

## EQUINE CANADA ANNOUNCES AMATEUR RULE CHANGE TO SECTION G OF RULE BOOK

Ottawa, Ontario—Equine Canada has announced an amendment to Section G: Hunter, Jumper, Equitation and Hack rules, Article G108.2 Amateur Status, to include a pilot project where an Equine Canada amateur may hold an EC Instructor Beginner Certificate and teach within the context of the Instructor Beginner Certificate.

The Instructor of Beginner status applies to individuals 16-years-of-age or older who teach beginners at summer camps, trail riding establishments/clubs/schools, or assist at lesson stables. The Instructor of Beginners is capable of teaching at the beginner level, primarily on the flat and in the fundamentals of jumping, in a safe and constructive fashion. The Instruction of Beginner Program currently applies to the following disciplines

- English,
- Western, and
- Saddle Seat.

The next level of certification is the Competition Coach. The Competition Coaches should be developing athletes for entry-level competitions (Bronze/Silver level).

“Jump Canada has been approached by many people from different parts of the country requesting that Equine Canada certified Instructors of Beginners be allowed to show as amateurs,” said Pam Law, chair of the Jump Canada Rules Committee. “We thought we would try it as a pilot

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project and assess it after a year to see if it has been a success.”

All seniors competing in amateur classes at EC-sanctioned competitions must possess a current EC amateur status, which is declared annually when purchasing an EC Sport Licence. For the complete definition of an amateur in Section G of the Equine Canada rules please visit the Equine Canada rules online for free at [www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca).

### **About Jump Canada**

*Jump Canada is the committee of Equine Canada responsible for all hunter, equitation and jumper activities in Canada from the grass roots to the international level. Jump Canada is governed by a board, the majority of whose members are elected by the stakeholders in the sport. For more information regarding Jump Canada programs and activities, visit <http://www.equinecanada.ca/jumpcanada>.*

### **About Equine Canada**

*Equine Canada is Canada's national governing body for equestrianism. A member-driven, charitable institution, it is the executive branch of the Canadian Equestrian Team, and the national authority for equestrian competition; the national voice for recreational riders; and the national association for equine welfare, breeding, and industry. Equine Canada is recognized by the Government of Canada, the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), and the Canadian Olympic Committee as the national organization representing equestrian sport and equine interests. For more information about Equine Canada, please visit [www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca).*