

GENERAL HUNTER RULES

- Please see the Hunter Qualifying Criteria on the next page for Invitation to The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Horse Show.
- 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.
- Riders are restricted to two horses and/or ponies in their respective divisions.
- Individual classes may not be entered.
- All classes over fences to be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness, unless otherwise noted.
- All classes will be scored under the open numerical scoring system.
- All entries in the hunter/jumper will be charged a nonrefundable \$50 CAD application fee when entering.
- **The home province of horses and ponies will be verified by The Royal Horse Show. Invitation to compete at The Royal may be denied or withdrawn if the home province submitted on the entry is deemed to be false. This applies to leased or owned horses and ponies in the hunter and jumper divisions.**

HUNTER QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR INVITATION TO THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR HORSE SHOW

The qualifying period for invitation is December 1st, 2022 – October 1st, 2023. A wait list will be maintained until noon, October 27th, 2023.

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 2023 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. **The home province of horses and ponies will be verified by The Royal Horse Show. Invitation to compete at The Royal may be denied or withdrawn if the home province of the entry is deemed to be false. This applies to leased or owned horses and ponies in the hunter and jumper divisions.**
- All horses/ponies must have valid EC Horse Recording Numbers.
- Change of ownership will not affect qualifications.
- EC Sport License holders at least 18 years of age must complete recognized safe sport training modules addressing the recognition and prevention of maltreatment in sport and concussion. In addition, Coach Status is required to engage in coaching activities at EC sanctioned events and will be enforced accordingly.
- 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 eighteen (18) 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 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 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 2022 will also receive an invitation to compete in 2023 providing they have competed a minimum of four (4) times at EC Gold Sanctioned competitions **in the same division** as their 2022 Championship during the qualifying period.

Divisional Quota

Small Working Hunter Ponies	18
Medium Working Hunter Ponies	18
Large Working Hunter Ponies	18
Children's Working Hunter	18
Adult Amateur Working Hunter 3'	20
Junior Working Hunter	18
Junior/Amateur Working Hunter 3'3"	18
Amateur Owner Working Hunter	18
Combined Working Hunter	18