



## **Hunter Qualifying Criteria for Invitation to The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Horse Show**

The qualifying period for invitation is January 1, 2022 – October 2, 2022. For the 2023 Royal Horse Show, the qualifying period will change to December 1, 2022 – October 1, 2023.

A wait list will be maintained until noon, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. No substitutions may occur after this date.

**All participants must meet the following minimum qualifying criteria for invitation to compete in hunter divisions at the 2022 Royal Horse Show:**

All riders, owners, lessees, agents, trainers and/or coaches must have a current Gold EC Sport License and be current members of their Provincial Sport Organization (PSO). **The PSO of the horse's owner will be used to determine the geographic region of that entry.**

All horses/ponies must have valid EC Horse Recording Numbers. Change of ownership will not affect qualifications.

All horses/ponies competing under American ownership must have valid and current USEF numbers and owners must be members in good standing. To be considered for EC National Rankings and selection for invitation to The Royal Horse Show, owners/lessees and riders must be sport licence holders in good standing with EC and horses/ponies must have valid EC Recording Numbers. No points may be accumulated for any EC programs or The Royal Horse Show without. For clarification: Those with only USEF memberships/recordings may compete at EC sanctioned competitions but may not accumulate any points toward national programs as per the USEF/EC Reciprocal Agreement.

**Participants who have entered the RAWF will be selected for invitation to compete utilizing the official National Rankings from Equestrian Canada (EC) in conjunction with the geographical quotas established by RAWF as listed below.**

***Divisions that guarantee sixteen (16) entries:***

- Will have the top eight (8) invited from the EC National Rankings.
- Eight (8) will be invited from Ontario.
- Four (4) will be invited from Quebec.
- Two (2) will be invited from the Maritime Provinces.
- Two (2) will be invited from the Central/Western Provinces.

**If the geographic quota for any province/region is met from the top eight (8) on the National Rankings, no further invitations for that region will be provided.**

***Divisions that guarantee twenty (20) entries:***

- Will have the top ten (10) invited from the EC National Rankings.
- Eight (8) will be invited from Ontario.
- Four (4) will be invited from Quebec.
- Two (2) will be invited from the Maritime Provinces.
- Two (2) will be invited from the Central/Western Provinces.

**If the geographic quota for any province/region is met from the top ten (10) on the EC National Rankings, no further invitations for that region will be provided.**

**In all hunter divisions, if a region does not fulfill its quota, the next eligible athlete/horse on the EC National Rankings, regardless of region will be invited. The Royal Horse Show will continue in this manner until the divisional quota has been fulfilled.**

Divisional Champions from 2019 will also receive an invitation to compete in 2022 providing they have competed a minimum of four (4) times at EC Gold Sanctioned competitions in the same division as their 2019 Championship. Younger or Older Adult Amateurs who were champions in their respective divisions in 2019 are both eligible for invitation to the combined division in 2022. **This will be allocated in addition to the divisional quotas listed below.**

**Divisional Quota:**

Small Working Hunter Ponies	16
Medium Working Hunter Ponies	16
Large Working Hunter Ponies	16
Children's Working Hunter	16
Adult Amateur Working Hunter 3'	20
Junior/Amateur Working Hunter 3'3"	16
Junior Working Hunter	16
Amateur Owner Working Hunter	16
Combined Working Hunter	16