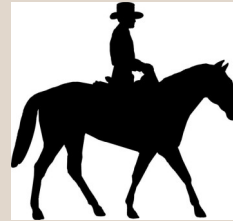


USC HORSES AT WORK 2024

Dressage Competitions



Canada Day July 1st

Natal Day August 7th

September 30th

Presented by: USC Horses At Work

registered with the Registry of Joint Stocks, Nova Scotia



EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA— SCOTIA SERIES COMPETITION





A warm welcome to returning exhibitors and those joining us for the first time!
 We hope that you will consider us in your planning for the upcoming season!

- Dogs are not allowed access to the venue. Many people and horses are not comfortable around dogs.
- “The office” will be at ringside.
- There will be no canteen or beverages available. Be prepared, bring your own food and beverages and you will be required to take your garbage with you when you leave.
- Portable Toilets, hand washing and sanitization stations will be available.
- There will be limited or no water tap available for horses so please remember to bring potable water.
- The stable area is not available to any persons or animals attending the competition.
- The sand ring and designated grass field area will be available for warmup.
- Anyone wishing to lunge must request permission from the event organizer and use designated area.
- Ample warm-up area away from spectators
- **All participants, regardless of discipline, must wear ASTM/SEI, or BSI/BS EN approved protective head-gear, with the safety harness correctly secured at all times while mounted anywhere on the show grounds.**
- As part of the preparation experience, riders are encouraged to ride in appropriate attire for their discipline. As a minimum, English riders may wear smooth leather half chaps with paddock boots. They may wear a conservative colored shirt or polo tucked in with sleeves and riding breeches. Western participants should wear appropriate dress as well.
- Participants are asked to be ready for their scheduled time.
- Test readers will not be provided by the organizer.
- Participants riding a test of choice (TOC) must indicate which test on their application form AND bring a blank copy for the clinician or competition judge. Free style tests are not an option.





Late entries will not be accepted day of competition.

THIS WILL BE STRICTLY INFORCED THIS YEAR.

Entries HAVE TO BE IN BY WEDNESDAY BEFORE!

In the event there are not sufficient entries in hand by the Wednesday preceding each competition, the event may be cancelled or modified.

The Horse/Rider fee will be considered as a deposit and is non-refundable unless a veterinary or medical certificate is provided.

Entries will be accepted online at nsef.horsesport.pro

Your entry will not be processed UNLESS a signed waiver accompanies the online entry in 2024!

NOTE that the waiver is emailed to your email as in the ENS membership database NOT as on the entry – check your junk/spam folders!

Ride times will be available the day before. All updates will be published on our Facebook page.

STABLING: There are a number of stables in the area who may be able to offer overnight accommodations. Please make your own arrangements with stable owners.

Mission:

- To provide a venue for riders and/or horses to gain experience and develop their abilities to excel in equestrian sport
- To create a safe and enjoyable experience for horses/riders/spectators
- To provide an opportunity for horses and riders to learn to train and compete

Participants, by entering the competition, agree to use prudent judgment and exhibit good sportsmanship. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience may result in being asked to leave the venue. The organizer retains the right of final decision without being liable for compensation or damage.

As an event organizer, an **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN** will be in place. We encourage participants to be aware of bio-security measures they can practice for the health of their horse.

Our venue retains liability coverage and demands the same from each participant at the Horses At Work Venue. All registrants must have the signature of the owner or authorized agent and a signature for the person responsible for the horse. Riders will not be allowed to participate without a signature from the person responsible. Junior participants (under the age of 19) must have permission to participate in the clinic as indicated by the signature of a parent or guardian.

USC Horses At Work, its Management, Organizing Committee, Officials, Volunteers or Staff are in no way responsible for accident, injury or damage to any rider, spectator, groom, attendant, trainer or other employee; or animals, nor theft, loss or damage to animals, vehicles or equipment.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: HORSESATWORK@GMAIL.COM





COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- *Equestrian Nova Scotia or PTSO membership is required to participate competition.*
- *All tests will be the most current versions available (2023 EC USEF)*
- *Scotia Series competitions are approved to offer up to Fourth Level*
- *Western Dressage Tests will be from the Western Dressage Association of Canada*
- *If competing in Para-Dressage, athletes do not need to be classified however, it is the responsibility of each competitor and coach to ensure all compensating aids used in competition are listed on the FEI Para-Dressage acceptable compensating aid list or have been documented correctly on their EC Classification Profile or Para-Dressage Dispensation Certificate.*
- *Horses may compete at any level up to a maximum of four tests for the day and no more than two consecutive levels. More than one rider may ride the same horse but not in the same class.*
- *Ribbons awarded to 5th place per level. Any horse receiving less than 50% is not eligible for ribbons, awards or prizes.*
- *If a test has sufficient entries of senior and junior entries, these may be split at the discretion of competition management.*
- *If only one horse in a class, than ribbons awarded on a percentage as follows: 1st—60% or higher, 2nd—57-59.9%, 3rd—54-56%, 4th—51-53.9%. Only four placings in this situation.*

Please note on your entry form that we now request the name of your Coach if you are using their services at the competition. If you do not, please indicate that you are self coached.

We also ask that you confirm your horse is up to date on vaccines for Equine Influenza and EHV 1-4. Please consult your veterinarian if you are not sure. **THIS IS NOT REQUIRED BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** Please practice Equine Bio-Security best practices whenever possible. Thank you!



Safe Sport standards are in place for officials, coaches, and persons responsible for junior-aged athletes at our Scotia Series competition. These are in place to meet federal and provincial government requirements and most importantly, so that everyone has the right to feel safe and to participate in an accessible and inclusive sport environment. Please ensure that you meet the Equestrian NS Board-Approved standards prior to coming to our competition. Details and support can be found at:

equestriannovascotia.ca/Scotia-Series



DIRECTIONS:

FROM HALIFAX, TAKE EXIT 5(MARTOCK), TURN RIGHT ONTO ROUTE 14 TOWARDS BROOKLYN, APPROX 4KM), IMMEDIATE TURN RIGHT ON TO WENTWORTH ROAD, FIRST ROAD ON LEFT - OLD CEMETERY ROAD-YOU WILL SEE THE SHOW SITE ON YOUR RIGHT!



Please note:

1. In case of a rider or horse fall, riders are to leave the ring unmounted.
2. Any rider that may in the opinion of the judge and/or management be considered riding at risk of injury to themselves or their horse will be asked to withdraw for the balance of the clinic.
3. The welfare of the horse is paramount in our sport therefore the judge and/or management reserves the right to ask a horse to retire, in the event that it appears that it would not be productive for the horse to continue. This may be due to heat, unsoundness, or distress of the horse.

Links of Interest:

Equestrian Canada Dressage Tests

<https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/dressage/tests>

Equestrian Canada Para-Equestrian Tests

<https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/para-equestrian/tests>

Equestrian Canada Eventing Omnibus

<https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/eventing/tests>

Western Style Dressage Association of Canada

www.westernstyledressage.ca/rules-tests-1.html

FEI Dressage

<http://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests>

NOTES:



2024 Scotia Series Provincial Championships



October 10-14, 2024

**Hants County
Exhibition Grounds**

