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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have had quite the year. 2020 has been one to challenge us all!

The last 7 months have been a hardship for most and I couldn't be more proud of our equestrian community. Whether it was through online learning or adapting to our new competition protocols, we took these changes in stride. Our hard work demonstrates how resilient our community is.



We banded together to support each other during unprecedented times; took the care and safety of our equine partners into consideration and worked with NSEF staff, EC, our Government and Health leaders to develop best practices to return to activities like lessons and clinics, and eventually competitions.

As we continue to round out the season, the pandemic restrictions ease and businesses continue to open, be safe, remain diligent in your safety and wear your masks!

Thank you to our Staff, Board of Directors, coaches and organizers who all collaborated in order to make our return to sport safe and enjoyable.

FROM THE ED'S DESK

As we settle in to the final few months of a year like no other, our team is directing its focus on planning and preparing for innovative and creative ways to provide you with the best services and programs we can offer. As we adjust to working from home and the office, we are driving our 2020/21 Strategic Vision plan forward as a means to creating efficiency and generating new programs - focusing on new membership initiatives.



As you read through this newsletter and our Annual Report, please take note of the programs and services we offered and the efforts put forth by our hard working staff and committees, led by our volunteer directors and chairs, especially under this current situation. My sincere gratitude is extended to all of you who have embraced this new normal and are building a stronger, more resilient equestrian community!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, Sheila and Meredith for the amazing contribution they make to the NSEF. We all take great pride in what we do and we always strive to provide the best quality programs and services to you, our member. Our NSEF Board, especially President Valerie McDermott, deserves special recognition for its direction and support throughout the year. Have a great fall and I look forward to serving you in 2021.

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Something for Everyone

One unique feature of equestrian sport is that everyone of all ages can enjoy many of our programs including Learn to Ride/Drive, Long Term Equestrian Development (LTED) Bursary Program, and the Ride & Drive Rewards Program. Although P'tit Trot and our newest introductory program, Rookie Riders is geared toward the younger horse lover, we welcome you to give it a try! If you have any questions regarding these or any of our other programs, check out our website:

horsenovascotia.ca/programs

Membership has its Benefits

In addition to an exceptional insurance benefits package, there are many benefits for which you can take advantage throughout the calendar year. For example, we offer funding and fundraising initiatives for individual members and clubs; online seminars, educational resources and courses; magazine discounts; EC registered participant status; optional insurance coverage for both you and your horse, just to name a few. Visit our website's membership page for more information for our benefits and services.



horsenovascotia.ca/membership

Members Recognized at Support4Sport Awards

We would like to acknowledge the tremendous accomplishments of our community's Support4Sport award recipients. The following individuals were recognized this year:

- Ariel Boesener - Junior Female Athlete of the Year
- Angie Holt - Coach of the Year
- ScrapCo Atlantic - Corporate Sponsor of the Year
- Courtney Thomas - Senior Female Athlete of the Year
- Matthew McArthur - Senior Male Athlete of the Year
- Alexandra Beaton - Volunteer of the Year

Opportunities for Member Clubs

Many organizations have been financially impacted by Covid-19 this year. We recognize that it can be difficult to bounce back from financial loss and wanted to take the opportunity to discuss benefits to Club Membership.

Our member clubs may have opportunities for COVID specific funding. (Watch for member club emails for notices of any opportunities.)

The Sport Fund Grant is available to support participation initiatives and equipment projects. There are six application deadlines each year, on February 15th, April 15th, June 15th, August 15th, October 15th, and December 15th (subject to change).

Need handouts or other printing done? Contact NSEF with the details and we can get a quote for printing at cost rates. Need posters or newsletters designed? We have access to some graphic design opportunities at cost.

Do you have any upcoming events? Email details to Meredith and she will post them on our calendar of events.

For more information on club membership benefits, check out horsenovascotia.ca/Membership-Benefits

Foundations Judge Course Goes Virtual

The recruitment and training of officials is vital to the sustainability of our sport, especially at the entry level. As such, we have invested in creating a dynamic officials training program to build a repository of trained NS officials for Scotia Series competitions. By offering training and professional development opportunities to interested candidates, our provincial level competitions will be further enhanced by qualified officials. Our first phase is the training of Scotia Series Foundations Judges. The pathway for certification will evolve to reflect these developments. Our aim is to build on its capacity and to have ample, qualified Foundation and Discipline Specific Judges available for Scotia Series competitions by 2021.

We would like to thank the many officials who contributed to the course materials, especially Roz Moskovits, who developed the online course modules and hosted the initial virtual course this summer. Roz took information and feedback from over a dozen industry professionals to create the program material for the course. The NSEF Competition Committee met and communicated virtually to develop the criteria for the Foundations Judge Recognition. Their input is appreciated. The NSEF Officials repository will be linked to our new online competition management system - making it easier to find trained officials.



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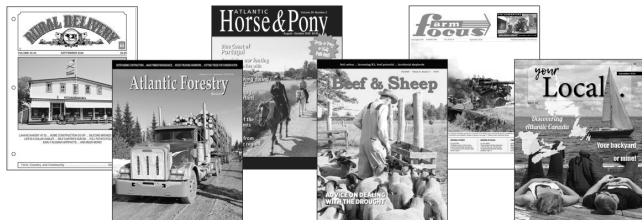
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Covid-19 and Insurance

with CapriCMW's Mike King

What a year! What have we learned?

I have no doubt that the reader is well aware of the exceptional year 2020 was and how COVID-19 has shaped every aspect of our lives, including life with horses.



As the risk management and insurance partner of NSEF, I have had the privilege of speaking to many members over the last several months and look forward to more conversations as we all move forward into 2021 navigating the challenges of living with the "new normal".

Over the last months, insurers around the world have learned some hard lessons about coverages they can provide to consumers and for many; those lessons have translated (or will translate soon) into premium and coverage adjustments and new exclusions that will change the landscape. For those in the horse industry, we have already seen carriers add COVID /pandemic/disease related exclusions, which will affect many business operators – all of whom will now have to carefully consider their risk management strategy that may or may not include an insurance policy. For our valued clients, we are ready to help in that risk management planning process to reduce risk with practical solutions.

NSEF continues to assist the community by offering general best practice guidance that considers the overall health and welfare of everyone involved – including the horse. If there was ever a year where there was extraordinary value in membership in NSEF, 2021 is definitely it. If you haven't already done so... JOIN! Then tell a friend to do the same. It's important.

Coach Readiness Opportunities Key to Success

On March 8th, we held a day-long Coach Readiness Session at the Halifax Lancers in Halifax. Ruth Allum, High Performance Coach and Learning Facilitator, provided candidates and mentor coaches with information to gain a better understanding of the coach certification process. The morning was spent in the classroom discussing coach certification prerequisites, Long Term Equestrian Development (LTED), and evaluation day expectations. Participants were wonderful with their participation and questions. The afternoon gave some candidates a chance to practice teach. All candidates/mentors had an interactive opportunity to learn in a respectful environment. Thank you to the many demonstration athletes, the facility staff, and the participants of the clinic.

A second clinic was in the works for later in the spring in the Eastern part of the province. It was unfortunately postponed due to COVID but that didn't stop us from connecting with candidates. We look forward to rescheduling the in-person clinic in 2021. We scheduled a few Coach Readiness Part 1 clinics where we discussed the morning topics from the in-person event, focusing on areas of achievement during Covid-19 restrictions. We look forward to hosting more of these virtual sessions later this year.

Interested in Coach Certification? Here are the first three steps: Send an email to Sheila or Meredith telling us you are interested in being a candidate as well as if you interested in Drive, English, or Western. Check out <http://horsenovascotia.ca/How-Do-I-Become-Certified> for more information on the prerequisites, rubrics, and expectations. Submit completed prerequisites as soon as possible to the office. Keep an eye on our calendar of events and e-newsletters for future Coach Readiness Sessions.

New Athlete Program Geared Towards Performance

In partnership with the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic (CSCA) and Sport Nova Scotia's Support4Sport Program, we are pleased to be able to provide support to our athletes with our new Athlete Performance Program. This program serves as an investment in athletes who achieve significant and notable performance results by providing integrated and sport science opportunities, training camps and discipline specific technical support. Qualification criteria has been developed based on the growth of our athlete programs over the past several years. Applications were due in the spring of 2020 for the 2020/2021 program year. Now that return to sport protocols are in place, we are working with our partners to plan for the postponed training camps for our 12 performance athletes.

A successful and well attended athlete training camp was held on March 7th, along with a virtual nutrition session in April. The training camp involved mental skills session and fitness testing with our CSCA partners as well as two sessions with Ruth Allum. Ruth is a highly-respected EC High Performance Coach, Learning Facilitator, and Master Coach Developer. Ruth engaged athletes in a session on Equine Conditioning and Yearly Training Plans. She covered the topics with fun and knowledge which athletes from a variety of disciplines appreciated.



January 2020 Athlete Training Camp

Events and Competitions Return Safely

Equestrian events and competitions were thrown a curve ball this year in the form of the Covid-19 pandemic. After a late start to the equestrian season, organizers and NSEF staff worked hard in order to provide a safe environment for all event attendees.

New regulations set in place include physical distancing, limited numbers of attendees, sanitation, personal NS protective precautions, and ongoing communication between attendees and event organizers. We made several forms available for organization's use, including facility and participant waiver forms, event declaration forms, and signage.

We are grateful for the willingness of the equestrian community to make adjustments for safe return to sport in our province. As we continue to navigate through these times together, it is important to adapt and evolve along with changes. If you or your club needs support or guidance, reach out to us, as we may have resources to assist you.



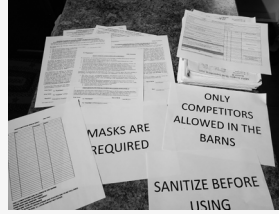
From the Eyes of a Competitor

When asked about her experience with the 2020 competition season, Maya Groves (pictured left) said "I am very grateful to Jill Barker and her Horses at Work team for offering competitions this summer and allowing me to achieve my season goal of competing in the 1 metre division".

Thoughts from Organizers

Initially, some organizers throughout the province were a little overwhelmed with the thought of running an event and meeting the government requirements. With changes to the return to sport guidelines allowing for higher gathering limits, some organizers felt it was possible to host clinics or competitions safely.

"We all need to work together, if we want to all race together", stated Cindy Wamboldt from the Maritime Barrel Racing Association (MBRA). Work together, they did! Volunteers ensured communication and paperwork for their event was managed; competitors were informed of protocols, leading to successful events throughout the summer.



Mary-Clare McLaren, from Horses at Work, added "The support from our own volunteer group, as well as other friends stepping up to help turned competition season into a manageable and positive experience. The willingness of competitors to comply with COVID protocols was first class and all involved enjoyed the opportunity to not only travel to a venue to compete but to socialize with fellow members of our equestrian community!"

We are pleased to be able to support organizers with information, being an advocate for our sport to Sport Nova Scotia and the NS Government, and provide resources for our events. Check out our resources at horsenovascotia.ca/Health-and-Welfare-Resources if you are looking to host an event.

"Thank you to the NSEF for developing protocols that enabled our sport to be one of the first to return to sport and then to competition. We also appreciated all the support the NSEF provided – signage, fee waiver, and more." said McLaren



With protocols in place the MBRA held several events and Wamboldt said "It was great to be back; to see those we haven't seen since last year."

Competition Management System Set for 2021 Release

We are excited to announce the launch of a new competition management system in time for 2021 competitions. Over the course of the last few months, we have been working on this project.

This new system will allow organizers to manage entries, input entries directly into the system, produce invoices, verify memberships, enter results, and much more.

Don't worry, no need to remember additional usernames & passwords. The system uses the same username and password as your NSEF online account. Owners will be able to add horse information into their NSEF online account, reducing entry workload.

Time-Saver for Scotia Series Competition Organizers & Athletes

The new system is designed to refine the Scotia Series sanctioning process, making it more seamless for both NSEF staff and competition organizers. This online database allows competition managers to submit their Scotia Series competition information directly to the system for approval.

Because results are part of the management system they will connect to the NSEF results system saving organizers time. This also means results should be available faster for public viewing by athletes. Having the horses linked to owners in the system will also help to reduce potential errors in Scotia Series Results.

Testing the system & Thoughts from Beta Testers

Beta testers have been working with the NSEF to test the new competition management system and identify any concerns or potential changes. We continue to work on the system and ready it for a launch in 2021. Once ready, we will make demos available for users and the NSEF will reach out to Scotia Series competition organizers to discuss the system.

Mary-Clare McLaren, who beta tested the earlier version of the system, had this to say, "Horses At Work is looking forward to the NSEF Competition Software! Although a beta version came out earlier, it is being revamped based on suggestions. An opportunity to give the system a further test this fall means it will be competition ready for 2021! This program should be a tremendous time saver with it's integration to the NSEF membership data to verify information, and will save competition secretaries and the NSEF staff a lot of time with regards to the submission of results, award tabulations and more. This service to competitions will also be a financial saving to organizers, many who normally lease software each season. Can't wait!"



To follow Covid-19 protocols and reduce the risk of physical ribbons, NSEF Membership/Communications Coordinator Meredith Murray designed virtual Scotia Series ribbons to test with the System.

A Special "Shout Out" to Bursary Recipients

To help support our members of all disciplines, we created a **Long Term Equestrian Development Bursary Program** from which bursaries will be awarded annually to those individuals who best demonstrate their continuing commitment towards skill development. Four awards of \$250.00 each were given out to active NSEF members who exemplified a commitment to personal Long Term Equestrian Development (LTED). Our 2020 LTED Bursary recipients are:



Alinta MacLeod



Aminata Karakach



Kim Beaton



Sarah Ladd

The **NSEF Educational Bursary Program** is a financial bursary awarded to NSEF members attending a post-secondary educational institution. Awards of \$500.00 each were given out to six young, hardworking NSEF members. Many thanks to all who applied. Re-apply next year if you haven't received the bursary. Our 2020 Educational Bursary Winners were:



Alex Van de Sande, hailing from Antigonish, will begin her studies at Dalhousie University this fall. Alex is working towards a Bachelor of Science (Bio-veterinary Science).

Avery McLean, who calls Bedford home, will be attending Dalhousie University this fall. Avery is studying Kinesiology.



Gracie Walker, a resident of Halifax is attending the University of Waterloo. She aspires to be a veterinarian, and volunteers at a small animal hospital in Waterloo.



Katarzyna Farrell, from Sydney will be attending Dalhousie University this fall. Katarzyna will be working towards a Bachelor of Medical Science.

Robin Gorveatte of Dartmouth begins her studies at Mount Saint Vincent University this fall. She will begin her journey toward a Bachelor of Science (Biology)

Sydney native **Shann Cox** is attending Cape Breton University this fall. Shann is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science Program.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, October 25th, 2020
Brightwood Golf & Country Club, 227 School St, Dartmouth, NS**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation will be held on Sunday, October 25th, 2020.

TIME: 10:30AM - Registration
11:00AM - Meeting

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, including declaration of quorum.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM
4. Business arising/action items from 2019 AGM Minutes
5. New Business, including:
 - Director and Committee Reports
 - Consideration and Approval of Financial Statements
 - 2020/2021 Strategic Plan Review
 - Election of Directors
 - Awards Presentations
6. Adjournment.

Due to Covid-19 protocols, all attendees must be pre-registered by Thursday, October 22nd.

Please pre-register to attend at nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca or 902-425-5450 ext. 342. A Covid-19 pre-screening registration form and other meeting documents will be sent via NSEF e-news and directly to those who pre-register by the deadline.

NSEF COMMUNITY AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT AGM

Although there will be no Scotia Series Awards this year, it is very important for us to recognize deserving members and organizations for their achievement and contribution to the equestrian community. We will take some time during our AGM to present the following recognitions:

Volunteer of the Year Award
Sponsor of the Year Award
Ten-Year Service Award
Coach of the Year Award
Official of the Year Award
Youth Sportsmanship Award

For more information about these awards please see page 16 of this newsletter.

Please submit your nomination to us by Friday, October 9, 2020.

NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, November 17, 2019

DoubleTree by Hilton, Dartmouth, NS

1. Call to Order

NSEF President Val McDermott, acting as Chair of the AGM, called the meeting to order at 10:32am. At that time, she welcomed members present and thanked them for attending the AGM.

2. Declaration of Quorum

There was a quorum for the meeting based on meeting registration.

In attendance: Present: Valerie McDermott, Kris Foley, Katarin MacLeod, Adrienne Smith, Mary-Clare McLaren, Barbie Lewis, Norma Graham, Konstantin Kouzovinkov, Alinta MacLeod (non-voting), Mike King, Carol Macomber, Scott Roberts, Roz Moskovits, Melissa MacDonald, Dave Scott, Helen Smith, Marion Crosby, Maria Bath-Porter, Scott Buckle, Isaac Porter, Doug Lynch, Claire DeCoste, Samantha Napier, Heather Myrer (NSEF Executive Director)

3. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Barbie Lewis, seconded by Mary-Clare McLaren, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Approval of the 2018 NSEF AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2018 AGM was presented and reviewed.

It was moved by Helen Smith, seconded by Norma Graham, to approve the Minutes of the 2018 NSEF AGM. Motion carried.

5. Directors and Committee Reports

NSEF Director and Committee Reports were circulated to members in October via the Hoofprints Newsletter as a part of the AGM Notice to Members. They were also presented at the meeting. Discussion was had with regards to the Scotia Series Conflict of Interest rule. Rationale was presented by Competitions Committee Chair, Helen Smith.

It was moved by Barbie Lewis, seconded by Samantha Napier, to approve the Directors/Committee Reports. Motion carried.

6. Annual Financial Statements Review

The 2018/19 NSEF Financial Statements were presented by Treasurer, Barbie Lewis. These statements were prepared by Shellnutt Accountants Firm and have been officially reviewed by their accountants. Discussion was had with regards to the breakdown of the sub-category "Administration". As a result, a motion was made by Carol Macomber, seconded by Maria Bath-Porter, that the Administration expenses of the 2018/19 NSEF Financial Review Statements be categorized so that members can see the expense detail. Eight members voted in favour, six members voted against, seven members abstained. Motion carried.

It was moved by Helen Smith, seconded by Roz Moskovits, to approve the 2018/19 NSEF Financial Statements. Motion carried.

7. Business Arising/Action Items from Minutes

There was no Business Arising from the minutes.

8. New Business

1. NSEF Plans – Our Strategic Vision

Executive Director, Heather Myrer, facilitated the update presentation of the NSEF Strategic Vision. It was reported that the NSEF Board, committees and staff have been working with Mr. Mike Hudson, Sport Consultant for the NS Department of Communities Culture and Heritage on our Strategic Vision. To date, the board has completed Year-Five of the plan and we will be creating a plan for 2020 and beyond in the coming months. Highlights were presented and discussed.

It was moved by Adrienne Smith, seconded by Norma Graham, to approve the Five-Year Strategic Vision Update as presented. Motion carried.

2. Election of Directors

Adrienne Smith, Chair of the NSEF Nominations Committee, facilitated the Election of Directors.

Norma Graham and Heather Myrer offered to be election scrutineers.

The Election Resulted in:

Two Directors at Large – 3 Year term
Kris Foley (Acclaimed) and Barbie Lewis (Acclaimed)
Director of Competitions – 2- year term
Samantha Napier (Elected)
Director of Recreation – 2- year term
Val McDermott (Acclaimed)
Director of Clubs - 1 year term
Melissa MacDonald (Acclaimed at Annual Club Meeting)

The following NSEF Board members will maintain their respective positions:

Adrienne Smith, Director at Large (1 year remaining); Jennifer MacNeil, Director at Large (1 year remaining); Konstantin Kouzovinkov, Director at Large (2 years remaining); Mary-Clare McLaren, Director at Large (2 years remaining)

Motion to destroy ballots was made by Adrienne Smith, seconded by Norma Graham. Motion carried.

It was moved by Helen Smith, seconded by Barbie Lewis, to approve the 2018/19 NSEF Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Val McDermott thanked and formally acknowledged these members for their dedication and commitment to the NSEF along with NSEF Board member Suzanne Killen, who did not re-offer.

9. Termination of meeting

As there was no other business to address, a motion to terminate the 2019 NSEF Annual General Meeting at 12:19 pm, was made by Barbie Lewis.

Respectively Submitted,
Katarin MacLeod, NSEF Volunteer Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- By Valerie McDermott

This year demonstrated that things don't always go according to plan. Some situations cannot be avoided, however, if we adapt, we are able to persevere. The Covid-19 pandemic has taught us that learning can happen wherever we are.

Learning does not only take place on the back of a horse or in a classroom, but anywhere the student chooses to grow. This pandemic has allowed us to create new, unique learning opportunities that would not have previously been offered. For this, I am thankful.

Our staff and board have worked diligently since March to exemplify NS equestrians as leaders in the sport community and to bring us back to our sport quickly and safely during the ongoing pandemic restrictions. Daily and weekly sessions and calls with EC, the NS Gov and Dept of Health and other Sport NS leaders collaborated on your behalf.

We transitioned our staff safely to working from home and our board has held virtual planning sessions to complete our strategic plan. It has been a new way of adapting how we do business in support of our members.

We will miss seeing everyone at our annual awards ceremony and reception but mark your calendars for next year as we will be heading to the beautiful town of Antigonish.

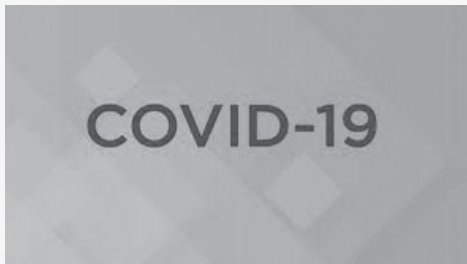
I cannot thank our office staff and our board members enough for their tireless work since March and the collaborative efforts within our community to keep our members and communities safe for the return to sport and competition.

So proud of the NSEF team and the equestrians of NS.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - By Heather Myrer

Wrapping up 2019, the NSEF team and Board of Directors were looking ahead to 2020 with enthusiasm, a spirit of excitement and renewed vision. Membership was at a peak level; new programs were under development; a plan for our first ever full Scotia Series Provincial Championships; membership engagement was paramount. On March 16th, everything changed.

What is now so very common to us all, the widespread concern over the impact of a new virus called novel Coronavirus, effectively shut down society. Our staff immediately shifted gears and faced the unknown along with everyone else. It is hard to put into words the weeks of 60 plus hours that consumed us as we learned to manage this new way of life. Weeks turned into months, seasons passed and we are still working from home (for the most part).



Amidst the state of emergency placed on Nova Scotians, we diligently worked to support you, our members, with advice and guidance on funding programs, restrictions, and eventually turning our focus on developing Return to Equestrian activity and Competitions plans. We also replaced our face-to-face contact with Zoom, once relatively unknown to the world, but quickly became our vital connection tool. We began a creative member engagement campaign using this medium to provide general support, athlete and coach networking opportunities. With the assistance of stakeholders, we finalized our Scotia Series Foundations Judges Program and held our first official course. We took advantage of the lessening of programs to push forward on our new online Competition Management System that will now be ready for 2021 (rather than stating development in 2021).

Our community, like that of other sports, suffered as well. Many of you lost your beloved connection with your equine friend, experienced financial difficulty, and felt isolated from your equestrian friends. We were not able to hold our annual coach symposium, Scotia Series Provincial Championships or year-end awards reception. Many of our clubs and riding establishments provided direct support to their members and some were able to bounce back a bit sooner than others, but the impact of Covid-19 certainly hit us all in ways that we have never experienced before.

True to form though, our members showed resilience, perseverance and innovation. With the "return to" plans in hand, opportunities to compete and train were offered throughout the province, led by motivated competition managers, clinicians and coaches! Thank you all for making this happen for our membership.

What does 2021 look like for our community and for Nova Scotia as a whole? We don't really know that answer. Every time we think we can predict the future and Covid-19, something changes and our impact is felt – sometimes for the better! What we do know for sure is that we are here for you, we have a solid team of staff and dedicated board and committee members. We care about you and we take our roles very seriously as we maneuver through this pandemic.

Stay well. Look after each other. Be patient. We truly are in this together.

No Changes for Sport in Today's Announcement
Return to Competition Guidelines now Available

Good afternoon,

In today's Government of NS press conference, reference was made regarding the increase in the number of people permitted at certain social gatherings. Unfortunately, Dr Strang advised that sport gatherings (i.e. events/competitions) was **excluded** from that increase.

As there was some ambiguity surrounding this announcement, we have sought clarity from our government leaders. It was confirmed that:

ALL SPORT GATHERINGS must maintain the social gathering maximum of 50 people

In the meantime, we will continue to work with these restrictions and provide guidance to you as you return to hosting and participating in equestrian events/competitions in the coming weeks and months.

Moving forward...

Although we recognize that equestrian sport is one of the few sports that can adhere to social distancing relatively easily, there are many other requirements that organizers, event hosts and ALL participants must consider.

We are pleased to offer you supporting tools to help you ensure that Covid-19 protocols are properly implemented and followed at equestrian venues. We hope they are of value to you.

<p>Province of NS Sport & Recreation Facilities</p> <p>Plan Requirements</p>	<p>NSEF Return to</p>	<p>NSEF Return to Events/ Competitions Addendum (with waivers and checklists)</p> <p>June 26, 2020</p>
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DIRECTOR OF RECREATION REPORT - By Val McDermott

The 13th Annual NSEF Trail Ride and Drive took place on October 26th with 34 riders on the grounds at the beautiful Dollar Lake Provincial Park, located in the heart of the Musquodoboit Valley. With its picturesque scenery and beautiful winding trails. This event provided a great opportunity for riders/drivers to get to know other members and enjoy the fresh air and fall weather!

It would be impossible for this event to happen without Suzanne Killen and the multitude of volunteers who help make this event a successful day for our members. I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of our event sponsors who have given unselfishly of their products and services to further enhance this fun-filled day!

A special mention to acknowledge rider, Michele Fudge who has attended all 13 of these NSEF events.

NSEF is a member of the Nova Scotia Trails Federation as a trail user group. As we enter the Fall season of beautiful foliage, please take the time to enjoy our sport and recreational activities. NS trails has been working diligently for their trail users during the pandemic and the NS Government restrictions. Take advantage of the beautiful weather and the picturesque trails near you.

There are many recreational programs available to NSEF members, including Ride & Drive, and the Learn to Ride/Drive Program. In addition to this, NSEF members can access the Horse Welfare & Safety information and a directory of equine-friendly trails around the province. Visit the NSEF website for more detailed information about all of the amazing programs we offer.

For more information feel free to contact Meredith Murray, nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca (902) 425-5450 ext. 342.

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY REPORT - By Katarin MacLeod

Over the past year, great strides have been made in the area of connecting industry partners with NSEF. We have reached out and connected with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture. This discussion has led to NSEF sharing information to our membership about the Premise Identification Program, endorsed by Equestrian Canada (EC), and is available on our website. This is a free program and in the event of a natural disaster or emergency could help save your animals. Further, NSEF has a working plan to share communications between NSEF members and the NS Department of Agriculture so that our members receive timely and equine focused updates from the Department of Agriculture. We have engaged in conversations with the NS Veterinarian Association (NSVA) and are working with them on both an educational piece and a future first responders workshop to begin to address the needs as seen by both NSVA and NSEF.

For more information and frequently asked questions, visit novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/industry-protection/PID/.

Members can complete an online application form on the following website: novascotia.ca/agri/pid/

In keeping with the theme of partnerships and communication, NSEF through EC maintains a close relationship with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). When notices are received from the CFIA regarding national and infectious diseases affecting horses, EC notifies NSEF and others in the equestrian community, and the media. As the Director of Industry, I attend, on NSEF's behalf the monthly National Equine Disease & Welfare Surveillance conference calls that are meant to facilitate timely updates and collaborative communication across Canada regarding equine disease and welfare, links to these can be found on our website. Finally, as part of our commitment to the Equine Industry, we have provided a review and feedback to Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada's (HWAC) Equine Code of Practice and Awareness and Educational Resources Suite. The link to this resource can be found on our website.

Finally, as we navigate through the challenges of COVID-19, we will continue to offer educational seminars that cover subjects that are requested by our membership such as stable safety, emergency preparedness, bio-security, and health and welfare to name a few. If you would like more information about education seminars or have an idea of a topic, please contact Meredith Murray at 902-425-5450 ext.342 or nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca

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?

Michael Kittilsen
NS Traceability Coordinator

902-956-2707

novascotia.ca/agri/pid

Premises Identification Program (PID)

NOVA SCOTIA

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIONS REPORT - By Samantha Napier

2020 has been a year of new challenges and learning opportunities as we work together to navigate our new normal, desperately seeking out some type of competition circuit that we look forward to all year. We would like to thank all of our members and the fellow horse community for following health guidelines and staying positive while we navigate these trying times.

We have been busy working to find a new way to reach our members while in-person meetings weren't available. This year we were able to roll out the new Scotia Series Foundations Judge program. We developed, reviewed, and launched our first course this summer! At this time we have also started developing the new competition management system to put into place next season. Stay tuned from more courses in the fall and winter.

We are excited to announce that even in these trying times, our horse community was able to put their brains together to come up with some great options for "Covid- Showing". We offered support and guidance so the hard working show committees were able to provide us awesome opportunities. Although, at the time of this publication, there were no scheduled EC competitions, our members have greatly enjoyed the opportunities available to them. Thanks for all your hard work putting on these competitions!

While some counted down the days until they could return to the show ring, other members took this opportunity for a quiet summer of skills development, allowing themselves to feel reconnected to our beautiful sport. However you chose to spend your 2020 we are glad you shared it with us. We look forward to another successful year of skills development and competitions in 2021.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT - By Norma Graham

This year, coaches, athletes, and program participants had to adapt to a new normal. The equestrian community came together, modifying its teaching approach by offering online opportunities and implementing new safety precautions in barns and arenas. The NSEF is grateful for your continued support as we navigate through these uncertain times together.

Congratulations

At the 2019 NSEF Awards Reception, Angie Holt of the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers was awarded NSEF Coach of the Year. Angie is an innovative coach, a mentor, and a successful and engaging Executive Director of her club. She has made significant contributions to the athletes in her equestrian community by recognizing the importance of both athlete and equine health. In addition to coaching many athletes at EC and Scotia Series competitions, she has mentored instructor candidates, and increased participation for therapeutic athlete programs.

Learn to Programs

The Learn to Programs are a great way for athletes to measure what they are learning and a great tool for goal setting. There are program available in Driving, English, and Western and they are available to all members.

These progress programs help teach not only riding skills but stable management skills which are important for athletes to learn whether they ride in a lesson environment, own, or lease a horse in either the recreational or competitive environment. Since last year's Annual Report, there have been over 83 successful Learn to Ride Levels completed by NSEF members. The breakdown of successful level completion is as follows:

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
English	11	22	13	8	9	1	1	1
Western	8	4	4	1				

The newest athlete development program available to younger athletes is the Rookie Rider Program. Rookie Riders is curriculum based, filled with engaging activities that are fundamental to success in horseback riding. It includes basic gymnastics on mats, fundamental skills learned

on Radish, our "barrel horse" and concludes with an introduction to riding. It is a core skill-building program that benefits all disciplines. To learn more about the Rookie Riders program, visit our website (horsenovascotia.ca/RookieRider)

This program can be taught in a recreation, agricultural fair, physical education, or barn setting. The possibilities to expose kids to or improve athlete's fundamental movement skills and the sport of equestrian are endless with this program.

We offered trainings throughout the province in January and February but had to postpone the March trainings. Despite having to postpone some of the trainings, we trained 16 new Nova Scotian and also supported some additional out of province coaches. With the newly trained and the coaches trained in 2018 we now have 25 coaches Rookie Rider trained instructors in Nova Scotia. Watch our calendar of events for upcoming training in 2021.

A new P'tit Trot manual was recently released, combining the fundamental skills of both English and Western riding. This package is available for purchase through our online store (horsenovascotia.ca/Shopping).

Professional Development and Learning Opportunities

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 Coach Symposium was postponed. We look forward to hosting the 2021 Coach Symposium.

The symposium is open to all who teach beginner equestrian athletes or coach competitive athletes. Certification is not required to attend the symposium.

Although in person learning opportunities were disrupted this year, there were many virtual opportunities for professional development. We also offered several virtual sessions for Coach Candidates and we plan to offer more this winter. Keep an eye on the NSEF E-news and Calendar of Events (horsenovascotia.ca/Calendar) to stay up to date on all course offerings.

Thank you to the Multi-Discipline Coach Advisory Committee (MDCAC) and NSEF staff for your continued support and dedication to the NSEF Coaching Program.

ANNUAL REPORT

DIRECTOR OF CLUBS REPORT - By Melissa MacDonald

Community and provincial-based clubs and associations have the opportunity to purchase a Club Membership through the NSEF. What are the perks of a Club Membership? NSEF Member Clubs receive promotional benefits, administrative services, access to funding fundraising initiatives, and much more! To view of the full list of NSEF Club Membership benefits, please visit horsenovascotia.ca/Membership-Benefits. So far this year, 15 clubs and associations have elected to become NSEF Member Clubs. This number is slightly lower than last year, most likely due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

NSEF Members Clubs have the opportunity to select a representative to sit on the NSEF Board of Directors. This individual is to express the desires and questions stemming from all member clubs at Board meetings. If your Member Club has a topic they would like discussed at a future meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We recognize that the Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant financial impact on organizations. We encourage Member Clubs/Associations to take advantage of the Sport Fund Grant, which provides funding to offset costs for clinics and facility upgrades,. This grant is available through Sport Nova Scotia, with the next application deadline is October 15th. For more information, please visit sportnovascotia.ca/Funding.

Is your Club/Association interesting in becoming a part of the NSEF family? Feel free to contact Meredith at the NSEF if you have any questions about the application process!

FINANCE REPORT

NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
REVENUE		
Technical/Competitive Programs	\$ 77,228	\$ 39,337
Organization operations (Note 7)	263,883	261,715
Participatory Programs	15,957	18,162
Investment revenue (loss)	(2,617)	6,341
	<u>354,451</u>	<u>325,555</u>
EXPENSES		
Technical/Competitive Programs	74,864	23,846
Organization operations (Note 4, 7)	237,607	256,661
Participatory Programs	42,772	35,764
	<u>355,243</u>	<u>316,271</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ (792)</u>	<u>\$ 9,284</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>250,568</u>	<u>241,284</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 249,776</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 250,568</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

ShelNutt Professional Accountants

The Formal Review of the 2019/2020 NSEF Financial Statements will be presented at the AGM.

NSEF Board of Directors' Nominations Process

A goal of the NSEF Board of Director's Strategic Priorities - ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY - is to have a strong Board with an effective work structure and succession plan. One of the ways we support this priority is to perform periodic reviews of our by-laws and policies. As a result, the Nominations Committee has developed a robust application process, as delegated by the Board. The NSEF Board-approved process provides more detail to and about the applicant. The new application also states that candidates will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee and a slate of successful candidates be put forward for vote at the NSEF AGM (this practice is also utilized by EC, BC, AB and Manitoba). This review is considered critical (and is common practice for sport and not-for-profit authorities like Volleyball NS and NS Lung Assoc.) for organizations to fulfill their moral, legal, and ethical responsibilities to all those they reach, including members, employees, and volunteers. The benefits of such a review include:



- Better matching of candidate skills and experience to the needs of the organization and Board;
- To ensure that conflicts of interest do not affect the quality and safety of programs and services offered by the NSEF;
- To reduce the risks and liability for both 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 Application Package statement. Electing candidates to the NSEF Board is still, and has always been up to you, our member!

Vacancies

In 2020, there will be six (6) Directors elected, as per Bylaw Article 33:

Position	Term
Director of Clubs	1 Year
Director of Industry	2 Years
Director of Education	2 Years
Director-at-large	3 Years
Director-at-large	3 Years
Director-at-large	1 Year (Vacancy)

Term Limits: Per Bylaw Article 33

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of Adult Individual Members of the Federation, elected by the membership as follows:

To preside for a two-year staggered term, not exceeding two consecutive terms, a) Director of Competitions b); Director of Education; c) Director of Recreation d); Director of Equine Industry e).To preside for a three-year staggered term, Six (6) Directors at Large – whereby, at each AGM, two (2) Directors- at Large are elected;

At a club meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting

(either in person or conference call) a Director representing Member Clubs will be nominated to serve on the NSEF Board of Directors. The Nominee must first be endorsed by his/her representative club. The newly nominated Director will be on the slate of Nominees for Election by the members at the AGM and will preside in this position for a one-year term.

Competency of Nominees

All nominations shall be reviewed by the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall provide the Members with a list of candidate Directors, taking into consideration the required skills and diverse needs of Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation and the community it serves and a balance of new and experienced directors. If possible, the list of candidate directors 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 unless such candidate has been reviewed by the Nominating Committee.

Eligibility: Per Bylaw Article 34

Any Voting Adult Member in Good Standing of the Federation shall be eligible to be elected a Director of the Federation.

Nominations

Nomination of an individual for election as a Director shall be submitted to the Nominations Committee by a current NSEF member in good-standing, in accordance with Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation's nomination policies, procedures and timelines. The Nomination shall include a written confirmation by the candidate expressing a willingness to stand for office and a detailed profile of the candidate. Please note that portions of each successful candidate application may be used by the Board to promote an applicant 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) must include contact information, education, work experience, volunteer/community service experience, language skills; CVs will be publicly circulated to the Nominations Committee. Please consider personal/confidential information within your CV before submitting with your Candidate Application Package;
3. Social Media profiles (optional);
4. Completed Director Nomination and Acceptance Form
5. Photograph (to be used in candidate package)

Please submit your completed Candidate Application Package by 4:00 p.m. Friday October 9, 2020 to:

Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation
5516 Spring Garden Rd, Halifax NS B3J 1G5

ATTN: Kris Foley Nominating Chair
or via email
nsef@sportnovascotia.ca

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION APPLICATION

Nomination and Acceptance Form

Name of Nominee

NSEF#

Nominated By

NSEF#

Dear Nominations Committee,

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

I wish to be considered a candidate for the NSEF Board position _____.

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 Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation to verify the accuracy of my application and agree to cooperate and complete such documents as may be reasonably requested by Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation to confirm the accuracy of any information contained herein.

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

Signature

Print Name

Date

Deadline to submit to Nominations Chair, Kris Foley is Friday, October 9th, 2020.

AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

NSEF members are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals/organizations for the following awards:

NSEF Volunteer Award

The NSEF 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 the advancement of equestrian. This Individual has also worked tirelessly for the improvement of the Federation and who has had a notable impact on the sport.

NSEF Service Award

The NSEF Service Award recognizes an individual for a minimum of 10 years of service to the equestrian sport of NS. This individual gives tirelessly and has made a significant difference to the equestrian community.

NSEF Coach Award

The NSEF Coach of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding coach who has contributed to equestrian sport as a coach throughout the year and whose accomplishments are considered exceptional.

NSEF Official Award

The NSEF Official of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding official who has contributed to equestrian sport as an official throughout the year and whose accomplishments are considered exceptional.

NSEF Sponsor Award

The NSEF 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 calendar year.

NSEF Youth Sportsmanship Award

The NSEF Youth Sportsmanship Award recognizes a Junior aged competitor who exemplifies good sportsmanship at a 2020 event/clinic or competition. Sportsmanship involves the exemplary conduct of the youth while participating or competing and interacting with other participants/competitors and volunteers, working in the stabling areas and associating with the general public.

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 NSEF AGM to be held on October 25th.

2020 NSEF AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Nominee's NSEF Number: _____

Nominated for the Following Award:

10 Year Service Award Coach of the Year Award Youth Sportsmanship Award

Volunteer of the Year Award Official of the Year Award Sponsor of the Year Award

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

Nominated by: _____

Deadline: Friday, October 9th, 2020 to Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation - 5516 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, NS, B3J 1G6. Fax: 902-425-5606. Email: nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca



2021 NSEF Membership Application

Available beginning January 1st, 2021. Membership expires December 31st, 2021
 APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT MANDATORY SIGNATURES ON PAGE 2
 Page 1

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

PRIMARY Member Name: First		Middle	Last
		or Initial	
Member's Date of Birth (required):		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary	
Mailing Address:		Primary Phone # : <small>Please specify contact name</small>	
City/Town:		Secondary Phone # : <small>Please specify contact name</small>	
Province:	Postal Code:	Fax:	
Provincial County/Region (e.g. HRM, Hants, Richmond)		Email:	

NEW Members - Did Someone Refer You to the NSEF? This individual may be eligible for a referral credit. To process the member's credit please complete the following: Full Name: _____ NSEF# _____

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

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

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

PAYMENT Details - NSEF Membership (including liability insurance program & EC registered participant)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership Available to spouses and/or their junior aged children. Juniors are 18 years of age & under in the calendar year (e.g. 2021 - born in 2003 or later). If the child/sibling turns 19 in the calendar year (2021- born in 2002 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; those who are married, but do not use the same surname; legal guardian(s) of a junior aged member.	
First two Family Members-	\$75.00
Additional Junior Members	x \$20.00

2021 ONLY OPTIONAL INSURANCE PROGRAM (2020 options available through the NSEF)

Descriptions available on page 3. Unless otherwise indicated, the purchased optional insurance will be applied to the primary member.

<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 Optional Accidental Death & Dismemberment (ADD) with fracture & dental benefits	_____ x \$45.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Members Named Perils	_____ x \$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 Emergency Medical Surgical (must purchase MNP to be eligible)	_____ x \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Members Tack and Equipment	_____ x \$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Accident Indemnity (WAI) – form must be completed (contact NSEF)	_____ x \$195.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Coverage – out of province and country coverage options available online at https://shop.tugo.com/store/INT001	

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS/MEMBERSHIPS

<input type="checkbox"/> NSEF Ride & Drive Program A Reward program recognizing NSEF members for hours spent Riding/Driving a horse. You MUST be an NSEF member to participate. Just Ride/Drive for your reward! One-time fee per member. (Optional)	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Horse and Pony Magazine Subscription through NSEF Affiliate Program (4 issues) (Optional)	\$13.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Horse Journal Magazine Subscription through NSEF Affiliate Program (6 issues) (Optional)	\$24.15

2021 Club Memberships –See Page 2 for rates and details

<input type="checkbox"/> Cape Breton Western Riders (CBWR)	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse Trials Nova Scotia (HTNS)
CBWR Show Package Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Nova Horse & Pony (CNHP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nova Scotia Hunter Jumper Association (NSHJ) – 2020/2021
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: _____

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

****MANDATORY – SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED BEFORE MEMBERSHIP CAN BE PROCESSED****

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CONSENT BY CHECKING APPLICABLE BOXES.

PRIVACY POLICY- The NSEF recognizes the privacy of individuals with respect to their personal information and is committed to ensuring the privacy of its members. The NSEF does 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"/>	NSEF CODE OF Ethics and Conduct	By making application to the NSEF, I agree to abide by all Policies, Rules and Regulations, and the Code of Conduct of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation. Click here to read NSEF Code of Ethics and Conduct.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION CONSENT	I give my expressed consent to NSEF to send me communications using my email addresses on file. If you do not consent, the NSEF 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 the NSEF.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MEDIA CONSENT	I give my expressed consent for the NSEF to use photos/media of myself/my family for promotional content, including, but not limited to, social media, weekly e-news, and the NSEF Annual Newsletter.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	VOLUNTEER	Please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities with the NSEF. (You are giving permission for NSEF/NSEF Volunteer 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 NSEF (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 are also required as part of our government funding reporting (numbers only) requirements.

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

INTEREST AREA(S) (check all that apply)	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
Breed Sport					
Therapeutic Riding					
Endurance/Competitive Trail					
Trail Riding					
Driving/Pleasure Driving					
Dressage					
Eventing					
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					
Hunter/Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper
Pleasure Classes	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western
Rider Levels	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western
General Performance (Horsemanship, Trail, Pleasure)					
Reining					
Speed events (Barrels & Poles)					
Team Penning & Cutting					

INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION (check all that apply)

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

2021 CLUB MEMBERSHIP RATES (subject to change)

NSEF processes 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.

Club	Before May 1st: Individual Membership	Before May 1st: Family Membership	After May 1st: Individual Membership	After May 1st: Family Membership
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)	By January 20 th : Individual Membership \$25.00	By January 20 th : Family Membership \$45.00	After January 20 th : Individual Membership: \$30.00	After January 20 th : Family Membership \$50.00
Horse Trials Nova Scotia (HTNS)	Senior Individual \$25.00	Junior Individual \$20.00	Family Membership \$45.00	Associate Individual \$10.00
Nova Scotia Hunter Jumper Association (NSHJ)	2020-2021 Membership \$15.00 (No family rate available – Multiply family members by \$15)			

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Membership inquiries can be sent to Meredith at nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca or 902-425-5450 ext. 342

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INSURANCE PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

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 the NSEF for all optional insurance purchased.

The insurance coverage included and / or available as an option with your Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation (NSEF) Membership is provided to you by CapriCMW. The NSEF is not licensed to sell or provide counsel on the insurance coverage. Please contact CapriCMW 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: <http://www.horsenovascotia.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).

\$30,000 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 PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS (2021 ONLY)

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

\$50,000 - Enhanced Accident, Death and Dismemberment for injuries sustained by you, the member related to horses, including coverage when you are en route 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

NSEF 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).

NSEF 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). Members Named Perils 2021 must be purchased in order to purchase this product.

NSEF Members Tack

\$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.tugo.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 NSEF membership. Frequently Asked Questions about Travel Coverage are available through the NSEF.

Weekly Accident Indemnity (WAI)

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/ CPP/ 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 your provincial equine association;
- 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.



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