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A Message from our President

As my final message to you as president, I am reflecting on the past six years as a time of growth in membership and programs; a time like no other with the pandemic that changed the course of the way we did business for two years; and for all that we have accomplished as a provincial federation. I can't believe how quickly my time in this role has passed and I have had the pleasure of leading a strong group of volunteers and staff.



We have tasked ourselves to develop and implement another Five-Year Strategic Vision that has made for a stronger, more effective organization, whereby our dedicated staff work diligently to meet the mandates set forth by this vision, along with overseeing the day-to-day operations. We have grown to three full-time staff and one contract staff person; a further sign of growth and development.

As I sign off as your president, I wish to thank our Staff, Board of Directors, and Committee Members for all you do to keep NSEF and its programs available to our members. A special thank you is extended to departing board members; your volunteer time is appreciated.

I wish everyone a successful completion of your competition season and hope you all enjoy the lovely fall weather for recreational riding!

A Message From our Executive Director

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the final few months of 2022. We began the year with optimism that Covid-19 was behind us. As we experienced several waves of the virus, the impact it has had on our equestrian community, programs, events and competitions seemed to have lessened. I sincerely hope that you have managed to stay healthy during this time.



We have rebounded from the past two years and our membership continues to grow along with access to athlete, official, coach, and club programs and services. An ever-increasing demand for new and improved programs and initiatives certainly keep us busy.

In this edition of Hoofprints and Annual Report to the Members, we highlighted many of our successes and initiatives put forth by our hard-working staff and committees, led by our volunteer directors and chairs. While strong fiscal management is paramount, we have been able to improve our governance with By-Law and Policy review, align our athlete development programs, and enhance our competitions with a new on-line management program.

Mark your calendar for the NSEF Awards Reception and AGM slated for November 20th in Dartmouth at the Brightwood Golf and Country Club.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their dedication and their contribution to the team. We 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 Val McDermott, deserves special recognition for its direction and support throughout the year.

Have a great fall and I look forward to working with you in 2023.

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Featured on the Cover: Halifax Lancers Therapeutic Riding Program participant, Yousef Shaheen, with instructor Juliana Boyd and volunteer Lisa Arblaster	



The Cabot Trail Virtual Ride/Drive Returns

We are excited to announce that our virtual trail ride/drive is underway once again. Last year was the first year we held this event “virtually” and it was such a success that we decided to bring it back with the Fall Edition. From September 7th to October 31st, you are challenged to virtually ride/drive your way around the beautiful Cabot Trail. Participants get the feel and duration of riding/driving along the Trail, but actually get to become tourists in your community, while enjoying your own beautiful trails and favourite riding spots. Once registered, you track your riding/driving hours and unique experiences by entering them into a provided log-sheet. Upon submission of your log sheet, you will be entered for a chance to win prizes! Completing the full “Cabot Trail” is not required to enter into our draw. Simply submit what you’ve tracked. As an added bonus, your virtual ride/drive will count towards hours in the NSEF Ride/Drive Rewards Program! If you are not aware of the Ride/Drive Rewards Program, read below to learn more!



Interested in Continuing Your Journey on the Trails?

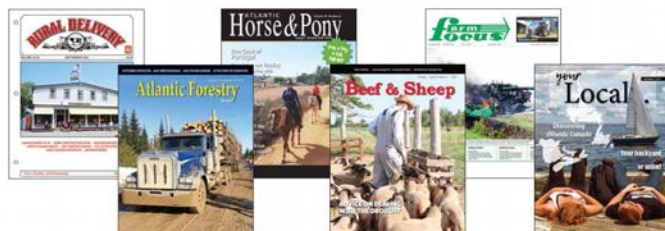


Our Ride & Drive Rewards Program might be for you! This interactive program is designed to provide recreational riders/drivers an extra incentive to spend more hours in the saddle for practice, exercise, therapy, or just plain fun. This rewards program recognizes members for hours spent riding/driving a horse/pony. Just ride/drive for your reward! A current NSEF membership is required to participate and there is a one-time \$25 registration fee to participate. More information on this program can be found under the “Programs” tab at horsenovascotia.ca.

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Membership has its Benefits

There are so many benefits for which you can take advantage throughout the calendar year, including automatic insurance coverage and the option to purchase exceptional insurance coverages for you and your equine partner. We are proud to offer you educational seminars; on-line access to resources and courses; funding and fundraising initiatives; partner discounts; EC registered participant status; athlete, coach and officials training and development opportunities. Browse our website to find our full list of benefits and services at horsenovascotia.ca



Extended Membership and Refer a Friend

Many of your riding/driving friends who own a horse may be going without a NSEF Membership, potentially leaving them unprotected if a horse they are riding or handling should cause property damage or injury to themselves or others. Our extended membership is now available for new members, providing coverage for the remainder of this year and all of 2023, at a discounted rate. Don't forget to give them your NSEF number so you can receive a \$5 referral credit to go towards your own membership.

Congratulations to NSEF members who were recognized for their contribution to our sport at the 2022 Sport Nova Scotia



Kaidyn Goodwin - Junior Athlete

Jill Swain - Senior Athlete

Travis Smith - Coach

Kim Beaton - Official

Carrie MacDonald - Volunteer

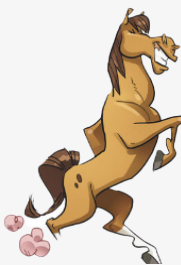
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Rookie Riders and P'tit Trot Back in Action

Two exciting and engaging introductory programs for children who love horses and want to learn about riding are available now! Rookie Riders is a fun and comprehensive program for children and youth that teaches fundamental horseback riding skills. The program includes games, basic gymnastics on mats, and movements on a barrel. It can even include riding a horse! Are you a Certified Coach/Instructor or a qualified Physical Education Teacher looking to take Rookie Riders Training to deliver this program in your area? We are offering training opportunities in the fall/winter of 2022! Email nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca to stay in the know of these upcoming training opportunities.



P'tit Trot is an exciting program for children 5 years old and up who love horses and want to learn more about the equestrian world.



This program is devoted solely to the initiation of equitation and general horsemanship, allowing children to discover the pleasures of English & Western disciplines as well as an introduction to trail riding and developing proper knowledge on how to care for the horse. The beautifully

illustrated and interactive P'tit Trot book introduces familiar characters to follow and from whom children can learn. These programs offer a fun way to discover the wonderful world of horses, contributing to acquiring various motor and technical skills, all while encouraging children to be physically active while gaining confidence and self-esteem.

Please contact Emily for more information on these programs at nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca or 1-800-263-2410



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NSEF Featured in HorseSport Magazine

Jennifer Anstey of HorseSport interviewed our Executive Director, Heather Myrer, and our Director of Technical Development, Sheila Currie, for an on-line article about our investments in our programs during the pandemic. Check out their website at horsesport.com for the article "Nova Scotia is Investing in Their Roots".

Athletes Working Towards Their Goals

We are excited to have athletes from Barrel Racing, Dressage, Eventing, Hunter, Jumper, and Reining in our Athlete Performance Program (APP). This year's program included a clinic on equine conditioning using equine heart rate monitors and a focus on athlete mental performance.



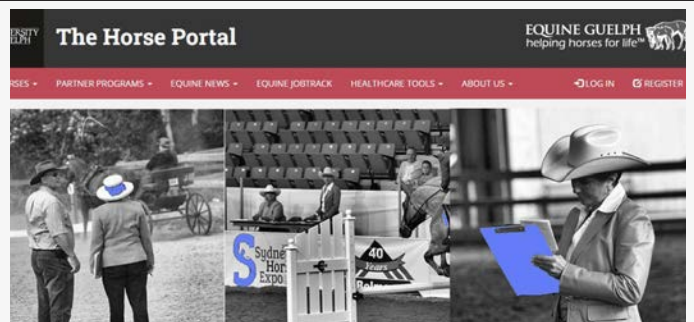
In partnership with the Canadian Sport Institute - Atlantic Division, we look forward to this fall's line-up of strength and conditioning training, nutrition, and mental performance sessions. Our program will be reviewed this fall. Watch for the application via our communication.

E-News: Key to Staying in Touch

The majority of our news, member updates, program information and event listing is sent in our e-news through Constant Contact. Check your spam folder to direct our e-news to your main folder. Don't miss out on these important emails. And remember to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

Online Officials Course Registration Open!

If you are interested in beginning your journey as an equestrian judge, the Scotia Series Foundations Judge course is available now for you to take. This on-line course has been successfully offered in different formats for the past several years and the feedback for this on-line format has been positive and engaging. Our thanks to both Equine Guelph and CapriCMW. Through their partnership, we are able to continue to offer this course to you at a discounted rate. Designed to allow you to work at your own pace, you can complete the course over a reasonable period of time, allowing you to fit it in to your busy schedule. This course is one of the requirements to be a recognized Scotia Series Foundations Judge and is designed to reflect your experience level; while identifying the differences between Scotia Series rules and those from other organizations, such as EC Bronze or NRHA. Portions of this course are also requirements for Scotia Series Discipline-specific Judges. Want to know more? Reach out to our Program Manager, Emily at nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca



Licensed, NCCP Certified, Coach Status, Registered, Certified, Safe Sport Compliance, Current... What do *THEY* mean?

Use this glossary of coaching terms to help you navigate your way through your coaching career:

Coach – refers to a person who coaches or instructs students.

Coach Status – refers to EC's Coach Status Program; there are currently two statuses available: Registered or Licensed.

Registered Coach - Coaches/instructors who are actively engaged in equestrian instruction and coaching, whether they are NCCP certified, in-training, or self-declared. To be eligible, applicants must provide proof of safe sport training, valid insurance, current first aid, and other prerequisites in order to participate where this status is required (i.e. required at EC Sanctioned Competitions in 2022.) According to EC's vision, in 2023 this status will be mandatory at EC Bronze and Silver competitions.

Licensed Coach - coaches who are actively engaged in equestrian instruction and coaching with extensive experience and expertise. To be eligible, applicants must provide proof of safe sport training, valid insurance, experience and more in order to participate where the status is required (i.e. Licensed status in addition to other eligibility requirements is required to evaluate EC Learn to Ride/Drive programs.) According to

EC's vision, in 2023 this status will be mandatory at EC Gold and Platinum events. More details will follow and we will be offering coach courses to assist with your certification.

Safe Sport Compliance – coaches/instructors must meet minimum Safe Sport Standards according to provincial and Federal Government requirements. Safe Sport Compliance is required for access to some Nova Scotia programs and services.

NCCP Certified – coaches/instructors who have successfully completed all requirements set forth by the Coaching Association of Canada will receive a designated Certification level - Instructor, Competition Coach, Competition Coach Specialist or High Performance Coach.

Certified – although most refer to "certified" as "NCCP Certified", some coaches across Canada may be certified through other associations i.e. International Trainers Passport.

Current – refers to time-sensitive standards that must be maintained in order to be a current NCCP Certified Coach/Instructor. i.e. professional development, first aid, etc.

Therapeutic Riding/Driving: A Transformational Experience

“Different is normal here.”

This statement on the site for the Hinchinbrook Farm Society by past president Carolyn Collicutt, is a shout-out to the benefits of therapeutic riding offered by facilities such as the one in Blockhouse.



A therapeutic riding program offers many physical and emotional rewards and is beneficial to the social well-being of most people with special needs. Riders with physical needs can show improvement in

flexibility, balance, and muscle strength, while individuals with emotional challenges can foster a relationship with the horse that can lead to increased confidence, patience, and self-esteem.

Sarah, a mother of two children, expressed gratitude for all the benefits the Hinchinbrook Farm programs provided for her son Grayson. “The social, emotional, physiological, and functional benefits Grayson has gained from interacting with volunteers, staff, horses, and the farm itself, has benefited our entire family and made such a positive impact on our lives. During a season of life in which I often find myself wishing I could do more, I am ever grateful to the Hinchinbrook community for taking an active role in Grayson’s well-being and development.”

“Gaining skills in riding is only the very tip of the iceberg in regards to the radiating impact in his life; in our lives.” She said eight-year-old Grayson grew in so many aspects of life through the programs of the Hinchinbrook Farm, a Canadian registered charity that offers volunteer training, in conjunction with its many programs. “The program has provided Grayson with physical development and benefits specific to his needs and challenges. Opportunities to broaden his executive functioning in the tasks and duties associated with horse care, a sense of acceptance, belonging, feeling welcome, and feeling good enough as he is. Sentiments that can be elusive for a boy who puts so much effort into learning, understanding, communicating, and socializing. For all of us, the farm has provided welcome breathing room, a chance for a few moments of freedom from managing the things of daily life...a place to be.

The physical benefits of such things as working on balance and crossing the mid-line activities that come from therapeutic riding have undoubtedly helped to develop Grayson’s cognitive abilities and executive functioning in ways that he would not have had an opportunity to do in a traditional educational environment. His reading has

advanced considerably coinciding with his participation in the programming.”

LANCERS LEAD BY EXAMPLE

The Halifax Bengal Lancers therapeutic riding program has been offered since the late 1960s when Dr. Crosby and Dr. Grant initiated a riding program for children from the Children’s Hospital and the School for the Blind. To this day, these programs are running.

“We continue to be affiliated with the IWK and also offer horseback riding to other members of the community with special needs,” commented office administrator, Jessica Evans.

“Our therapeutic riding program is run by volunteers. We carefully select all of our horses and ponies based on their temperament and conformation. They are then given additional training to familiarize them with special circumstances that may arise and special equipment that may be necessary in our therapeutic riding program. We provide ASTM-approved riding helmets and other equipment beneficial for various abilities”, she added.

The Lancer therapeutic riding program usually runs twice a year in six-week sessions (September-November and May-June). “The only thing better than spending time with horses is being able to spend time helping individuals with varying abilities ride those horses,” said Alysén Dockeray, a volunteer with the Bengal Lancers program. “As a volunteer with the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers Therapeutic Riding Program, it was such a joy to experience first-hand the amazing dynamic between a horse and its special rider. In my volunteer role, I was able to work with both the horses and the riders and was an integral part of helping implement the well-prepared and creative lessons. I was able to witness a remarkable physical and emotional transformation in the participants as I got to know them better. As they became stronger, they were more comfortable and confident during the session. I consider myself very lucky to have been a part of this wonderful program which was as rewarding and therapeutic for me as it was for the riders.”

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DECADE OF SERVICE

Aylesford’s Free Spirit Therapeutic Riding Association is celebrating 10 years of providing opportunities and

removing barriers for riders in their programs. Program Coordinator, Katie Roberts explained, “Here at FSTRA, we have programs designed for every age and ability.



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We have children as young as three participating in our traditional therapeutic riding lessons, and we also have a program specifically designed for those over 50 years old. And of course, programming options for every age group in between." The program has grown considerably since its inception in 2012. A humble start with 12 participants has grown into a program of over 120 individuals. FSTRA is a registered charity that runs out of the Rohan Wood Stables. "All of our programs focus on creating a safe space to participate and intend to foster a supportive community. Depending on the specific program, benefits may include increases in balance, strength, endurance, range of motion, communication, emotional regulation, appropriate social cues, and various academic goals such as mathematics and reading comprehension. FSTRA also offers a SPIRIT Program designed to support all-women Veterans. No horse

experience is needed and a VAC claim is not required to participate.

Editor's note: A huge "thank you" is extended to the three riding establishments for their contribution to this article.

For more information on these and other therapeutic riding programs in N.S., you can reach out to:

Free Spirit Therapeutic Riding Association, Inc
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Hinchinbrook Farm Society
902-624-0603 info@hinchinbrookfarm.com

Halifax Lancers
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Reaching Strides Equestrian Centre
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Antigonish Therapeutic Riding Association
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Folly Farm
902-257-2678 follyfarm131@gmail.com

You can also ask our NCCP certified coaches if they have taken additional training for therapeutic riding or the NCCP Coaching Athletes with a Disability module.

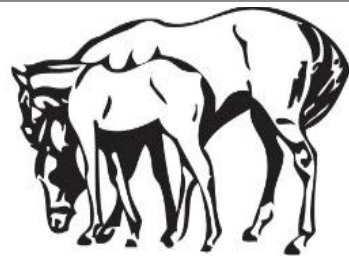


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Whether you own, lease, or use a school horse, equine care or stable management is extremely important. Like a human, a horse needs to have proper nutrition, conditioning, and injury prevention/management to support activities like trail riding, competing, or participating in a clinic. If a horse is not sound (healthy), it can lead to further health issues, or injuries or worse. We encourage all participants in equine activities to be knowledgeable in equine care and use available resources. For example, EC's Learn to Ride or Drive Programs have a stable management component which is as equally important to riding/driving technical components. You don't need to participate in these or any programs to purchase a copy of the Stable Management in Canada manual (www.horsenovascotia.ca/Shopping). Wonder how much space a horse needs or transportation requirements? The Equine Code of Practice is available to download on our website. This manual covers the recommended and minimum standards of care for handling and caring for equines. Equine Guelph has a multitude of equine welfare resources and care topics on its website; including the latest on-line course on the Senior Horse. Through our partnership with Equine Guelph, members receive a discount on many of their on-line courses! Looking for a career in Equine Business – EG has a self-paced Equine Business course. Go to thehorseportal.ca/partner/nsef to register or for more information.



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On Demand: Equine Business 101



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Oct 3 – Oct 14



Sickness Prevention in Horses – Fall '22
Oct 17 – Oct 28



Equine First Aid – Fall '22
Nov 7 – Nov 14



Fire & Emergency Preparedness – Fall '22
Nov 21 – Nov 28



Horse Behaviour & Safety – Fall '22
Dec 5 – Dec 16



EDI Funding Opportunities

Riding establishments and clubs are encouraged to discover Sport Nova Scotia's latest funding opportunity - Sport Fund-EDI Program! This program aims to promote **equity, diversity, and inclusion** by supporting para-activities and underrepresented communities in an effort to increase participation in sport and recreation activities.

Sport Fund EDI's Target Populations include:

-Newcomers -2SLBGQTQ+ -Women and Girls -African Nova Scotians -Financially Disadvantaged Nova Scotians

Interested in learning more? **Contact Sport Nova Scotia's Regional Sport Consultant in your area:** Visit Sport Nova Scotia's funding page at: sportnovascotia.ca/funding-programs-and-eligibility or contact their Regional Sport Consultant in your area to discuss eligibility and application process.

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DO YOU TEACH STUDENTS TO RIDE OR DRIVE? DO YOU COACH STUDENTS AT COMPETITIONS?

If you see an education opportunity for coaches, we welcome you to attend. Almost all of our coach education opportunities are open to all those teaching/coaching no matter your title. Check out Kate Howarth's Director of Education Report for information on a sampling of some of our learning opportunities from the past year.

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Each year we select four NSEF members to receive our Long-Term Equestrian Development bursary. This bursary is awarded to athletes who best demonstrate a continuing commitment towards skill development. Up to four bursaries of \$250 each are awarded annually to members who exemplify a commitment to personal long-term equestrian athlete development. The annual Deadline is March 1st.

This selection process is always difficult as our province is full of athletes committed to their development and long-term goals.

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

Kim Beaton - Driving/Reining

Makayla Gerroir - Hunter/Jumper

Teaghan Savoury - Eventing/Hunter/Jumper

Teresa Alexander-Arab - Dressage



2022 Education Bursary Recipients

We are proud to support the post-secondary education endeavours of our young members with our Education Bursary Program, providing up to six \$500 bursaries. Every year it gets harder and harder to award only six as the accomplishments of our young members are impressive! With a deadline of May 1st each year, we encourage all members attending post-secondary education to apply, including those of you who were not selected previously.

Windsor's Brianna Partridge will follow her love for science by commencing her Bachelor of Science with a Major in Biochemistry at Mount Allison University in the fall.



Sabrina Smith, from Cole Harbour, is off to Western University in September where she will explore her passion for human health in the Bachelor of Medical Sciences Program.

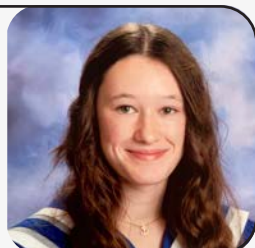


Erin Newell, from Dartmouth, is heading into her second year of her commerce degree at Saint Mary's University with plans to Major in Entrepreneurship.

Allie Donovan, from Glace Bay, will be attending Cape Breton University, where she is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program with plans to become a veterinarian.



Antigonish's Madison Delorey will be attending the University of Prince Edward Island in the fall. Madison will be pursuing her Bachelor of Science Degree.



Sydney Mines' Sara Ivey is also attending Cape Breton University. Sara will be studying in the Bachelor of Arts program with plans to pursue a Bachelor of Education.



NSEF ANNUAL REPORT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, November 20th, 2022

Brightwood Golf and 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, November 20th, 2022.

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

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, including declaration of quorum.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of 2021 AGM
4. Business arising/action items from 2021 AGM Minutes
5. New Business, including:
 - A) Reports of Officers and Committees
(Included in Annual Report, on NSEF website at horsenovascotia.ca and available day of meeting)
 - B) Consideration and Approval of 2021/22 NSEF Financial Statements – Financial Summary included in Annual Report. The Financial Report in its entirety will be available at the AGM and on the NSEF website at horsenovascotia.ca upon member approval.
 - C) Special Resolution: Name Change from Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation to Equestrian Nova Scotia (a special resolution must be passed by no less than 3/4 of the eligible voting members present at the AGM)
 - D) 2021/2022 Strategic Plan Review
 - E) Election of Directors
6. Adjournment

NSEF AWARDS RECEPTION

Please join us for our annual NSEF Awards Reception, located at the Brightwood Golf and Country Club in Dartmouth on Sunday, November 20th. Starting with a meet & greet/registration at 1:00 pm, award presentations will begin at 1:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact us at **1-800-263-2410** or nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca. All are welcome!



Award Recognitions include:

- Ride and Drive Reward- Level 9
- Volunteer, Coach, and Sponsor Award
- Good Sport Award
- NSEF Service Awards
- Scotia Series Competition Awards



Do you want to nominate someone for an award? Please see page 20 of this newsletter.

NSEF ANNUAL REPORT

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UNAPPROVED MINUTES



NOVA SCOTIA
EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

Annual General Meeting

November 21st, 2021

Wyndham Microtel, Antigonish, NS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call/Welcome

The 2021 NSEF Annual General Meeting was called to order at 11:03am by Acting Chair, NSEF Vice President Kris Foley.

- Present: Voting Members: Kris Foley, Katarin MacLeod, Adrienne Smith, Mary-Clare McLaren, Jennifer MacNeil, Melissa MacDonald, Andy Woolaver, Barbie Lewis, Lesley Langley, Arlene MacKenzie, Brenda Swinkels, Mark Delorey, Melissa Delorey, Vickie MacKenzie, Tammy Feltmate, Scott Roberts, David MacLeod
- Staff Heather Myrer (HM), Sheila Currie.
- Regrets: President Val McDermott, Kate Howarth

2. Declaration of Quorum:

- Based on registration: 16 members present.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda by Lesley Langley, seconded by Tammy Feltmate. No contrary minded, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

Motion made to approve the Minutes by Andy Woolaver, seconded by Adrienne Smith. No contrary minded, motion carried.

5. Business arising/action items from the minutes (old business)

- None

6. Reports from Officers and Committees as submitted and presented:

Director of Education Kate Howarth: No questions

Director of Recreation Val McDermott: No questions

Director of Industry Katarin MacLeod: No questions

Director of Competitions Samantha Sharpe: No questions

Director of Clubs Melissa MacDonald: No questions

Motion to approve all committee reports was made by Mary-Clare McLaren, seconded by Melissa MacDonald. No contrary minded, motion carried.

Finance Report – the 2020/21 Financial Statement and Annual Review was completed by Shellnutt Accountants

and presented by Treasurer Barbie Lewis and Executive Director Heather Myrer. There were no questions.

A motion to approve the 2020/21 Financial Statement and Annual Review was made by Andy Woolaver, seconded by Melissa MacDonald. No contrary minded, motion carried.

7. New Business

- Proposed By-Law Amendments - A motion to accept the proposed By-law amendments as circulated to the membership and presented was made by Adrienne Smith, seconded by Mary-Clare McLaren. No contrary minded, motion carried. Note $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members presented needed to vote in favour of the motion.
- NSEF Strategic Vision Year 2 overview/successes to date was presented by Executive Director Heather Myrer.

Motion to accept the NSEF Strategic Vision Update as presented was made by Lesley Langley, seconded by Tammy Feltmate. No contrary minded, motion carried.

- Election of Directors - The NSEF Nominations Committee Chair, Kris Foley, presided over the Election of Directors. Presented to the membership was a slate of nominees. Melissa MacDonald elected Director of Clubs was completed in October as per NSEF By-laws Mary-Clare McLaren elected as 3-Year Director-at-Large Andy Woolaver elected as 3-Year Director-at-Large Lesley Langley elected as 2-Year Director of Competitions Val McDermott elected as 2-Year Director of Recreation A motion to accept the directors as presented made by Jennifer MacNeil, seconded by Adrienne Smith. No contrary minded, motion carried.

8. Termination of Meeting

Members addressed the business of the 2021 NSEF AGM. Motion to terminate the meeting as of 12:08pm was made by Scott Roberts.

Submitted by

Katarin MacLeod, NSEF Volunteer Secretary

NSEF ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Submitted By Valerie McDermott

As I write this report, I do so with pride and a sense of accomplishment as I complete my final term as your president. It has been a very busy and rewarding time for me, overseeing this vibrant organization for the past six years! We are continually growing and moving forward, striving to provide programs and resources to meet our members needs and requests. Although we have had many successes, we continue to learn from our challenges and always strive to respond to members' needs and input. Over the past number of years, our membership has increased, Scotia Series and our Youth and LTED Bursaries, Support4Sport Funding Opportunities are fully utilized. Our insurance programs through CapriCMW are well used, and we appreciate the ongoing partnership with them. This year, we will be holding the Scotia Series Provincial Championships in several categories at the Hants County Exhibition, along with our year-end awards later this fall. I am pleased that we have been able to enhance our support to competitions over the past year or so with our new on-line competition management system and officials training programs! Relations with Equestrian Canada are evolving as a result of PTSO diligence. I am proud of our province's involvement and strong contribution towards this. We have staff and volunteers who serve on national

committees, working on behalf of our organization and the equestrian community across the country, who are recognized for their skills and dedication. The annual Coach Symposium was a three-day event that was well attended with over 50 coaches and instructors taking part. Inclusion, diversity, and equity were the main themes and Mike King made a visit. Our AGM and Awards Presentations will be held in Dartmouth on November 20th. Come and support your organization, socialize with friends, and applaud the awards recipients.

As I step back from the President's position, I would like to express my gratitude for the support I have had from Board of Directors past and present, our Executive Director, Heather Myrer, and all staff. When we all work together, we can achieve a great deal. I wish all the best to the incoming President and Board. Thank you always to the Staff, Board of Directors, and Committee Members for all you do to keep NSEF and its programs available to our members. Thank you to departing board members, your volunteer time is appreciated. And finally, my thanks to you, our member, for your support and involvement in the NSEF. It has been my pleasure serving you these past six years.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

**Membership
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Use the application on
page 21 or scan the QR
code with your camera to
renew online:



Did you know that you can receive a credit toward your 2023 membership by referring new members to us? Simply ask the member to include your NSEF# in the application's referral section and you may receive a \$5 credit.

*Individual –

Credit up to \$55

*Family –

Credit up to \$125

*Club – Credit up to \$50

For membership inquiries, please contact us at:

nsefservices@
sportnovascotia.ca or
1-800-263-2410

NSEF ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – By Heather Myrer

2022 brought with it a sense of normalcy as we navigated our collective way through several waves of Covid-19. As we entered into year two of our Five-Year Strategic vision, we focused on rebuilding our membership base, adding to our staff with the creation of a new position, and spent much of the first quarter of the year completing our quadrennial funding report. The collaborative efforts of volunteers, staff, and members have allowed us to continue our progress in delivering the many benefits of this sport to our members and to the horse community in general. We have had some challenges with our national body, Equestrian Canada. However, in the past year, we have worked together to identify mutually beneficial programs and services, enhancing upon each other's vision as a collective whole. I am hopeful that you will reap the rewards as a result. NSEF has been very fortunate over the years to have financial support from the Support4Sport Program and the N.S. Government. We received funding that assisted us with athlete development, technical support, coach symposium, clinics, and educational seminars. NSEF acknowledges and appreciates the funding it has received from the Province of Nova Scotia via its Amateur Sport Fund and Support4Sport Funding. The success of our programs is certainly attributed to the funding we have received. We are always excited when we are able to offer new programs and services to you, our member. In the past 18-24 months, we acquired \$20,000 in funding from Support4Sport, to launch an on-line provincial official training course, an athlete performance program, and an on-line competition management platform. We also work hard in facilitating the necessary courses and seminars that afford our members the opportunity to advance professionally within the sport of equestrian. Further to direct funding, many of our members have successfully applied for athlete, coach, official, and club development funding. To date, we have had a 95% funding approval rate and have seen many members take advantage of this funding. Members are encouraged to utilize this opportunity by contacting a staff member at the office as there are time-sensitive deadlines that may affect what programs for which you may be eligible. New to funding opportunities this year are Sport Nova Scotia's Para Sport and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion grants. More information on eligibility requirements and contact details can be found in this newsletter on page 9.

We were thrilled to be able to provide six deserving young members a \$500 bursary this year. This program continues to be a popular one amongst members. We are equally thrilled to award four members with a Long-Term Equestrian Development Bursary of \$250 each. Details of

our recipients are in this newsletter! Staff and some board members have been actively involved on other association boards and Equestrian Canada working committees. Specifically, we represent our community on the Boards of Nova Scotia Trails and the Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada. We also held our 2nd Annual Virtual Trial Ride/Drive whereby members "ride/drive their way around the Cabot Trail". Inclusion, equity, and diversity, along with safe sport will shape our future. We make an annual contribution to NS Kidsport Equestrian, whereby all proceeds are directed to underrepresented children who wish to take horseback riding lessons. We have completed our second year of safe sport compliance for Scotia Series coaches and officials, board members, and staff. Equestrian Canada also plays a significant role in safe sport compliance as seen through its E-Campus and Coach Status Program. Competitions continue to play an important role in our athlete development. We have seen a rebound in the number of competitions and other events held throughout the province. A huge shout out to the folks in Cape Breton who rallied together to keep the CB County Exhibition "alive". We will wrap up our Scotia Series with a Provincial Championship in mid-October at the Hants County Ex. Our insurance partner, CapriCMW continues to play an integral part in the development of our Insurance Program for members. Coverage increases to the member insurance package is a welcome enhancement and you are encouraged to take advantage of the optional membership program at time of membership renewal. I would specifically like to acknowledge Mike King from CapriCMW for his support of so many NSEF initiatives, namely, Scotia Series Title Sponsor, draw prizes, educational and promotional products, and expertise we have received over the past years as our insurance partner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff – Director of Technical Development, Sheila Currie; Program Manager, Emily Nickerson; and Membership Coordinator, Alex Carson, for their hard work and enthusiasm as we work diligently to provide you with quality programs and services. I would also like to thank the NSEF Board of Directors, especially President Val McDermott, for their direction and support throughout this past year.



Staff Alex and Emily with Kidsport Cheque

NSEF ANNUAL REPORT

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY REPORT – By Katarin MacLeod

Welcome to a return to an almost normal year with our equine partners! Over the past 12 months, we, at NSEF, have continued to connect with industry partners in a variety of ways to assist you, our members. As you may know, we continue our work with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and continue to promote the Premise ID program, which EC endorses 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 partnered with the Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada (HWAC). HWAC offers on-line courses and resources including the Equine Code of Practice and will be developing other on-line resources in the new year which will be available to our membership. For more information you can go to horsewelfare.ca. Through this partnership, we have established a connection with the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS). CAHSS is dedicated to informing Canadian livestock industry participants, including equines, of issues and providing updates and information directed to animal health and welfare and so we benefit from information sharing. We have an extremely successful partnership with Equine Guelph whereby we partnered and offered several of their online health and welfare courses this year, of note Equine Business 101 was quite popular with members! These are important steps as we focus on the health and welfare of horses and the

horse industry overall both within and outside our province. Again, in keeping with the theme of partnerships and communication, through EC we maintain 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 National Equine Disease & Welfare Surveillance conference calls when held. These calls 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. As well, we have links to free webinars from HWAC (when available) as well as links to the Equine Code of Practice along with a host of other resources which focus specifically on all aspects of the equine industry.

We understand that without taking care of our equines there is no NSEF. As such, we offered well-attended face-to-face educational sessions on equine conditioning and equine nutrition. We will continue to share information and provide learning opportunities to our membership so that we and our equines may work together in true partnership. Finally, a shout out to all of those individuals who help us take care of our equines, for the many hours you put in and the dedication you have to your profession - thank you!

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIONS REPORT – Submitted by Lesley Langley

2022 has been a busy year for competitions province wide. Thirteen Scotia Series shows have been completed as of the end of August with several more scheduled for the remainder of the season. It was very exciting to see a return of the exhibitions as well this year. Whether sanctioned or not, they are a great way for the public to see the various classes in which equestrians can compete. Although some competition organizers reported lower than usual numbers, many venues are seeing competitor numbers back to pre-Covid levels (Scotia Series and Equestrian Canada) in all disciplines. Staff have continued to work with the developers to provide updates to the Competition Management System (NSEF.HorseSport.pro); this system is currently being utilized by several Scotia Series shows and feedback on the system has been positive. Thank you to all of the organizers, competitors, and supporters for their patience through learning a new system and ongoing system updates/changes. The Competitions Committee met several times throughout the year to review our Scotia Series rules and approve any changes. Emily and I worked closely to problem solve any issues and provide a positive competition experience for both organizers and athletes. The Scotia Series Foundations Judge Online Course (in partnership with Equine Guelph) was offered earlier this year from April-July 2022 and had 11 registrants. We are planning on offering this course

again from mid-late September 2022-March 2023. NSEF also offered an in-person Scotia Series Foundations Judge Mentoring Clinic on March 20th, 2022, where all 11 participants went through a series of practical judging sessions, including scoring a test and mock-judging activities for multiple disciplines. As more and more become interested in taking the steps to become a Recognized Scotia Series Judge, we would like to thank the competition organizers for giving the candidates a chance to volunteer at the shows and mentor with certified judges. Plans for the Scotia Series Provincial Championships are well underway. The championships will be held October 8-9th, 2022 at the Hants County Exhibition grounds in Windsor. The championships are by invitation only and competitors will be notified if they qualify for the divisions being offered. The championships are not the same as the Provincial Scotia Series awards, which include other Scotia Series divisions such as Walk/Trot, Select, and others. Judges and officials have been chosen but there is still a need to fill many volunteer positions. Should anyone be interested or know of someone interested in this exciting volunteering opportunity, please contact nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca. It's very encouraging to see our equestrian activities returning to "normal." Thank you to all our NSEF members and staff who continue to stay involved and support equestrian activities in Nova Scotia.

NSEF ANNUAL REPORT

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT – By Kate Howarth

Over the last year, NSEF has provided learning opportunities such as the Analyze Performance and Coach Preparation Clinic, held in October of 2021. NSEF hosted this clinic at the Nova Scotia Exhibitions grounds. We are thankful to have had Coach Developers Jill Barker and Ruth Allum who co-facilitated the clinic in an interactive way. We were so happy to have 21 coaches and coach candidates participate in this event. Of these 21 coach/coach candidates, approximately 50% were previously certified and looking to gather professional development points, roughly 20% attended just to learn and further their equestrian coaching development, and 33% have continued to certification evaluation. NSEF conducted education sessions including topics such as winter conditioning and equine nutrition in November of 2021. These sessions were open to all members and held before our Annual Awards Reception so participants could learn, and then celebrate our award winners. We would like to thank and recognize both, Roz Moskovits and Meredith Walker for presenting, as well as our volunteer Tammy Feltmate who helped check everyone in with a warm welcome! We also wanted to acknowledge and thank the 22 members who came to learn and participate. A very important part of our education sessions was coach inclusion training held in February 2022. Our sport and equine partners provide support and community to participants. Growing the sport is important and beneficial to all. We were very fortunate to have Andrew Paris from the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic (CSCA) share his knowledge and experience during the conversation in a safe space. Thank you Andrew!

Our annual multi-discipline coach symposium was held in April at Oakfield Golf and Country Club and Todd Hill Farm. We had 18 participants take advantage of Friday night's First Aid re-certification course that we offer as part of the weekend. Over 30 coaches and coach candidates joined us both on-line and in person on Saturday for professional development with a focus on inclusion in addition to NSEF and Equestrian Canada

program updates. We are grateful to have had fantastic speakers such as, Nic Lenehan (Sport Nova Scotia, EDI Lead), Andrew Paris (CSCA Coaching Inclusion Lead), and Mike King (CapriCMW Partner) whose sessions were the highlights of the day. NSEF's Sheila Currie provided valuable updates and we finished the day with a Woman In Sport Virtual Module. On Sunday, our sessions moved to Todd Hill Farm where we had 28 participants join us in person for sessions on equine



conditioning, the use of heart rate monitors, saddle fitting, and yearly training plans. This Sunday session would not have been possible without Coach Developer Ruth Allum from Oakhurst Farm and

Saddle-fitter Brittany Cameron of Eastern Equine Dynamics and their ability to lead these engaging sessions. In June of 2022, NSEF hosted two NCCP Equestrian modules: Analyze Performance and Planning a Practice. These two modules led by Helen Smith and Valerie Phelan included information on common errors of a beginner rider/driver and different ways to approach corrections, Emergency Action Plans, Lesson planning, Progressions, Long Term Athlete Development, and more.

In addition, NSEF promoted multi-sport education sessions and programs including the Atlantic Coaching Conference, Sport for Life conference, Equestrian Canada ECampus courses, Equine Guelph courses, VIP Coach Program. If you have any questions regarding these entities, please reach out to us. If you are interested in hosting an educational event, please contact NSEF. Their staff strongly advocate and prioritize education in our sport. On behalf of the volunteer directors, we thank you for your participation and are here to support the NSEF community.

DIRECTOR OF CLUBS REPORT – By Melissa MacDonald

After limited equestrian activities occurring over the past 2 years due to the pandemic, 2022 was a year filled with trail rides, competitions, and equine programming as the world gradually returned to the new normal!

Eighteen clubs have registered with us this year and with some help, these clubs were able to have successful competitions province-wide. I want to thank everyone who is involved for all of your hard work and dedication to your club and your horse community. Without you, horse competitions, clinics and other events would never happen.

NSEF club members have the opportunity to select a representative to sit on the NSEF Board of Directors. This individual your "voice" on the board. If you ever have a

question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Recognizing the financial burden clubs may face as a result of COVID-19, I want to ensure clubs are aware of funding opportunities available through the Nova Scotia Support4Sport Fund. This grant provides support to help offset some of the costs for clinics, costs of running new or enhancing existing programming, and facility upgrades. For more information on this funding opportunity, please check out the article on page 9 or contact our staff at the office at 1-800-263-2410

Again, if there are any questions or concerns that I can help you with, do not hesitate to contact me. My information is on page 3 of this publication. Looking forward to all 2023 has to offer!

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DIRECTOR OF RECREATION REPORT – By Valerie McDermott

After receiving positive feedback in 2021, the Cabot Trail Virtual Ride and Drive event is being held once again from September 7th-October 31st, 2022! We are excited to provide the Fall Edition of this event in 2022 in an effort to continue to enhance membership engagement in recreational riding/driving. Members sign up for the virtual tour, receive a tracking log, then tour themselves in the areas of interest. I look forward to hearing of the adventures had on the trail this fall once the virtual event wraps up! NSEF is a member of the Nova Scotia Trails Federation as a trail user group. As part of this role, we provided feedback and information on what to consider for trails from our equestrian lens. We did this as part of NS Trail's collaboration with members as they develop their strategic plan.

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

There are many recreational programs available to members, including but not limited to 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 our website for more detailed information about all of the amazing programs we offer. For more information, feel free to contact nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca or 1-800-263-2410

FINANCE REPORT

NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
REVENUE		
Technical/Competitive Programs	\$ 72,662	\$ 33,983
Organization operations (Note 7)	313,269	370,040
Participatory Programs	13,301	18,860
Investment revenue (loss)	5,232	16,888
	<u>404,464</u>	<u>439,771</u>
EXPENSES		
Technical/Competitive Programs	73,419	61,676
Organization operations (Note 4, 7)	296,920	223,750
Participatory Programs	43,529	41,883
	<u>413,868</u>	<u>327,309</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ (9,404)</u>	<u>\$ 112,462</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>362,238</u>	<u>249,776</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 352,834</u>	<u>\$ 362,238</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

Shellnutt Professional Accountants

The Formal Review of the 2021/22 NSEF Financial Statements will be presented at the AGM.
Once approved, they will be posted on the NSEF website under Governance

NSEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOMINATIONS PROCESS



The Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation (NSEF) is recruiting new volunteer Board members with varying professional backgrounds and skill sets.

Our organization and its Board are committed to a culture of inclusion. We would like to welcome Board members with skills, competencies, talents, identities, backgrounds, and perspectives across a broad and diverse range of leaders to enable us to achieve our goals and broaden our impact.

One of the goals of the NSEF's Strategic Priorities - ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY is to have a strong and effective Board with a defined governance structure and succession plan. One of the ways we support this priority is to recruit members to serve in the various Board of Director (BOD) positions. Developed by the BOD, a robust application process is led by the NSEF Nominations Committee ("the Committee"). The NSEF Board-approved process allows for the Committee to seek out members with a specific skill-set and interest in serving on our BOD. Once the Committee completes its role, a slate of successful candidates is presented for vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This process is considered critical for organizations to fulfill their moral, legal, and ethical responsibilities to all those they reach, including members, employees, and volunteers. The benefits of a pre-determined slate of nominees include:

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

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

Vacancies

At the Annual General Meeting in November of 2022, five directors will be elected, as per Bylaw Article 33:

Position	Term
Director of Club	1-Year Term
Director of Industry	2-Year Term
Director of Education	2-Year Term
Director-at-Large	3-Year Term
Director-at-Large	3-Year Term

Term Limits: Per Bylaw Article 33

The BOD shall be comprised of Adult Individual Members of the NSEF, 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.

To preside for a three-year 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 via 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 Committee. The Committee shall provide the Members with a list of candidate Directors, taking into consideration the required skills and diverse needs of NSEF 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 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 Committee by a current NSEF member in good-standing, in accordance with NSEF's Nomination policy, procedures and timelines. The Nomination shall include a written confirmation by the candidate expressing a willingness to stand for office, including a detailed profile of the candidate. Please note that portions of each successful candidate application may be used by the BOD 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 14th, 2022 to:

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

2022 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, Adrienne Smith is 4:00pm Friday, October 14th, 2022.
nsef@sportnovascotia.ca

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 “Good Sport” Award

The NSEF Youth “Good Sport” Award recognizes a junior-aged NSEF member who exhibited exemplary conduct while participating and interacting with other participants/competitors and volunteers, working in the stabling area, etc. at a 2022 event/clinic or competition.

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 Awards Reception on Sunday, **November 20th** at **Brightwood Golf Course in Dartmouth, NS (Halifax Regional Municipality)***

2022 NSEF AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

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

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Nominee’s NSEF Number (if known by the nominator): _____

Nominated for the Following Award:

10 Year Service Award

Coach Award

Youth “Good Sport” Award

Volunteer Award

Official Award

Sponsor Award

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

Nominated by: _____ email: _____

Deadline: Friday, October 14, 2022 to Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation – 5516 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, NS, B3J 1G6. Fax: 1-800-263-2410. Email: nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca



2023 NSEF Membership Application

Available beginning January 1st, 2023. Membership expires December 31st, 2023
APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT MANDATORY SIGNATURES ON REVERSE PAGE

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

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

NEW Members - Did Someone Refer You to the NSEF? This member may be eligible for a referral credit. To apply the credit, please provide the referring member's 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 primary member	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	\$57.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership Available to spouses and/or their junior-aged children born in 2005 or later. If the child/sibling is born in 2004 or before an individual membership is required by submitting a separate application. Spouses may include those who are co-habiting, but not married by law; legal guardian(s) of a junior aged member.	
First two Family Members - \$89.00	
Additional Junior-aged Members ___ x \$27.00	

2023 OPTIONAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

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

<input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 Optional Accidental Death & Dismemberment (ADD) with fracture & dental benefits	___ x \$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Members Named Perils	___ x \$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 Emergency Medical Surgical (must purchase MNP to be eligible)	___ x \$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Members Tack and Equipment	___ x \$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Accident Indemnity (WAI) – form must be completed (contact NSEF)	___ x \$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Coverage – out of province and country coverage options available via CapriCMW at 1-888-394-3330	

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)	\$25.00
<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

2023 Affiliate Club Memberships –See Page 2 for rates and details

<input type="checkbox"/> Cape Breton Western Riders Assoc. (CBWRA)	<input type="checkbox"/> CBWRA Show Package	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Nova Horse and Pony Assoc. (CNHP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse Trials Nova Scotia (HTNS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NS Hunter Jumper Assoc. (NSHJ)

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

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

TOTAL:

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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <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)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competitive Athlete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Para-Equestrian Athlete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coach/Trainer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Official	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement for EC Sport License	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement of my Boarding Barn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement of my Coach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance Coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____ (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRIMARY DISCIPLINE (please specify) _____

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

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

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

INTEREST AREA(S) (check all that apply)	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
Breed Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Therapeutic Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Endurance/Competitive Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trail Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Driving/Pleasure Driving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dressage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eventing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hack & Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation
Hunt Club/Field Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speed events (Barrels & Poles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team Penning & Cutting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION (check all that apply)

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

2023 AFFILIATE 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 1 st : Individual Membership	Before May 1 st : Family Membership	After May 1 st : Individual Membership	After May 1 st : Family Membership
Cape Breton Western Riders (CBWR)	Individual Membership \$15.00	Family Membership \$30.00	Individual Membership \$20.00	Family Membership \$35.00
Central Nova Horse & Pony (CNHP)	Individual Membership: \$30.00	Family Membership: \$50.00		
Horse Trials Nova Scotia (HTNS)	Senior Individual \$25.00	Junior Individual \$20.00	Family Membership \$45.00	
Nova Scotia Hunter Jumper Association (NSHJ)	Membership \$15.00 (No family rate available – Multiply family members by \$15)			

Please keep a copy of this page for reference.

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).

NEW for 2023 \$40,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Coverage

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

OPTIONAL INSURANCE PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS (2023 ONLY)

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

NEW for 2023 \$75,000 - Enhanced Accident, Death and Dismemberment for injuries sustained by you, the member related to horses, 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 (Must be purchased with 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 2023 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

Covid-19 restrictions have impacted coverages available to you, our member. As a result, out of province/country travel insurance coverage at an NSEF member rate may be obtained by contacting our provider directly. Please call our partners, CapriCMW, at 1-888-394-3330 to discuss options available to you.

Weekly Accident Indemnity (WAI) Please contact the NSEF for additional paperwork before purchasing

Provides **income replacement** in the event you are unable to work due to an accident. Coverage is in force 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week and includes (but is not limited to), injuries arising from an equine related incident. There is a 7 day waiting period. The policy will provide

up to \$500.00/week in income replacement for up to 26 weeks (some restrictions apply). The combined benefit from this policy and all other benefits available to you (WCB/WSIB/PPP/ Employer Group Programs, etc.) cannot exceed 75% of reported gross income to Canadian Revenue Agency in the most recent taxation year. To qualify for this special program and be eligible for benefits, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1) Be a resident of Canada.
- 2) Be a member in good standing of 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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