

## Section 519 Athletes Categories

FEI Athlete categories for Eventing define a recognition of proven competence of the Athlete at a certain level. Athletes will be categorised (Uncategorised International, D, C, B, A) according to their performance in a rolling **four year** period as defined in the following table. W-CH and OG to count as 5star level MER towards Athlete categorisation.

The table has changed however category updates will occur at the end of each month.

D	<i>Ten (10)</i> MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of two star level or above; or <i>three (3)</i> MERs at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format competitions at higher level.
C	<i>Ten (10)</i> MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of three star level or above; or <i>three (3)</i> MERs at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format competitions at higher level.
B	<i>Ten (10)</i> MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of four star level or above; or <i>three (3)</i> MERs at FEI long format (CCIs-L) competitions at five star level.
A	<i>Ten (10)</i> MER at FEI CCI short (CCIs-S) or long (CCIs-L) format Competitions of four star level or above of which <i>three (3) were</i> at five star level.

The Athlete category at the closing date of definite entries prevails.

## Section 520 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for CIs and CIOs

Athletes already categorised at the corresponding level or above, can either use the full requirements for uncategorised Athletes as a combination or the Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to their Athlete's categorisation. The Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination according to the following table:

### Unified Format:

CCI1* -Intro	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCN1*-Intro		(EA- 3 x EvA95 as a combination unless cat C, B or A)

**Short format:** incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-S	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI3*-S	Uncategorised Athletes	1 CCI2*-S
	D Athletes	NF requirements only
	C or B or A FEI Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI4*-S	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	3 CCI3*-S
	B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI3*-S (Horse only)

**Long format:** incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-L	All Athletes	NF requirements only <u>1 MER at CCI1* for NFs without a national Eventing MER system</u>
CCI3*-L	Uncategorised Athletes	2 CCI3*-S and ( 1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S )
	D Athletes	1 CCI3*-S or 1 CCI2*-L
	C or B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S (Horse only)
CCI4*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI3*-L and 1 CCI4*-S or 1 CCI3*-L and 2 CCI4*-S
	B or A FEI Athletes	1 CCI3*-L (Horse only)
CCI5*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S
	B Athletes	1 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S
	A FEI Athletes with Horses having not obtained yet a MER at a CCI5*-L competition	1 CCI4*-L (as a combination)
	A FEI Athletes with Horses having already obtained a MER at a CCI5*-L competition	2 CCI4*-S (as a combination) <u>or 1 CCI4*-L (as a combination)</u>

### **New Art. 518.3 CCI4\*-S/L and CCI5\*-L additional requirements**

Horses having not competed at FEI Competition for a period of 13 consecutive months or more will have to complete an Event at a lower level before entering a CCI4\*-S/L or CCI5\*-L Event as follows:

- CCI4\*-S: must complete a CCI3\*-S/L
- CCI4\*-L: must complete a CCI4\*-S
- CCI5\*-L: must complete a CCI4\*-S/L

**Please note the rules specify either horse only or as a horse/rider combination. The above tables must be read in conjunction with the additional EA NF requirements copied below.**

**Check your MERs as you may find changes to your category during 2023. Any questions, please email [eventing@equestriansa.com.au](mailto:eventing@equestriansa.com.au) for clarification**

EA SHORT FORMAT:		
Class	Category of Rider	MER Requirements
CCI4*-S	<b>A</b>	<b>1x CCI3*-S (Horse only)</b> + 1x (CCN4*-S or 1x CCI3*-S) (Horse only)
	<b>B</b>	<b>1x CCI3*-S (Horse only)</b> + 1x CCI/CCN3*-S + 1x (1x CCN4*-S or 1x CCI3*-S) (Horse only)
	C, D, uncategorised	<b>3x CCI3*-S</b> + 1x (CCN4*-S or 1x CCI3*-S) (As combination)
CCI3*-S	<b>A</b>	1x CCI/CCN2*-S + 1x (CCI2*-S or CCN3*-S) (Horse only)
	<b>B</b>	1x CCI/CCN2*-S + 1x (CCI2*-S or CCN3*-S) (Horse only)
	<b>C</b>	1x CCI/CCN2*-S + 2x CC/CCN2*-S (Horse only)
	D	1x CCI/CCN2*-S + 2x CC/CCN2*-S (As combination)
	Uncategorised	<b>1 x CCI2*-S</b> + 2x CC/CCN2*-S
CCI2*-S	<b>A</b>	None
	<b>B</b>	None
	<b>C</b>	3x CCN1*, PC Grade 1 or NSW Championship level (horse only)
	D	3x CCN1* MERs, or 2 x CCN1* plus 1 x PC grade 1 or Championship Grade (Horse only Seniors) Junior & YR MERs to be achieved as a combination
	Uncategorised	3x CCN1* MERs, or 2 x CCN1* plus 1 x PC grade 1 or Championship Grade (As combination))

EA LONG FORMAT:		
Class	Category of Rider	MER Requirements
CCI5*-L	<b>A - with 5*-L MER's</b>	<b>2 x CCI4*-S or 1 CCI4*-L) (as a combination)</b> + 1 x CCI4*-S/L or CCN4*-S/L (as combination)
	<b>A - without 5*-L MER's</b>	<b>1x CCI4*-L (as a combination)</b> + 2x CCI4*-S or CCN4*-S (as combination)
	B	<b>1x CCI4*-L + 3x CCI4*-S</b> + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S (as combination)
	C, D, uncategorised	<b>2x CCI4*-L + 3x CCI4*-S</b> + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S (as combination)
CCI4*-L	<b>A, B</b>	<b>1x CCI3*-L (horse only)</b> + 2x CCI3*-S or CCN3*-S (any time frame) or 1x CCI/CCN3*-S or in previous 12 months + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S or 1x CCI3*-L (Horse only)
	C, D, uncategorised	<b>2x CCI3*-L + 1x CCI4*-S (or 1 x CCI3*-L and 2 x CCI4*S)</b> + 1x CCI/CCN4*-S or 1x CCI/CCN3*-L (as combination)
CCI3*-L	<b>A, B, C</b>	<b>1 x CCI2*-L or 1 x CCI3*-S (Horse only)</b> + 1x CCI/CCN3*-S In previous 12 months (Horse only)
	D	<b>1 x CCI2*-L or 1 x CCI3*-S</b> + 1 x CCI3*-S + 1 x CCI2*-L (as combination)
	uncategorised	<b>2 x CCI3*-S and (1 x CCI2*-L or 1 x CCI3*-S)</b> + 1x CCI2*-L or CCI/N3*-S (as combination) One MER must be at long format and at least 2 x 3* MER's
CCI2*-L	<b>A</b>	None
	<b>B</b>	None
	<b>C</b>	2x CCI/CCN2*-S (Completed) or 1x CCI/CCN2*-S MER + 1x CCN1*-L MER (Horse only Seniors) Junior & YR MERs to be as a combination
	<b>D</b>	3x CCI/CCN2*-S or 2x CCI/CCN2*-S MERs + 1x CCN1*-L MER (Horse Only Seniors) Junior & YR MERs to be as a combination
	Uncategorised	3x CCI/CCN2*-S or 2x CCI/CCN2*-S MERs + 1x CCN1*-L MER (As combination)