



**2023 APPENDIX 3 TABLE**  
 Refer to the [USEF Eventing Rules](#) for the complete rules

**Introduction**

**Definition: Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs)**

Maximum Penalty Points	Dressage	XC (at obstacles)	XC (time penalties)	Jumping (at obstacles)
National Horse Trials	45	0 (unless specified otherwise)	30	16
FEI 1*/2*/3*/4*	45	0*	30	16
FEI 5*	45	0*	40	16

\*For FEI Competitions, where there is more than one FEI requirement, one may include 20 Cross-Country Jump Penalties. A clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device will maintain the MER result on Cross Country)  
 NOTE: All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

**QUALIFYING DEADLINES**

- Qualifications must have been achieved at least 10 days prior to Cross-Country day at the competition if the MER is achieved at a Horse Trial or CCI-S or at least 24 days if the MER is achieved at a CCI-L.
- At least one MER must be achieved in the 12-month period prior to the competition.

**An MER pertains to both USEF and FEI Requirements in the table below.**

**CCI1\***

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI1*	Uncategorized		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Modified or higher</li> </ul>

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI1*	A-B-C-D FEI Riders		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no requirements for Categorized riders at a CCI1*</li> </ul>

**CCI2\*-S**

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI2*-S	Uncategorized		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Preliminary or higher</li> </ul>

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI2*-S	A-B-C-D FEI riders		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no requirements for Categorized riders at a CCI2*-S</li> </ul>



### CCI3\*-S

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI3*-S	Uncategorized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 CCI2*S</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Preliminary or higher +</li> <li>1 Preliminary or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test +</li> <li>1 Intermediate or higher</li> </ul>

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI3*-S	A-B-C-D FEI riders		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Preliminary or higher +</li> <li>1 Preliminary or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test.</li> </ul>

### CCI4-S\*

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI4*-S	Uncategorized C-D FEI riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 CCI3*S</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Intermediate or higher</li> </ul>

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI4*-S	A-B FEI Riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 CCI3*S (horse only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Intermediate or higher</li> </ul>

### CCI2-L\*

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI2-L*	Uncategorized		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Preliminary or higher +</li> <li>1 Preliminary or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test.</li> </ul>

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI2-L*	A-B-C-D FEI Riders		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Preliminary or higher +</li> <li>1 Preliminary or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test.</li> </ul>

### CCI3-L\*

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI3-L*	Uncategorized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S) +</li> <li>2 CCI3*-S</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Intermediate or higher</li> </ul>



	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI3-L*	A-B-C-D FEI riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S) (A-B-C-horse only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Intermediate or higher</li> </ul>

#### CCI4-L\*

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI4-L*	Uncategorized C-D FEI riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 CCI3*-L + 1 CCI4*-S</li> <li>• or 1 CCI3*-L + 2 CCI4*-S</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Advanced or higher</li> </ul>

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI4-L*	A-B FEI Riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 CCI3*-L (horse only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 CCI4*-S or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country test.</li> </ul>

#### CCI5-L\*

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI5-L*	Uncategorized C-D FEI riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 CCI4*-L+</li> <li>• 3 CCI4* S</li> </ul>	The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements of the FEI

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI5-L*	B FEI riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 CCI4*-L +</li> <li>• 3 CCI4*S</li> </ul>	The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements of the FEI

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI5-L*	A FEI riders- with Horse which has not achieved an MER at a CCI5*-L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 CCI 4*-L (as a combination)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements of the FEI</li> <li>• 1 Advanced or higher</li> </ul>

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI5-L*	A FEI riders- with Horse which has achieved an MER at a CCI5*-L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 CCI 4*-S (as a combination)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements of the FEI</li> <li>• 1 Advanced or higher</li> </ul>