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Our Cover features participants and instructors attending this summer's Large Animal Emergency Rescue Awareness Level Course held at Whinny Hill Farm in Conquerall. Page 7 feature article and photos were written/taken by Charlotte Grace.

Annual Awards Nominations Now Open

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth "Good Sport" Award - The Equestrian NS Youth "Good Sport" Award recognizes a junior-aged member who exhibited exemplary conduct while participating and interacting with other participants/competitors and volunteers, working in the stabling area, etc. at a 2025 event/clinic or competition.

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

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

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



Award recipients will be recognized at the Equestrian Nova Scotia Awards Reception on Sunday, November 16th at The Pictou County Wellness Centre, New Glasgow.

Starting at 1:00 pm

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Sunday, November 16th, 2025 at 1:30PM

Pictou County Wellness Centre, 2 - 2756 Westville Rd, New Glasgow

Light refreshments will be served. Silent Auction and Photo Booth also!

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Equestrian Nova Scotia Board of Directors invites you to the

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, November 16th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the Pictou County Wellness Centre, 2 - 2756 Westville Rd, New Glasgow

Why? As a member of Equestrian NS, your voice matters on organization needs and voting that takes place.

Pre-registration is appreciated but not required





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Fire & Emergency Preparedness	Nov 17 - 24

Winter 2026

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Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training Makes Impact

"Eye-opening" was the phrase heard throughout the Large Animal Emergency Rescue (LAER) Awareness Level course, hosted at the Whinny Hill Equestrian Centre and presented by Equestrian Nova Scotia in partnership with Equine Guelph this past August. With natural disasters like wildfires, hurricanes, and floods becoming



more frequent and severe, the need for specialized emergency preparedness has never been more urgent.

The course led internationally recognized experts: Husted Dr. Rebecca Technical Animal Large Emergency Rescue Inc., a global authority on equine rescue; Victor MacPherson, retired District Fire Chief and lead instructor for Equine Guelph's LAER program; and Dr. Chris Riley,

Chair of Clinical Studies at the Ontario Veterinary College, with extensive international experience in veterinary emergency response. Their combined expertise offered participants world-class training designed to equip both first responders and horse owners with the skills and confidence needed to act safely and effectively when disaster strikes.

The two-day session brought together a diverse group of participants—firefighters, horse owners, emergency responders, and animal advocates from across Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and even as far as Ontario. Their common goal: to learn how to safely and effectively respond when large animals are caught in emergency situations.

Why This Training Matters Now More Than Ever

As Dr. Rebecca Husted noted, "People see it [large animal rescue] happening on social media, and it is happening globally. We're thrilled to see both volunteer and paid firefighters taking this seriously—it's a legitimate part of heavy rescue and requires special training."

Indeed, the course emphasized that large animal rescue is not just about equipment—it's about the right plan, simple tools, and safe techniques. With the increasing likelihood of climate-related emergencies, the knowledge shared in this course is no longer optional—it's essential.

A Unique and Inclusive Learning Experience

Held at the peaceful and picturesque Whinny Hill Equestrian Centre, many attendees were struck not only by the depth of the learning but also by the setting itself. "I lived here most of my life and didn't even know this hidden gem was here," one participant shared. "It was so tranquil—the horses and ponies just welcomed us. It touched my heart and felt medically uplifting."

Whinny Hill owners, Alicia Crooks and Robert Risley, had this to say about their experience hosting the course. "The recent LAER clinic that was held at Whinny Hill Farm exceeded all our expectations. The expertise and professionalism of Equestrian Nova Scotia ensured the smooth marketing and execution of

the sessions. The expertise and knowledge from the University of Guelph facilitators was world class, and the buy-in from all walks of life around Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was very gratifying. Everyone present learned about a topic that they all agreed they knew very little about".

The course featured hands-on exercises using both simulated scenarios and live animals, including the incredible Kelly, owned by Ruth Claus, who offered a calm and authentic presence for participants, some of whom have never been around a horse. Participants were split into two groups over two days which fostered deeper engagement and meaningful practice: "The feedback we always hear is, 'Wow, this is pretty simple—it's about knowing where to stand and using safe techniques. We see the need for this everywhere."

Another attendee remarked, "I had no idea what to expect and was so glad I took the training. The instructors were amazing—as were the owners, the horses, and Ruth. It was a great day of learning, and everyone was engaged for the same reason."

Building a Stronger, More Prepared Network

One standout takeaway was the collaborative nature of the training, which united people from many different backgrounds—emergency services, equestrian professionals, and everyday horse owners. "It's important to realize that everyone has a piece of the pie to ensure these rescues are possible," said a facilitator.

The course also introduced participants to emergency protocols like chain of command, useful not only for rescue responders but also adaptable for barn managers and horse owners in planning for on-site emergencies. While the core curriculum was aimed at rescue professionals, several participants noted a valuable takeaway for horse owners: the importance of risk assessment

and prevention.



Looking Ahead:
More Training,
More Reach
There is already
strong interest
in follow-up
sessions and
more advanced
levels of training.

Suggestions included rotating future courses through different areas of the province to reach a broader audience.

"I would definitely be interested in a more involved course. The possibilities are great," one participant shared.

From the beautifully maintained facilities and welcoming animals at Whinny Hill, to the expert instruction and real-world relevance of the training, the Large Animal Emergency Rescue course exceeded expectations. As climate-related emergencies continue to rise, the value of this type of practical, life-saving training cannot be overstated.

A Heartfelt Thank You

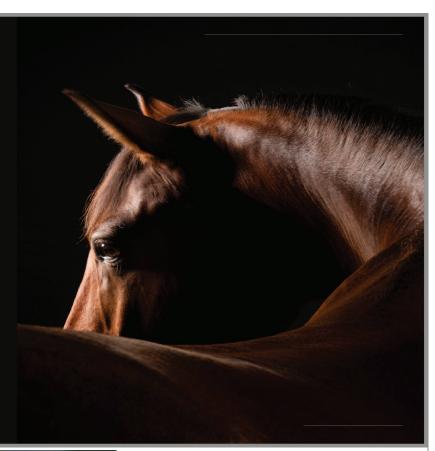
This course was made possible with the commitment from ACERA Insurance, Robert and Alicia at Whinny Hill Equestrian Centre, Equine Guelph, and Ruth Claus for bringing us all together.

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Coaching Opportunities in the "off" season....

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COACH

Participate in professional development opportunities such as our 2026 coach symposium in early spring. Until then, there's plenty of courses and training you can take from these coaching partners:

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Performance Program Celebrates Successful Year

2025 Athletes

Margie Abando Jayme Baker Tessa Baskwill Marcy Clark Kaleigh Denton Iuno du Toit Terrianne Feetham Kaidyn Goodwin Nicole Horne Mackenzie Hughes Mascha Jung Nathan Keeton Reese Lindsay Dakohta MacEachern

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PROGRAM

As we head into Championships for many of our performance athletes, the final months of this year's performance program year are winding down as we prepare for next year's program.

Our performance program focuses on complimenting athletes' existing competition program by providing access to services like mental performance and human nutrition. Athletes continue to comment on how much they appreciate these sessions as an enhancement to their own performance program and training.

Our performance coaches, Roz Moskovits and Helen Smith, check-in with athletes early in the year and set a program

performance target with the athletes. This target is not a competition result but a skill-specific goal. The performance coaches continue to check-in throughout the year to receive updates from athletes on their progress and ultimately to discuss their goal at the end of the competition season. Roz is finishing up her third year as English Performance Coach and both of our performance coaches have been a great asset to the program. We encourage athletes' individual coaches and parents/guardians to take part in sessions as we value their vital role in their athlete's journey.



Besides several on-line educational and mental performance sessions, we held a well-attended training camp in the spring devoted exclusively to equine physiology, fitness, conditioning and injury prevention. We were pleased to have Emily Marriott, Equine Registered Massage Therapist and Rose Zwanenburg, Equine Podiatrist and Hoof Trimmer join us for the session. We also worked with heart rate monitors on the horses as part of the discussion on recovery.

The goal of the performance program is to have Nova Scotian Equestrians get identified at International/World Championships or winning medals at identified National Championships. The program target aims to have U25 athletes at specific international competitions, such as the North American Young Riders Championships for Dressage, Jumper and Eventing. However, we recognize that many athletes get to that level after the age of 25 years and we accommodate as many of those athletes in the program, if space allows. We encourage all to apply!

Our qualifying criteria underwent a major update in preparation for this year and includes many disciplines including Driving, Para-Driving, Endurance, Jumper, Eventing, Dressage, General Performance, Reining, Para-Dressage, and more. The criteria will be reviewed again before applications open for next year's program.

1ST OF EACH MONTH Applications will be available in November and will close on or before December 1st, 2025. To see the 2025 program criteria and watch for next year's application, go to equestriannovascotia.ca/High-Performance

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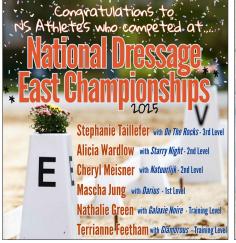
Member Achievement Recognized

Throughout this past year, members have been celebrated for their achievement both inside and outside the ring. Here is a compilation of those we honoured through our formal recognition programs and announcements.











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This exclusive insurance policy 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.

The policy will provide up to \$500.00/ week in income

replacement for up to 26 weeks. (Some restrictions apply). To qualify for this special program and be eligible for benefits, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 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); and
- 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.

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.ore information is available on the ENS website or by calling 1-888-394-3330.

Health & Dental Benefits for Equestrian Nova Scotia Members Launching December 1!! Acera Benefits is excited to offer an exclusive extended health and dental plan tailored specifically for Equestrian Nova Scotia Members, through our partner, Simply Benefits. Stay tuned for enrollment details coming soon.



Membership Has Its Benefits

As Atlantic Canada's largest equestrian sport organization, we are pleased to provide members with amazing benefits, programs and initiatives. We offer individual and family memberships starting January 1st. We strongly encourage you to join/renew early in the new year to take advantage of everything we have to offer, especially, the Automatic Insurance Coverage of \$5,000,000 Excess Personal Liability Insurance and \$40,000 Principal Sum Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance.

AFFILIATES

When you join Equestrian Nova Scotia, you can join the following clubs at the same time:

- Horse Trials NS (HTNS)
- Nova Scotia Hunter Jumper Association (NSHJA)
- Cape Breton Western Riders Association (CBWRA)
- Central Nova Horse and Pony Association (CNHP)

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- Our members receive direct communication on latest news, events and important messages related to equestrian sport and industry.
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- Equine Register Digital App
- Equestrian Canada CHIP Program
- Access to Health and Dental Benefits Program Access to Sport NS Funding Programs
- Access to the Equestrian NS team as your resource.
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Annual Report

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Equestrian Nova Scotia will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at the Pictou County Wellness Centre, New Glasgow, NS.

Delegate Registration: 10:00 a.m. Meeting Begins: 10:30 a.m.

AGENDA:

- 1. Call to Order, including declaration of quorum
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of 2024 AGM
- 4. Business arising/action items from 2024 AGM Minutes
- 5. New Business, including:
- A) Reports of Officers and Committees included in our Annual Report; also found on Equestrian Nova Scotia website at equestriannovascotia.ca and will be made available at AGM.
- B) Consideration and Approval of 2024/25 Equestrian Nova Scotia Financial Statements Financial Summary included in Annual Report. The Financial Report in its entirety will be available at the AGM.
- C) Presentation of Proposed By-Law Amendments included in Annual Report and will be made available at AGM.
- D) 2023/24 Equestrian Nova Scotia Annual Review Presentation
- E) Election of Directors
- 6. Adjournment

2024 Equestrian Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting Delta Hotel, Dartmouth, NS November 17, 2024 Unapproved Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call/Welcome

• Called to order at 10:58 am by President Kris Foley. Present: Voting Members: Kris Foley, Barbie Lewis, Katarin MacLeod, Valerie McDermott, Mary-Clare McLaren, Kim Fortin, Adrienne Smith, Jessica Glassford, Alinta MacLeod, Catherine Lecrone, Julia Cecchetto, Kim Beaton, Meaghan Douglas, Charlotte Grace, Jayme Baker, Angela MacDonald Staff: Heather Myrer

2. Declaration of Quorum

Based on registration quorum was met.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Adrienne Smith, seconded by Kim Beaton. No contrary minded, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Motion was made to approve the 2023 NSEF AGM Minutes by Mary-Clare McLaren, seconded by Barbie Lewis. No contrary minded, motion carried.

5. Business arising/action items from 2023 Minutes (old business)

None

6. New Business

a. Reports from Officers and Committees – as submitted and presented. Discussion was had regarding the ENS competitions system. Staff advised that upgrades were scheduled for next season.

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

b. Annual Financial Statements Review

The 2023/24 Financial Statements Review was completed by Shellnutt Accountants and presented at the AGM by Treasurer Barbie Lewis, with assistance from Executive Director, Heather Myrer.

Motion to approve the 2023/24 Financial Statements Review was made by Barbie Lewis, seconded by Julia

Cecchetto. No contrary minded, motion carried.

D. Annual Update to Members

Equestrian Nova Scotia's Annual Update/targets were based on our Strategic Vision and were presented by Executive Director, Heather Myrer. A Motion to accept the Equestrian Nova Scotia Annual Update as presented was made by Megan Douglas, seconded by Catherine Lecrone. Motion carried.

e. Election of Directors

Equestrian Nova Scotia's Nominations Committee
Chairperson, Val McDermott, presided over the Election
of Directors and presented a slate of candidates for
consideration as per the nomination process.
Kris Foley, Director of Education, 2-year term
Barbie Lewis, Director of Industry, 2-year term
Catherine LeCrone, Director-at-Large 3-Year term
Julia Cecchetto, Director-at-Large 3-Year term
At a meeting of Member Clubs, Melissa MacDonald was
acclaimed as the Director of Clubs — one-year term.
Motion to accept the 2024/2025 Equestrian Directors as
elected by the membership was made by Val McDermott,
seconded by Adrienne Smith. No contrary minded,
motion carried.

A formal acknowledgment and thanks were expressed to Andy Woolaver, Kate Howarth and Mary-Clare McLaren for their dedication and commitment. Ms McLaren was presented with a gift in recognition of her decades of service to the ENS Board.

7. Termination of Meeting

The business of the 2024 Equestrian Nova Scotia AGM was addressed. A Motion to terminate the meeting as of 12:00 p.m. was made by Adrienne smith Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Val McDermott Equestrian Nova Scotia Volunteer Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Submitted by Kris Foley

I am continually inspired by the passion and care our community brings to equine welfare. Horses are more than companions or competitors—they're partners who deserve our respect, protection, and advocacy.

This year, Equestrian Nova Scotia has deepened its commitment to equine well-being through meaningful partnerships. Our continued collaboration with Equine



Guelph's E-Campus has opened doors to accessible education, offering numerous free courses and exclusive discounts for ENS members. These resources empower owners, riders, and caregivers to make informed decisions that directly benefit the horses in their lives.

We're also proud to support the Canadian Horse Identification Program (CHIP) which helps horse owners manage equine health history, disease control, proof of ownership and more. In tandem with the Equine Register Digital Stable App, these initiatives help ensure that horses are protected, accounted for, and treated with dignity throughout their lives. Look for more information on how to access these programs in our HoofPrints publication.

Equine welfare isn't just a goal—it's a shared responsibility. Whether you're in the ring, on the trail, or in the barn, your choices matter. Let's continue to learn, advocate, and lead by example.

Thank you for being part of this compassionate and forward-thinking community. Together, we're shaping a future where every horse is valued, and every voice makes a difference.

Here's to happy trails and well-loved horses.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Submitted by Heather Myrer

2025 was a year of many highlights and accomplishments for our 4,000+ member organization. We also experienced personal loss and have felt so much love and support from members and colleagues from across the country. Your heartfelt kindness was appreciated.

Equine welfare education has become a vital focus over the past year. The shortage of large animal vets, extreme weather events and general thirst for equine health and welfare knowledge are the driving forces behind our commitment to provide enhanced educational opportunities in 2026 and beyond!

As you will read, we had a remarkable year celebrating our members' successes and supporting educational and equine welfare initiatives such as our Large Animal Rescue Emergency Awareness Training course and participating in the NS Stampede, where GITty, our equine gastrointestinal tract model was highlighted.

Scotia Series continues to grow, including a significant increase in dressage and eventing participation with the hard work of competition managers across the province. At time pf publication, we will have held one of two provincial championships in partnership with the Cape Breton Western Riders Association. Many thanks to the CBWR team for their efforts in making this a successful event. Round two will take place October 3-5 in Windsor!

As we focus on inclusive and barrier-free access to our programs, we are proud to offer care-giver funding, Kidsport

Equestrian funding, diversity and inclusion training and funding opportunities, on-line program options and payment plans that support the needs of you, our member. If you ever have difficulty in participating in any of our programs, please reach out and we will do our best to assist you!

It's membership renewal time! Remember to renew before your membership expires. Renewal means you retain your important insurance benefits, and have access to events, educational and funding opportunities, participation awards and enjoy the many benefits of membership. I encourage you to invite friends and family to become a member and be part of our growing network. Remember to give them your membership number to get your referral credit!

We are a small and mighty operational team! My sincere thanks is extended to Sheila Currie and Charlotte Grace, along with our summer student, Chloe Coles, for their dedication, commitment, and hard work. We also have amazing support on a contractual basis from Helen Smith and Roz Moskovits, our Performance Program coaches, and Jennifer Lewis, our Competition support person. Everything we do is made possible by you, our members, our clubs, our sponsors, our volunteers, and our Board of Directors, especially our President, Kris Foley, who guides us daily with her leadership! Have a safe and wonderful rest of 2025 and we look forward to serving you in 2026!

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION REPORT - By Adrienne Smith

The interactive Horseplay Rewards Program has been in use for a while now, allowing you to track your equine related activity while accumulating points towards

rewards. So far, sixty-six members have collectively logged 1,879 kilometres of riding/driving in the app! Sign up today and join in on the fun!

We continue to promote our educational programs such as Learn to Ride/Drive, P'Tit Trot, Rookie Rider, Safe Sport. Information for those both new to the sport or interested in Long Term Equestrian Development will find that our website a wealth of information on these topics and has links to many more, such as Horse Welfare. Keep an eye on our E-News and website for

upcoming courses partnered with Equine Guelph's Horse Portal.

As your rep on the NS trails Board, I attended several meetings throughout the year. We are excited about the We Share Trails campaign and we advocate to have equine safety on the trails included. Take a look at their website to learn more about this important program. There are stickers and posters available to promote this

initiative in your region. Please use your safety equipment and conduct yourself in an appropriate and safe manner while enjoying these riding opportunities. We all need to respect each other on the trails. Get to know your community trail groups and offer to help.

2025 has been a challenging year for recreational riders due to the extreme drought conditions and bans on forest travel. Some areas have had these restrictions lifted and we are hoping for more rain to allow the rest of the province to follow. Imagine Nova Scotians

praying for rain! Be aware of hunting season and wear appropriate safety orange for visibility.

For more information, feel free to contact nsefservices@ sportnovascotia.ca or 1-800-263-2410. Wishing you many happy and safe rides or drives!



DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT – By Kris Foley

This past year we offered several professional development initiatives for our coaches. In May, we hosted the Cultural Awareness Workshop and the Coach Symposium, both held virtually. In April, we organized the First Aid Recertification. Additionally, over nineteen coach and instructor candidates participated in the inaugural Coach Cohort, where they networked and collaborated towards NCCP certification. Participants hailed from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Yukon, and Quebec.

We were pleased to award a High School Credit candidate, Lexie Joy, with her English Instructor Certification in May. Morgan Cloutier also earned her stripes as an English Instructor this spring! Congratulations are extended to both Lexie and Morgan for this accomplishment!

We were delighted to welcome four new Scotia Series judges this year:

Gillian Allan - Pleasure Driving and Driving Trials Alison Winters - General Performance Sharron Piazza - Jumper, I Can Event, Dressage (English and Western)

Natalie Bova - Hunter, Jumper, Equitation

We are eager to continue our journey and strive towards new achievements.

With support from Equestrian Canada's National Education Fund and the Government of NS, we were able to support five Coach Developers and our performance coaches to attend the EC Coach Developer Symposium in Calgary this past September. Many changes have been made to the Learn to Ride/Drive Programs and Rookie Rider Program, and our CD's are integral in facilitating these changes to our coaches and instructors in NS. Please stay tuned for clinic announcements coming to various regions of the province in 2026.

All in all, it's been a memorable year full of learning, growth, and forging new connections from coast to coast. Looking ahead, we have a comprehensive calendar of events planned. We will be hosting the Coach Symposium, holding First Aid Recertification, and offering an Officials Mega-clinic and the next Coach Cohort —see you at next year's events!

DIRECTOR OF CLUBS REPORT - By Melissa MacDonald

2026 Club Applications

NOW OPEN

Club Membership Benefits

Access to Funding Initiatives

• Governance Assistance

Event Promotion

Website Listing

Fourteen member clubs took advantage of our membership benefits and opportunities this year. These clubs were

offered funding initiatives, help with governance, and any assistance they needed with the promotion of their events. We have seen some growth this year when we established IDEA which helped promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion into the horse community. It has been fantastic to see clubs,

riding establishments and our organizations grow because of this program. Introducing athletes to this sport and being able to watch it grown is very fulfilling. The 2026 Club applications are open and available on our website. For more information on Club Membership, please contact the team at nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca.

Coaches have done a fantastic job this year mentoring their students and helping them advance in their respectful division. Coaches play such a significant role in making sure our students are given guidance and more confidence to push their limits in this sport. Thank you to all coaches for your time and endless dedication to your students and this sport.

Scan QR Code to Join

Our volunteers work hard within their clubs and

organizations so that athletes can grow in this sport both with their horses and with their fellow competitors. I want to personally thank all the volunteers that work countless hours in hosting competitions, running competitions or for the enjoyment of riding. Our sport grows every year, and I am very proud to be part of it with you.

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Our Scotia Series continues to grow and give provincial recognition to our athletes. The HorseSport.Pro on-line competition system allows competitions, both big and small, to competently handle entries, schedules, officials, and essential competition information. If your club is interested in hosting/seeking information on a Scotia Series competition, please contact

Charlotte at nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca I have heard great feedback from clubs this year about having another successful year. Again, I want to thank all of our clubs, coaches, athletes and volunteers on a fantastic year.

I know 2026 has great things in store for us all.

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY REPORT - By Barbie Lewis

It is hard to believe we are already near the end of 2025. How fast this year has passed. The song "Here We Go Again" applies to Nova Scotia again this year, what with Forest fires, drought, and very hot weather — WOW! Hopefully, we will all get rain (and lots of it) soon. With support from Equestrian Canada' Emergency Fund, we were once again able to fund those membes who were impacted by extreme weather events.

I would like to take the time to talk about the biggest key point for us this year. This was the Large Animal Emergency Response Awareness Level Course that we hosted in partnership with Equine Gueph, Whinny Hill Equestrian Centre, Ruth Claus (a tremendous volunteer), supported by our friends at ACERA Insurance Services. Thanks for the great job, everyone!

The course had forty-three participants who travelled from all over the province, including firefighters, EMS responders, and, of course, horse owners. The course was well received and the feedback, very positive. We are already working with Equine Guelph to plan more coures

including some intensive training for first responders!

This past fall, we attended the NS Stampede as a vendor! Many horse lovers stopped by our exhibit that included member information, Rookie Riders Radish the horse, and our digestive tract model. We look forward to 2026 as we plan for more educational opportunities!



DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIONS REPORT – Submitted by Lesley Langley

It has been a great year for competitions across the province, with strong participation and enthusiasm from athletes, coaches, and organizers alike. Twenty-six Scotia Series competitions, along with a second year of I Can Event (ICE) added to our series, have been held successfully, providing valuable opportunities for athletes at all levels to showcase their skills and progress.

Horse welfare has remained a top priority, and our judges always keep this at the forefront during competitions. Please remember that welfare goes beyond food, water, and shelter—it also means ensuring the horse is fit for the discipline in which it is competing. Properly fitting tack is equally important, as poor fit can cause discomfort, pain, or even long-term damage to a horse. If you are ever excused from a class, or if a judge raises a concern, please take their comments seriously. If you disagree, we encourage you to consult with a professional to ensure your horse's health and safety remain the top priority.

We continue to promote and encourage up and coming officials to take the training to become provincially sanctioned. This is a great training ground for those wishing to move along the pathway and become an EC official. More importantly, recognized officials are insured, and they make

our sport safer!

Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming Scotia Series Provincial Championships. Senior Hack and Western General Performance and Showmanship divisions will take have taken place in partnership with the final Cape Breton Western Riders competition of the yea. Junior Hack, Dressage, Hunter/Jumper, I Can Event (ICE) and Driving divisions will be held at the Windsor Exhibition Grounds. As always, these events cannot succeed without volunteers. If you are able to lend a hand, we would love to see you at one of the venues.

What a wonderful horse community we have in Nova Scotia. With the drought and forest fires throughout the province, it has been heartwarming to hear of the help and assistance being given. Many people are offering resources and helping find solutions for those affected. This generosity and spirit of support remind us that our community is not only strong in competition, but also in care for one another and for our horses.

If you are interested in joining our Scotia Series Provincial Circuit, please reach out to the office at nsef@ sportnovascotia.ca . We'd love to have you join us in 2026!

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FINANCE REPORT

EQUESTRIAN NOVA SCOTIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

Summary only provided by Shellnutt Accountants - Full review will be available in AGM Package

2025

		<u>2025</u>	<u> 2024</u>	
CONTRIBUTIONS				
Technical/Competitive Programs	\$	67,049	\$ 119,022	
Organization Operations		478,370	348,344	
Participatory Programs		16,966	20,310	
Investment revenue (loss)		47,295	4,882	
		<u>569,680</u>	492,538	
EXPENSES				
Technical/Competitive Programs	\$	169,771	\$ 112,369	
Organization operations		315,032	332,324	
Participatory Programs		48,963	48,198	
		<u>533,766</u>	<u>492,891</u>	
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVEN	IUE \$	<u>35,914</u>	\$ <u>(353)</u>	
Net assets, beginning of year		<u>289,268</u>	289,621	
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION APPLICATION

2025 Board of Directors' Nomination Process Equestrian Nova Scotia is recruiting new volunteer Board members with varying professional backgrounds and skill sets. We are committed to a culture of inclusion and equity by welcoming members with skills, competencies, talents, identities, backgrounds, and perspectives across a broad and diverse range to apply. Our robust application process is led by the Equestrian NS Nominations Committee ("the Committee"). The Equestrian NS Board-approved process allows for the Committee to seek out members with a specific skill-set and interest in serving on our Board. Once the Committee completes its role, a slate of successful candidates is presented for vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This process is considered critical in order to fulfill our moral, legal, and ethical responsibilities to all those we reach, including members, employees, and volunteers. The benefits of a pre-determined slate of nominees include:

•Ensuring that the candidate skills set and experience are aligned with the role in which they are nominated;•Ensuring that conflicts of interest do not affect the quality and safety of programs and services offered by Equestrian NS;•Reducing the risks and liability for members, employees and volunteers. As a result of this nomination process, the Committee is able to ensure that all candidates presented to the membership are qualified and evaluated using a consistent criteria and process as outlined in the Candidate Package.

Term Limits: Per Bylaw Article 33 - The Board shall be comprised of Adult Equestrian NS Members, elected by the membership as follows:

Not exceeding two consecutive terms, to preside for a two-year term 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 Board of Directors. The Nominee must first be endorsed by their 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 candidates, taking into consideration their skills and diverse needs and the community it serves with a balance of new and experienced directors. If possible, the list of candidates shall exceed the number of vacant positions by at least one and at most double the number of vacant positions. No candidate may be eligible for election as a director until such candidate has been reviewed by the Committee as per the nominations process.

Nominations - an individual for election as a Director shall be

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

Candidate Application Package:

1.Letter of Interest (max. 1500 words) including why you wish to serve on the Equestrian NS Board, and the value you would bring to the Board and organization – all or some of which may be used as your bio in the election package; 2.CV (maximum five (5) pages). Please consider personal/confidential information within your CV before submitting with your Candidate Application Package as this will be shared with the Nominations committee; 3. Social Media profiles (optional); 4. Completed Candidate Nomination and Acceptance Form 5. Photograph (to be used in candidate package) In 2025, there will be five (5) Directors elected,

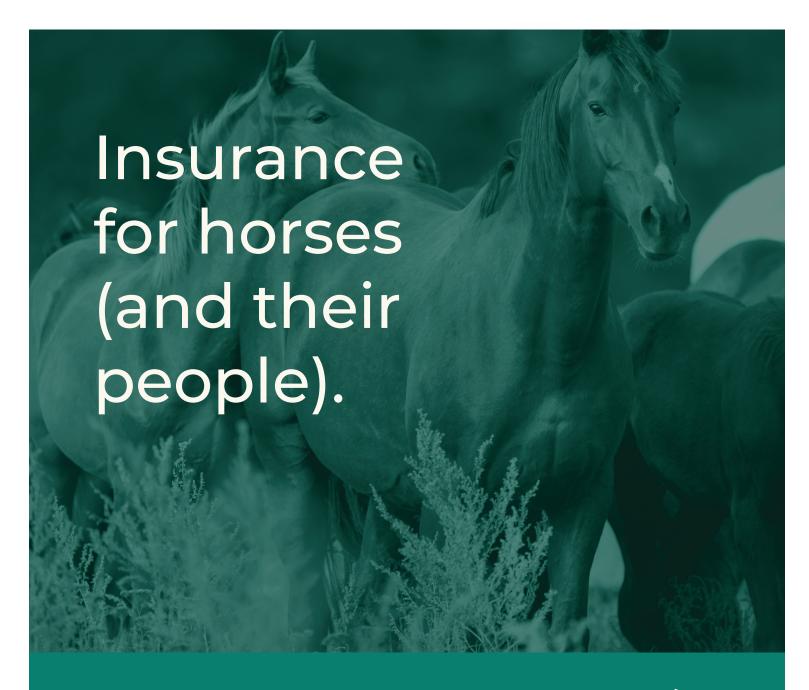
Position Term
Director of Competitions 2-Year Term
Director of Recreation 2-Year Term
Director-at-Large (two positions) 3-Year Term

Director of Clubs, 1-year term, to be decided at a member club meeting prior to the AGM.



Please scan the QR code to submit your completed Candidate Application Package by 4:00 p.m. Friday October 17th, 2025

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