



# **Swell Equestrian Scotia Series Dressage Competitions**



**Saturday May 4, Judge Roz Moskovits**

**Saturday June 28, Judge Roz Moskovits**

**Saturday September 6, Judge TBA**

Welcome to Swell Equestrian

We are providing our venue to host a Scotia Series Dressage Competition to help riders and horses develop their abilities to improve in the equestrian sport.



*The view from horseback is spectacular. Lawrencetown Beach is left in this photo.*

## **VENUE**

- Competition Ring is a 20M x 60m dressage outdoor dressage ring.
- Tests from the Training Level, First Level, Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level and FEI Test of Choice will be ridden in the ring. Indoor arena warm-up for these tests
- Introductory Test will warm up inside and ride their tests in the regular sized indoor arena
- The viewing room of the main building has Wi-Fi and will be used for the competition office and canteen
- Washroom located inside indoor viewing room

## EQUESTRIAN CANADA DRESSAGE TEST LINKS (ctrl + click to activate links)

- [Dressage - Equestrian Canada](#)
- [Para Dressage - Equestrian Canada](#)
- [Western Dressage Tests](#)
- [Dressage Tests | FEI](#)

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- To participate in our competitions, we recommend your horse is vaccinated with Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes Virus (1&4). This is not a requirement.
- Any horse who has requesting stabling at Swell Equestrian will be required to provide a vaccine certificate confirming your horse is up to date on vaccines for, Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes Virus (1&4) and Strangles vaccinations. Your Vaccine certificate are to be emailed to swellequestrian@gmail.com
- Classes will be split into Junior and Senior
  - **Senior Competitors** are defined as 19 years old and older as of January 1st, 2025
  - **Junior Competitors** are defined as 18 years old and under as of January 1st, 2025
- Anyone wishing to lunge must request permission from the event organizer and use designated area.
- All participants, regardless of discipline, must wear ASTM/SEI, or BSI/BS EN approved protective headgear, with the safety harness correctly secured at all times while mounted anywhere on the show grounds.
- Attire:
  - Required – Safe, neat/tidy attire of conservative colour, and long sleeved or short sleeved shirt with a collar. Sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Protective headgear as described above. Juniors are permitted to wear jodhpurs and boots. Athletes with long hair must wear hair nets or tie hair back in a braid or bun.
  - Recommended – Dark, grey, or conservative pinstriped coloured jacket, tie, hunting sock or choker, conservative-coloured breeches, black or brown high boots, short boots with matching half chaps.
  - Exception - In the case of inclement weather, competitors may wear a suitable helmet cover and a warm or waterproof overcoat.
- Tack:
  - In keeping with the tradition and dignity of the sport, manes may be braided and the competitor's dress and tack neat, clean and in good repair.
  - Spurs are optional.
  - Whips are allowed. Maximum length is 100cm for pony and 120cm for a horse.
  - Saddles: A plain English saddle, black or brown colour only with stirrups is compulsory in all levels.
  - Bridles: All bridles must be correctly fitted.
  - Reins must be black or brown in colour. Type of reins is optional.
  - Snaffle bridle with one of the following nosebands: drop, regular cavesson, flash, figure 8, or crescent are allowed. All bits must be smooth with no sharp edges on center links. Snaffles and curb bits with smooth ridges are permitted.
  - Up to and including Second Level: Only snaffle bits are allowed.
  - Breastplates, foregirths, girth covers, cruppers, and non-restrictive nose fly guards and ear nets are permitted.
  - Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets, and any form of blinkers, ear plugs, seat covers, and hoods are strictly forbidden on the competition grounds and competition ring/warm-up ring at any time during any competition (under penalty of elimination).
  - Protective boots or bandages are not permitted in the competition ring; however, they are permitted on competition grounds or at the discretion of the judges. Athletes may be asked to remove the boots or bandages during a tack check.
- Participants are asked to be ready for their scheduled time.
- Test readers will not be provided by the organizer.
- Tests may be called. Callers must use the exact wording as it appears on the test. When calling any movement, it may only be repeated once by the caller. The provision of a caller is the responsibility of the competitor. Callers must stand at either E or B and remain 2-meters outside of the ring. The accuracy of the test remains the responsibility of the competitor regardless of errors made by their caller.
- Participants riding a Test Of Choice (TOC) must indicate which test on their application form and bring a blank copy for the clinician or competition judge. Free style tests are not an option. TOC is not a Scotia Series class.
- Equestrian Nova Scotia or PTSO membership is required to participate competition.
- All tests will be the most current versions available (2023 EC USEF)
- Scotia Series competitions are approved to offer up to Fourth Level
- Western Dressage Tests will be from the Western Dressage Association of Canada
- If competing in Para-Dressage, athletes do not need to be classified however, it is the responsibility of each competitor and coach to ensure all compensating aids used in competition are listed on the FEI Para-

Dressage acceptable compensating aid list or have been documented correctly on their EC Classification Profile or Para-Dressage Dispensation Certificate. The compensating aid list outlines standard aids ([https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Compensating%20Aids%20Photo%20List%20Para%20Dressage\\_0.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Compensating%20Aids%20Photo%20List%20Para%20Dressage_0.pdf)).

- Horses may compete at any level up to a maximum of four tests for the day and no more than two consecutive levels. More than one rider may ride the same horse but not in the same class.
- Ribbons awarded to 5th place per level. Any horse receiving less than 50% is not eligible for ribbons, awards or prizes. Ribbons will be presented at Presentation Square.
- Highpoint Junior and High Point Senior Sores will be presented to each level at the end of the day at Presentation Square
- If only one horse in a class, than ribbons awarded on a percentage as follows: 1st—60% or higher, 2nd—57-59.9%, 3rd—54-56%, 4th—51-53.9%. Only four placings in this situation.
- Please note on your entry form that we now request the name of your Coach if you are using their services at the competition. If you do not, please indicate that you are self coached. COACHES /PERSON RESPONSIBLE PLEASE NOTE information regarding Safe Sport included in this prize list.
- In case of a rider, or horse fall, riders are to leave the ring unmounted.
- Any rider that may in the opinion of the judge and/or management be considered riding at risk of injury to themselves or their horse will be asked to withdraw for the balance of the competition
- The welfare of the horse is paramount in our sport therefore the judge and/or management reserves the right to ask a horse to retire, in the event that it appears that it would not be productive for the horse to continue. This may be due to heat, unsoundness, or distress of the horse.
- **Bridle numbers must be worn whenever the horse is not in a stall or trailer, including all handwalking.**



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

[equestriannovascotia.ca/Scotia-Series](http://equestriannovascotia.ca/Scotia-Series)

## STABLING

- Limited stabling is available to competitors.
- **Cost is \$50.00 per day/night including HST.**
- Bring your own bedding or you can purchase wood pellets bags from us for **\$10.00 per bag including HST.**
- Any horse who is requesting stabling at Swell Equestrian will be required to provide a vaccine certificate confirming your horse is up to date on vaccines for, Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes Virus (1&4) and Strangles vaccinations. Horses not in compliance with this in the stabling area may be asked to leave the event site at the discretion of Competition Management.
- Vaccine certificates must be emailed to [swellequestrian@gmail.com](mailto:swellequestrian@gmail.com) by the entry closing date.

## WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION

After the closing date Wednesday, April 23, a full refund can return to the entry minus the Administration Fee plus hst with a Veterinarian Certificate.

## FEES

- Entries close and payments are due Wednesday April 23, 2025 for the Saturday May 3 Show.
- Entries close and payments are due Friday June 20, 2025 for the Saturday June 28 Show.
- Entries close and payments are due Friday August 29, 2025 for the Saturday September 6 Show
- Post entries will not be accepted on the day of the competition.
- *Competition Fees can be e-transferred to [swellequestrian@gmail.com](mailto:swellequestrian@gmail.com) for auto-deposit*
- All entries (one horse/rider) are subject to the following competition fees:
  - **Administration Fee \$50 including hst**
  - **Class Fee \$35 including hst**
  - **Bridle Number \$5 including hst (yours to keep)**
  - **Scotia Series Fee \$3 no hst**
- Swell Equestrian is a trademark of Sambea Farm Inc. All entries are subject to HST. Sambea Farm Inc. HST# RT803603935

**ADDITIONAL FEES INCLUDE:**

- Stall per day/night \$50 including hst
- Wood Pellets Bedding Per Bag \$10 including hst
- Late Entry \$40 including hst for May Show (entry received between 12am Saturday April 26 and Friday May 2 12pm).
- Late Entry \$40 including hst for June Show (entry received between 12am Saturday June 21 and Friday June 27 12pm).
- Swell Equestrian Riding School participants, participating on any of our school horses in either of the Scotia Series Dressage Show(s) are required to pay coaching fees in a sperate invoice issued from the Xero platform, by the entry closing date.

**TO ENTER THE DRESSAGE COMPETITION**

Entries will be accepted online at <https://nsef.horsesport.pro/Login>

ENS has created a Entry Manual which is available for your reference: [ENS Competition System Athlete Entry Manual.pdf \(horsenovascotia.ca\)](https://nsef.horsesport.pro/Login)

Your entry will not be processed UNLESS a signed waiver accompanies the online entry in 2025. Instructions about accessing the waiver are included in the above manual. The waiver is emailed to your email as in the ENS membership database NOT as on the entry – check your junk/spam folders!

Ride times will be available the day before

**Swell Equestrian Riding School Athlete Entries** will be accepted online at <https://nsef.horsesport.pro/Login>

- Please add your name and date of birth for your horse's profile. Swell Coaches will determine who you ride based on availability, and considering the Scotia Series Guidelines.
- Your entry will not be processed UNLESS a signed waiver accompanies the online entry in 2025. Instructions about accessing the waiver are included in the above manual. The waiver is emailed to your email as in the ENS membership database NOT as on the entry – check your junk/spam folders!
- Ride times will be available the day before

**If you need assistance with your entry, contact Equestrian Nova Scotia at**

[nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca) . Please note this is email is primarily covered Monday-Friday, 9am -4pm.

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

As an event organizer, an Emergency Response Plan will be in place. We encourage participants to be aware of bio-security measures they can practice for the health of their horse. Our venue retains liability coverage and demands the same from each participant at the Swell Equestrian location. All registrants must have the signature of the owner or authorized agent and a signature for the person responsible for the horse. Riders will not be allowed to participate without a signature from the person responsible.

Junior participants (under the age of 19) must have permission to participate in the competition as indicated by the signature of a parent or guardian on waiver.

Sambea Farm Inc/ Swell Equestrian and its Management, Organizing Committee, Officials, Volunteers or Staff are in no way responsible for accident, injury or damage to any rider, spectator, groom, attendant, trainer or other employee; or animals, nor theft, loss or damage to animals, vehicles or equipment.

**Ride Times**

Tentative Ride times will be posted on our website  
by Wednesday April 30, 2025 (May Show)

<https://www.swellequestrian.ca/newsandevents>

by Wednesday June 25, 2025 (June Show)

by Wednesday September 3, 2025 (September Show)



## Dressage Ring Rental

Our Dressage Ring is available for registered competitors to rent prior to our Scotia Series Dressage Shows. To register for ring rental please visit our website, register on the google form available on our website. **Cost is \$25.00 per hour per horse/rider including HST.**



## Swell Equestrian Scotia Series Dressage Competition Tentative Schedule

8:00-8:45am - 20m x 60m Dressage Ring Open For Hand Walking

9:00am - Training Level First Level

Break 30 minutes Ring Drag

20m x 60m Dressage Ring Open For Hand Walking

Second Level Third Level Fourth Level FEI TOC

Presentations at Presentation Square - Highpoint Junior and Highpoint Senior Prizes Presented for Training Level through to FEI TOC

Break 30 Minutes

Introductory Tests ridden inside the indoor arena

Presentations at Presentation Square - Highpoint Junior and Highpoint Senior Prizes Presented for Introductory Level

# 2025 SCOTIA SERIES PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**ALL WESTERN DIVISIONS & ENGLISH FLAT SENIOR DIVISION**  
**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CAPE BRETON WESTERN RIDERS**  
**CB County Exhibition, North Sydney**  
**September 26-28**

**DRIVING, HUNTER, JUMPER, DRESSAGE, I CAN EVENT & ENGLISH FLAT JUNIOR DIVISIONS**  
**Hants County Exhibition**  
**October 3-5, 2025**

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