



Purpose and Application

The purpose of this Policy is to outline the process for a Pentathlon Canada athlete (“athlete”) to earn his or her UIPM Riding License (“license”). Athletes must attain this standard for eligibility to compete in UIPM competitions where a riding ability license is required. This Policy applies to all Pentathlon Canada athletes.

Definitions

The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

“Pentathlon Canada Board” – members comprising the governing body’s directors.

“UIPM Riding License” – an approval granted by Pentathlon Canada, submitted to the UIPM, certifying an athlete’s ability to contest the riding phase in competition.

“Equestrian Technical Advisor” – individual responsible for review and recommendation of an athlete’s riding license application.

Applicable UIPM Rules (2022)

4.1.1; The Riding event is an equestrian show jumping event, with a penalty table specific to modern pentathlon, organised both for Individuals and for Relays at a target speed of 350 metres per minute in an arena of maximum size 2500 square metres.

4.1.2; At Individual competitions on a riding course of 350-400m length consisting of 10 obstacles, where two double combinations must be included.

4.9.1; Senior and Junior jump dimensions are as follows:

The maximum size of obstacles is:

	Seniors	Juniors	
upright obstacle	110cm	100cm	
spread obstacle	110 x 130cm	100 x 120cm	*The minimum height of Obstacles in Senior competition is 100cm and 85cm in Junior
oxer (equal bars)	110 x 120cm	100 x 110cm	

Typically modern pentathlon courses are set at 5 – 10% below the maximum standard (Junior and Senior).

Required Education – FEI Campus

Athletes must complete the three online courses listed below, and email the completion certificate to the HPD.

Horsemanship Study: [link](#)

Handling in Challenging Situations: [link](#)

Equine Behaviour: [link](#)



Procedure to Obtain License

1. Athlete submits his or her request to apply, to Pentathlon Canada (president@pentathloncanada.ca).
2. Athlete is directed to the Equestrian Technical Advisor, submitting a video for review.
3. The athlete's application is approved or rejected with recommendations.
4. On approval, Pentathlon Canada issues the license.

Senior Requirements

To attain a license, the candidate needs to safely and competently ride a 1.05 m course of 10 to 12 jumps, at a speed of 350 m/min. Two of the jumps must be 1.10 m and there must be a double combination.

Junior Requirements

To attain a license, the candidate needs to safely and competently ride a 0.95 m course of 10 to 12 jumps, at a speed of 350 m/min. Two of the jumps must be 1.0 m and there must be a double combination.

Withdrawal of License

The riding license may be withdrawn from an athlete at any time based on a recommendation from the UIPM or the Pentathlon Canada Equestrian Technical Advisor. Reasons for withdrawing a riding license may include but are not limited to the following:

- Inappropriate treatment of a horse
- Display of inadequate riding abilities during competition

An athlete that has had his license withdrawn may apply for recertification following their ability to meet the requirements of this policy and additional requirements as may be imposed upon them by the UIPM or Pentathlon Canada.

Appeal of License Refusal or Withdrawal

An athlete may appeal either a license refusal or a license withdrawal. If an athlete wishes to appeal, a Notice of Appeal is required to be emailed to the President of Pentathlon Canada and the Equestrian Technical Advisor no later than seven days after the decision. With the Notice of Appeal, include all reasons for the appeal.

The President will endeavour to provide a decision on the Notice of Appeal within seven days but no longer than fourteen days depending on the rationale provided for the appeal.