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Rule Change Intent

There are no substantive changes. This update to the formatting and language is being submitted with the intent of making the Appendix more user friendly, after identifying areas of confusion that needed clarification. Also, it aligns the formatting and language with the Eventing Formatting Style Guide, as a continuation of the Eventing Chapter Re-Write.

- Align language with Eventing Chapter - Standardized Formatting Style Guide. Examples:
  - Athlete vs. rider, competitor, participant, etc.
  - Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) vs. minimum eligibility requirements, Qualifying Result (QR)
  - Cross Country Test and Jumping Test vs. Cross-Country and Show Jumping phase (test only used for Dressage Test)
- Additional language to clarify when MERs must be achieved as a combination.
- Alignment of formatting for categorized and uncategorized athlete sections.
- Reorganizing the sections so they are listed by level (i.e., 2\* levels are together, then 3\*, etc..).

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Committee Actions

## APPENDIX 2 - PARTICIPATION IN HORSE TRIALS

~~All Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER), must be obtained within a 4-year period. One MER must be obtained within 12 weeks of the Event for which it is needed when moving from one level to the next. Athletes with 20 or more MERs in the previous 4-year period, at the level they are moving up to, are exempt from having to obtain one MER within 12 weeks.~~

~~Classic Three-Day Events qualifying competitions must be completed within a 24-month period prior to the start of the Event.~~

An Athlete and/or a Horse may be entered in a Horse Trial without having fulfilled the qualifications noted below, provided the qualifications ~~have been~~ **are** fulfilled **within the following timeframes:**

- ~~a~~**At** least 10 days before the Cross-Country phase of the Event for which it is needed if the **Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)** has been achieved at a Horse Trial or CCI-S or
- ~~a~~**At** least 24 days **before the Cross-Country phase of the Event for which it is needed** if the MER has been achieved at a CCI-L.
- For the USEA American Eventing Championships, qualifications must be fulfilled by the closing date (See EV110.4).

~~At the CCI1\* level and above, at least one MER must be obtained in the 12-month period prior to the Event, e.g., a Horse and/or Athlete who achieved a MER at a CCI4\* and who have not competed for over 12 months must first achieve a MER at the next lowest height level.~~

### 1. SECTIONS

1.1 JUNIOR (J) - ~~For the purpose of competing in National Horse Trials, Athletes may compete as Juniors through the end of the calendar year of their 18th birthday.~~

1.2 YOUNG RIDER (YR) - Open to Athletes from the beginning of the calendar year of their 16th birthday through the end of the calendar year of their 21st birthday.

1.3 AMATEUR (A) The following may participate in Events as an Amateur: Any Athlete in possession of a valid Amateur card issued by the Federation; or any Senior USEA member who competes in the Training, Novice, or Beginner Novice level who meets the requirements of GR1306. Individuals declaring such status must present, upon demand, an audited financial statement in support of the claim of eligibility; failure to do so will be deemed a violation. Misrepresentation of eligibility under this provision will subject an individual to disciplinary action under GR1307.6, GR1307.8, and GR1308.3. Amateur certification under this provision is valid for Events only and does not confer Amateur status for participation in any other Breed or Discipline.

1.4 For the purposes of this rule, in differentiating eligibility for Horse and Rider sections, FEI divisions are considered ~~to be~~ one level higher than the equivalent national division, (e.g., CCI2\* is one level higher than ~~a the~~ Preliminary level ~~Horse Trial~~). An Athlete who has completed an Advanced is not eligible to compete as an Intermediate ~~Rider~~.

1.5 RIDER (R) - Open to Athletes who have not completed an Event above the next highest level in the 5 years preceding the date of the Event. ~~e.g., a Novice Rider may have completed an Event at Training level, but not Modified or Preliminary level or higher in the 5 years preceding the date of the Event; a Training Rider may have completed an Event at the Modified or Preliminary level, but not the Intermediate level or higher in the 5 years preceding the date of the Event.~~

1.6 HORSE (H) - Open to Athletes of any age, the Horse must not have completed an Event above the next highest level. ~~e~~E.g., a Novice Horse may have completed an Event at Training level, but not Modified or Preliminary level or higher; a Training Horse may have completed an Event at Modified or Preliminary level, but not Intermediate level or higher.

1.7 YOUNG HORSE (YH) - Open to Athletes of any age, the Horse may not have competed above the level and meets the following age restrictions:

- a. Novice - four or five years of age.
- b. Training - four or five years of age.
- c. Modified - five or six years of age.
- d. Preliminary - five or six years of age.
- e. Intermediate - six or seven years of age.
- f. Advanced - six or seven years of age.

1.8 OPEN (O) - Both Horse and Athlete may have competed at any level.

1.9 CHAMPIONSHIP (CH) - Open to all qualified Athletes on qualified Horses.

1.10 OTHER - Restricted by breed or other designation as defined by Organizing Committee, approved by the Federation ~~and~~ USEA, and designated in the Omnibus listing.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Completion: To complete the entire Horse Trial with a numerical score.

### 2.2 MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT (MER)

2.2.1 When achieved at a National Horse Trials an MER is achieved by completing the entire Horse Trial and scoring.

- Not more than 45 penalty points in the Dressage Test; and
  - No jumping penalties at Obstacles on the Cross-Country phase unless specified otherwise, and
  - Not more than 75 seconds (30 penalty points) exceeding the Optimum Time; and
  - Not more than 16 penalties at Obstacles in the **Show** Jumping phase.
- 25 penalty points received for Dangerous Riding will not achieve a national MER. Exceptions to the national qualifications requirements noted below for the Advanced, CCI4\*, and CCI5\* levels may only be approved by an Ad Hoc Committee of the ESC. Requests for exceptions should be made 14 days prior to the closing date for the Advanced level and 14 days prior to the definite entry date for the CCI4\* and CCI5\* levels.

2.2.2 When achieved at an FEI Competition an MER is achieved by completing the entire Horse Trial and scoring (*see Article 517 of the FEI Eventing Rules*).

- Not more than 45 penalty points in the Dressage Test; and
- No jumping penalties at ~~Obstacles~~ on the Cross-Country ~~Test~~ **phase** unless specified otherwise, and
- Not more than 75 seconds (30 penalty points) exceeding the Optimum Time for the for CCI1\*, CCI2\*, CCI3\*, and CCI4\* levels and 100 seconds (40 penalty points) exceeding the Optimum Time for the CCI5\* level; and
- Not more than 16 penalties at ~~Obstacles~~ in the **Show** Jumping ~~Test~~ **phase** (~~see Article 517 of the FEI~~



Eventing Rules).

2.2.3 All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

2.3 ~~UNCATEGORIZED RIDERS~~ **ATHLETE**: ~~Riders~~ **Athletes** who have not been categorized through proven competence at certain levels of competition ~~i.e. A riders, B riders, etc.~~ per Article 520 of the FEI Eventing Rules for the purpose of determining ~~rider~~ **Athlete** eligibility for International Horse Trials and Events. ~~All requirements of the FEI must be achieved as a combination. When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required, one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the Obstacles of the Cross-Country phase. All Federation requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.~~

2.4 ~~CATEGORIZED RIDERS~~ **ATHLETE**: ~~Riders~~ **Athletes** who have been categorized through proven competence at certain levels of competition (i.e., ~~A riders-Athletes, B riders-Athletes, etc.~~) by the FEI per Article 520 of the FEI Eventing Rules for the purpose of determining ~~rider~~ **Athlete** eligibility for International Horse Trials and Events. ~~When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required, one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the Obstacles of the Cross-Country phase. All Federation requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.~~

2.5 ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFICATION. When a Horse and/or Athlete obtains a ~~Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)~~ at a level, they are "established" (i.e., qualified to compete) at that level. This establishment does not expire; however, a Horse and/or Athlete who are established at a level but who have not ~~competed~~ **obtained an MER** for over 12-months must achieve an MER at the next lowest height level to renew their establishment at a level.

### 3. LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS AND EVENTS

***All Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER), must be obtained within a 4-year period. One MER must be obtained within 12 weeks of the Event for which it is needed when moving from one level to the next. Athletes with 20 or more MERs in the previous 4-year-period, at the level they are moving up to, are exempt from having to obtain one MER within 12 weeks.***

***Classic Three-Day Events qualifying competitions must be completed within a 24-month period prior to the start of the Event.***

All MER requirements for Modified, Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced levels are required for Horses and Athletes to move from one level to the next. After obtaining an MER at the level or above Horses and Athletes are established at the level. Horses and Athletes having achieved an MER at the level and have not ~~competed~~ **obtained an MER** at the level ~~in~~ over 12-months must achieve a MER at the next lowest height level.

3.1 BEGINNER NOVICE (BN) - Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses four years of age and older.

3.2 NOVICE (N) - Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses four years of age or older.

3.3 TRAINING (T) - Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses four years of age or older.

***3.3.1 TRAINING CLASSIC THREE-DAY EVENT- Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses four years of age or older. Both the Athlete and the Horse as a combination must achieve one or more MERs at Horse Trials at the Training level or higher. An Athlete established at the Preliminary level may compete on a Horse which has obtained two MERs at the Training level or higher. Qualifying Events must be***

***completed within a 24-month period prior to the start of the Classic Three-Day Event.***

3.4 MODIFIED (M) – Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses four years of age or older. The Athlete must have obtained an MER at two Horse Trials at the Training level or higher.

***3.4.1 MODIFIED CLASSIC THREE-DAY EVENT- Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses five years of age or older. Both the Athlete and the Horse as a combination must achieve one or more MERs at Horse Trials at the Training level or higher or one at the Modified level or higher. An Athlete established at the Preliminary level may compete on a Horse which has obtained two MERs at the Training level or higher. Qualifying Events must be completed within a 24 month period prior to the start of the Classic Three-Day Event.***

3.5 PRELIMINARY (P) - Open to Athletes from the beginning of the calendar year of their 14th birthday, on Horses five years of age or older. The Athlete must have obtained an MER at six Horse Trials at the Training level or higher. The Horse must have obtained an MER at four Horse Trials at the Training level or higher: One of the four MERs must be as a combination. Athletes with more than 10 MERs at the Preliminary level or higher are exempt from one MER in combination. Athletes with 20 or more MERs at the Preliminary level or higher: The Horse must have obtained an MER at two Horse Trials at the Training level or higher or one MER at a Horse Trial at the Training level or higher in combination with the Athlete.

~~3.6 TRAINING CLASSIC THREE DAY EVENT- Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses four years of age or older. Both the Athlete and the Horse as a combination must achieve one or more MERs at Horse Trials at the Training level or higher. An Athlete established at the Preliminary level may compete on a Horse which has obtained two MER's at the Training level or higher. Qualifying Events must be completed within a 24-month period prior to the start of the Classic Three-Day Event.~~

~~3.7 MODIFIED CLASSIC THREE-DAY EVENT- Open to Athletes of any age, on Horses five years of age or older. Both the Athlete and the Horse as a combination must achieve one or more MERs at Horse Trials at the Training level or higher or one at the Modified level or higher. An Athlete established at the Preliminary level may compete on a Horse which has obtained two MERs at the Training level or higher. Qualifying Events must be completed within a 24-month period prior to the start of the Classic Three-Day Event.~~

~~3.85.1 PRELIMINARY CLASSIC THREE-DAY EVENT- Open to Athletes beginning the calendar year of their 14th birthday, on Horses five years of age or older. Both the Athlete and the Horse as a combination, must achieve one or more MERs at the Preliminary level or higher. Qualifying Events must be completed within a 24 month period prior to the start of the Classic Three-Day Event.~~

3.9 INTERMEDIATE (I) - Open to Athletes from the beginning of the calendar year of their 16th birthday, on Horses six years of age or older. The Athlete must have obtained an MER at six Horse Trials at the Preliminary level or higher. The Horse must have obtained an MER at four Horse Trials at the Preliminary level or higher: One of the four MERs must be as a combination. Athletes with more than 10 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher are exempt from one MER in combination.

3.10 ADVANCED (A) - Open to Athletes from the beginning of the calendar year of their 18th birthday, on Horses six years of age or older. The Athlete must have obtained an MER at six Horse Trials at the Intermediate level or higher. The Horse must have obtained an MER at four Horse Trials at the



Intermediate level or higher: One of the four MERs must be as a combination. Athletes with more than 10 MERs at the Advanced level or higher are exempt from one MER in combination.

#### 4. LEVELS OF INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS AND EVENTS

##### 4.1 UNCATEGORIZED RIDERS ATHLETES

Listed below are the Federation requirements to compete in an FEI Competition. Additionally, all horses and riders ~~Horses and riders~~ **Athletes** must meet the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) ~~FEI MERs, published by the FEI~~ which must be achieved by ~~the competitor~~ **Athlete** and ~~horse~~ **Horse** as a combination. **Federation requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.**

Where FEI requirements refer to a "CCI" this may be satisfied by achieving an MER at a CCI-L or CCI-S of the level stated. When multiple MERs are required, one of the ~~Minimum Eligibility Requirements~~ **MERs** can be achieved incurring 20 **jumping** penalties at the ~~Obstacles of the Cross-Country Test phase.~~ **All Federation requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.**

At the CCI1\* level and above, at least one MER must be obtained in the ~~twelve~~ **12**-month period prior to the competition. ~~e.g. a horse~~ **Horse** and/or ~~rider~~ **Athlete** who have achieved a MER at a CCI4\* level of competition and who have not ~~competed~~ **obtained an MER** for over ~~twelve~~ **12**-months must first achieve a MER at the next lowest height level.

4.1.1 CCI1\* Both the ~~competitor~~ **Athlete** and the ~~H~~ **horse**, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 1 MER at the Modified level or higher.

	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI1*		1 Modified or higher (MER)

4.1.2 CCI2\*-S Both the ~~competitor~~ **Athlete** and the ~~H~~ **horse**, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 1 MER at the Preliminary level or higher.

	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI2*-S		1 Preliminary or higher (MER)

4.1.3 CCI2\*-L Both the **Athlete** and the **Horse**, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 3 MERs at the Preliminary level or higher plus an additional MER at the Preliminary level or higher with no more than 20 jumping penalties on the Cross-Country phase.

	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI2*-L		3 Preliminary or higher (MER)  1 Preliminary or higher (MER)-with no more than 20 jumping penalties at Obstacles on the Cross-Country phase

4.1.4 CCI3\*-S Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both **The Athlete and the Horse must have met the FEI MERs, as a combination. For Federation requirements, both the competitor Athlete and the Horse**, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the Preliminary level or higher plus an additional MER at the Preliminary level or higher with no more than 20 jumping penalties at ~~Obstacles~~ on the Cross-

Country Test **phase**, plus 1 MER at the Intermediate level or higher.

	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI3*-S	1 CCI2*-S	2 Preliminary or higher (MER)+ 1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with no more than 20 <del>jumping</del> penalties at <del>obstacles</del> on the Cross-Country Test <b>phase</b> + 1 Intermediate or higher (MER)

**4.1.65 CCI3\*-L** The Athlete and the Horse must have met the FEI MERs, as a combination. For Federation requirements, both the Athlete and the Horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI3*-L	2 CCI3*-S and (1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S)	2 Intermediate or higher (MER)

**4.1.46 CCI4\*-S** Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both The Athlete and the Horse must have met the FEI MERs, as a combination. For Federation requirements, both the competitor Athlete and the Horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI4*-S	3 CCI3*-S	2 Intermediate or higher (MER)

**4.1.5 CCI2\*-L** Both the competitor ~~Athlete~~ and the ~~H~~horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 3 MERs at the Preliminary level or higher plus and additional MER at the Preliminary level or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties on the Cross Country Test **phase**.

	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI2*-L		3 Preliminary or higher (MER) 1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross-Country Test <b>phase</b>

#### 4.1.6 CCI3\*-L

##### 4.1.6.1 UNCATEGORIZED RIDERS

Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI3*-L	2 CCI3*-S and (1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S)	2 Intermediate or higher (MER)

##### 4.1.6.2 "D" CATEGORIZED RIDERS

Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI as a combination, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the intermediate level or higher.

	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI3*-L	1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S	2 Intermediate or higher (MER)

#### 4.1.7.1 UNCATEGORIZED RIDERS ATHLETES OR "D" OR "C" ATHLETES

CCI4\*-L Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both **The Athlete and the Horse must have met the FEI MERs, as a combination. For Federation requirements, both the competitor Athlete and the Horse** though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved one MER at the Advanced level or higher.

	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI4*-L	2 CCI3*-L + 1 CCI4*-S or 1 CCI3*-L + 2 CCI4*-S CCI4*-S	1 Advanced HT or higher (MER)

#### 4.1.8 CCI5\*-L 4.1.8.1 UNCATEGORIZED ATHLETES OR "D" OR "C" RIDERS ATHLETES

Both the competitor **Athlete** and the **Horse** must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) **FEI MERs, as a combination.**

	Rider Category	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI5*-L	C-D	2 CCI4*-L + 3 CCI4*-S	The competitor <b>Athlete</b> and <b>Horse</b> must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) <b>FEI MERs</b>

#### 4.1.8.2 CATEGORIZED RIDERS

**Both the competitor and the horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI.**

	Rider Category	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI5*-L	B	1 CCI4*-L + 3 CCI4*-S	The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI

#### 4.2 CATEGORIZED RIDERS ATHLETES

Listed below are the Federation requirements to compete in an FEI C competition. Additionally, all horses and riders **Horses and Athletes** must meet the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) **FEI MERs, which must be achieved as a combination unless otherwise stated. Federation requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.** When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements MERs are required, one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements MERs can be achieved incurring 20 jumping penalties at the obstacles of the Cross-Country Test phase. All Federation requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.

At the CCI1\* level and above, at least one Qualifying Result MER must be obtained in the twelve 12-month period prior to the competition. e.g. a horse **Horse** and/or rider **Athlete** who have achieved a QR-MER at a CCI4\* level of competition and who have not competed **obtained an MER** for over twelve



12-months must first achieve a ~~QR~~ **MER** at the next lowest height level.

4.2.1 CCI1\*. There are no requirements for ~~horses~~ ridden by categorized ~~riders~~ **Athletes** at this level.

4.2.2 CCI2\*-S There are no requirements for ~~horses~~ ridden by categorized ~~riders~~ **Athletes** at this level.

4.2.3 CCI2\*-L *The Horse must have achieved 3 MERs at the Preliminary level or higher plus an additional MER at the Preliminary level or higher with no more than 20 jumping penalties at Obstacles on the Cross-Country phase.*

	<del>Rider</del> Athlete Category	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI2*-L	A-B-C-D		3 Preliminary or higher (MER) +  1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with no more than 20 jumping penalties at Obstacles on the Cross-Country phase.

4.2.34 CCI3\*-S The ~~h~~**Horse** must have achieved 3 MERs at the Preliminary level or higher plus an additional MER at the Preliminary level or higher with no more than 20 ~~j~~umping ~~p~~enalties at ~~o~~Obstacles on the Cross-Country ~~Test~~ **phase**.

	<del>Rider</del> Athlete Category	Federation Requirements
CCI3*-S	A-B-C-D	3 Preliminary or higher (MER) +  1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with no more than 20 <del>j</del> umping <del>p</del> enalties at <del>o</del> Obstacles on the Cross-Country <del>Test</del> <b>phase</b> .

4.2.5 CCI3\*-L For "D" categorized Athletes, the Athlete and the Horse must have met the FEI MERs, as a combination. For Federation requirements, both the Athlete and the Horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

For "A, B & C" categorized Athletes, the horse must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

	Athlete Category	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI3*-L	D	1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S	2 Intermediate or higher (MER)

	Athlete Category	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI3*-L	A-B-C	1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S (Horse Only)	2 Intermediate or higher (MER)

4.2.46 CCI4\*-S All "C" & "D" categorized ~~riders~~ **Athletes** must ~~use~~ **meet** the eligibility requirements for uncategorized ~~riders~~ **Athletes** (see 4.1.6). For A & B Athletes, the ~~h~~**Horse** must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

	<del>Rider</del> Athlete Category	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
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CCI4*-S	A-B	1 CCI3* (Horse only)	2 Intermediate or higher (MER)
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~~4.2.5 CCI2\*-L The horse must have achieved 3 MERs at the Preliminary level or higher plus an additional MER at the Preliminary level or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test.~~

	Rider Athlete Category	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI2*-L	A-B-C-D		<del>3 Preliminary or higher (MER) +  1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross-Country Test.</del>

~~4.2.6 CCI3\*-L 4.2.6 CCI3\*-L All "D" categorized riders must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 4.1.5.2 above. For "A, B & C" categorized riders, the horse must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher~~

	Rider Athlete Category	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI3*-L	A-B-C	<del>1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S (Horse Only)</del>	<del>2 Intermediate or higher (MER)</del>

~~4.2.7 CCI4\*-L All "C & D" categorized riders~~ **Athletes** ~~must use~~ **meet** the eligibility requirements for uncategorized riders **Athletes (see 4.1.7)**. **For "A, B & C" categorized Athletes, the** Horse must have achieved 1 MER with no more than 20 ~~jumping p~~penalties at ~~o~~Obstacles on the Cross-Country ~~Test~~ **phase** at a CCI4\*-S or higher.

	Rider Athlete Category	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI4*-L	A-B	1 CCI3*-L (Horse Only)	1 CCI4*-S or higher with no more than 20 <del>jumping p</del> penalties at <del>o</del> Obstacles on the Cross-Country <del>Test</del> <b>phase.</b>

~~4.2.8 CCI5\*-L All "C" & "D" categorized Athletes must meet the eligibility requirements for uncategorized Athletes (see 4.1.8). For "A & B" categorized Athletes, both the Athlete and the Horse, as a combination must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) FEI MERs, as a combination.~~

	Rider Athlete Category	FEI Requirements	Federation Requirements
CCI5*-L	B	1 CCI4*-L + 3 CCI4*	<b>The Athlete and Horse must have met the FEI MERs</b>

CCI5*-L	A (with Horses which have not achieved a MER at CCI5*-L)	1 CCI4*-L (as a combination)	<del>The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI</del> 1 Advanced Horse Trial or higher
CCI5*-L	A (with Horses which have achieved a MER at a CCI5*-L)	≥2 CCI4*-S (as a combination)	<del>*The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI</del> ≥1 Advanced Horse Trial or higher