

2017

Technical Package

THE ATLANTIC CANADA EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Organizing Committee; Prince Edward Island Horse Council, New Brunswick
Equestrian Association, and Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation**

HOST COMPETITIONS

Dressage

August 26-27, 2017
Dressage PEI Summer Show
Crapaud Agriplex
Trans-Canada Hwy, Crapaud, PE

Horse Trials

September 30, 2017
Strathgartney Fall Horse Trial
Strathgartney Equestrian Park
18 Strathgartney Rd, Bonshaw, PE

Jumper

October 7 & 8 2017
NBEA Championships
Princess Louise Park,
10 Leonard Dr, Sussex, NB

Reining

September 22 & 23, 2017
Sumac Slide
Sumac Farm
7480 Pictou Landing Road, Trenton, NS B0X 1X0

SECTION I. INVITATIONS

ATLANTIC CANADA EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATION:

All Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations of Atlantic Canada are invited to enter ACE

ACE PURPOSE:

The ACE Championships is a multi-discipline competition whereby Atlantic provincial equestrian organizations field teams representing their respective province. This event is a key event in the development of Equestrian's next generation of national, champions. This event affords an opportunity for athletes in the "Train to Compete" stage of development to test their skills with their competitive peers from all over the Atlantic region, while at the same time providing an avenue for talent identification. In addition to Team awards, ACE Championships honours the individual Champion in the divisions of Dressage, Eventing, Jumper and Reining.

The 2017 ACE Championships is governed by the rules of Equestrian Canada or National Reining Horse Association.

SECTION II TEAM STRUCTURE

1. P/TSO OFFICIALS

- All Team Officials must be 2017 Members in Good standing of their respective provincial equestrian federation /association. P/TSO Team Coaches and/or Discipline Coaches and athletes must have an Equestrian Canada Bronze Sport License.
- All P/TSO Coaches must have an Equestrian Canada Gold Sport License.
- Only declared Official Team members will receive ACE accreditation.

P/TSO Chef d'Equipes and/or Team Coach

- Each P/TSO will be represented by a Team Chef d'Equipes and/or Team Coach
- P/TSO's may have its own criteria/standards for Team Chef d'Equipes/Team Coach Selection process.
- Only the pre-designated P/TSO Chef d'Equipes or Team Coach is permitted to deal directly with the Organizing Committee.

P/TSO Representative:

- Each P/TSO may appoint a representative from its respective province/territory.
- The P/TSO will determine the specific role played by its pre-determined P/TSO Representative.

Discipline Coach

- A P/TSO will accredit one coach for each of the Four ACE Disciplines.
- A current NCCP/EC Certified Competition Coach, Competition Coach Specialist, or High Performance 1 Coach is eligible to act as the Discipline Coach.
- If a P/TSO is unable to fill this position; it shall follow one of the following options:

1. submit the Certified Coach Exemption Request to the organizing committee at the same time as Definite Entries, or
2. it may use a certified coach from another province, upon that P/TSO's approval.

Individual Athlete Coach

- An athlete may bring his/her personal coach to the Championships – at the athlete's expense. An Individual athlete's coach is not permitted in the warm-up or competition ring unless approved by the Team Chef d'Equipes/Team Coach prior to the Championships start date. The Chef d'Equipes/Team Coach will request accreditation from the Organizing Committee for an individual athlete's coach accreditation.

2. ATHLETES

- All athletes must be 2017 Members in Good standing of their respective provincial equestrian federation /association
- An Equestrian Canada Sport License is required as per the level of competition.
- must **submit this declaration and proof of Canadian Citizenship** (copy of passport, birth certificate, Landed Immigrant Status) to the Provincial Sport Organization prior to the first qualifier competition to be considered for a position on the Team

Junior and Senior Age Groups

- **Junior:** Except as modified by discipline/breed sport rules, individuals are juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.
- Reining, as per NRHA rules: 18 & under as of January 1 of the current year
- **Senior:** A competitor is considered a senior who is 19 years of age and over as of January 1, 2017

3. TEAM SIZE

- Each provincial or territorial discipline team will be comprised of 4 members (with a minimum of 3) . Please check with your respective provincial organization for the junior/senior age requirements for teams.
- Any P/TSO that cannot enter **an eligible team** may enter one or two individual competitors **per Discipline**. Points earned by individual competitors will count only towards Individual Awards.

SECTION III. ACE DISCIPLINE SPECIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA

1. GENERAL

- The 2017 ACE Equestrian Championships is governed by the rules of Equestrian Canada. Equestrian Canada Discipline Rules will be used. Additional ACE Exceptions are outlined in this section.
- An athlete may only compete on one horse in any class at the ACE.
- A horse may only be shown once in any given class at the ACE.
- Competition Number - only numbers issued by the competition organizing committee will be permitted. Numbers MUST be clearly visible at all times when mounted both for schooling and in competition.
- It is strongly recommended that Senior Reining athletes wear a properly- fitted, approved helmet at all times when mounted. All other athletes must abide by discipline specific helmet rules.

2. DRESSAGE – Training Team and First Level Team

Athletes will compete over two days of Competition.

EC Dressage Tests will be used, please refer to respective competition prize list.

P/TSO Order of Go will the Chef d'Equipes/Team Coach will identify ACE competitors to competition organizer ten days prior to the competition. Coaches will then have the opportunity to select the athletes for each of the rotations in the Order of Go.

Athlete Eligibility Restrictions: and Horse Eligibility Restrictions:

Please refer to the qualification information for your respective province.

Stallions may be shown by SENIOR ATHLETES ONLY.

3. Eventing - Entry Team and Pre-Training Team

Athletes will compete over one day in dressage, cross country and stadium jumping.

Please refer to respective competition prize list for information.

P/TSO Order of Go will the Chef d'Equipes/Team Coach will identify ACE competitors to competition organizer ten days prior to the competition. Coaches will then have the opportunity to select the athletes for each of the rotations in the Order of Go.

Athlete Eligibility Restrictions: and Horse Eligibility Restrictions:

Please refer to the qualification information for your respective province.

Stallions may be shown by SENIOR ATHLETES ONLY.

4. JUMPER – 1m Team and 1.10m Team

Athletes will compete over two days of Competition. Specifically,

Day 1 – ACE Welcome Jumper class will be run under Table A - FEI Article 238.2.2 as a one round with an immediate jump off where no faults were incurred in the first round.

– ACE Speed Jumper class will be run under Table A - FEI Article 238.2.1 as a one round against the clock. In the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other athletes are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

Day 2 – ACE Mini Prix Jumper class will be run under Table A - FEI Article 238.2.2 with return jump off for competitors clear in the first round.

P/TSO Order of Go will be pre-determined at the Chef d'Equipes/Team Coach meetings the day before each class as stated above. Coaches will then have the opportunity to select the athletes for each of the rotations in the Order of Go.

Athlete Eligibility Restrictions: and Horse Eligibility Restrictions:

Please refer to the qualification information for your respective province.

5. REINING – Two Handed Team and One Handed Team

Athletes will compete over two days of Competition. Please refer to respective competition prize list for patterns.

P/TSO Order of Go will be pre-determined at the Chef d'Equipes/Team Coach meetings the day before each class as stated above. Coaches will then have the opportunity to select the athletes for each of the rotations in the Order of Go.

Athlete Eligibility Restrictions and Horse Eligibility Restrictions:

Please refer to the qualification information for your respective province.

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SECTION IV. AWARDS

1. Class Ribbons

Ribbons will be presented to 6th place immediately following each of the championship discipline classes. Junior and Senior athletes will compete against each other in the same class for class ribbons.

2. Individual Awards and Championships

For Individual Championships, awards will be presented to each of the competitors placing first, second and third.

Dressage

- The top 6 scores of each Dressage class will serve to determine the Individual Championship Awards.
- The sum of the actual scores earned in each class by each athlete will determine the Individual Dressage Champion.

Tie Breaking Procedures

The winner is the horse/athlete combination having the highest total points; Second place is the horse/athlete combination with the next highest total points and so on. In the case of equality of points, the horse/athlete combination with the highest total of collective marks shall be declared the winner. If the collective marks are tied, the tie will be broken by using the following methodology:

1. The athlete with the greatest number of 1st placing's, if still tied;
2. The athlete with the greatest number of 2nd placing's, if still tied;
3. The athlete with the greatest number of 3rd placing's, and so on until such tie is broken.

Eventing

- The sum of penalty points (lowest scores) combined for top 3 athletes of their division – the highest score is discarded. Team with the lowest combined score is the Team Eventing Champion.
- The ranking in lowest penalty score by each junior athlete will determine the Junior Individual Eventing Champion.
- The ranking in lowest penalty score by each senior athlete will determine the Senior Individual Eventing Champion.

Tie Breaking Procedures

If a tie should occur, it will be broken by using the following methodology:

- The best XC score shall win.
- If a tie remains: the time closest to Optimum Time shall win.
- If a tie remains: the best dressage score shall win.
- If a tie remains: the best Collective Marks in dressage shall win.

Jumper

- The top 6 placed athletes of each jumper class will receive points as per the ACE Point Chart.

Tie Breaking Procedures

If a tie should occur, it will be broken by using the following methodology:

1. The athlete with the greatest number of 1st placing's, if still tied;
2. The athlete with the greatest number of 2nd placing's, if still tied;
3. The athlete with the greatest number of 3rd placing's, and so on until such tie is broken.

Reining

- The top 6 scores of each Reining class will serve to determine the Individual Championship Awards.

ACE Point Chart

1st place = 15 points, 2nd place = 14 points, 3rd place = 13 points, 4th place = 12 points, 5th place = 11 points, 6th place = 10 points

Sample point calculation for Dressage and Reining

Teams		Rider	Horse	Class 1		Class 2		Class 2		Junior individual championships	Senior individual championships	Rank	Team championships
				Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score				
Team 1	Jr	Rider A	Horse A	14	64.24	3	68.99	7	66.89	200.120		2	412.649
	Jr	Rider B	Horse B	6	68.189	15	60	13	60.323	188.512		4	
	Sr	Rider C	Horse C	1	71.08	2	69.5	3	68		208.58	1	
	Sr	Rider D	Horse D	10	65.5	9	65.75	5	67.56		198.81	3	

Sample point calculation for Jumper

Teams		Rider	Horse	Class 1		Class 2		Class 2		Junior individual championships	Senior individual championships	Rank	Team championships
				Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points				
Team 2	Jr	Rider A	Horse A	3	13	1	15	8	8	36		1	69
	Jr	Rider B	Horse B	13	3	12	4	15	1	8		4	
	Sr	Rider C	Horse C	9	7	4	12	2	14		33	2	
	Sr	Rider D	Horse D	11	5	7	9	5	11		25	3	

Sample point chart for Horse Trials

Teams		Rider	Horse	Dressage	Cross Country	Stadium	Junior individual championships	Senior individual championships	Rank	Team championships
				Dressage converted into Penalty Score; Cross Country and Stadium penalties added = Total Penalty Score						
Team 2	Jr	Rider A	Horse A	34.50 Penalty Points			Lowest penalty score wins		1	All team scores (best 3) are combined and lowest penalty score is placed first.
	Jr	Rider B	Horse B	54.60 Penalty Points					3	
	Sr	Rider C	Horse C	45.80 Penalty Points					2	
	Sr	Rider D	Horse D	62.00 Penalty Points					4	

Horse owners are responsible for all expenses related to medical, veterinary or farrier services.

Please refer to competition prize list for information regarding on call services and contact information.

Veterinary Requirements

Please refer to competition prize list for information regarding required vaccinations/tests required by the competition and/or province.

- **Coggins Test** (required for all New Brunswick competitions)

A valid Coggins test (within 2017) for every horse, from the current year, **must** accompany the P/TSO Definite Entry Form. No horses will be permitted into the stabling area unless a copy of the document has been provided with the definite entries.

- **Equine Influenza Vaccination**

It is **highly recommended** that ALL horses and ponies have received two injections for primary vaccination against equine influenza, given no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart. In addition, a booster injection must be recorded as having been given within each succeeding 12 months, subsequent to the second injection of the primary vaccination. None of these injections must have been given within the preceding 7 days including the day of the competition or of entry into the competition stables.

Insurance

Neither the Atlantic Canada Equestrian Championships, the Provincial Sport Organizations of NB, NS or PEI, host competition venues and organizing committees, Equestrian Canada, Officials, Judges, Stewards, Course Designers, the ACE Organizing Committee, or any of the respective employees, volunteers and members, accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, athletes, attendants, spectators or any property or person whatsoever.

All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents and/or their horses. They are therefore required to obtain and maintain third party liability insurance covering all exposures they may encounter for the duration of the event. ***Current 2017 P/TSO membership from your Province of residence is required by all team members, team officials and individual coaches.***

Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability

All team members, including athletes/competitors, Chef d'Equipes/Team Coaches, Discipline Coaches, P/TSO representative, Individual Athlete Coach and Groom(s), if applicable, are required to sign an individual Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability (Form D). These signed Releases (Form D) must be submitted by the P/TSO's with Definite Entry Form documentation and payment.

3. Schedule Modification

In exceptional circumstances, together with the approval of the Chefs d'Equipes/Team Coach and Ground Jury, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify the schedule in order to clarify any matter arising from any omission or due to unforeseen circumstances. Any such changes will be notified to all competitors, chefs and officials as soon as possible.

4. Schooling

A schooling schedule will be designated and posted by the competition organizing committee.

5. Advertising and Publicity on Competitors and Horses

The competitors may carry the logo of their P/TSO and/or sponsor or association on the saddle pad.