

# *NSEF Skills Class - Reining (Scotia Series or NRHA 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:**

- In this class, athletes will be asked to complete a standard pattern with the modification that well-executed simple lead changes or flying lead changes are acceptable.
- This class can be run concurrently with another reining class.

## **Award Information - NSEF Skills Class**

The following year-end awards will be presented:

- Junior and Senior Provincial Champion Dressage Skills Class (Scotia Series & NRHA competitions).
- Dressage Skills Under 25 Champion (Scotia Series & NRHA competitions) - \$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 Reining 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:**

- There are two scoring components in the skills class: Pattern Scoring and Skill Scoring.
- Neither a no score nor a zero (0) score can place.

## **Pattern Scoring**

- Base score of 70 points.
- Points will be added or deducted as per standard reining scoring system

## **Skills Scoring**

Score of up to 30 points scored after completion of the pattern. These additional points are based on the competitor's skill exhibited during the pattern and are in a range of 1 point (low) to 10 points (high). The skills points are given in three areas

- Overall Impression – up to a maximum of 10 pts
- Balance and Position - up to a maximum of 10 pts
- Technical/Competitor Influence - up to a maximum of 10 pts

A suggested scale is as follows

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