



# NSEF Skills Class - Jumper

## (Equestrian Canada Competitions)

In its second year, the NSEF Skills Class is an athlete development initiative unique to the NSEF. It will provide the basis for identifying future provincial team athletes. Vital to the success of this program is your participation – both by providing the classes and by entering them! Feedback throughout the competition season is welcome!

### General Class Information

- Equestrian Canada (EC) competitions may use the following heights for year-end award calculations: 1.0m, 1.1m, 1.15m, 1.2m.
- Competitions can offer skills classes at other heights but they will not be used for year-end awards.
- This class can be run concurrently with an existing jumper class at that height or as an independent class.
- To be run over a jumper type course that may include: 1. Liverpool 2. Triple Bar 3. A double and/or a triple combination

### Award Information - NSEF Skills Class (EC)

The following year-end awards will be presented:

- Junior and Senior Provincial Champion 0.9m-1.0m combined Jumping Skills Class (Scotia Series and EC competitions).
- Junior and Senior Provincial Champion 1.1m-1.2m combined Jumping Skills Class (EC competitions only).
- 0.9m-1.0m combined Jumper Under 25 Champion (Scotia Series and EC competitions) - \$125 award (Funded by Support 4 Sport)
- 1.1m-1.2m combined Jumper Under 25 Champion (EC competitions only) - \$250 award (Funded by Support 4 Sport)

The Champions must meet the award qualification standards which include:

- The athlete must be a current NSEF member to be eligible for awards.
- A competitor must have competed in at least two discipline specific skills classes and a minimum of two competitions.
- Scores from the Skills Class Score Card (to be supplied by NSEF) will be used for award calculation
- A maximum of 6 scores will be used. The competitor with the highest accumulated score will be recognized as the Skills Class Champion.

PLEASE NOTE: Only one Jumper Skill score per competition will be used towards the applicable year end award. If a competitor competes at more than one height per competition, the top score will be counted. The NSEF Skills Class awards are based on athlete only (not Athlete/Horse combination). The competition period for award calculations ends on September 25th, 2017. Any competitions held after this date may go towards the following year's awards. Points will be posted on the NSEF website throughout the competition season for review. Competitors are asked to contact NSEF regarding any concerns regarding points. Once the Final Award points are tabulated, there will be a final period of review/audit (tentatively the first or second week of October). Once this period is over, the points will be considered official and used for award presentation.

### Scoring

- This class is scored on the competitor's ability to "answer" the test on course.
- Competitors will be judged upon entering the ring.
- Changes through trot are not penalized if executed correctly (athlete skill is demonstrated)
- Each competitor shall start with a base score of 60.
- The skills score will be a maximum of 40 points which will be added to the base score.
- The class score is a combination of the base score and the skills score.

### Skills Score

The skills score of up to 40 points will be added to the base score. These additional points are based on the competitor's skill exhibited on course in the following categories:

- Overall Impression – up to a maximum of 10 pts
- Technical/Track – up to a maximum of 10 pts
- Pace-Rhythm-Balance - up to a maximum of 10 pts
- Position and Balance of Athlete - up to a maximum of 10 pts

The points are calculated using a scale of 1 point (low) to 10 points (high) using the following suggested scale within each of the skill areas:

- 1-2 Points – Poor
- 3-4 Points – Need Improvement
- 5-6 Points – Average
- 7-8 Points – Above Average
- 9-10 Points – Excellent/Exceptional

### Base Score

**Concurrent Class:** For skills classes run concurrently with a Jumper class, scoring as per table indicated in the prize list will be deducted from the base score of 60. For example, if a competitor has 5 faults on course (one rail and one time fault) the base score will be 55 and the skills score will be added to the score of 55. If the concurrent class has a jump off, only the first round will be scored.

**Independent Class:** Optional tests may be used at the discretion of the competition management in consultation with the course designer. The error points will be deducted from the base score of 60. For example, if a competitor has a knockdown (4 pts) and a late lead change of less than two strides (1 pt) the base score will be 55 and the skills score will be added to the score of 55.

Optional Tests that may be used for the independent class:

1. Counter Canter a jump
2. Jump into a line and trot out
3. Add strides in a line
4. Trot into a line and trot out
5. Optional inside turns demonstrating a jump off turn
6. Transitions
7. Circles
8. Serpentine
9. Halt
10. Reinback
11. Turn on forehand
12. Turn on haunch