



Eventing *Qualifying Criteria*

for the Atlantic Canada Equestrian Championship

September 30th, 2017 at Strathgartney in PEI

Team Composition

- Team of 4 riders for the Entry Level and a different team of 4 riders for the Pre-Training plus alternates (alternate travel expenses will only be paid if competing with the team)

Eligibility

- Team is open to all ages with a minimum age of 8 years old.
- Ponies are allowed and stallions are allowed for adult riders only.
- Substitute horse will only be considered in the case of illness or lameness, verified by veterinary certificate. Any proposed substitute horse must have demonstrated ability to compete in division being entered within the 2017 competition year. Any proposed substitutions will be considered on a case by case basis, and will be accepted at the discretion of the selection committee.
- Riders selected for each team cannot downgrade in 2017 to a lower division to apply. Riders on teams must have shown at the championship level for the 2017 season and at the level or lower in the 2016 season.
- Riders must be a member of the NBEA and NB resident.
- Letter of Declaration required by June 26th. This must include identifying the competitions the rider plans to attend to qualify and be accompanied by the \$25 declaration fee.

Team Qualification and Selection

- All qualifying competitions within the Maritimes must be EC sanctioned show at the Entry and Pre-Training divisions.
- Competition performance scores will be converted to penalty points that will be used to determine overall standings and team selection.
- Best scores will be considered from any 3 EC sanctioned eventing competitions (Derby or Horse Trial as noted below) in NB, PEI or NS.
- Qualifying scores can come from 3 sanctioned Horse Trials or 2 sanctioned Horse Trials and one Derby or 2 sanctioned Derby's and one horse trial. The Derby scores have to be accompanied by one Dressage show score from an independent EC sanctioned (bronze or gold) show. If Eventing tests are not offered at the qualifying show, the rider may submit a dressage "Training" level (or above) test score (Training level test would substitute for both PE and E level riders).
- In order to qualify, two of the three qualifying scores must have *no jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test*.
- Qualifying Scores will be evaluated within the penalty point system. The 4 applicants per division with a lowest cumulative penalty scores of their 3 submissions will be selected.

- Brae Fearann HT is the last competition eligible for score submission. Teams will be selected after submissions are received by August 25th. Team will be announced shortly thereafter.
- The selection committee reserves the right to consider other factors leading up to the championship to aid in overall team selection. For example, horse soundness.

Team Training

- Team camp will be held at Brae Fearann Championship Derby September 23rd weekend.
- Travel to championships will be discussed and organized at the camp.
- Expenses may be subsidized to some extent by the NBEA, but riders must be prepared for the possibility of covering a significant portion of their personal costs and their horses' expenses.

Additional information will be provided regarding schedule and timetable.