2026 Scotia Series Provincial Championships

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Provincial Championships #1 (PC1) – Saturday, September 19th
(Rain Date September 20th)
Dressage & I Can Event Divisions

Horses At Work, 44 Old Cemetery Road, Upper Sweets Corner (near Windsor), Nova Scotia

Competition Officials:

Sharron Piazza – Dressage Judge and ICE Dressage judge
Susan Fraser – ICE Jump Judge
Danielle Semel -Course Designer
Marina Crowell – Course Builder
Sandra Conrad – Safety and Welfare Officer

Provincial Championships #2 (PC2) – Saturday, October 3rd & Sunday, October 4th
Driving, Hunter, Jumper, English Flat, Showmanship, Western Performance Divisions

Hants County Exhibition Grounds, 221 Wentworth Rd, Windsor, Nova Scotia

Competition Officials:

Marion Crosby – Driving, Western Performance, Showmanship Judge
Susan Legge – Hunter, Jumper, English Flat Judge
Marina Crowell – Course Designer/Builder
Sandra Conrad – Safety and Welfare Officer

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(variable hours, please text or leave a message and she will respond during her work hours)
During Event - Staff cell: 902-225-1718

1. **Entry Details**: Qualified entries are invited to the Scotia Series Provincial Championships as determined by the eligibility and qualification standards found in the 2026 Scotia Series Rulebook. Divisions may be cancelled due to insufficient number of registered/qualified athletes.

Scotia Series Provincial Championships Divisions include:

Arena Driving Trials – Horse, Pony, VSE*	Para Dressage Open	Senior English Flat Division
Pleasure Driving - Horse, Pony, VSE* **	2'6" Hunter Open***	0.85 Jumper Open***
Western Dressage Open	2'9" Hunter Open***	0.90 Jumper Open***
Training Level Dressage Open	3'0" Hunter Open***	1.0 Jumper Open***
First Level Dressage Open	ICE 75***	Junior Western Performance Division
Second Level Dressage Open	ICE 85***	Senior Western Performance Division
Third Level Dressage Open	ICE 90 ***	Showmanship Junior
Fourth Level Dressage Open	Junior English Flat Division	Showmanship Senior

*__May__ be combined depending on the number of qualified/attending athletes. When combined, VSEs would likely be physically separated in rail classes but not placed separately.
** The Pleasure Driving Divisions will consist of Turnout, Reinsmanship, and Obstacles.
*** ***May*** be combined depending on the number of qualified/attending athletes. When combined, athletes will compete at the height for which they qualified.

Athletes will enter online at nsef.horsesport.pro. Payment can be made through the Credit Card/Visa-Debit Payment section on the on-line waiver or by phoning the ENS Office.

***Entry Deadline with payment for Provincial Championships #1 (PC1) is* 10:00am Monday, September 14th, 2026.**
***Entry Deadline with payment for Provincial Championships #2 (PC2) is* 10:00am Friday, September 25th, 2026.**

2. A competitor is considered a **junior athlete** if they were 18 or younger as of January 1st, 2026.

3. **Before unloading/loading your equine, all athletes must check-in/check-out at the competition office.**

4. **Entry numbers must be always worn and visible whenever the horse is outside the stall area, including in the barn, the warm-up areas, and in the competition ring.**

5. **Protective Headgear: All Competitors (including Seniors in all classes) must wear *ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear (or other FEI approved protective headgear) with the safety harness correctly always secured while mounted or driving at the competition or anywhere on the competition grounds.***

6. **Photo Acknowledgement, Entry Information, and Waivers:** These documents are available to sign online at nsef.horsesport.pro - if you have any problems signing online, please contact the ENS Office.

7. **Safe Sport:** In today's sport environment, all sports are mandated to meet Safe Sport Standards set by the Provincial and Federal Governments. In addition**, it is our collective responsibility to *create*, *foster* and *preserve sport environments* that ensure positive, healthy and fulfilling experiences for all individuals**. In doing our part, it is ***mandatory*** for all officials and coaches at Scotia Series Competition(s) to be Safe Sport Compliant. Coach Compliance will be verified upon entry in our competition management system. *The term "Coach" refers to all individuals who provide instruction to human participants for the purpose of learning to ride/drive and/or improving their skills and performance level in equestrian activity. It is inclusive of individuals who identify themselves as coaches, instructors, and/or trainers of human athletes.* If a junior athlete attends a competition without a coach, the person responsible (i.e. parent/guardian) for the athlete is subject to the same Safe Sport training requirements (Safe Sport and Concussion modules as outlined) that their coach would be should they have one. However, they are not required to complete the screening check. The coach or person responsible for the junior athlete is required to complete the minimum standards to ensure the individual responsible for the junior athlete has safe sport training. A self-coached adult athlete is strongly encouraged to complete the Safe Sport Training requirements (Safe Sport and Concussion modules) though this is not a mandatory requirement for 2026. For more information about mandatory requirements please see: equestriannovascotia.ca/safesport

8. **Fees:**

Admin Fee	$25.00 per Horse/Athlete Combination
Division Fee	$50.00/Division
Overnight Stall Fee - **PC2 only (Hants County)**	$40.00 per night
Day Stall Fee – same-day arrival and departure - **PC2 only (Hants County)**	$25.00/day
Stake Class Fees (**PC2 only – Hants County)**	$30.00/Class
Hors Concours Class (Dressage National Championship Qualifiers only) **(PC1 only - Horses at Work only)**	Please contact Sheila at the office

Refunds: Entries with vet certificate will be refunded their division and stall fees, if applicable. Admin fee will not be refunded.

9. **Deadlines:**
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10. **Stalls:**
Provincial Championships #1 – Horses at Work
As this is an outdoor venue, your trailer will be used to manage your horse. Athletes who require an overnight stall can make private arrangements for stalls with a stable of their choosing. Debbie Murphy in Hantsport has some stalls available for rent. Please contact her directly to make arrangements **spottedbrownhorse@gmail.com or** 902-476-6106. Hants County Exhibition is being held on this weekend so stabling is not an option.
Provincial Championships #2 Hants County Exhibition Grounds
Both overnight and day-use stalls will be available starting on Friday evening. Rates are found in the Fees schedule.
- Users must bring their own bedding and hay/feed.
- Stalls must be fully cleaned before athletes check out. Uncleaned stalls will incur a $100 cleaning fee added to your membership account.
- Arrival and Departure times will be restricted based on competition schedule. More information will be sent to registered athletes. If you require a special arrangement for arrival or departure, please contact the ENS office.

- Horses must be off property by Sunday 45 minutes after final medal presentation.
- Changing assigned stalls may only be done so with permission of the organizing committee.
- Smoking/vaping and/or alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited in stable areas.
- Smoking is only permitted in designated smoking areas.
- Security will be on site Friday and/or Saturday nights, based on overnight stall bookings – athletes will be notified of access times.
- Emergency information must be recorded and visible on the stall card.

PLEASE NOTE: ***Entry numbers must be worn and visible whenever the horse is outside the trailer/stall area, including in the barn, the warm-up areas, and in the competition ring.***

11. **Bio-security:** to minimize the risk of disease, p**lease follow the basic principles before, during and after your competition.**
Before you leave:
Maintain current vaccinations on all horses
Observe good hygiene around horses especially after handling other people's horses
Wash hands with soap and water, or use disinfectant hand solution after handling horses, especially after contact with the mouth or nose
Consciously monitor your horse's health; especially in the 3-5 days leading up to and following an event:
– Check horses are eating and drinking normally
– Check for any change in behavior
– Check for any unusual nasal discharge
– Check for any coughing
– Check for any signs of discomfort or unusual stance or weight shifting
– Check for any signs of swelling or lameness
– Check your horse's temperature for 3 days before and following an event (a horse's normal temperature at rest is between 37 and 38.5 degrees Celsius)
Wash your horse and horse trailer prior to departing
Assemble and carry a mobile biosecurity kit including disinfectant
At the event:
Check your horse's temperature twice a day
Do not share feed or water containers
Do not use communal water troughs
Only share cleaned and disinfected tack and equipment
Sanitize your assigned stall prior to bringing your horse in
If stables are full, assess the risk from nose-to-nose contact with horses from other locations, and consider placing tarps or other physical barriers to prevent contact
If your horse develops a fever or signs of illness, contact a veterinarian and event official immediately.

12. **Competition Office: PC1 –** our office will be on main level of the "tiki hut" building close to the hunter/jumper ring. **PC2 –** our office will be in the main arena near the in-gate, up the stairs. Please exercise caution when coming and going to the office area.
Only the athlete (or one adult support person for junior athlete) or their named coach will be permitted in the competition office.

    The office schedule will be posted and communicated to athletes. The office will close 45 minutes after the last class or medal presentation and will be closed during medal presentations.

13. **Inappropriate Behavior:** Abuse against any official, athlete, coach, volunteer, or Equestrian NS staff will not be tolerated. Anyone who exhibits such behavior may be asked to leave the event or be disqualified from Championship awards. Further action based on safe sport policies may be taken.

14. **Warm-Up**: **Entry numbers must be always worn and visible the warm-up area.**
Warm up times will be communicated to athletes and their coaches. The warm-up ring will open approximately one (1) hour before the start of classes and will close 30 minutes after the last class. Warming up outside of scheduled times is not permitted.

15. **Lunging:** Lunging (unmounted) and work-in-hand will be available in the warm-up ring by the athlete, owner, coach, groom or Person Responsible at separate times than the regular warm up. The schedule will be posted. Exhibitor numbers must be worn and visible while lunging.

16. **Class Descriptions & Rules**: Classes will follow the descriptions/rules in the 2026 Scotia Series Rulebooks with the following clarifications:
-English Equitation on the Flat – will be run as a rail class, with up to the top-4 athletes selected to perform individual tests.
-Hunter Over Fences: Striding will NOT be adjusted at each height for small/medium/large pony entries.

-ICE Dressage: Athletes will test the highest difficulty test of the level for which they have qualified i.e. ICE85 athletes will test with EV85 Test 2
-Dressage: Athletes will test riding the two highest difficulty tests of their level i.e. Test 2 and Test 3 or Test B and Test C

17. **NEW FOR 2026 - Stake and Hors Concours Classes:**
Stake Classes: offered at PC2 only (Hants County) - additional class for those athletes who are competing at Provincial Championships A minimum of 6 athletes is required to hold each class. Prize pay-out to 6th place - $50, $30, $20, $15, $10, $5. We reserve the right to limit participation based on the number of classes entered in a day. Please sign up for this class during your entry walkthrough.

Hors Concours Classes: offered at PC1 only (Horses at Work) open to members who have declared for the 2026 National Dressage Championships to support competition preparation in an outdoor ring environment. Theses classes will be held at the end of the regularly scheduled dressage divisions. Athletes may ride up to two tests/horse.

18. **Schooling: available free of charge as outlined below:**
- The main arena will be available for schooling as per the tentative schedule.
- One schooling time slot per athlete/horse combination. Combinations in both flat & jump divisions may be given one per division.
- Athletes must sign up for schooling when you enter the event through nsef.horsesport.pro
- All schooling will be set up in the online portal as a class for which you can select during the walkthrough. No placings or ribbons.
- Scheduled times will be available on the on-line portal at 8:00pm the day prior.
- ICE athletes can sign up for 1 dressage and 1 over-fences schooling round.
- For the Hunter and Jumper Divisions, all over-fences' divisions will offer an Open Schooling Card, one per athlete/horse combination.
- Driving and English Flat athletes will have a group schooling time with a maximum of 12 in the ring. Sign up is available through the online entry walkthrough.

19. **On the Grounds**:
- On-call Farrier and Vet– fees for the use of these professionals will be the responsibility of the competitor. Information will be posted in the competition office.
- Provincial Championships #1 - dogs are not permitted on the grounds.
- Provincial Championships #2 - If you must bring your dog, they must always be on leash and under control. You must clean up after them. They are not permitted inside buildings. Dogs are not permitted ringside.
- Camping spaces for **PC2 Hants County** are available for rent on the competition grounds through the Hants County Exhibition office. Please call to book your site at 902-798-0000.

Please note: Entry numbers must be always worn and visible whenever the horse is outside the stall area, including in the barn, the warm-up areas, and in the competition ring.

20. **Photography:** More information about photographers at the venue will be available closer to the competition

21. **General Information**
Class Awards: Ribbons to 6th Place to be awarded in the ring at the end of class (some exceptions may apply and will be outlined in the competition schedule i.e. Dressage).
Division Awards: Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals
Medal Presentations: Presented at the podium area for the human athlete.
Award Calculations: Provincial Championships will award bronze, silver, and gold medals based on the athlete's performance at the championships (using points system below). In the event of a tie, tiebreakers will be determined by discipline-specific rules as outlined below.

Points table: All Divisions

Placing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	No Placing/ DQ/Eliminated
	6pts X the # of athletes in the class	5pts X the # of athletes in the class	4pts X the # of athletes in the class	3pts X the # of athletes in the class	2pts X the # of athletes in the class	1pt X the # of athletes in the class	0

When there is only 1 Dressage athlete competing in a division, their medal placing will be determined by their average score				
Score Required	Gold: 60% or higher	Silver: 57-59.9%	Bronze: 54-56.9%	No Medal: 53.9% or less

Division Point Tabulation:
- Hunter Division - all three classes (Over Fences 1, Over Fences 2, and Under Saddle) will count towards the division standings.
- Jumper Division - all classes will count towards medals (Welcome and Speed).
- English Flat - all three classes (English Pleasure, Road Hack, and Equitation on the Flat) will count towards the division standings.
- Arena Driving Trials – all three classes (Cones, Marathon, Dressage) will be placed separately and count towards division standings.
- Pleasure Driving – all three classes (Turnout, Reinsmanship, Obstacles) will count towards division standings.

Division Point Tabulation continued…

- ICE – The combined penalty points from both the Dressage and Jumping+ class will be used to calculate standings. Competitors will be placed based on the lowest number of penalty points.
- Dressage – If there are more than 1 athlete in the division, the placings for each test will be converted to points and count towards the division standings. If there is 1 athlete in the division, placing and medals will be calculated according to the chart above.

Tie Breakers:

Arena Trials

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

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

Driving:

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

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

Dressage:

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

1) The athlete with greatest number of 1st placing's, if still tied;
2) The athlete with the highest score, if still tied;
3) The athlete with the highest total collective marks

ICE:

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

1) The athlete with the lower penalty points in the Jumping+ class, if still tied;
2) The athlete with the lower penalty points in the Dressage class, if still tied;
3) The athlete with the highest total collective marks

Hunter:

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

1) The athlete with greatest number of 1st placing's, if still tied;
2) The athlete with the higher point total in the over fences classes, if still tied;
3) The athlete with the highest placing in Over Fences #1;

Jumper:

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

1) The athlete with greatest number of 1st placing's, if still tied;
2) The athlete with the fewest faults through the classes, if still tied;
3) The athlete with the highest placing in the Welcome class.

English Flat:

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

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

22. **The Scotia Cup:** In addition to individual medals, we are awarding the top District with the Scotia Cup! This perpetual trophy will be awarded at our Annual Awards Reception in November to the top district based on Provincial Championships results from both Championship weekends. Points awarded to each district throughout the championship will be taken from athletes' results, creating a true team award!
    Scotia Cup Points Tabulation – all division results will be converted into points using the Points Table below, then averaged and tallied. At the conclusion of both Championships, the district with the highest total points across all divisions will win the Scotia Cup!

SCOTIA CUP TABULATION Points Table

Placing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	No Placing/ DQ/Eliminated
	6pts X the # of athletes in the class	5pts X the # of athletes in the class	4pts X the # of athletes in the class	3pts X the # of athletes in the class	2pts X the # of athletes in the class	1pt X the # of athletes in the class	0

Tentative Schedule:

- Breaks are approximate and based on maximum number of athletes participating.
- Orders of Go will be available on **nsef.horsesport.pro** by 8:00pm on the day prior to the competition.
- Classes may run late but will not run more than a half hour early unless competitors are notified.

PC 1 - Horses at Work	PC 2 - Hants County Exhibition Grounds		
Saturday, September 19th - 9:00 a.m. start	**Saturday October 3rd - 8:30 am start**		**Sunday, October,4th - 8:30 am start**
Dressage Schooling	Jumper 0.85m Schooling	Saturday Continued.....	***Arena Open for Western Performance Schooling***
ICE75 Dressage	Jumper 0.85m – Welcome	Hunter 3'0" – Over Fences #2	Western Performance Division
Western Dressage - Test of Choice 1	Jumper 0.85m – Speed	Hunter 3'0" – Stake Class	WP Trail
ICE85 Dressage	Jumper 0.85m – Stake Class	Hunter 3'0" – Under Saddle	WP Horsemanship
Dressage - Second Level - Test 2	Jumper 0.9m Schooling	***Hunter Medal Presentation***	***Arena Open for Driving schooling***
Dressage - Third Level - Test 2	Jumper 0.9m – Welcome	***Arena open for Showmanship Schooling***	*Pleasure Driving – VSE/Horse/Pony – Turnout
Dressage - Fourth Level - Test 2	Jumper 0.9m – Speed	Showmanship #1	WP Ranch Pleasure
ICE90 Dressage	Jumper 0.9m – Stake Class	Showmanship #2	*Pleasure Driving – VSE/Horse/Pony – Reinsmanship
Dressage - Training Level - Test 2	Jumper 1.0m Schooling	Showmanship Stake Class	WP Western Pleasure
Dressage - First Level - Test 2	Jumper 1.0m – Welcome	***Showmanship Medal Presentations***	*Pleasure Driving – VSE/Horse/Pony – Obstacles
Western Dressage - Test of Choice 2	Jumper 1.0m – Speed	***Arena open for English Flat schooling***	WP Reining
Dressage - Second Level - Test 3	Jumper 1.0m – Stake Class	English Flat Junior – English Pleasure	WP Western Pleasure Stake Class
Dressage - Third Level - Test 3	***Jumper Medal Presentations***	English Flat Senior – English Pleasure	*Pleasure Driving – VSE/Horse/Pony – Working Stake Class
Dressage - Fourth Level - Test 3	Hunter 2'6" Schooling	English Flat Junior – Road Hack	
Dressage - Training Level - Test 3	Hunter 2'6" – Over Fences #1	English Flat Senior – Road Hack	***Western Performance and Pleasure Driving Medal Presentation***
Dressage - First Level - Test 3	Hunter 2'6" – Over Fences #2	English Flat Junior – Equitation on the Flat	
Hors Concours - 2 Classes	Hunter 2'6" – Stake Class	English Flat Senior – Equitation on the Flat	**Final Schedule will be posted in our online competition management system**
ICE JUMPER Classes to begin approximately 30 minutes after end of ICE90 Dressage Class	Hunter 2'6" – Under Saddle	English Equitation Stake Class (Jr. and Sr.)	
	Hunter 2'9" Schooling	***English Flat Medal Presentations***	**nsef.horsesport.pro**
ICE75 Schooling	Hunter 2'9" – Over Fences #1	*Arena Open for Driving schooling*	
ICE75 Class	Hunter 2'9" – Over Fences #2	Driving Trials – Dressage	
ICE85 Schooling	Hunter 2'9" – Stake Class	Driving Trials – Cones	
ICE85 Class	Hunter 2'9" – Under Saddle	Driving Trials – Marathon	
ICE90 Schooling	Hunter 3'0" Schooling	Driving Trials – Cones Stake class	
ICE90 Class	Hunter 3'0" – Over Fences #1	***Driving Trials Medal Presentations***	
ICE and Dressage Medal Presentation			

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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

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