



# Ontario Provincial Saddle Seat Equitation Championship Rules and Regulations

## **Purpose:**

To establish a provincial championship to support and promote the discipline of saddle seat riding. This championship will encourage the competitors and coaches to strive for excellence in riding skills, horsemanship, showmanship and sportsmanship.

## **Governance:**

The Provincial Championship will be regulated in accordance with Equine Canada Saddle Seat Equitation division (Section F section 7 chapter 21)

The Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF) Saddle Seat Coaching Committee will verify qualification forms. The OEF Saddle Seat Coaching Committee reserves the right to clarify the intent of the statements of this document, with concern for fairness and safety of all exhibitors, should a situation occur which is not covered herein.

## **Eligibility:**

Competitors, owner and rider of each entry, must be OEF individual members. Proof of membership of both owner and rider in the form of photocopied membership cards must accompany entry forms.

Competitors must be a resident of Ontario for a minimum twelve consecutive months immediately prior to the Provincial Championship Competition.

## **To Qualify for the Provincial Championship:**

Junior riders must:

- Have placed in the top four (4) placings at a minimum of two (2) separate PEF/EC or (USEF equivalent) sanctioned competitions held in the current year.

Adult riders must:

- Have placed in the top four (4) placings at a minimum of one (1) separate PEF/EC or (USEF equivalent) sanctioned competitions held in the current year.

Competitors will be required to submit their Qualification Form to the OEF office by midnight of the Monday preceding the Provincial Championship classes in order to compete. The competitor must completely and correctly identify, for each PEF/EC/USEF sanctioned competition in which they competed in a saddle seat equitation class:

- (a) the name, location and date of show
- (b) the name of the judge
- (c) the name and phone number of show secretary,
- (d) and the placing within the class.

\*Qualification Forms must be complete - - Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

If the competitors choose to use the qualification classes offered by the Provincial Championship host show as their second qualification, they must still submit their qualification form to the OEF office by midnight of the Monday preceding the Provincial Championship classes, listing all the required information about their first qualification class and indicating their intent. The required form is available from the OEF office at 9120 Leslie Street, Suite 203, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 3J9, phone 1-877-441-7112, fax # (905) 709-1867 or on the OEF website [www.horse.on.ca](http://www.horse.on.ca).

## **Qualifying Shows:**

A multi-breed or breed competition that offers saddle seat equitation classes that is Provincial Equine Federation (PEF), Equine Canada (EC) or United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) sanctioned, and that is officiated by EC or USEF sanctioned saddle seat equitation judges, or breed judge(s) whose licensing includes saddle seat equitation, will be considered a qualifying show. Discovery level shows that choose to use an unlicensed judge must obtain judge's approval from OEF Saddle Seat Committee in order to meet the requirements of a qualifying show.

### **Qualifying Classes:**

Riders may qualify by placing first, second, third or fourth in the following saddle seat equitation classes: Junior Equitation (17 years of age and under or 13 years of age and under or 14 to 17 years of age), Adult (18 years of age and over), or an Equitation Championship Class. Ages are as of January 1st of the current year (F2101 and F2109) Junior classes may be combined. Open Equitation classes will be accepted at the Discovery Level.

### **Provincial Championship Show:**

The Provincial Championship classes will be held at EC sanctioned breed or multi-breed competition within Ontario. An EC or USEF licensed judge in the saddle seat equitation division, or a breed judge, whose licensing includes saddle seat equitation, must officiate.

### **Provincial Championship Classes:**

The Ontario Saddle Seat Equitation Championship will offer classes for three age categories: 13 years and under, 14 to 17 years of age, and 18 years of age and over. (Age as of January 1st of the current year).

To fill a Championship class a minimum of two (2) competitors with proper appointments is required. Junior classes may be combined to meet the minimum requirement of two (2) competitors.

The Provincial Championship class must be conducted in accordance with EC Saddle Seat Equitation Rule (pattern described in F2110)

The winners of the Provincial Saddle Seat Equitation Championship classes will be considered the Provincial Saddle Seat Equitation Champions in their respective divisions. The second place competitors will be considered the Provincial Saddle Seat Equitation Reserve Champions in their respective divisions.

**\*\*Competitors whose forms are not received by the OEF office by midnight of the Monday preceding the annual Provincial Championship classes will not be eligible to show in those Championships\*\***