trained” officials for their competitions.

The clinics are open to anyone interested in participating and learning more about the basics of officiating dressage and show jumping.

Upcoming eventing Develop Your Eye clinics:

August 2nd 2010 - Wit End Farm in Mansfield, ON

To Register please contact Jo Young at jo.young@zing-net.ca

Upcoming dressage Develop Your Eye clinics:

July 31- August 1st 2010 – Maple Ridge, BC

September 3 – 4th 2010 - Peterborough, ON

Registration forms are available at the Equine Canada – Dressage website

http://www.equinecanada.ca/dressage/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7&Itemid=464&lang=en-GB

*Please note that the Dressage Canada clinics are full training clinics as well as Develop Your Eye clinics. If you wish to use a DC clinic to receive your “Trained” status you simply need to register and attend the clinic. If you wish to receive your Dressage Canada officiating status you must request to attend the clinic prior to April 1st so that you may be tested appropriately at the clinic. For further information please contact Christine Peters at cpeters@equinecanada.ca.