

Start times for events in Ontario are listed on the competition host's website or check www.eventingnews.com

GENERAL RULES:

Please read and understand the Equine Canada General Regulations and Rules for Eventing. Visit Equine Canada's website at www.equinecanada.ca, call 1-866-282-8395 or e-mail rules@equinecanada.com for information on how to obtain current rulebooks.

It is the responsibility of the competitor/owner to compete a horse in the appropriate divisions for which the horse & competitor are qualified and to provide the complete qualifying results on the entry form. Should a horse be improperly entered in a division it is not eligible for, the horse, rider and owner shall be eliminated from the competition. (EC Rules Section D105.3) Please refer to the Participation Eligibility Table in the Omnibus. **It is also the responsibility of the rider to ensure that entry forms are filled out correctly and that all required proofs of membership are included.**

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to compete in an Equine Canada sanctioned event in Ontario at any level you must have:

- a) An Ontario Equestrian Federation membership
- b) An Ontario Horse Trials Association membership
- c) An Equine Canada Sport License with an "Eventing" designation (this indicates a membership in Canadian Eventing) - Bronze for Pre-Entry, Entry & Pre-Training, Silver for Training, Gold for Preliminary and above and Platinum for FEI events.

To compete in sanctioned events at the Training level and above you must also have:

- d) An Equine Canada Horse License (Passport)

If you are a member in good standing of another Provincial Equestrian Association and Provincial Horse Trials Association (and hold an the appropriate Equine Canada Sport License and Horse license), you may compete in an Ontario event, but you are not eligible to accumulate points towards year-end awards or qualify for yearly championships.

A photocopy of your Equine Canada, Provincial Equestrian Association and Provincial Horse Trials Association membership cards must be included with your entry form.

OHTA memberships (excluding Day Memberships) can be purchased through the Ontario Equestrian Federation **on-line** at www.horse.on.ca/membership. Forms are also available on the OHTA website and may be mailed along with a cheque or money order made payable to Ontario Equestrian Federation to: 9120 Leslie Street, Suite 203 Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3J9

2010 O.H.T.A. MEMBERSHIP FEES:	Senior	\$ 53
	Junior	\$ 40
	Family	\$ 126
	Supporting	\$ 30
	Corporate	\$ 100

OHTA Memberships cannot be taken out at the events.

A **Junior** is a competitor who is under 18 years of age as of January 1, 2010

A **Senior** is a competitor who is 18 years of age or older as of January 1, 2010

A **Family** membership includes a maximum of 2 Seniors and any Juniors living at the same address. **Must be immediate family.**

All renewals received after March 1, 2010 are subject to a late fee of \$20.00. There is no late fee for new memberships.

Day Memberships

In order to accommodate competitors who wish to try Eventing before becoming members, an OHTA Day Membership is available for the Entry and Pre-Entry levels only. The fee is \$15 per occasion, payable over and above the competition entry fee and included on the entry form. Day Memberships can be purchased for an unlimited number of competitions.

NEW FOR 2010! The cost of any Day Memberships purchased during the competition season will no longer be applied toward the cost of a full OHTA membership.

- You can NOT take out a full OHTA membership at an event-it must be done before hand
- You can take out an "OHTA Day Membership" only in the Pre-Entry and Entry levels and a day membership may be taken out at an event.
- Accumulation of points for year-end awards will not commence until a competitor is a full member of the OHTA. Points earned before this time

will not be counted.

- Points achieved at an event on a Day Membership do not count for OHTA year end points or as a qualification for the OHTA Championships
- You must be a full OHTA member to receive points on the leader board and therefore qualify for an Ontario Championship

YEAR –END AWARDS

Accumulation of points for year-end awards will not commence until a competitor is a full member of the OHTA. Points earned before this time will not be counted.

To qualify for a year-end award, a rider must have competed in a minimum of three events over the season.

ONLY PLACINGS IN ONTARIO EVENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO EARN YEAR-END POINTS.

For purposes of determining year-end awards, **ONLY THE HORSE/RIDER'S TOP 8 POINT SCORES OVER THE SEASON** are counted.

Where entries warrant, organizers may split divisions up to and including Training into Junior Regular, Senior Regular and Open. They may split Preliminary and Intermediate into Regular and Open. However, divisions may be combined and run as Open at the discretion of the Organizer. Regardless of how an organizer splits the divisions, leader boards will be kept for the following – for levels up to and including Training: Junior Regular, Senior Regular and Open; for Preliminary: Regular and Open; and for Intermediate: Open. If a Regular rider chooses to compete in an Open class when there is a Regular class available, any points earned will be accumulated on the relevant Open Leader board.

The top eight horse/rider combinations in each division are awarded points based on the number of starters in the division. This applies to Regular and Open Divisions as well as CIC's and CCI's. Short Course Events, Combined Tests, or other specialty divisions are not eligible.

Points are awarded based on the completion of all three phases of a division. If any of the three phases is cancelled for any reason, the division will be deemed incomplete and no points will be awarded.

Points are accumulated from the first event of the season to the last as per the following chart. Championships and FEI events count for double the regular points.

# of Starts→	Pre-Entry to Preliminary			Intermediate		
	1-10	11-19	20+	1-10	11-19	20+
1st	20	24	28	40	48	56
2nd	16	20	24	32	40	48
3rd	14	18	22	28	36	44
4th	12	16	20	24	32	40
5th	10	14	18	20	28	36
6th	8	12	16	16	24	32
7th	6	10	14	12	20	28
8th	4	8	12	8	16	24

Year-End Awards Descriptions & Criteria

ONLY THE HORSE/RIDER'S TOP 8 SCORES WILL BE COUNTED FOR AWARDS THAT ARE DETERMINED BY HIGHEST POINT ACCUMULATION.

Divisions: Awards are given to the top three horse/rider combinations in each division as follows: Junior Pre-Entry, Junior, Senior and Open Entry, Junior, Senior and Open Pre-Training, Junior, Senior and Open Training, Regular and Open Preliminary and Open Intermediate. There are no awards for Senior or Open Pre-Entry.

Leading Male and Female Rider: These are awarded to the male and female rider respectively who has accumulated the highest total points for their top two placing horses at the Preliminary and Intermediate

levels.

Veteran Rider: To qualify for this award a rider must be 50 years of age or older as of January 1st, never have competed above Intermediate level and have accumulated the most points on the same horse during the season. You must indicate that you are a Veteran rider on your membership form or register on the website before the final event of the season to be eligible.

Novice Adult: A Novice Adult is a rider who is 21 years of age or older as of January 1st, who has never competed above Pre-Training. Awards are given to the top three horse/rider combinations in the Regular Entry and Pre-Training divisions. Novice Adult point accumulation is outlined on the OHTA website and to be consistent with the other year-end awards, only the horse/rider's top 8 point scores will be counted to determine the winners. To be eligible for a Novice Adult award, the rider must check off "Novice Adult" on the membership form or register on the website. Novice Adult points will be accumulated only once the rider has registered.

Horse of the Year: This award is given to an Ontario based horse, actively competing at the Intermediate and or two star level during the current year, that has shown potential to represent Canada at the International level in the near future. This award is voted on by the Board of the OHTA, giving due consideration to performance during the season and solicited input from elite coaches where necessary.

Graham Towers Sportsmanship Award: This award is in memory of Graham Towers and is presented to a member of our eventing community who has demonstrated uncommon sportsmanship and integrity during the season. Candidates are nominated by the membership, and the winner is decided by Mr. Towers' family with input from the OHTA Board of Directors.

Kaesar Award: This award is sponsored by Anita Nemtin-Gilmour in honour of her exceptional horse Kaesar. It is presented to the highest placed Ontario based horse at the Olympic Games, Pan Am Games or World Championships. In a non-championship year, the award is given to the highest placed Ontario horse in a four or three star event.

Competitors who wish to be eligible for year-end breed awards must identify themselves to the Awards committee before the last show of the season. Check the website for instructions on how to register.

ONLY THE HORSE'S TOP 8 POINT SCORES COUNT FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE YEAR-END BREED AWARDS.

Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association Award: This award is sponsored by the CWHBA and is given to the owner of the top placing registered Canadian Warmblood for the year.

Canadian Sport Horse Award: This award is donated by Beasley Farms on behalf of the Canadian Sport Horse Association and is given to the owner of the top placing registered Canadian Sport Horse for the year.

Irish Draught Horse Society of Canada Award: This award is given in conjunction with Pairadox Farm to the owner of the top placing horse registered with the Irish Draught Horse Society of Canada in the Entry, Pre-Training, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced divisions. To qualify, the winners must place in the top 10 in their respective division.

Ontario Thoroughbred Horse of the Year: These awards are co-sponsored by the OHTA and Exclusively Equine Training and Sales. A cheque for \$100 is presented to the owner of the top placed registered Thoroughbred in the Regular and Open Divisions from Entry to Advanced. To qualify, the winning TB horse must finish in the top 10 places and they, their owner and rider must all be Ontario based.

Rubber Ducky Award: This award is given to the rider who makes the most spectacular fall into the water during the season. There may be more than one recipient of this award and the candidates are nominated by our membership.

Unsung Hero Award: This award is given to honour one of the many volunteers, parents and behind-the-scenes people who work all year and never ask for recognition. Candidates are nominated by our membership and the winner is voted by the board of the OHTA.

President's Award: Each year the President of the OHTA honours someone who he/she believes has made an invaluable contribution to the sport of eventing throughout the year.

ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS

General:

To qualify for the Championships, the competitor must be a full member of the OHTA at the time of qualification.

ONLY ONTARIO EVENTS QUALIFY FOR ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Qualification for the Championships is based on the completion of all three phases of a division. If any of the three phases of a division is cancelled for any reason, the division will not be considered a Championship qualifier.

- No horse /rider combination may compete in more than one Ontario Championship division even though they meet the qualifications for more than one division.
- If a horse/rider combination qualifies at more than one level, they may compete at the level of their choosing, except that they may not compete at a particular level (unless it is the highest level at which they have qualified) if they have completed two or more events at a higher level (or levels) with no cross country jumping penalties.
- **In a year where there is no Intermediate championship offered, the qualifications for Preliminary level are amended as outlined below. The Championship cooler for the Intermediate level will be awarded to the Intermediate high point winner at the Year-End Awards.**
- A rider may ride more than three horses in total and more than two horses in a division provided he/she has advance permission from the event Organizer. (EC Rules Section D, Article D104.6)

Championship divisions up to and including Training will be split into Junior, Senior and Open. Preliminary will be split into Regular and Open. Intermediate (if offered) will be Open. Regular riders may choose to compete in Regular or Open regardless the division in which they achieved the qualifying ride (**except when there is no Intermediate championship offered, then the amended Preliminary criteria below will apply**).

Qualifications must be listed on the entry form, and the division entered must be specified.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Entry & Pre-Training: The same horse/rider combination must have placed in the top four (4) at an Entry or Pre-Training level competition during the current season.

Training: The same horse/rider combination must have placed in the top six (6) at a Training level competition **AND** completed three (3) events at the Training level (2 with no cross country jumping penalties) during the current season.

Open Training: The same horse/rider combination must have placed in the top six (6) at an Open Training level competition **AND** completed two (2) events at the Open Training level (both with no cross country jumping penalties) during the current season.

Preliminary: The same horse/rider combination must have placed in the top ten (10) at a Preliminary level competition **AND** completed two (2) events at the Preliminary level (both with no cross country jumping penalties) during the current season.

In a year when there is no Intermediate Championship offered, the following criteria will apply:

- If the same horse/rider combination satisfies the qualifications for Preliminary **AND** completes one Intermediate event with no cross country jumping penalties during the current season, they may compete at the **Open Preliminary** level only.
- If the same horse/rider combination completes two Intermediate events (both with no cross country jumping faults) during the current season, they may **NOT** compete at the Preliminary level.

Intermediate (if offered): The same horse/rider combination must have completed one Intermediate event without cross country jumping penalties during the current season.

The current season, for the purpose of Championship qualifications, is considered to run from the first event following the previous year's Championships to the event immediately preceding this year's Championships.