



MAY CLASSIC

May 5-10, 2026

EC GOLD SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT



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DEAR ATHLETE,

The May Classic will mark the first outdoor tournament of the Spruce Meadows season. The team is proud to continue to offer tournaments to help you and your partner improve your skills and reach your competitive goals.

Competitions will be held outdoors on grass, weather permitting and all-weather footing. It will offer a friendly opportunity to get back to outdoor competition after a long indoor season, at a world-class facility, with terrific course designers.

We hope you are able to join us at the May Classic and our events throughout the year to celebrate 51 years of good sport and good friendship.

Best of luck,

Marg, Nancy & Linda

The Southern Family

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tournament Office Phone: 403-974-4516
E-mail: tournaments@sprucemeadows.com
Website: www.sprucemeadows.com

ALL MAIL SHOULD BE SENT TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Spruce Meadows Tournament Office
 18011 Spruce Meadows Way SW
 Calgary, Alberta, T2X 4B7

BIOSECURITY

All horses coming on to the grounds must provide proof of valid Equine Influenza and EHV vaccinations (vaccinations must be administered within the last 6 months, +21 days, but not within 7 days of arrival to the grounds), as well as a negative coggins test drawn within the last 6 months. These must be received well in advance of arrival. Coggins/vaccines must be valid for the duration the horse is on the grounds.

Horses exhibiting any signs of illness are not permitted on the grounds.

All horses on the grounds must have their temperatures taken and recorded twice daily. Please have temperature records available upon request. Competitors are required to notify the tournament office at the first sign of illness or elevated temperature.

Horses missing valid vaccinations/coggins will NOT be permitted on the grounds and entries are NOT eligible for a refund of fees. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Proof of vaccination must be signed by a vet, on vet letterhead.

All horses being brought on the grounds must not have been in contact with any horses exhibiting any signs of illness for the last 14 days. Horses are not permitted to come on to the grounds if they are stabled at a facility where any horses have been at a venue with a confirmed case of EHV (neurologic or non-neurologic) or any other transmissible disease/illness within the last 21 days.

Please avoid direct and/or indirect contact between horses, especially nose-to-nose contact and the use of common feed/water buckets.

The Spruce Meadows Executive and Organizing Committee will closely monitor any developments regarding any potential biosecurity issues for both horses and humans, and will change the procedures and requirements for horses entering the grounds as needed. Changes may be made with little/no warning.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

The Spruce Meadows Tournaments will be conducted according to the current rules of Equestrian Canada, the F.E.I. and the Organizing Committee of Spruce Meadows.

In entering Tournaments at Spruce Meadows you and your team (owners, trainers, grooms, family members, agents, etc.) have agreed to honour the General Information as specified in this Prize List and on the entry form. Competitors are responsible for the actions of their staff, owners, trainers, etc. Your agreement and acceptance of all rules, regulations and Spruce Meadows decisions is indicated by competing at our Tournament. All competitors must have a current provincial membership. All competitions will run under current Equestrian Canada Rules.

OFFICE HOURS

The Tournament Office is open from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. on non-tournament days, and from 30 minutes before the start of competition until 4:00 p.m. on tournament days. The Tournament Office is located in the North Meadows Office, south of G barn, in the stable area. The Tournament Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays following each tournament.

VEHICLES & PARKING

There will be designated parking areas on the grounds for competitors' vehicles & trailers. Please do not park in front of any barn doors or block alleyways; vehicles and trailers will be towed and/or fines levied if parked outside of the designated area. **THESE MAY CHANGE SO PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS.**

There is no RV parking or on-site camping available at this tournament.

The stabling area will be closed to vehicle traffic from the first day of jumping through late afternoon Sunday. Please plan your arrivals/departures accordingly. All trailers must park at the north end of Lot 11 (closest to the highway) unless otherwise indicated.

There is a 10 km/hour speed limit on the Spruce Meadows grounds. Failure to abide may result in fines or expulsion from the grounds. **HORSES HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY AT ALL TIMES.**

SMOKING / VAPING / CANNABIS

There is no smoking or vaping allowed in all Spruce Meadows buildings and within 10 feet of any entrance thereof. Any person caught smoking in any building or outside an entrance will be assessed a fine of \$250, applied to the horse's account. Further offences may result in being asked to leave the Tournament grounds and a forfeiture of Tournament fees paid.

THE USE OF CANNABIS (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SMOKING) IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON THE SPRUCE MEADOWS GROUNDS. Violators may be fined and/or asked to leave the property.

PETS

PETS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE SPRUCE MEADOWS GROUNDS. Owners are required to clean up after their pets; fines will be levied against those failing to do so.

Unleashed pets or those which become a nuisance anywhere on the grounds will be taken by our staff to a safe area on the property. Release may be obtained after payment of a \$200 fine, applied to the horse's account. Further offences may result in being asked to leave the tournament grounds and forfeiture of fees paid. Acceptance into future tournaments will be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. Pets that are aggressive or vicious will be banned from the grounds.

PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE WARM UP OR COMPETITION RINGS. Pet owners are responsible for the competition fee(s) of any horse whose performance was disrupted by their animal. An associated horse account will be billed.

TIME SCHEDULES

Tentative schedules will be available at the Tournament Office and will be posted on the Spruce Meadows website. Please note that schedules will change daily during the tournament.

PRACTICE AREAS & SCHOOLING HOURS

Schooling is only permitted in designated areas and at designated times. The Steward or Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of horses in the warm up ring and holding areas. Lunging is only permitted in the designated area at the designated times.

COMPLETION OF ENTRY FORM

The rider waiver must be signed. **IF THE RIDER IS A MINOR, THE PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN.** Trainer signatures are not acceptable. **PERSONS RESPONSIBLE MUST MEET THE EQUESTRIAN CANADA DEFINITION.**

Your entry must include the following:

- Payment: A valid credit card must accompany each entry. Spruce Meadows does not keep credit card numbers on file from previous tournaments. Please be sure to include the expiry date and cardholder signature.
- Horse name on entry must match the horse name listed on any official documents.
- Proof of your horse's Influenza and EHV vaccinations (must be administered within the last 6 months + 21 days, but not within 7 days of arrival to the grounds), as well as a negative coggins test drawn within the last 6 months. The name on the vaccinations/coggins **MUST MATCH** the name on the entry to be accepted.
- All Canadian competitors/owners/coaches/persons responsible must have current EC memberships. Riders will not be permitted to compete without proof of current memberships.

ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES

Entries may be limited.

Spruce Meadows does not send out confirmations of receipt. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE (TOURNAMENTS@SPRUCEMEADOWS.COM) TO CONFIRM YOUR ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN FULL AND IS LEGIBLE.**

Entries **MUST** be mailed or sent electronically. Entries are **ONLY** considered **VALID** if signed and accompanied with **FULL PAYMENT**. The date/time the Tournament Office receives the completed entry is final in determining whether it is received on time. It is your responsibility to allow sufficient time for entries to reach the office by 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 22 to avoid late fees.

By signing the entry form, competitors/parents/persons responsible are testifying that the entry is eligible for the competitions entered. Subsequent determination that such is not the case will result in disqualification and no refund of fees.

WASH RACKS + LOST & FOUND

WASH RACKS: Wash racks will be available. To avoid flooding please dispose of any manure deposited in the wash racks. **DO NOT WASH IT DOWN THE DRAIN.** A \$100 fine will be assessed to those who fail to clean up after themselves or leave the hose running when not in use or pointed down the barn aisle.

LOST & FOUND: The Lost & Found Bin is located in the Tournament Office. Items not claimed within one week of the end of the Tournament will be donated to charity. **PLEASE KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON YOUR BELONGINGS.**

LATE ENTRY FEE

Late entries MAY be accepted from the closing date up to May 4 subject to the following conditions:

- Entry submitted in full, inclusive of all required numbers, signatures, and valid vaccinations/coggins
- Approval of the Organizing Committee
- Number of entries already received
- Payment of the late fee: \$150 per horse

SUBSTITUTION OF ENTRIES

An entry may be substituted provided that the stabling requirements and entry payment are the same. Substitutions are required to fill out a completed entry form. Substitutions between April 23 to May 1 before 4 p.m. are subject to a \$40 substitution fee. Substitutions received after 4 p.m. on May 1 and up until 4 p.m. on May 4 are subject to an \$80 substitution fee. Substitutions are not accepted after 4 p.m. on May 4. Proof of vaccinations & coggins must accompany the substitution for it to be processed.

All substitutions are subject to approval from the Organizing Committee. Payments that have already been processed will not be refunded. It is up to the parties involved in the substitution to handle any billing requirements, however a new form of payment may be used on close-out.

STABLING & EXTRA STALLS

\$300 per stall plus GST.

Stabling is required for all horses attending the tournament.

Stabling is available from 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 10.

Please clearly mark on your entry form with whom you would like to be stabled. Spruce Meadows makes every effort to assign the requested stabling and regrets that any changes made after the closing date may not be able to be accommodated.

Extra stalls cannot be split between multiple horse accounts.

EARLY ARRIVALS ARE NOT PERMITTED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE OC.

Arrivals before 2:00 p.m. may not be able to be accommodated and will be subject to an early arrival fee and approval by the OC.

ADDITIONAL NIGHTS: \$75 per stall plus GST if available

Horses may not be cross tied in the aisle or left blocking the aisle. Mounting/riding in the barns is prohibited.

FEED AND BEDDING

Initial bedding is not provided. Feed and bedding must be ordered from the Tournament Office before 11:00 a.m. for same day delivery. Orders received after 11:00 a.m. may not be delivered until the next day. There will be a \$25 manure removal fee added to the horse's account if bedding (min. 2 bags) is not purchased through Spruce Meadows.

Orders can be placed via email tournaments@sprucemeadows.com. **DO NOT INCLUDE FEED AND BEDDING ORDERS ON YOUR ENTRY FORM.** We are unable to accept feed/bedding orders over the phone. Spruce Meadows does not split feed charges onto multiple accounts; please order accordingly.

Discrepancies in deliveries will not be considered unless brought to the attention of the Tournament Office on the day of scheduled delivery.

All stalls must be cleaned and refuse placed in designated bins by 8:00 a.m. daily.

CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES

Spruce Meadows will assess charges on cancelled entries as follows:

CANCELLING ENTRIES	REFUND AMOUNT	SPECIAL NOTE
Before closing date	100% refund of all fees	No payments will have been processed
Up to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 29	100% Refund of Entry/Paramedic/Drug/Stall** fees ADMINISTRATION FEE NOT REFUNDED	Spruce Meadows must receive written notice of cancellation; you must confirm receipt of notice*
After 4:00 p.m. Wednesday April 29 and up until 4:00 p.m. Monday May 4	100% of Entry/Paramedic/Drug fees (50% if no vet/doctor note received) STALL AND ADMINISTRATION FEES NOT REFUNDED** LATE FEE (if applicable) NOT REFUNDED	Spruce Meadows must receive A WRITTEN CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FROM A VETERINARIAN/DOCTOR AT TIME OF CANCELLATION*
After 4:00 p.m. May 4	NO REFUND	N/A

*It is your responsibility to contact the Tournament Office to ensure the written notice has been received.

**Stall(s) reverts to Spruce Meadows for reassignment.

Written certificates of disability must be on veterinarian / clinic letterhead and signed by the veterinarian/doctor.

COMPETITORS CANCELLING THEIR ENTRIES AFTER 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY OF THE TOURNAMENT WEEK, REGARDLESS OF THE REASON, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REFUND.

NOTE: Competitors are asked to advise the Tournament Office immediately when they are scratching from a competition or remainder of the Tournament.

Any refunds will be issued as a cheque after the end of the tournament.

ARRIVALS

Early arrivals/set up are not permitted without prior approval from the OC. Additional fees will apply IF it is possible to accommodate. It is not guaranteed.

DUE TO LIMITATIONS ON OUR FACILITIES, HORSES BEING BROUGHT TO SPRUCE MEADOWS WHICH ARE NOT COMPETING WILL NOT BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE GROUNDS.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY A HORSE BE PLACED IN A STALL TO WHICH IT HAS NOT BEEN ASSIGNED. VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN A \$250 FINE TO THE HORSE'S ACCOUNT. Please inform the Tournament Office of any changes to horse placement within your assigned area.

COMPETITORS MUST NOT MOVE FROM THEIR ASSIGNED BLOCK OF STALLS WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE.

If you are arriving after 5:00 p.m., please let the Tournament Office know; staff are not available after hours.

Under no circumstances can a stall or building door be blocked.

No vehicles (including e-vehicles/golf carts) are permitted inside of a barn.

BRIDLE NUMBERS

Bridle numbers must be worn by horses at all times when out of their stall.

Bridle numbers are available for purchase at the Spruce Meadows Shop. Competitors are welcome to use their own numbers provided they are easily legible (please see the Competitions Manager if you have concerns about your bridle numbers).

The use of a wrong number or having no number may result in disqualification from the competition and/or the Tournament.

ENTRY FEES AND STARTING

The entry fee for all competitions offering \$750 or less in prize money is \$55 + GST; there will be a \$10 late fee for those competition added after the cut-off time. Please see competition details for start fees of competitions over \$750. Competitions over \$750 started for after the cut-off time will be charged double the start fee. All start fees are subject to GST.

Ticketed schooling rounds are \$50 per 2 minutes in the ring, and must be purchased from the Tournament Office. The horse must be entered in the associated tournament to participate in the schooling rounds.

A horse must be entered in at least one competition per day they wish to compete and pay the associated entry fee(s) to be accepted in a tournament. You will be automatically entered in the competitions as indicated on your entry form as long as Spruce Meadows has record of all required membership numbers, signatures, vaccinations and payment.

You may add or withdraw from competitions up until 4:00 p.m. the day before the competition. Competitions dropped after this time will not be refunded unless a vet note is provided at least two hours prior to the start of the competition. Late adds may not be able to be accommodated.

The horse may only go once in each competition (i.e. trainer & student cannot ride the same horse in the same competition). The OC reserves the right to limit the number of horses a rider can compete per competition, the number of horses in a competition, or the number of horses in the tournament.

HORSES ENTERING THE 1.40M GP MUST COMPLETE A COURSE AT THE TOURNAMENT IN ADVANCE OF THE GP.

There will be no presentations after the completion of CLEAR ROUND competitions. Jr/Am riders will receive a red ribbon as they leave the ring if they have jumped a clear round. The course will be one round over a minimum of 8 numbered jumps and may include at least one double.

Hors Concours entries are not permitted.

SECOND RIDER

If you would like a second person to ride your horse, **PLEASE ENSURE THAT PERSON HAS FULLY COMPLETED A RIDER WAIVER AND HAS PROVIDED ALL REQUIRED MEMBERSHIPS PRIOR TO STARTING (DECLARING) FOR A COMPETITION.** These forms are available at the Tournament Office or online. If the second rider is a minor, the parent/legal guardian must sign before the minor will be allowed to be started (declared) for a competition. Riders who have not submitted this waiver will have their results disqualified, any prize money won will be revoked, and permission to ride in future competitions will be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Rider changes may **NOT** be made at the ring. All rider changes **MUST** be made in person or in writing at the Tournament Office. No exceptions.

TOURNAMENT AREA CONDUCT

No persons other than the officials or staff on duty may enter the competitive ring without the permission of the Competitions Manager or the Organizing Committee.

Those who enter the Competitive Ring for any reason must be neat and suitably attired in the opinion of the Hitching Ring officials. Hunt coats and light coloured breeches are required for riders in all competitions including clear rounds. Half chaps/boots must be brown or black.

SALUTING PROTOCOL: Please stay alert to the Gate person's instructions on where to salute once in the ring.

The Organizing Committee may determine to preload or not preload at any time during the competition.

Competitors are only allowed in the Competitive Ring when competing or when the course is clearly marked 'OPEN'.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of horses in the warm up ring.

You must be on foot when leading a horse.

Turn-out paddocks are not available. Horses are not to be turned loose.

PRESENTATIONS

All competitors must be mounted when entering the Competitive Ring for presentations. Horses may not enter the Competitive Ring wearing a cooler unless it is part of the presentation ceremony.

Winners of each competition to a maximum of six must be present for presentations. Please anticipate in advance the need to ride in for your presentation on a well-mannered horse. Competitors who do not comply will forfeit their prize money.

Your Cavalier's Salute to the sponsor's representatives on the last round of the Victory Gallop is your way of thanking them. Competitors who do not comply will forfeit their prize money.

PRIZES

All prize money will be applied to the horse's account—any credits after the Tournament will be printed on a cheque. The cheque will only be issued to the rider/owner as indicated on the entry form and will be paid out when the account is closed.

CLOSE OUT

You must pay your tournament bill ("close out") via debit or credit card. If you would like to use the same form of payment as on the entry form and prefer an electronic copy of your account, please email tournaments@sprucemeadows.com

Accounts not closed within 2 days of the end of the Tournament will be subject to a \$50 outstanding accounts fee, and the payment used will be that from the entry form.

All financial matters will be closed one week after the end of the tournament.

WITHHOLDING TAX

All foreign competitors and/or foreign owned horses who win prize money are subject to Canadian Withholding tax at 15% as per Canada Revenue Agency (www.cra-arc.gc.ca).

PROTESTS

Spruce Meadows has never had an official protest in its history. Competitors have accepted favourable and unfavourable rulings in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Feel free to bring any concerns to our Competitions Manager for consideration. The Organizing Committee is not bound by opinions of its staff, such as Veterinary Doctors, Tournament Office and Field Staff, in the interpretation of these rules. If you insist on making an official protest, it shall be made in writing and delivered to the Tournament Secretary accompanied by a deposit of \$100 cash which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT INTERPRETATIONS OF EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THE INVOKING OF ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS TO COVER UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. ALL OWNERS, TRAINERS, COMPETITORS AND GROOMS AGREE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDITIONAL RULINGS BY VIRTUE OF YOUR SIGNED ENTRY.

It is the objective of the Organizing Committee to run Spruce Meadows Tournaments on the highest possible level of sportsmanship. Judges, Course Designers, and Officials have been selected based on their knowledge and experience and their decisions in the competitions are their own responsibility. The Organizing Committee accepts no responsibility for their decisions.

EXCUSING OR DISQUALIFYING

Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the Judges, Officials or Staff shall, at the determination of the Organizing Committee, result in disqualification. Such unacceptable behaviour will result in forfeiture of Tournament fees paid and prize money, and acceptance in future Tournaments will be determined by the Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to remove any groom, trainer, rider, parent, manager or owner or all of a related group from the Tournament without being liable for compensation.

Inhumane treatment of any horse on the grounds is forbidden; if a violation occurs the Organizing Committee has the right to disqualify the competitor from the Tournament. Such unacceptable treatment will result in forfeiture of Tournament fees paid and prize money, and acceptance in future Tournaments will be determined by the Organizing Committee. Refer to Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, F.E.I. Nov. 1990.

In jumping competitions, judges have the discretion to eliminate a competitor after a sufficient number of penalties have been incurred which prevent the athlete from qualifying for the final placing.

In the case of a disqualification of a horse or horses, the winner of the next succeeding prize shall take the prize that had been awarded to the disqualified horse(s) and the other prizes will be adjusted accordingly.

LIABILITY

All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third persons caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.

Neither the Spruce Meadows Tournaments nor the Organizing Committee or owners of Spruce Meadows, nor any of its staff or agents shall be in any way liable for any accident, injury, damage, loss or for any other matter that may happen, from any cause or circumstances whatsoever, to exhibitors, competitors or members of their family or their agents or to any one on the Tournament grounds or to any animal or article exhibited or to any property brought on the Tournament grounds or for any other loss, claim, matter, circumstance or event whatsoever in connection with or arising out of or attributable to the Tournament or any journey to or from the Tournament.

It is to be understood and agreed that under no circumstances shall Spruce Meadows, its owners, agents, employees, or family be liable for any loss, damages, claims or costs occasioned or suffered by any exhibitor, competitor, members of their family, or their agents, directly or indirectly, howsoever arising, including without limitation, losses, damages, claims or costs as a result of Spruce Meadows, its owners, agents or employees negligence, and you agree to indemnify and save harmless Spruce Meadows, its owners, agents and employees from and against any and all liability arising out of any such loss, damages, claims or costs.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In consultation with the Officials, the following offences are considered grounds for disqualification by the Organizing Committee:

Unauthorized use of Spruce Meadows' materials (bedding or feed), equipment or machinery will result in disqualification of those involved. In addition, wilful damage to property as well as what the Organizing Committee considers to be unseemly or unsportsmanlike conduct, will cause the individuals involved to be disqualified. There will be no appeals on these types of Organizing Committee decisions. Spruce Meadows is committed to the highest standards of behaviour and sport, anticipating from its athletes and their associates similarly high world-class conduct.

Safety and Code of Conduct are top priorities for Spruce Meadows guests, athletes and staff. Spruce Meadows' policy on cannabis use on the property is as follows: the use of cannabis (including but not limited to smoking) is strictly prohibited on the Spruce Meadows grounds. Athletes are required and expected to adhere to the appropriate Equestrian Canada/F.E.I anti-doping regulations. Any individual/group found to be in violation of this rule may be fined and/or asked to leave Spruce Meadows property.

All of the people of Spruce Meadows, our professional staff, officials, technicians, sponsors, media people, volunteers and fans are dedicated to you, and will do everything possible to make these the best competitions you have ever experienced.

By entering the Tournament you are accepting all the rules and regulations including the Code of Conduct.



PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$150	\$70	\$50	\$30							
\$200	\$80	\$70	\$50							
\$300	\$90	\$70	\$50	\$40	\$25	\$25				
\$500	\$150	\$130	\$90	\$60	\$40	\$30				
\$750	\$225	\$195	\$135	\$90	\$60	\$45				
\$1,000	\$300	\$220	\$180	\$140	\$100	\$60				
\$2,000	\$600	\$440	\$360	\$280	\$200	\$120				
\$10,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$700	\$475	\$375	\$325	\$325	\$300

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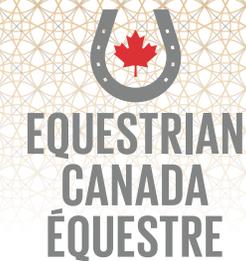
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WHERE EVERY ROUND BECOMES A MEMORY



The May Classic is sanctioned as a gold competition member of Equestrian Canada c/o House of Sport 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa Ontario, K1H 7Z7 and is governed by the rules of EC.

GENERAL

Per Article A801, every entry at an EC-sanctioned competition shall constitute an agreement by the person responsible that the owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver or rider and horse shall be subject to the EC constitution and all rules of EC and any additional rules set by the competition. Do not participate in this EC-sanctioned competition in any capacity if you do not consent to be bound by the constitution and rules of EC and any additional rules imposed by the competition.

SPORT LICENSES

Riders and owners must have a minimum Gold EC sport license to be eligible to compete at the May Classic. An EC Sport License is required for residents of Canada who are competitors, owners or lessees, and individuals accepting legal responsibility for an entry in EC sanctioned competitions. American riders must also have an EC membership and have completed the mandatory safe sport training to be eligible to compete.

HORSE REGISTRATION

A current Equestrian Canada horse registration is mandatory for all Canadian-owned horses/ponies. Foreign owned horses must have an affidavit completed on arrival. Proof of current horse registration is required before the horse is allowed to compete.

EXERCISE AREA & HITCHING RING

SPRUCE MEADOWS APPLIES THE F.E.I. RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS IN ALL RINGS AT ALL TOURNAMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. This has been agreed upon in cooperation with Equestrian Canada.

Unauthorized schooling will result in forfeiture of Tournament Fees paid and prize money for all entries of the owner, trainer, competitor, groom and group involved, and acceptance in future Tournaments will be determined by the Organizing Committee.

RAPPING

At Spruce Meadows, **YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RAP YOUR HORSE IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER AT ANY TIME.** Violators will be disqualified from the Tournament and all prize monies will be forfeited. Starting fees will not be refunded.

ORDER OF GO

The Order of Go for each competition will be drawn.

Special or unforeseen circumstances will be dealt with by the Organizing Committee and Officials on a case-by-case basis.

Any competitor not ready to enter the competitive ring when called will be eliminated. Fees will not be refunded in case of missed competitions.

COACHES

When registering for EC sanctioned competitions, athletes must indicate the name of their coach on the entry form or specify that they are self-coached. Coaches from other countries must be in good standing with their home federation and must declare/ have proof of insurance. Coach status is required to engage in coaching activities at EC competitions.

TIES

All ties in jumper competitions will be broken on the basis of time to 100th of a second. As required in competitions run under Table A, Article 220.2.1.1, should there be equality of faults and time after the first round for first place only, there may be one jump-off over a shortened course against the clock.

HELMETS

It is mandatory that all persons mounted on a horse anywhere on the competition grounds wear protective headgear secured with a safety harness permanently affixed to the helmet.

Please refer to Article G102 of the Equestrian Canada Rules.

MEDICATION CONTROL

Any horse entered in any class at a competition may be selected for equine medication control while at the event location.

VACCINATIONS

All horses entered in any class at a competition must have met the requirements of Article A519, Vaccinations. See Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article A519, Vaccinations (A602.8). All horses must also meet the health and biosecurity requirements set out by Spruce Meadows.

EQUESTRIAN CANADA STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

Equestrian Canada (EC), is the national governing body for equestrian sport in Canada with a mandate to represent, promote and advance the sport in Canada, and to represent, promote, advocate for and advance all related equine and equestrian interests, including recreation, industry and equine health and welfare.

1. EC requires adherence to humane treatment of horses in all activities under its jurisdiction.
2. All participants shall be bound by the Horse Welfare Code of Conduct.
3. Section A Horse Welfare rules apply to all disciplines and all Section Rule Books. Rule exceptions in other Sections that contravene Section A Horse Welfare rules are not permitted and will not be approved.
4. EC is committed to:
 - a. upholding the welfare of the horse, regardless of monetary value, as a primary consideration in all activities;
 - b. requiring that horses be treated with kindness, respect, and the compassion that they deserve, and that they never be subjected to maltreatment;
 - c. ensuring that owners, trainers, and exhibitors and their agents exercise appropriate care and responsibility in the handling, treatment, and transportation of their horses, as well as horses placed in their care for any purpose;
 - d. providing for the continuous wellbeing of the horse by encouraging routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals and competition officials to achieve the highest possible standards of nutrition, health, comfort, and safety;
 - e. continuing to support scientific studies on equine health and welfare;
 - f. requiring owners, trainers, and exhibitors to know and follow their sanctioning organization's rules, and to work within industry regulations in all equestrian competitions; and,
 - g. reviewing, revising, and developing competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of the horse.



2026 Linda Southern-Heathcott Horsemanship Scholarship

PRESENTED BY **DUNCAN ROSS**

The 2026 Linda Southern-Heathcott Horsemanship Scholarship, presented by Duncan Ross, celebrates young equestrians who embody the true spirit of horsemanship—not only in the competition ring, but in their daily dedication to the care, responsibility, and partnership with the horse.

Throughout the 2026 season at Spruce Meadows, during the 'Continental', 'National', 'Pan American', and 'North American' Tournaments, an independent jury will identify and assess athletes who demonstrate the heart, mindset, character, and commitment that define exceptional horsemanship.

Recipients of this scholarship distinguish themselves through a deep respect for their equine partners, a strong work ethic behind the scenes, and a genuine passion for the journey required to achieve excellence in the sport.

At each tournament, one athlete will be awarded the Linda Southern-Heathcott Horsemanship Scholarship, presented by Duncan Ross, receiving \$5,000 to support their continued development in horse sport and their ongoing commitment to horsemanship. As Winston Churchill once said, *"There is something about the outside of a horse that's good for the inside of a person."*

Pictured above: our 2025 Linda Southern Heathcott Scholarship recipients

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EC SPORT LICENSING 2026

SAFETY, INCLUSIVITY, & EXCELLENCE

Your guide to the latest updates for the competition season in Canada

IMPORTANT CHANGES have been implemented to enhance the safety and inclusivity of equestrian sport. Whether you're an athlete, parent, coach, official, or competition staff, your role is crucial in upholding these standards. Here's what you need to know:

SAFE SPORT TRAINING PREREQUISITE:

- The two free EC Safe Sport training modules must be completed before purchasing a Sport Licence. Check your training status on MyEC by clicking on the ECampus button.

DISCONTINUED TEMPORARY LICENCES AND TEMPORARY HORSE REGISTRATIONS:

- Temporary EC Sport Licences are now discontinued at competitions. All riders, owners, and coaches must possess an EC Sport Licence to participate in events. All horses must have a Horse Recording where level and division require.

AVAILABLE SHOW LEVEL UPGRADES:

- Explore higher-level competitions with temporary upgrades via your MyEC Portal. Note: National Rankings Points are not tabulated for upgraded results.

COACH STATUS REMINDER—2026 SEASON

- Coaches attending EC-Sanctioned competition must hold a valid Licensed Coach Status. Any Coach with Registered Coach Status must purchase a Single Event Upgrade for \$55.00. This purchase can be made through the My EC account.
- Coaches without a valid Licensed Coach Status or Registered Coach Status with Single Event Upgrade Status are not eligible to be represented as a coach at EC-Sanctioned events and may be subject to fines. Please complete your requirements in advance to avoid any fines and delays.

DECLARE YOURSELF A SELF-COACHED ATHLETE

- Athletes without a coach on-site can declare themselves as self-coached by entering their own **EC SPORT LICENSE NUMBER** or enter "self-coached" in the **COACH FIELD** on their registration/entry form.
- Please note: Coaches that **DO NOT ATTEND** the events **SHOULD NOT BE LISTED** on the entry form.

“ When registering for EC sanctioned competitions, athletes must indicate the name of their coach on the entry form or specify that they are self-coached. Coaches from other countries, must be in good-standing with their home federation and must declare/have proof of insurance. See Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article 102, Safe Sport Environments. ”

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Chris Jones
Jedd Smith

STEWARD

Sue Hawes
Philippa Keegan

CLOSING DATE
WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 22

Or when capacity is reached,
whichever comes first. Please enter
early to avoid disappointment!

A minimum Gold EC membership is required for all Canadian competitors and owners.

Canadian trainers listed on the entry form must have current licensed coaching status with EC.

ANY CHANGES TO COMPETITIONS MUST BE MADE THE DAY PRIOR TO EACH COMPETITION BY 4:00 P.M. Late fees apply to any competitions added after this deadline. Entry fees will not be refunded for those competitions withdrawn from after this deadline.

- You may enter as many horses as you wish in each competition during this Tournament **HOWEVER THE HORSE** may only go once in each competition.
- You will be automatically entered in each competition indicated on your entry form if all required information (signatures, memberships, payment, etc) has been received by the closing date.

YOU MUST CONFIRM RECEIPT OF YOUR ENTRY WITH THE SPRUCE MEADOWS TOURNAMENT OFFICE.

Ticketed schooling will be available for competitors and their horses on Friday, May 5. Rounds are available for \$50/horse/2 minutes and must be organized through the Tournament Office.

0.80M

Eligibility: Open to all riders

Jumps: 0.80m (2'9")

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| 101 | CLEAR ROUND JUMPER - 0.80M | |
| | Scoring: Clear Round | |
| 102 | FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 0.80M | RIBBONS |
| | Scoring: Table A, Article G612, Match the Clock (Optimum Time) | |
| 103 | FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 0.80M | RIBBONS |
| | Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1, One Round | |
| 104 | FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 0.80M | RIBBONS |
| | Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1, One Round | |
| 105 | FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 0.80M | RIBBONS |
| | Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1, One Round | |

0.90M

Eligibility: Open to all riders

Jumps: 0.90m (3')

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| 106 | CLEAR ROUND JUMPER - 0.90M | |
| | Scoring: Clear Round | |
| 107 | FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 0.90M | RIBBONS |
| | Scoring: Table A, Article G612, Match the Clock (Optimum Time) | |
| 108 | FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 0.90M | \$150 |
| | Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1, One Round | |
| 109 | FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 0.90M | \$200 |
| | Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2, 218.1.5 Immediate Jump Off | |
| 110 | FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 0.90M | \$300 |
| | Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2, One Jump Off | |

1.00M**Eligibility:** Open to all riders**Jumps:** 1.00m (3'3")

111	CLEAR ROUND JUMPER - 1.00M Scoring: Clear Round	
112	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.00M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1 One Round	\$150
113	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.00M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1 One Round	\$200
114	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.00M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2, 218.1.5 Immediate Jump Off	\$200
115	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.00M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2 One Jump Off	\$300

1.10M**Eligibility:** Open to all riders**Jumps:** 1.10m (3'6")

116	CLEAR ROUND JUMPER - 1.10M Scoring: Clear Round	
117	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.10M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1 One Round	\$150
118	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.10M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1 One Round	\$200
119	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.10M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2, 218.1.5 Immediate Jump Off	\$300
120	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.10M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2 One Jump Off	\$500

1.15M**Eligibility:** Open to all riders**Jumps:** 1.15m (3'9")

121	CLEAR ROUND JUMPER - 1.15M Scoring: Clear Round	
122	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.15M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1 One Round	\$200
123	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.15M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1 One Round	\$300
124	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.15M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2, 218.1.5 Immediate Jump Off	\$500
125	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.15M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2 One Jump Off	\$750

1.20M**Eligibility:** Open to all riders**Jumps:** 1.20m (4')

126	CLEAR ROUND JUMPER - 1.20M Scoring: Clear Round	
127	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.20M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1 One Round	\$300
128	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.20M Scoring: Table A, Article 218.1.5 Immediate Jump Off	\$500
129	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.20M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2 One Jump Off	\$500
130	FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.20M Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2 One Jump Off Start fee: \$60	\$1,000

1.30M**Eligibility:** Open to all riders**Jumps:** 1.30m (4'3)

- 131 CLEAR ROUND JUMPER - 1.30M
Scoring: Clear Round
- 132 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.30M \$500
Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1 One Round
- 133 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.30M \$1,000
Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2 One Jump Off
Start fee: \$60
- 134 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.30M \$2,000
Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2 One Jump Off
Start fee: \$120

1.40M**Eligibility:** Open to all riders**Jumps:** 1.40m (4'6)

- 135 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.40M \$1,000
Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.1 One Round
Start fee: \$60
- 136 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS JUMPER - 1.40M \$2,000
Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2 One Jump Off
Start fee: \$120
- 137 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS GRAND PRIX - 1.40M \$10,000
Scoring: Table A, Article 220.2.1.2 One Jump Off
Start fee: \$300
Horses entering the Grand Prix must have completed a round in competition at the tournament in advance of the GP.

Schedule will be adjusted after closing date to accommodate entries. Days are tentative and subject to change.
Please be sure to refer to the adjusted schedule for the Tournament.

TUESDAY, MAY 5**ALL WEATHER RING**

Ticketed Schooling - 0.80m

Ticketed Schooling - 0.90m

Ticketed Schooling - 1.00m

GRASS RING

Ticketed Schooling - 1.10m

Ticketed Schooling - 1.20m

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**ALL WEATHER RING**

101 Clear Round - 0.80m

106 Clear Round - 0.90m

111 Clear Round - 1.00m

GRASS RING

116 Clear Round - 1.10m

121 Clear Round - 1.15m

126 Clear Round - 1.20m

131 Clear Round - 1.30m

THURSDAY, MAY 7**ALL WEATHER RING**

102 Friends of the Meadows - 0.80m

107 Friends of the Meadows - 0.90m

112 Friends of the Meadows - 1.00m

GRASS RING

117 Friends of the Meadows - 1.10m

122 Friends of the Meadows - 1.15m

127 Friends of the Meadows - 1.20m

132 Friends of the Meadows - 1.30m

135 Friends of the Meadows - 1.40m

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FRIDAY, MAY 8

ALL WEATHER RING

- 103 Friends of the Meadows - 0.80m
- 108 Friends of the Meadows - 0.90m
- 113 Friends of the Meadows - 1.00m

GRASS RING

- 118 Friends of the Meadows - 1.10m
- 123 Friends of the Meadows - 1.15m
- 128 Friends of the Meadows - 1.20m
- 136 Friends of the Meadows - 1.40m

SATURDAY, MAY 9

ALL WEATHER RING

- 104 Friends of the Meadows - 0.80m
- 109 Friends of the Meadows - 0.90m
- 114 Friends of the Meadows - 1.00m

GRASS RING

- 119 Friends of the Meadows - 1.10m
- 124 Friends of the Meadows - 1.15m
- 129 Friends of the Meadows - 1.20m
- 133 Friends of the Meadows - 1.30m

SUNDAY, MAY 10

ALL WEATHER RING

- 105 Friends of the Meadows - 0.80m
- 110 Friends of the Meadows - 0.90m
- 115 Friends of the Meadows - 1.00m

GRASS RING

- 120 Friends of the Meadows - 1.10m
- 125 Friends of the Meadows - 1.15m
- 130 Friends of the Meadows - 1.20m
- 134 Friends of the Meadows - 1.30m
- 137 Friends of the Meadows Grand Prix - 1.40m

SAVE THE DATES! 2026 TOURNAMENTS

May Classic May 5–10, 2026

'Continental' June 4–7, 2026

'National' June 10–14, 2026
presented by Rolex

'Pan American' June 25–28, 2026
presented by Rolex

'North American' July 1–5, 2026
presented by Rolex

August Classic I August 13–16, 2026

August Classic II August 20–23, 2026

'Masters' September 9–13, 2026

Harvest Classic September 23–27, 2026

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