



STARTER (EV60) DIVISION: GUIDELINES

Under Equestrian Canada Rules, organizers may hold one or more “Local” divisions subject to Bronze sanctioning provided that the specs for these divisions don’t exceed those of the “Entry” division (Art D301[2.88]). Like Pre-Entry (EV78), Starter (EV60) is a ‘Local’ division, which aims to make introductory eventing simple, encouraging, and enjoyable for inexperienced horses and riders. Ontario’s Starter (EV60) division will be run consistent with the following guidelines and in accordance with EC’s Rules.

Description of Tests

DRESSAGE: The dressage phase should test a rider’s ability to pilot and control the horse at all three gaits: walk, trot and canter.

STADIUM JUMPING: The stadium phase should introduce horses and riders to the technical precision and obedience-related requirements associated with learning and jumping a course in a ring at a safe and controlled pace. The jumping course should be inviting and straight forward on a simple track.

Max height	.60 m	No combinations. No triple bars. No square oxers.
Max width	.60 m	
# of obstacles	7-10	
Speed	200-225 mpm	
Distance	350-450 m	

CROSS COUNTRY: The cross-country phase should encourage riders to complete a simple cross-country course in an open field, safely and under control. The course should include straightforward, natural jumps, which are solid and inviting with clear ground lines.

Max height	.60 m	Encourage the use of natural shades of colour; avoid bright colours & shiny or reflective materials/gloss paint. Approaches to obstacles should be on flat or very gently rising terrain; landings on flat terrain for several strides after the fence. No bounces, combinations or relatable distances between fences. No corner fences, drops, ditches or water. Small bank <i>up</i> (<12”) is permitted. Fences should be broad & inviting with ample distance from side to side.
Max width	.60 m	
# of obstacles	8-12	
Speed	250 mpm	
Speed fault time	350 mpm	
Distance	850-1300m	

TIMING: Recommended to create a wide speed window that is large enough to take the pressure of timing off the riders at this development level, while encouraging them to complete the course safely and introducing them to the idea of timing, which is central to the sport moving forward.