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A Message from our President

As I write my first ever message as your president, I can't help but reflect on the loss and heartbreak that will forever mark 2023. Nova Scotia saw unprecedented fires and floods, and my heart broke watching these events unfold. I think often of our members, of all the individuals who were, and continue to be, affected by these tragic and life-altering events. I am so proud of how the equestrian community quickly rallied to ensure the safe transport and care not only of our beloved horses, but other animals as well. Individuals donated hay and feed, trailering, boarding and stablewear. Several GoFundMe pages were set up and thousands of dollars were raised to help those in need. Through our disaster relief fund, we provided financial assistance to our members who were affected by these events.

I would like to thank our Board of Directors and staff (Heather, Sheila, Charlotte and our summer intern, Lauren) for all their hard work and dedication. I'd also like to acknowledge all the hard-working volunteers out there. Without your time and effort, we wouldn't have horse shows or horse clubs, trail riding organizations or equine welfare groups. Thank you!!

If you see me out and about, please stop and say hello. I'd love to meet you and hear about your horse!



A Message From our Executive Director

This past year saw our equestrian community rally together to support each other in two unprecedented extreme weather events. The strength and resilience shown by those of you who were severely impacted was admirable and we hope that you are recovering with good health. We are grateful for assistance from Equestrian Canada in its Emergency Recovery Fund. We also saw change in our federation. We officially became Equestrian Nova Scotia in January – a modern touch to a solid organization, full of history and love for our equine friends – the reason we exist. We hope that you have embraced the change even though some acronyms die hard! As you will read throughout this publication, we have had a productive and successful year, with some challenges to a major culture shift in our aim to create a safe and enjoyable equestrian environment. Thanks to those of you who have done your part too! As always, I give my thanks and gratitude to the team and our Board of Directors, all who work tirelessly for you, our valuable member! Take good care and ride/drive safely into the fall and winter seasons!



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Featured on the Cover: Junior of the Year and international Barrel Racer, Katelyn Girouard from Amherst, with her equine partner, Rocket. Photo Credit: Tanya Everett Photography.



Disaster Preparedness – Plan Ahead!

When a flood, hurricane, fire or man-made emergency strikes, the steps you've taken ahead of time to protect the safety and well being of your animals can mean the difference between life and death. Long range planning is your first step in disaster preparedness. This excerpt from Horse Council BC's Guidelines to Disaster Preparedness is drawn from experiences with past major disasters.

These general guidelines are recommendations intended to help the horse owner prepare for most disasters. It is only intended for use with horses. Your personal preparedness for yourself, your family and your home are not covered in this article.

Premises

Identification Facts

- No cost to horse owners
- For response to livestock disease emergencies
- Used to locate livestock during natural disasters
- Helps protect the rest of the industry
- Helps protect your farm

Questions?

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Long Range Planning

- Familiarize yourself with the types of disasters that could occur in your area. Develop a written plan of action for each. Keep the plan with your important papers. Review the Disaster Plan regularly with everyone involved. Post emergency numbers in a visible location in the stable or barn.
- Register your property with the NS Government's Premise Identification Program - novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/industry-protection/PID/
- Survey your property for the best location for animal confinement for each type of disaster. Identify food and water sources that do not rely on electricity which could be lost during an emergency.
- Decide where to take the horses if evacuation becomes necessary.
- Photograph the left and right sides of each horse as well as its face and medial and lateral lower legs. Also take a photo of your horse and make sure you are in

the picture. This will help with identifying the horse when picking it up from evacuation.

- Have all your horse records (registration papers, worming, breeding, shots, insurance papers) written down and **copied**. Keep copies with your important papers with your disaster plan. **Put one set** in a zip-lock bag. During an impending emergency, wrap this around the horse's halter with duct tape. Do not put original registration papers in the bag. Write "copy" across the papers.
- Keep vaccinations and boosters up to date. Record dosages and dietary requirements. Keep copies of records with your important papers and separate disaster plan.
- If you own a horse trailer or van, make sure it is insured and in good condition. Check it for safety.
- Make sure your horse will load! Practice, practice and then practice some more. The trailer will do no good if you can't get the horse in.
- Maintain a stockpile of hay and grain. Keep extra medications and veterinary supplies on hand.
- Have a halter/lead rope designated for EACH horse and hang it on the wall outside the stall or on paddock gates.
- Gather and keep extra feed buckets at your barn. These can be sent with the horse when evacuated.
- Start to stockpile at least three or more days of feed and hay. Stockpile medications and supplements. Store extra water in large containers, like rubber garbage bins.
- Keep food and medications in an airtight, waterproof container. Rotate this once every three months.
- Keep extra bedding on hand.
- Make and keep some sort of ID tags handy for your horses. Luggage tags are handy. These can be attached to the halters or manes and tails.
- Compile a portable First Aid Kit. Keep this with your disaster preparedness kit.
- Write down all the emergency phone numbers; put this in your disaster preparedness kit.

With permission from Horse Council BC, you can download and use the Disaster Preparedness Guidelines for Horse Owners to fully prepare for an impending weather or other emergency/disaster - hcbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Disaster-Preparedness-Guidelines-2015.pdf

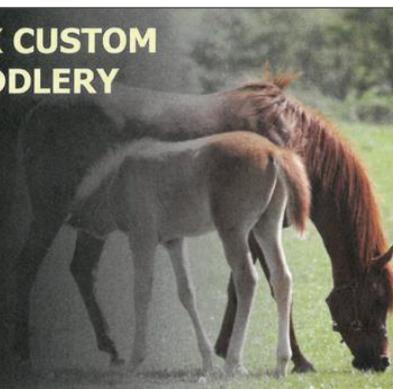
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To register or for details, go to: forms.gle/2HGSCqh7D7rtZHuTA

Scotia Series Boasts Banner Year

An increase in athlete numbers, disciplines and regionally-based competitions, along with enhancements to our on-line competition and results management system, has led to the most successful year in Scotia Series history. Our Dressage pilot with R.I.D.E.R.S. proved effective with 60% increase in athlete participation - a sign of true growth for this discipline here in Nova Scotia! We can't wait for Provincial Championships and 2024! Thank you to all who helped make this year such a success!



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SCOTIA SERIES 2023 BY THE NUMBERS AS OF AUG 31

NUMBER OF CLASS ENTRIES	3000+
SCOTIA SERIES COMPETITIONS	24
YEAR END AWARD DIVISIONS	43
OFFICIALS SAFE SPORT COMPLIANCE	100%
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS	12+
SAFE SPORT TRAINING COMPLETED	65
CONCUSSION TRAINING COMPLETED	73

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Annual Awards Reception Set for November 19th



Join us as we celebrate
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Sunday, November 19th
at the Inn on Prince
Conference and
Convention Centre in
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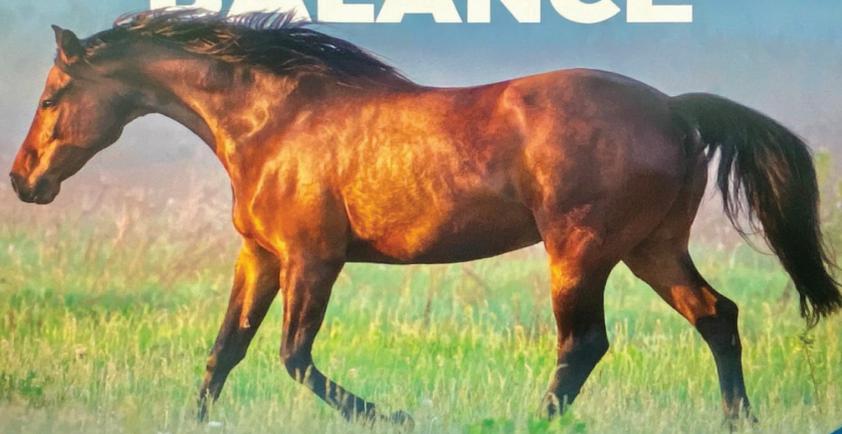
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Katelyn Girouard's Dream Becomes Reality

This fall will highlight a milestone for Katelyn Girouard when she competes at the World Barrel Racing Championships in Georgia, USA. Seen in action on our cover, Katelyn and her partner, Rocket (JT Rocket Hancock) have their sights set on the international stage! Taking a break from work, training and fundraising, we had some Q and A time with the 16-year old from Amherst, who told us a bit about herself.

ENS. How did you get involved in horseback riding? How old were you?

KG. I got involved in horseback riding by doing quite a few riding camps when I was 10 years old in 2017. I haven't looked back!

ENS. When did your passion turn to the show ring?

KG. My passion turned to the show ring in 2018 when I started doing fun shows with my pony Buddy.

ENS. As a young athlete excelling in your discipline, what do you consider to be your biggest challenges to being successful?

KG. It's hard to balance being a 16-year-old girl and a dedicated athlete. I have had to sacrifice a lot of my social time and typical teenage things but I wouldn't trade it for anything.

ENS. What are your most rewarding experiences?

KG. My most rewarding experiences occur when my efforts in training starts to show and pay off. The feeling I get when it all comes together is what pushes me to train harder and set my goals higher!

ENS. Who has helped you along this journey?

KG. So many people have helped me along this journey! The main help was my trainer Lucy Gallant, who taught me everything I know and is the reason I started showing. I've done many clinics with very educated people who have

impacted me and have helped me in many ways, Marci Powell and Ed and Joan Grant and of course my family, friends and supporters. Without their faith in me I wouldn't be where I am today. I am so thankful for everyone who has supported me!

ENS. Do you have other favorite hobbies or "things to do"?
KG. Outside of barrel racing, I play softball. I like the team aspect of this sport as it gives me a different sport experience and it's an easy switch for me. I like the balance of the two.

ENS. You have big plans for 2023! Can you elaborate on them?

KG. Yes, I am so excited about my upcoming international competition. This October, we are headed to the National Barrel Horse Association Open and Senior World Championships in Perry, Georgia. This has been a long-term goal of mine and with the support of my parents, coach and community, I am thrilled to be representing our province at this competition.

ENS. You are a member of our Athlete Performance Program. Why do you think this is important?

KG. I have been in this program the past year or so and it has helped me to grow and develop, not only physically, but mentally as well. I have enhanced my training by focusing on my nutrition and

mental performance through the training provided in this program. I really encourage athletes to find out more about how to be involved.

ENS. Do you have any advice for our readers or is there anything else you'd like to add as you sign off?

KG. My advice to readers is if you have a dream, put your mind to it. Work hard and it will be possible. Don't let anybody tell you that you can't.



NS Athletes Supported by Advances in Program

With support from NS Gaming's Support4Sport Program, our Athlete Performance Program will benefit from the addition of two discipline-specific performance coaches over the next year and into the future! We are thrilled to bring this program to the next level with this addition!

Since this past spring, our performance coaches, Roz Moskovits and Travis Smith, have been working closely with 18 performance athletes and their coaches to assist in their development and enhance the program in a part-time capacity. In addition to Katelyn, this program currently includes athletes from barrel racing, breed sport (AQHA), dressage, eventing, hunter, jumper, and reining.

The performance coaches are looking forward to working with our APP athletes and their coaches over the coming months. It is their hope that, with their assistance and support,

our athletes will reach new and exciting performance goals! They envision that through this program, Nova Scotia will continue to produce top-performing equestrian athletes and coaches capable of podium results on the national and international levels. For those not familiar, this program is targeted towards athletes whose goals include North American Youth Championships, medaling at a qualified national championship, or representing Team Canada at a qualified international championship. While continuing to work with their coach, they are supported by our performance coaches and integrated sport science team to achieve their short- and long-term goals. We will be welcoming more athletes to the program this fall. Watch for notices through our e-news and social media.

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Creating Space for EDI

by Nick Lenehan, Sport NS EDI Lead



Over the past few years EDIA (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Accessibility), has become a much more visible and tangible part of our sport landscape both here in Nova Scotia and nationally across Canada. This work is all about removing barriers and

creating supports so that each individual participant has the best possible opportunity to have meaningful participation in sport. **For most of our communities and organizations this means taking a critical look at the way we run sport and asking ourselves if there is something we could be doing to make it better for those from marginalized or underrepresented backgrounds.**

For some, that will look like making sure the physical space and sport are accessible to those with physical or cognitive disabilities; for others it will mean supporting gender inclusive spaces and participants from diverse cultural backgrounds. Regardless, building relationships and finding out the different needs of participants will

help guide so much of the work. We want to take a good look at ourselves, our organizations and our environments and constantly challenge ourselves and others to grow. ***This work succeeds when those who drive it are open to uncomfortable and challenging conversations, are humble and receptive to feedback or criticism, and are working from a place of kindness and respect.***

EDIA work isn't always easy, and oftentimes there's a cost associated with it. To help with this, Sport Nova Scotia has EDIA Funding available to support community organizations across the province. Whether it's a para-sport opportunity and there's a need for adaptive riding equipment, a program for newcomers to Canada or, some other unique initiative to reduce the barriers to riding, the first step should be to reach out to your Regional Sport Consultant. Located across the province, these Sport Nova Scotia employees' main role is to help community organizations navigate funding opportunities and create relationships with other regional stakeholders.

Find your Regional Sport Consultant at sportnovascotia.ca/community-sport-development/







Learn for Them!

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Equine Business 101	Self-Paced (Open for 1 year)
Horse Behaviour & Safety for Youth	Self-Paced (Open for 1 year)
Provincial Foundations Officials Course	Self-Paced (Open for 1 year)
Fall 2023	
The Senior Horse	September 18 - 29
Horse Care & Welfare	October 2 - 13
Equine First Aid	October 23 - 30
Sport Horse Injury/Lameness Prevention & Care	October 30 - November 10
Fire & Emergency Preparedness	November 13 - 20
Horse Trailer Safety (Part 1)	November 20 - December 1
Winter 2024	
Gut Health & Colic/Ulcer Prevention	February 5 - 16
Horse Behaviour & Safety	February 26 - March 4
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Introduction to Forage	April 8 - 19
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Programs Recognize Member Achievement



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AWARDS

Congratulations to our members for their outstanding achievement in their respective categories and recognized at the 2023 Sport Nova Scotia's Support4Sport Awards (from left to bottom right): Halifax Lancers - Community Sport Organization Award, accepted by Claire Halstead and Angie Holt; Marion Crosby - Official of the Year; Albro Lake Farm - Sponsor of the Year, accepted by Melissa Roy and Norma White; Katelyn Girouard - Jr. Female Athlete of the Year; Helen Smith - Coach of the Year; and Paula Gallant-Welton - Volunteer of the Year

2023 Long Term Equestrian Development Bursary Recipients



Bobi Guzzo - Upper Nappan
Western Performance

Helen Peck - Kentville
Dressage

Sophia Andriopoulos - Halifax
Hunter/Jumper

Judy Bertling - Birch Hill
Driving

Congratulations to our recipients and thank you to all members who applied!
This annual program will be offered again in 2024!

2023 Education Bursary Recipients

We are proud to support our young members with our Education Bursary Program; providing up to six \$500 bursaries, annually. Every year it gets harder and harder to award only six as the accomplishments of our young members are impressive! If you are going/returning to college/university in the fall of 2024, apply by May 1st.

Jacob Hirtle of Cambridge Station is a long-time member of 4-H and enjoys competing in Showmanship. This fall, he will begin the electrical construction and industrial program at NSCC as he begins his journey to become a Red Seal electrician.

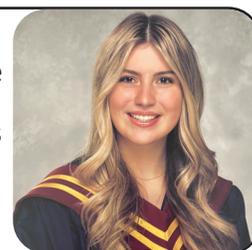


Klara MacDougall of Antigonish, is a dedicated competitor and volunteer in the equestrian community. She will apply the skills learned from riding to help her achieve a business administration degree at St. Francis Xavier University.



Makayla Gerroir from Kingston is a show jumper and Canadian Pony Club regional and national competitor. She aspires to be a veterinarian and will begin studying biological sciences at the University of P.E.I. in September.

Eva Girard of Halifax is an accomplished hunter/jumper athlete and was a member of our athlete performance program. Her strengths in school have led her to pursue an engineering degree at Acadia University beginning this fall.



Marianna MacLeod of Georges River loves to help horses and people alike and dedicates many hours to volunteering. Her passion for working with and helping others has led her to enroll in engineering at Cape Breton University.

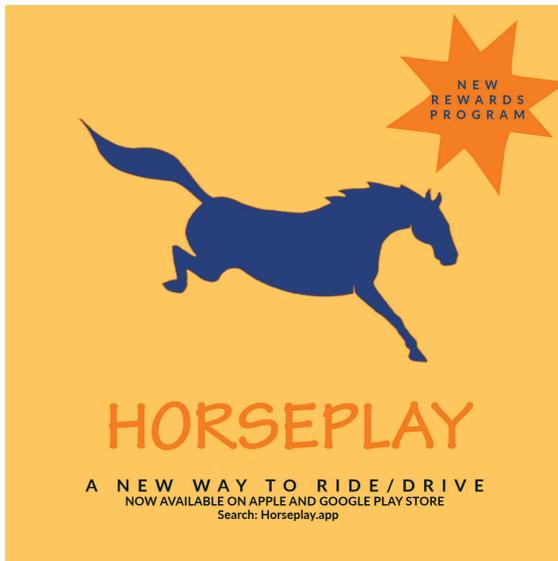


Katelyn Tattersall of Torbrook West is a long-time participant, leader, and spokesperson at 4-H. An accomplished hunter/jumper, Katelyn will attend Acadia University to study biology with plans on a career in education.

HORSEPLAY APP Makes its NS Debut

Over the past year, we have been working with other provinces and developers to create an amazing new APP to track your horse activity - HORSEPLAY is finally here! Horseplay will replace our original Ride and Drive Rewards program, allowing you to record your horse activity and be entered for a chance to win prizes. The HORSEPLAY app conveniently allows you to track your activity and connect with friends. We encourage anyone 13 years and older to sign up and use the app. If you wish to be entered into the draws for prizes, you must be a current Equestrian Nova Scotia member and be a Nova Scotia resident.

Don't worry - we are recognizing your logged-activity from the original program and you can achieve your rewards there too! Simply submit your paper copy logged-activity hours to us by December 31, 2024 and we will honour your achievements.



Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!

For every 10 minutes you record an activity in the “learn”, “horsemanship” or “play” category you will earn 10 points used toward the draw. As you can only enter activities up to two days prior, it is best to log your minutes daily! After entering an activity, you will also have the opportunity to earn bonus points - 5 points by answering a question and 20 points by inviting friends to connect with you in the app!

All members participating in Horseplay and enter activity on a regular basis, will have a chance to win prizes, ranging from gift cards to merchandise discounts. Remember to be a current member so as to be entered into our draws. Our first draw date will include entries made from September 1st to December 31st.

We are so excited about this update to the Ride and Drive Rewards Program and we are hoping that Horseplay encourages you to learn, practice good horsemanship and have fun! Discover some of the activities you can record in this program, whereby each activity will earn you points toward a chance to win prizes:

- **Learn**

Having a foundation of knowledge is an important aspect of being an equestrian. Taking the time to learn can improve the quality of care we give to our horses, teach us how to be safer around horses and give us tips and tricks to help us carry out our favourite activities with our horse. Grab a book, find your favourite horse documentary, take a look at our Horse Portal for on-line courses or go audit a clinic. These are some great ways to start gaining knowledge about our equine friends.

- **Horsemanship**

The daily practice of taking care of our horses is an integral part to keeping them happy and healthy. One part of practicing good horsemanship involves routine stable chores such as: cleaning stalls, having clean water available at all times and managing a feeding routine. Horsemanship should also involve a daily grooming routine to give us the ability to check over our horses for any injuries; to ensure they are keeping a good weight; and to make sure their feet are in good condition. Though there are more factors to good horsemanship, our last point is cleaning your tack and equipment after each use. Not only will it make it more comfortable for your horse the next time you use it, it will also increase its longevity and allow you to watch for wear and tear.

- **Play**

After developing a good foundation, here comes the fun part... Go Play! Having fun with our horses can take many different forms including riding, driving, ground work, and horsemanship. Remember, no matter what discipline for which you choose to take part, put your horse's welfare first and have fun!

Did you know that spending time exercising without a horse involved improves your ability to perform your favorite horse activity? This is called cross training and can be as simple as going for a jog or practicing yoga. You can track this activity as well.

Get Started Today - Download the Horseplay app!

Download the app in the Apple or Google Play store or access via the website by typing “horseplay.app” into your browser. The website version allows you to view your stats in greater detail and for those who do not have access to a mobile device. **Get started by simply logging in with your Equestrian NS member username/password!**

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Here Comes the Judge!

PROVINCIAL FOUNDATIONS OFFICIALS COURSE

Entry-level judges are a vital part of equestrian sport. Through an enhanced **Provincial Foundations Officials Course**, the opportunity to become a recognized provincial official is easier than ever.

Offered in partnership with four other provincial equestrian organizations and Equine Guelph, through TheHorsePortal.ca., this self-paced course with full-year access, can be completed in 25 – 30 hours of prerequisite training. Candidates will learn the responsibilities of Judges at the grass-root level, in order to officiate at Scotia Series.

As role models, Foundation Judges create a safe environment for equine sport at our competitions, upholding rules, ensuring fair play, and equine welfare. Whether judging objective or subjective classes, entry-level judges can help build sport and long-term athletes.

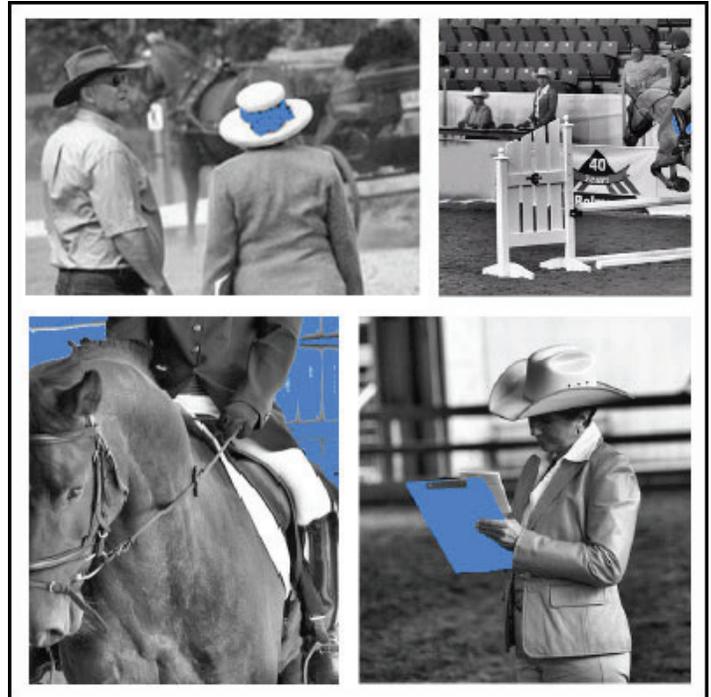
Foundation judges will encounter multiple breeds and athletes from various walks of life including the novice, those preparing to move up the levels and the more mature athlete that is active for life. The on-line program will help future judges or current discipline-specific judges in focusing on the essence of each class and introduce the tools to judge a variety of classes with consistency.

Topics include Western Performance, Western Speed Division, Showmanship, Flat, Hunter, Jumper, Equitation over Fences, Dressage and Pleasure Driving.

“Equine Guelph recognizes Equestrian Nova Scotia for

being leaders in spearheading on-line training programs to its officials,” says Gayle Ecker, director of Equine Guelph. “We are thrilled to be working together with five provinces to offer this accessible model of training to as many budding grassroots officials as possible.”

If you are interested in taking this first step in training to become a Provincial Foundation Official you can register at thehorseportal.ca/partner/ENS/.





2024 SCOTIA SERIES COMPETITION APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW

Pre-Existing Competitors -
Application Deadline December 1st
New Competitions - Applications will be
processed after December 15th

More information about Scotia Series Competitions and our Date Approval Application process can be found at www.equestriannovascotia.ca/Scotia-Series



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EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, November 19th, 2023

Inn on Prince Conference and Convention Centre, Truro NS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Equestrian Nova Scotia will be held on Sunday, November 19th, 2023.

TIME: 10:00AM – Registration
10:30AM – Meeting

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, including declaration of quorum.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of 2022 AGM
4. Business arising/action items from 2022 AGM Minutes
5. New Business, including:
 - A) Reports of Officers and Committees
(Included in Annual Report, on Equestrian Nova Scotia website at equestriannovascotia.ca and available on the day of meeting)
 - B) Consideration and Approval of 2022/23 Equestrian Nova Scotia Financial Statements – Financial Summary included in Annual Report. The Financial Report in its entirety will be available at the AGM and on the Equestrian Nova Scotia website at equestriannovascotia.ca, upon member approval.
 - D) 2022/23 Equestrian Nova Scotia Annual Review Presentation
 - E) Election of Directors
6. Adjournment

EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA ANNUAL REPORT

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation AGM

November 20, 2022

Brightwood Golf and Country Club, Dartmouth, NS

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL/WELCOME

• Called to order at 10:42 am by President Valerie McDermott.

Present: **Voting Members:** Adrienne Smith, Andrew Woolaver, Barbie Lewis, David MacLeod, Helen Smith, Jennifer MacNeil, Katarin MacLeod, Katherine Willard, Kim Beaton, Krista Foley, Lesley Langley, Marion Crosby, Mary-Clare McLaren, Mike King, Scott Roberts, Valerie McDermott

Staff: Heather Myrer, Sheila Currie

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Based on registration quorum was met.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Krista Foley, seconded by Barbie Lewis. No contrary minded, Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion was made to approve the 2021 NSEF AGM Minutes by Andy Woolaver, seconded by Barbie Lewis. No contrary minded, motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTION ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES (OLD BUSINESS)

• None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Reports from Officers and Committees – as submitted and presented.

Director of Education Kate Howarth /Heather Myrer: No questions

Director of Recreation Val McDermott: No questions

Director of Industry Katarin MacLeod: No questions

Director of Competitions Lesley Langley: No questions

Director of Clubs Melissa MacDonald: No questions

Motion to approve all committee reports Mary-Clare McLaren, seconded by Marion Crosby. No contrary minded, motion carried.

b. Annual Financial Statements Review

The 2021/22 Financial Statements Review was completed by Shellnutt Accountants and presented at the AGM by Treasurer Barbie Lewis, with assistance from Executive Director, Heather Myrer. Motion to approve the 2021/22 Financial Statements Review was made by Barbie Lewis, seconded by Kim Beaton. No contrary minded, motion carried.

c. Special Resolution – Organization Name Change

The membership was presented with a name change recommendation along with rationale for making such change – to modernize, for brand variation and to align with majority of sport organizations under the Sport NS umbrella. As this was a Special Resolution, $\frac{3}{4}$ of members present must have voted in favour of approving the name change. A motion was made by Barbie Lewis, seconded by Helen Smith to accept the proposed organization name change from the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation to Equestrian Nova Scotia, subject to approval from the NS Registry of Joint Stocks Companies. Motion and Special resolution were passed unanimously.

d. Annual Update to Members

The NSEF Annual Update/targets were based on our Strategic Vision and were presented by Executive Director, Heather Myrer. A Motion to accept the NSEF Annual Update as presented was made by Adrienne Smith, seconded by Kim Beaton. Motion carried.

e. Election of Directors

The NSEF Nominations Committee Chairperson, Adrienne Smith, presided over the Election of Directors and presented a slate of candidates for consideration. No other candidates came forward for consideration at the AGM.

Kris Foley, Director of Education 2-year term

Barbie Lewis, Director of Industry 2-year term

Kate Howarth, Director-at-Large 3-Year term

Katarin MacLeod, Director-at-Large 3-Year term

At a meeting of Member Clubs on October 27th, Kim Fortin was acclaimed as the Director of clubs.

Motion to accept the Directors as elected

by the membership was made by Adrienne Smith, seconded by Kim Beaton. Motion carried.

A formal acknowledgment and thanks was expressed to Melissa MacDonald for her dedication and commitment to the federation as a Board member.

7. Termination of Meeting

The business of the 2022 NSEF AGM was addressed. A Motion to terminate the meeting as of 11:48 a.m. was made by Lesley Langley.

Submitted by,

Katarin MacLeod, NSEF Volunteer Secretary

EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Submitted by Kris Foley

As you will see throughout this publication and other reports, we have had a very productive and successful year. In my first report to you as your president, I would like to take this opportunity to talk about the importance of promoting and instilling a safe and enjoyable sport environment through the ethos of Safe Sport. What immediately comes to your mind when you hear these words? Helmets, concussion training, inclusion? All correct, and we are doing great in these areas. But what about respect, empathy, kindness? Could we do better? And to whom does Safe Sport apply? Athletes, coaches, parents? All correct. But what about show organizers, volunteers, our staff and board? We are ALL equestrian Safe Sport stakeholders.

According to the Coach Association of Canada (CAC), safe sport refers to our collective responsibility to create, foster and preserve sport environments that ensure positive,

healthy, and fulfilling experiences for ALL individuals. In addition to our member code of conduct, we have Safe Sport standards for coaches, persons responsible for junior athletes, officials, athletes, ENS Board and staff members. To ensure everyone understands their rights and expectations, I STRONGLY encourage all athletes and parents/guardians to engage in safe sport training and awareness resources (<http://equestriannovascotia.ca/SafeSport>).

So, I am asking you, our membership, to please pause for a moment before you send that email, click that button, or utter that complaint. Think about your message. How might it be perceived by the reader(s)? How would you feel if you received this message or knew other people had read it?

Be respectful. Be Kind.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Submitted by Heather Myrer

Every four years we are required to submit a lengthy accountability framework whereby the results determine government funding. We exceeded our expectations, increasing direct organizational funding for the next four years, including the eligibility and approval of two performance coach positions for our Athlete Performance Program.

Membership is at an all-time high, just shy of 4,000 at time of publication, making us the largest equestrian organization in Atlantic Canada. With success comes an increase in the need for human resources. As such, the Board supported the recommendation to hire another full-time employee to support the administration and membership growth. We said goodbye to Emily and Alex this spring and hello to Charlotte and Lauren (summer intern) this summer!

Productivity-wise, we enhanced our on-line competition management system, updated our rewards program and introduced Horseplay App! We held a three-day Officials Clinic, offering six discipline specific courses and a coach symposium. We were one of five organizations across the country to participate in a nation-wide Canadian Women and Girls in Sport Gender Equity Lens Pilot Project. Scotia Series has seen significant success this year in various capacities. Most notably is our partnership with R.I.D.E.R.S. and their EC Dressage Competition Management to offer our dressage community with three levels of competition. This

partnership proved that Scotia Series and EC competitions can thrive when we work together! Come out and cheer on our Dressage and other athletes at our Provincial Championships in mid-October at Hants County Ex. In a collaborative effort, Equestrian Canada (EC) and the Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (PTSO) united in our commitment to prioritize four fundamental areas of sport development: • Equestrian Foundations through quality sport programs including Rookie Riders and Learn to Ride&Drive. • Quality Coaching through Coach Development and Certification. • Quality Officials Development and Certification. • Quality Competition through developmentally appropriate, meaningful competition in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment. Further to this commitment, EC is supporting PTSO members through several funding initiatives such as the Emergency Recovery Fund which we accessed twice this year. This year was met with many successes but we had some challenges as well. It is with perseverance and resilience that we move forward for the betterment of our organization! Thank you to you, our member, for your continued support. Our door is always open and we welcome your constructive and respectful advice and feedback. I hope you enjoy perusing Hoofprints and Annual Report.

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting and Awards Reception this coming November! Hope to see you there.

EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA ANNUAL REPORT

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION REPORT – By Valerie McDermott

After receiving positive feedback, we are excited to be working on a fall ride and drive event - the first in-person event since 2019 as we continue to enhance member engagement in recreational riding/driving. Many thanks to our host, Evangeline Trail Rides for inviting us to hold the event on Saturday, October 28. Details on how to register are found in this publication.

Have you heard about our updated Ride/Drive Rewards program? Horseplay is our new, interactive APP that tracks and rewards you for your equine activity. Check out all the details in this publication and watch for our promotion of this exciting new program!

We continue to provide excellent learning opportunities through partnerships with Equine Guelph and the horse portal. We promote all new and available courses, such as Horse Trailer Safety, in the E-News and the ENS website.

As a reminder, everyone involved in sports, whether for recreational, competitive or educational purposes, should be aware of the safe sports policies. Safe sport helps to provide safe learning environments where we can all enjoy our equine partners and each other.

We are a member of the Nova Scotia Trails as a trail user group. As part of this role, we provided feedback and information on what to consider for trails from our equestrian lens. We did this as part of NS Trail's collaboration with members as they developed their strategic plan.

As we enter the season of beautiful foliage, please enjoy our sport in a recreational setting by taking advantage of the beautiful weather and the picturesque trails near you. Don't forget your safety gear, especially your hunter orange, if you are out and about during hunting season. Stay safe, and have fun!

Several recreational programs are available to members, including but not limited to Ride & Drive and the Learn to Ride/Drive Programs. In addition, members have access to the Horse Welfare & Safety information and a directory of equine-friendly trails around the province. Visit our website for detailed information about all the programs we offer. For more information, feel free to contact nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca or 1-800-263-2410

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT – By Kris Foley

It's been a busy year with educational opportunities galore! The Mega Officials Clinic was held in March with 50 individuals attending the various Judging and Steward clinics; our annual Coach Symposium, held in April was well received, with 26 individuals attending various coach training activities; a Rookie Rider Training event was in Yarmouth on May 12th; in partnership with Equestrian Canada, At the time of this publication we will have held a para-equestrian clinic with Clive Milkins (Para-Dressage High Performance Program Technical Leader) in September.

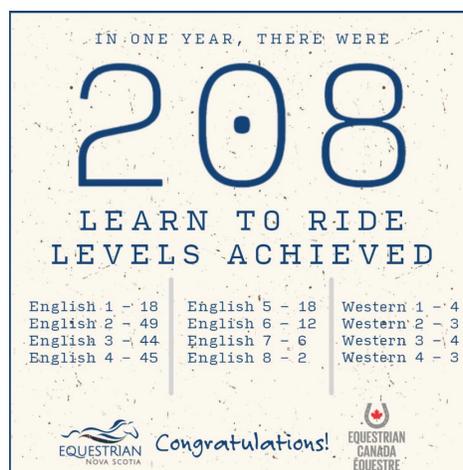
We have expanded our reach of the Provincial Officials program by partnering with Equine Guelph and four other provinces to offer it as a national program. Kudos to our developers here in NS in this being recognized as a national-level program! We have partnered with Equestrian Ontario for this fall's Cohort Approach for Coach Candidates program to train two NS coach developers. These coach developers will then offer a cohort for us in the new year. This cohort approach to coach certification will provide further opportunity to

train more coach developers. As such, we will continue to offer as many cohorts for coach candidates to complete successful NCCP certification.

To further support coach and cohort candidates, we created a Google classroom. The classroom, developed in part with Belinda Maier, provides candidates with step-by-step information on the prerequisites, where to go to get those prerequisites, evaluation information, and the next steps after certification. The user-friendly classroom has built-in assignments to help satisfy coaching requirements, and users can easily track their completion of the requirements. The cohort training process will also train coach developers for video evaluations to increase access in a cost-effective and

efficient way for Coach Developers (no travel, evaluation at times that are less busy for the evaluator, etc).

Thank you to everyone for attending the educational sessions offered! And thank you to all the volunteers who helped make these events possible.



EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA ANNUAL REPORT

DIRECTOR OF CLUBS REPORT – By Kim Fortin

Just as we thought things were back to normal, 2023 hit. First, I would like to say I am amazed and honoured to be part of the NS equestrian community; how it pulled together and helped one another during Fiona, the wildfires and floods.

Nineteen clubs registered this year with Equestrian NS. A reminder that your membership provides access to Support4Sport funding, fundraising options, and insurance. Your annual fee can be decreased by referring your new club members to us. It's as simple as asking them to write your club's name in the referral section of our membership form. It only takes ten new members to eliminate the cost of your club membership! Now is the perfect time to do this so as to apply referral credits to your 2024 fee!

These clubs hosted clinics, shows, rides and fun events for their members and others. Their hard work and volunteering benefitted horse owners across the province. Listing events on the Equestrian NS calendar and Atlanticcanadaequinevents.com informs others and perhaps gives them a chance to participate. It is always exciting to share your club and its interests with others.

Thank you to those who joined us for our annual club meeting and governance symposium! Watch for this event in 2024!

I hope you all have a wonderful fall and winter. Please reach out if you have any questions for which I may be able to help. My contact information is on page 3 of this publication.

2024 Club Applications Now Being Accepted.

Apply early to access funding opportunities, governance support & assistance.

Application forms can be found on our website under the *Membership tab* at equestriannovascotia.ca

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY REPORT – By Barbie Lewis

Spring started so beautifully, and then life handed us not one but two devastating natural disasters. Through the hard work of our dedicated staff, we received National Emergency Recovery Grants from Equestrian Canada. With the first grant for the wildfires, we assisted thirteen members. The second grant for flooding, assisted ten. I want to thank the horse community for showing what it can do when something out of people's control happens. We pulled together and got things done! From those who moved horses, got stables ready, brought hay and feed, and helped to clean stalls, you gave people who stood to lose everything a bit of hope and more than one hug. Thank you! We are proud to partner with Equine Guelph by offering several of their on-line health and welfare courses, including Equine Business 101. We partner with the Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada (HWAC) as well. This is an alliance of national, provincial, and other equine organizations whose purpose is the sharing of accurate information related to the Canadian horse industry to both horse owners and the general public. HWAC has led the way with on-line training of the Equine Code of Practice Awareness and Education. This program has both a free and paid option via HWAC and in partnership with Equine Canada (it is now free to

those with a Sport License via their ECampus). As of June 30, 2023, 7,000 people nationally have taken the training. Future HWAC projects include the Equine Health and Welfare Project which will update equine health resources and develop an on-line handling and hauling course for horse transporters; a second project which is in the works is to complete a National Equine Population update that will connect to the work of CAHSS (Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System), EC, and those provinces examining their own provincial populations. For more information on any of these programs, please visit horsewelfare.ca or contact us about how you might get involved in moving these industry items forward within our province.

Through EC, we have a relationship with the Canadian Food and Inspection Agency (CFIA), who (EC) notifies us regarding national and infectious diseases. We then pass on these notices to our members.

We continue to offer numerous educational sessions. Watch your E-Newsletter for updates as to what is coming up in the coming months and check out our resource page on our website for additional and timely equine health and welfare resources.

EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA ANNUAL REPORT

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIONS REPORT – Submitted by Lesley Langley

2023 has been another busy year for Scotia Series competitions province-wide. Scotia Series has 25 competitions scheduled for this year, with 19 of them completed by the end of August. Despite the devastating fires and floods seen in Nova Scotia this year, our equestrian community has been rallying together and supporting each other, enabling the competitions to continue. Competition organizers reported favorable numbers from their shows, including increased dressage competitors.

Our staff was sad to say farewell to Alex and Emily as they embarked on new career paths, but we welcomed Lauren Mosher and Charlotte Grace to the Equestrian Nova Scotia office team.

The Competition Committee met several times to review our Scotia Series rules and approve any changes. New for this year is the Safe Sport requirements. Coaches, officials and persons responsible for junior athletes at Scotia Series must be Safe Sport compliant. We further recommend safe sport training for all athletes and parents

The Safe Sport initiative has been introduced across Canada to foster safe sports practices and provide education and support. Many sports in Canada, across all levels, have already adopted Safe Sport guidelines. Safe Sport has always been a requirement for certified and licensed coaches, but, as we all know, a

competitor's support team involves several people.

It's important to emphasize that Safe Sport training benefits everyone. And it's provided at zero cost! Despite the initial resistance faced by our office, we must continue to promote and prioritize Safe Sport training for the safety and well-being of all. The Provincial Foundation Judge program continues to be successful, and we thank competition organizers for giving candidates a chance to volunteer at the shows and mentor certified judges. The on-line training for Foundation Judges is now available on the Horseportal.ca! Hopefully, this can increase the number of people interested in becoming Scotia Series certified judges and help build the database of available judges as the number of competitions continues to grow.

The Scotia Series Championships will be held October 12 - 15 at the Hants County Exhibition grounds in Windsor. The Championships are by invitation only (based on points) and competitors will be notified in advance if they qualify. Please note that not all divisions will be at the Championships and they are separate from year-end Scotia Series awards. Last year showcased incredible talent, and we look forward to another successful championship this year.

Thank you to all our Equestrian Nova Scotia members and staff who continue to stay involved and support equestrian activities in Nova Scotia.

FINANCE REPORT

EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA
(formerly NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION)
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Technical/Competitive Programs	\$ 81,247	\$ 72,662
Organization operations (Note 6)	307,806	313,269
Participatory Programs	36,610	13,301
Investment revenue (loss)	(2,482)	5,232
	<u>423,181</u>	<u>404,464</u>
EXPENSES		
Technical/Competitive Programs	89,552	73,419
Organization operations (Note 4, 6)	353,120	296,920
Participatory Programs	43,722	43,529
	<u>486,394</u>	<u>413,868</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	<u>\$ (63,213)</u>	<u>\$ (9,404)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>352,834</u>	<u>362,238</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 289,621</u>	<u>\$ 352,834</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements
Shellnutt Professional Accountants

The Formal Review of the 2022/23 Equestrian Nova Scotia Financial Statements will be presented at the AGM

EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION APPLICATION

Equestrian Nova Scotia is recruiting new volunteer Board members with varying professional backgrounds and skill sets. We are committed to a culture of inclusion and equity by welcoming members with skills, competencies, talents, identities, backgrounds, and perspectives across a broad and diverse range to apply.

Our robust application process is led by the Equestrian NS Nominations Committee (“the Committee”). The Equestrian NS Board-approved process allows for the Committee to seek out members with a specific skill-set and interest in serving on our Board. Once the Committee completes its role, a slate of successful candidates is presented for vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This process is considered critical in order to fulfill our moral, legal, and ethical responsibilities to all those we reach, including members, employees, and volunteers. The benefits of a pre-determined slate of nominees include:

- Ensuring that the candidate skills and experience are aligned with the needs of the organization and BOD;
- Ensuring that conflicts of interest do not affect the quality and safety of programs and services offered by Equestrian NS;
- Reducing the risks and liability for members, employees and volunteers.

As a result of this nomination process, the Committee is able to ensure that all candidates presented to the membership are qualified and evaluated using a consistent criteria and process as outlined in the Candidate Package.

Competency of Nominees

All nominations shall be reviewed by the Committee. The Committee shall provide the Members with a list of candidates, taking into consideration their skills and diverse needs and the community it serves with a balance of new and experienced directors. If possible, the list of candidates shall exceed the number of vacant positions by at least one and at most double the number of vacant positions. No candidate may be eligible for election as a director until such candidate has been reviewed by the Committee as per the nominations process.

Nominations

Nomination of an individual for election as a Director shall be submitted to the Committee by a member in good-standing, in accordance with our policy, procedures and timelines. The Nomination shall include a written confirmation by the candidate expressing a willingness to stand for office, including a detailed profile of the candidate. Please note that portions of each successful candidate application may be used to promote a candidate to the general membership. All applications will be destroyed following the presentation of the slate of candidates to the membership.

Candidate Application Package

Candidate application packages must include the following items to be considered by the Nominations Committee:

1. Letter of Interest (max. 1500 words) including why you would like to serve on the NSEF Board, and the value you would bring to the Board and organization;
2. CV (maximum five (5) pages). Please consider personal/confidential information within your CV before submitting with your Candidate Application Package;
3. Social Media profiles (optional);
4. Completed Candidate Nomination and Acceptance Form
5. Photograph (to be used in candidate package)

Vacancies

At the Annual General Meeting in November of 2023, five directors will be elected, as per Bylaw Article 33:

Position	Term
Director of Club	1-Year Term
Director of Competitions	2-Year Term
Director of Recreation	2-Year Term
Director-at-Large	3-Year Term
Director-at-Large	3-Year Term

CANDIDATE NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE FORM

Name of Candidate _____ Equestrian NS # _____

Nominated by: _____ Equestrian NS # _____

I hereby apply as a candidate for Director on Equestrian Nova Scotia Board. I certify that I support the Vision and Mission of Equestrian Nova Scotia. I will accept this nomination, will serve if elected, and agree to support and be bound by Equestrian Nova Scotia’s policies.

I wish to be considered a candidate for Equestrian Nova Scotia Board position of _____.

I understand and agree that all election results will be made public.

I certify that I satisfy all requirements for directors of non-profit corporations, including those under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. I authorize Equestrian Nova Scotia to verify the accuracy of my application and agree to cooperate and complete such documents as may be reasonably requested by Equestrian Nova Scotia to confirm the accuracy of any information contained herein.

By signing, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in this application is true, accurate, and complete

Candidate’s signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit your completed Candidate Application Package by 4:00 p.m. Friday October 20th, 2023 to:

Equestrian Nova Scotia, 5516 Spring Garden Rd, Halifax NS B3J 1G5 ATTN: Chair, Nominations Committee
or via email: nsef@sportnovascotia.ca

AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Equestrian Nova Scotia members are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals/organizations for the following awards to be presented at our annual Awards Reception:

Volunteer Award - The Equestrian NS Volunteer of the Year award recognizes an outstanding volunteer who has made a special and significant contribution to equestrian sport. Volunteer services may include years of participation, administration, contribution, innovation, or advancement. This Individual has also worked tirelessly and has had a notable impact on the sport and equestrian community in general.

10-Year Service Award - The Equestrian NS Service Award recognizes an individual for a minimum of 10 years of service to the NS equestrian community. This individual gives tirelessly and has made a significant difference and positive impact.

Coach Award - The Equestrian NS Coach of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding coach who has contributed to equestrian sport in this role throughout the year and whose accomplishments are considered exceptional.

Official Award - The Equestrian NS Official of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding official who has contributed to equestrian sport in this role throughout the year and whose accomplishments are considered exceptional.

Sponsor Award - The Equestrian NS Sponsor of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding company who has given generously to the sport of equestrian through monetary or product sponsorship. The company can sponsor local, regional or national events throughout the past year.

Youth "Good Sport" Award - The Equestrian NS Youth "Good Sport" Award recognizes a junior-aged member who exhibited exemplary conduct while participating and interacting with other participants/competitors and volunteers, working in the stabling area, etc. at a 2023 event/clinic or competition.

Junior Athlete Award - The Equestrian NS Junior Athlete of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding athlete who has contributed to equestrian sport in this role throughout the year and whose accomplishments are considered exceptional.

Senior Athlete Award - The Equestrian NS Senior Athlete of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding athlete who has contributed to equestrian sport in this role throughout the year and whose accomplishments are considered exceptional.

ALL NOMINATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE A COMPLETE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS THAT WOULD MAKE YOUR NOMINEE WORTHY OF THE AWARD.

Award recipients will be recognized at the Equestrian Nova Scotia Awards Reception on Sunday, November 19th at The Inn on Prince Conference and Convention Centre, Truro NS

2023 EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

We encourage you to copy and paste this link into your url to access the on-line nomination form:
<https://forms.gle/3Xw2TEgyq6Q5ErLp7>

Name of Nominee: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Nominee's Equestrian NS # (if known): _____

Nominated for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Award | <input type="checkbox"/> 10-Year Service Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Coach Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Official Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth "Good Sport" Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Athlete Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Athlete Award |

Information about nominee and why they deserve this award (attach another page if necessary):

Nominated by: _____

Deadline: Friday, October 20, 2023 to Equestrian Nova Scotia– 5516 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, NS B3J 1G6. Email: nsefprograms@sportnovascotia.ca



2024 Membership Application

Expires December 31st

APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT MANDATORY SIGNATURES ON PAGE 2

Office Use Only
 Date Received:
 Payment Type:
 Payment Amount:

PRIMARY Member Name: First		Middle or Initial	Last
Member's Date of Birth (required):		Gender Identity:	
Address:		Primary Phone # : <small>Please specify contact name if different than above</small>	
City/Town:		Secondary Phone # : <small>Please specify contact name if different than above</small>	
Province:	Postal Code:	Fax:	
County (e.g. HRM, Hants, Richmond):		Primary Email:	
		Secondary Email:	

NEW Members - Did Someone Refer You to us? This member may be eligible for a referral credit. To apply the credit, please provide the referring member's full name: _____ Equestrian NS# _____

Family Members List only those who wish to become Equestrian NS members. Description of a family membership can be found below.

Member's Name	Date of Birth	Relation to the person above	Gender Identity
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			

For additional "Family Members", please use a blank piece of paper.

Equestrian NS Membership (includes liability/AD&D insurance & Equestrian Canada Registered Participant Status)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$57.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership Available to spouses and/or their junior aged children born in 2006 or later. If the child is born in 2005 or before an individual membership is required by submitting a separate application. Spouses may include those who are co-habiting, but not married by law; legal guardian(s) of a junior aged member. <p style="text-align: right;">First two Family Members - \$89.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Additional Junior Members ___ x \$27.00</p>	

OPTIONAL INSURANCE PROGRAM Unless otherwise indicated, the purchased optional insurance will be applied to the primary member. Coverage Descriptions are found on page 3.

<input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 Optional Accidental Death & Dismemberment (ADD) with fracture & dental benefits	___ x \$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Horse Mortality Members Named Perils (MNP)	___ x \$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 Emergency Medical Surgical (must purchase MNP to be eligible)	___ x \$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 Emergency Stabling (must purchase MNP to be eligible)	___ x \$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Tack and Equipment	___ x \$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Accident Indemnity (WAI) – form must be completed (contact our office)	___ X \$200.00

Travel Coverage – out of province and country coverage options available **via Acera Insurance at 1-888-394-3330**

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS/MEMBERSHIPS

<input type="checkbox"/> Horse and Pony Magazine Subscription through our Affiliate Program (4 issues) <i>(Optional)</i>	\$13.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Horse Journal Magazine Subscription through Affiliate Program (4 issues) <i>(Optional)</i>	\$26.45

2024 Affiliate Club Memberships – See Page 2 for rates and details

Cape Breton Western Riders Assoc. (CBWR) CBWRA Show Package Yes No

Central Nova Horse and Pony Assoc. (CNHP) Horse Trials Nova Scotia (HTNS) NS Jumper Association (NSHJ)

CNHP MEMBER ONLY WAIVER –It is here recognized that all equestrian sports and activities involve inherent risk and that no helmet or protective equipment can protect against all foreseeable injuries. I hereby accept this risk and will not hold the Central Nova Horse and Pony Assoc. (CNHP), the competition, their officials, organizers, agents, employees, and their representatives responsible for any damage or injuries sustained to myself and/or my animal(s) while either attending a show or using the CNHP facilities.

Signature Acknowledging Waiver (Guardian if under 19): _____ Date: _____

TOTAL (include cc admin fee, if applicable):

PAYMENT TYPE: -Visa -MasterCard -Cheque -Money Order -Cash (in office only by appointment)

VISA/MASTERCARD PAYMENT INFORMATION: Credit Card Admin Fee **\$3.00** Total Credit Card Payment Enclosed: _____

Credit Cardholder Name:	Signature:
Credit Card #:	Expiry Date: Verification Code (located on back of card):

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CONSENT BY CHECKING APPLICABLE BOXES.

PRIVACY POLICY- We recognize the privacy of individuals with respect to their personal information and is committed to ensuring the privacy of its members.

We do not offer our mailing lists to any outside organizations. Information will be forwarded to the appropriate organization for optional programs i.e. optional insurance, magazine publishers or club memberships.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	CODE OF Ethics and Conduct	By making application to Equestrian NS, I agree to abide by all Policies, Rules and Regulations, and the Code of Conduct of Equestrian NS. Our Code of Ethics and Conduct can be found on the governance page of our website.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION CONSENT	I give my expressed consent to Equestrian NS to send me communications using my email addresses on file If you do not we may send you notice of Annual/Special General Meetings and membership renewals or information regarding your membership by email.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	PARENT/ GUARDIAN CONSENT	If one or more applicant(s) named in this application are under the age of 19 I DECLARE I am the parent or legal guardian for said minor applicant(s) and I hereby give my consent for the named minor applicant(s) to become a member of Equestrian NS.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MEDIA CONSENT	I give my expressed consent for Equestrian NS to use photos/media of myself/my family for promotional content, including, but limited to, social media, weekly e-news, and the Annual Equestrian NS Newsletter.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	VOLUNTEER	Please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities with Equestrian NS. (You are giving permission for Equestrian NS volunteers to contact you.)

On behalf of the Applicant(s), I, the undersigned, hereby declare the information provided in this application to be true and accurate and is endorsed by the Applicant. Falsifying information could possibly nullify insurance coverage.

PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT or PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN, if under 19	SIGNATURE REQUIRED APPLICANT or Parent/Legal Guardian, if under 19
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My reason for joining the Equestrian NS (check all that apply)	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
Program Participation/Enrollment (i.e. Learn to Ride/Drive)					
Competitive Athlete					
Para-Equestrian Athlete					
Coach/Trainer					
Official					
Requirement for EC Sport License					
Requirement of my Boarding Barn					
Requirement of my Coach					
Insurance Coverage					
Other: _____ (please specify)					
PRIMARY DISCIPLINE (please specify)					

HORSE OWNERSHIP INFORMATION # of Horses: _____ Breed: _____ Own Lease Board Elsewhere Own Stable/Farm

OPTIONAL DECLARATIONS – providing this information is voluntary and will be used to direct opportunities (program or funding) to identified members. **These statistics assist us with our government funding reporting (numbers only).**

Check any that apply:	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
Indigenous Descent	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Impairment Declaration – Physical, Hearing, Visual, Intellectual	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Citizenship – I am a Newcomer to Canada in the last three years	<input type="checkbox"/>				

INTEREST AREA(S) (check all that apply)	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
Breed Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Therapeutic Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Endurance/Competitive Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Trail Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Driving/Pleasure Driving	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Dressage	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Eventing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hack & Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation
Hunt Club/Field Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hunter/Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper				
General Performance	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Learn to Ride/Drive Levels	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western				
Reining	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Speed events (Barrels & Poles)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Team Penning & Cutting	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Assisted Equine Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/>				

INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION (check all that apply)

Breeder Breed: _____ Trainer Farrier Veterinarian Provide Lessons Own/Operate Boarding Facility Other: Please Specify

2024 AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBERSHIP RATES (subject to change)

We process memberships on behalf of clubs. Please enter the appropriate fee as outlined below, in the "Optional Club Membership" section under "Payment Details" on Page 1.

Cape Breton Western Riders (CBWR)	Before May 1 st : Individual Membership \$15.00	Before May 1 st : Family Membership \$30.00	After May 1 st : Individual Membership \$20.00	After May 1 st : Family Membership \$35.00
Central Nova Horse & Pony (CNHP)	Individual Membership: \$30.00	Family Membership: \$50.00		
Horse Trials Nova Scotia (HTNS)	Senior Individual \$25.00	Junior Individual \$20.00	Family Membership \$45.00	
Nova Scotia Hunter Jumper Association (NSHJ)	Membership \$15.00 (No family rate available – Multiply family members by \$15)			

INSURANCE COVERAGE DESCRIPTIONS

(Please keep a copy of this page for reference)

The Descriptions of coverage have been prepared for information purposes only. The insuring agreements, general terms, conditions and exclusions of the actual policy will govern specific application of the various coverages referred to herein. In all cases the actual policy documents will supersede these descriptions. Please be advised a nominal administrative fee is collected by Equestrian Nova Scotia for all optional insurance purchased.

The insurance coverage included and/or available as an option with your Equestrian Nova Scotia membership is provided to you by ACERA Insurance. Equestrian Nova Scotia is not licensed to sell or provide counsel on the insurance coverage. Please contact ACERA directly for any questions regarding coverage, limitations or exclusions at 1-888-394-3330 (Equine Department). Please view the Summary of Insurance at the following link on our website: equestriannovascotia.ca/Memberships-Insurance

AUTOMATIC INSURANCE PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

\$5,000,000 Personal Liability Insurance (\$1000 Property Damage Deductible)

Protects you, the member, if you are sued by a third party because a horse that you own or lease, ride or handle non-commercially, causes property damage or bodily injury to a third party. **Liability coverage is for non-commercial equine related activities. Some limitations and exclusions apply. Coverage is in force 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and covers the member (Canadian resident) anywhere in the world. (Exclusions apply for members who are non-Canadian residents).

\$40,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Coverage

Covering you, the member, should you suffer a catastrophic injury, dismemberment or death arising from equine related activities. (Under the age of 90 and only available to Canadian Residents)

OPTIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE DESCRIPTIONS (2024 only)

Optional Accidental Death & Dismemberment INCLUDES Fracture and Dental Benefits (ADD)

\$75,000 - Enhanced Accident, Death and Dismemberment for injuries sustained by you, the member related to horses, including coverage when you are enroute to and from an equine activity in a vehicle. This policy will pay regardless of any other insurance that may be in force at the time of the incident. *Enhanced AD&D is restricted to members who have not reached the age of 75 years.

Horse Mortality Members Named Perils

\$10,000 – Horse Mortality (Named Perils). Horse(s) you own are covered for death arising from Fire, lightning, transportation, earthquake or flood, attack by dogs or wild animals. Limit of \$10,000 any one loss and any one term. Includes compensation for government ordered destruction of horse. This policy must be purchased by the owner of the horse(s).

Emergency Life Saving Surgery (Add on to Members Named Perils)

\$2,500 Emergency Life Saving Surgery – This policy covers Emergency Life Saving Surgery *necessitated* by accident or sickness, including colic surgery and fracture surgery, to a maximum limit of \$2,500.00 for expenses incurred (\$250 deductible). PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT a life insurance policy; NO DEATH BENEFIT is payable under this policy. This policy is restricted to one claim per year and must be purchased by the member who is the owner of horse(s). **Horse Mortality Members Named Perils coverage must be purchased** in order to purchase this product.

Emergency Stabling (Add on to Members Named Perils)

\$5,000 Emergency Stabling Expense - **Must purchase the Horse Mortality Members Named Perils coverage** to be eligible to purchase this product. If fire, windstorm, collapse or disease makes that part of a building used for stabling the insured horse unusable or unsafe, this policy will insure the increased expense incurred to stable the insured horse at other premises for a maximum period of four months subject to a maximum limit of \$500 per month for any one insured horse and not more than \$5,000 in total, irrespective of the number of horses insured. In no event shall we pay more than the increased expense incurred by the member.

Tack and Equipment Coverage

\$10,000 – Tack and Equipment - Insurers tack and equipment from loss or damage anywhere in Continental US/Canada. Tack and horse equipment you own, excluding rider clothing and protective equipment is insured against loss or damage from "all risks". Limit of coverage is \$10,000 for any one loss, total limit per term. Losses subject to deductible of \$500.00

Travel (out of Province/Country) Coverage - Member Only

This insurance provides up to \$10,000,000 out of province and country coverage for medical treatments and/or hospitalization. A quote for your coverage policy may be obtained and purchased online at <https://shop.tuqo.com/store/INT001> The policy does not have an age restriction and can accommodate trips of any duration and frequency. You can now purchase a single trip policy or an annual policy to cover multiple trips at your discretion. All members must have a current membership.

Weekly Accident Indemnity (WAI) Please contact Equestrian NS for Eligibility Criteria and Form)

Provides **income replacement** in the event you are unable to work due to an accident. Coverage is in force 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week and includes (but is not limited to), injuries arising from an equine related incident. There is a 7-day waiting period. The policy will provide **up to \$500.00/week** in income replacement for **up to 26 weeks** (some restrictions apply). **The combined benefit from this policy and all other benefits available to you (WCB/WSIB/PPP/ Employer Group Programs, etc.) cannot exceed 75% of reported gross income to Canadian Revenue Agency in the most recent taxation year.**

To qualify for this special program and be eligible for benefits, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1) Be a resident of Canada.
- 2) Be a member in good standing of Equestrian Nova Scotia;
- 3) Be employed full-time (minimum of 25 hours a week with a single employer);
- 4) Be under the age of 70 years old; and
- 5) Filed an income tax return to Canada Revenue Agency in the most recent year.
- 6) **For additional paperwork, please contact Equestrian Nova Scotia prior to purchasing this product**

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