



NSEF Skills Class - Dressage

(Scotia Series and 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

- Athletes will be asked to walk/trot canter both ways of the ring.
- The judge must ask for two of the following tests:
 - lengthening of stride at the trot
 - lengthening of stride at the canter
 - leg yield on the long side
 - request an individual pattern demonstrating some or all of the above

Award Information - NSEF Skills Class

The following year-end awards will be presented:

- Junior and Senior Provincial Champion Dressage Skills Class (Scotia Series and EC competitions).
- Dressage Skills Under 25 Champion (Scotia Series and EC competitions) - \$125 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 Dressage Skill score per day of competition will be used towards the applicable year end award. 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:

Athlete score will be made up of the following points

- Turnout 1-10 pts
- Gaits 1-10 pts
- Impulsion 1-5 pts
- Harmony between Horse & Athlete 1-5 pts
- Athlete's Seat and Position 1-10 pts
- Athlete's Use of Aids 1-10 pts
- Test Requested by Judge 1-10 pts
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