

Horseback Riding Gets Nod from Province Restrictions Still in Place

Dear NSEF Members,

We are thrilled to confirm that the Province of Nova Scotia, through its Department of Health, has listed **equestrian as an approved outdoor activity** starting tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. (May 16, 2020).

What does this mean for you?

This is NOT considered a Phase-1 announcement. It is a "soft launch" that gives you the privilege to ride your horse in a **outdoor** recreational capacity.

It may also provide riding facilities with the opportunity to offer the more experienced member/client with a riding experience in a non-lesson/non-training environment. Supervision is permitted and expected.

Boarding barns and riding facilities MUST be in a state of readiness to offer this experience.

Be Prepared

Nova Scotia remains in a Health State of Emergency. Therefore, physical distancing and disinfection protocols MUST be strictly followed. Riding tack and equipment cannot be shared amongst users and must be disinfected after each use. Facilities must follow Department of Health Small Business Covid-19 protocols.

Signage, one-way traffic rules, riding schedules, daily deep cleaning schedule, and staff preparedness are just some of the steps you can take now to prepare for this "soft launch" and future lessening of restrictions.

Return to Equestrian Activity Guidelines

may assist you with your state of readiness. **The Province of NS mandatory guidelines are listed in this document.**

Although it is not a legal document, it does provide you with a structured approach to compliance. Also included are posters, self-assessment declaration and facility readiness checklist sample documents.

Respect the Privilege

Equestrian was seen by government officials as an outdoor activity that can be done within the parameters of the law. Many sport and recreational activities are not permitted during this period. We **ALL** must do our part in **RESPECTING** the **PRIVILEGE** that was handed to us today. Please act in the best interest of the whole equestrian community. We are moving forward in a positive manner and missteps will set us back.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to follow all rules while we work together through this pandemic!

As always, please contact [Heather Myrer](#) if you require further information.



Before you ride..... Renew your membership!

To join or renew, simply login to/create your membership profile by clicking on [Join/Renew](#). If online renewal is not available to you, you can submit a [paper application](#) to [Meredith](#).

Refer a new member to the NSEF and receive a \$5 credit/new member towards your NSEF membership* (*Maximum credit amounts apply).