

**Equestrian Canada (EC) and USEF recently reached a reciprocal agreement that will run through 2026.**

Beginning December 1, 2023, EC Sport License Holders Participating in USEF- National Competitions will now be required to join USEF as Competing Members at no cost.

**How will this work**

- EC Sport License holders in good standing are eligible and can sign up for a USEF Competing Membership at no cost for the purpose of competing in USEF- licensed competitions.
- Exception: certain qualifying programs or awards at USEF-licensed competitions that would otherwise require a membership and do not permit participation through the utilization of a Show Pass. These classes and events will require a paid USEF membership and may require a USEF Recognized Affiliate membership.
- All USEF Competing Members who are 18 years of age or older must annually complete the SafeSport Training provided by the U.S. Center for Safe Sport before being allowed to compete.
- EC Sport License Holders competing at international competitions licensed by USEF are required to pay high performance fees as defined by USEF rules.
- For those participating in FEI events only, this requirement does not apply. Beginning on October 30, 2023, the EC complimentary competing memberships will be displayed in the search/api/member card with (EC) after the member type: Active (EC). These memberships are not eligible for HOTY points and qualifying for certain programs, classes, awards, and finals at USEF-licensed competitions that would otherwise require a membership and do not permit participation through the utilization of a Show Pass. These classes and events will require a paid USEF membership and may require a USEF Recognized Affiliate membership.

If you have any questions about this, please reach out to our Member Services department at [memberservices@usef.org](mailto:memberservices@usef.org)