



Horse Trials Nova Scotia

Hobby Horse ICE Combined Event

Sunday, August 9, 2026

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Entries must be completed online at **NSEF.HorseSport.Pro**

Please contact us (Or Equestrian Nova Scotia) if you need
assistance completing your online entry

Entry closing date: August 5, 2026 at 6pm

What is an “ICE” Competition?

ICE- what is it exactly? Welcome to the newest Scotia Series competition format, ICE- I Can Event. ICE is designed to introduce riders to the world of eventing. Eventing is a three phase Olympic discipline that includes a dressage test, cross country endurance test and show jumping test. At the highest levels events take place over 3 to 4 days, whereas at the lower and mid-levels all three phases are completed within 1 to 2 days and are referred to as horse trials. ICE competitions offer a dressage phase and either a cross-country, show jumping, or hybrid model of the two, as the jumping phase. When 2 out of three phases form a competition, they are referred to as combined tests. ICE competitions are combined tests, not horse trials or events- they are a great introduction to the world of eventing!

The cross country test is the phase that sets eventing, horse trials and ICE competitions apart from other equestrian disciplines. In a cross country test riders and horses complete a course of fixed obstacles over undulating terrain as close to a set optimum time as possible. Cross country jumps are often designed to reflect the natural landscape and may be logs, ditches, coops, roll tops, or embankments. Fixed obstacles means that they are staked in place and will not roll, slide or fall down should a horse knock it. Course designers use these obstacles and the natural terrain to design questions that test the riders ability to adjust their horse's stride length, speed, and balance when needed and to canter or gallop a set distance at a steady pace to finish as close to the optimum time as possible. Penalties are given if a horse refuses or runs-out from an obstacle, and if the horse exceeds the optimum time. Excessive speed is also penalized.

A detailed breakdown of penalties for each phase is in the EC Eventing Rulebook. ICE introduces riders to two of the three phases in a compressed format. Riders complete a flat or dressage test, and then a jumping phase. An ICE competition jumping phase may be a pure show jumping course- coloured poles and fillers in a sand or grass ring within a time allowed, or a cross-country phase- natural fixed obstacles over rolling terrain with an optimum time- or a hybrid model where teams complete some show jumps and then cross-country jumps. For example, in a hybrid model teams may start in the ring and jump 6 or 7 show jumps, then leave the ring and complete the course with 3 or 4 cross country jumps. ICE competitions reflect the most current rules and penalties for each phase as outlined in the EC Eventing Rulebook.

Competition Format

Participants will ride their dressage tests in the morning. The cross country phase will begin after this and consist of fixed obstacles. Ride times will be available Friday before the competition. Classes will be split into Junior and Senior divisions.

Rules and Regulations

Hobby Horse Combined Event is sanctioned as a Scotia Series Competition, member of Equestrian NS (ENS) and is governed by their rules.

1. Membership: Current ENS membership is required to compete and qualify for annual Scotia Series awards. Non-NS residents require proof of out of province PTSO membership to be eligible to compete.

2. Age categories: A junior competitor is someone who was 18 years or younger as of January 1, 2026.

3. Person responsible: The person who signs the entry form is the person responsible for the welfare of the horse and the actions of the support team for that entry. It is highly recommended that the "person responsible" also be a member of ENS (for liability protection). Junior competitors must have their entry form signed by the parent or legal guardian.

4. Conduct: Any act of discourtesy or disobedience by an owner, groom, athlete, coach or family member, to an official, Competition Show Committee member, volunteers, other spectators or competitors, while at the competition will result in disqualification from the remainder of the competition. The Competition Show Committee has the right to remove anyone from the competition without being liable for compensation or damages.

5. Protective Headgear: All competitors must wear ASTM/SEI* (or FEI) approved protective headgear with the safety harness correctly secured at all times while mounted at the competition or anywhere on the competition grounds.

6. Protective Vest: As per EC rules a body protector vest is mandatory for all classes with a fixed fence. A body protector vest may also be worn for the warm up and during other tests. Body Protector vests must meet or exceed, and be appropriately labelled ASTM approved standard F1937-04 (2017)

7. Ring Numbers: Must be worn at all times when outside of their stall or trailer. If at any time, a horse is being handled by an individual other than the competitor, that person must be in possession of the ring number.

8. Attire: Clinic style – Neat and professional. See rules on Equestrian NS

9. Use of competition equipment: Participants may only use obstacles provided by the Competition Committee in the warm up ring.

10. Stallions: Mannerly stallions may be shown by SENIOR competitors only.

11. Entry deadlines: Entries (including full payment) must be received by 6:00 pm on August 5, 2026. Entries received after this day will be considered late entries and a \$20 late entry fee will be applied.

12. Payment: Entries must be paid in full prior to the competition. E-transfers can be sent to **Hobbyhorsefarmshows@gmail.com** (Please add horse and rider's name in comment/message field)

13. Refunds: 100% of class funds refunded with presentation of a veterinarian (or doctor) certificate prior to the start of the competition.

14. Stabling: Overnight and day stabling is limited. Stabling and accommodations to be booked through Leslie Wade directly by emailing dfuller@ns.sympatico.ca

15. Dogs: We prefer that dogs remain home. If you must bring your dog, the dog must remain leashed at all times. Dogs are not permitted ringside

16. Falls: If an athlete falls during a class or in the warm up ring, "Return to Play" guidelines must be followed. A participant with a suspected concussion should not return to participate until assessed medically.

17. Equine Medication Control: Equestrian NS endorses Clean Sport for all equine activities. It is The Equestrian NS's expectation that competitors will ensure their horse's performance is not enhanced with prohibited substances.

18. Equine Welfare: Cruel, abusive or inhumane treatment of a horse by any competitor, owner, coach, trainer or other person, will not be tolerated anywhere on the competition grounds under any circumstances.

19. Soundness: Horses entered in all events must be sound. Final determination of a horse's suitability to continue to compete is the judge's decision. Any competitor who in the judge's opinion is riding at risk of injury to their horse or themselves will be asked to withdraw from competition.

20. Safe Sport: Any individual coaching at Scotia Series Competitions must be Safe Sport Complaint based on the ENS's Safe Sport Standards. Coaches and persons responsible for junior-aged athletes must be safe sport compliant based on the ENS's Safe Sport Standards.

*Please note that it is the responsibility of all coaches and competitors to know the Scotia Series rules, including (but not limited to) rider attire, horse equipment and class expectations. The complete rules can be found on the Equestrian NS website.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to be ready at ringside for their classes. The times posted on the online system are approximations only. No refunds will be given for missed classes



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

Divisions

Division	Dressage Class	Cross Country Class
EV45	EV45 Level Dressage (ICE Eventing Dressage Test A)	EV45 Cross country (Height: 0.45m max)
ICE 60	ICE 60 Dressage (ICE Eventing Dressage Test B)	ICE 60 Cross country (Height: 0.60m max)
ICE 75	ICE 75 Dressage (ICE Eventing Dressage Test B)	ICE 75 Cross country (Height 0.75m max.)
ICE 85	ICE 85 Dressage (EV85 Test 2)	ICE 85 Cross country (Height 0.85m max.)
ICE 90	ICE 90 Dressage (EV90 Test 2)	ICE 90 Cross country (Height 0.90m max.)

Entry Fees

Description	Fee
Office Fee per horse/rider combination Mandatory Fee	\$20
Dressage Class (Required)	\$30
Cross Country Class (Required)	\$30
Scotia Series Fee (All ICE divisions, not EV45)	\$3

All Entry forms and payments are due by 6:00 p.m. on August 5th, 2026

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Payments are to be made by e-transfer to: Hobbyhorsefarmshows@gmail.com

Scoring

ICE Scoring is based on a penalty system, penalties are incurred for refusals, run-outs, knocked rails, and exceeding the optimum time. Penalties are incurred for excessive speed as well. In the dressage phase, the test is scored, and the final score is converted to penalties so at the end of the day the competitor with the fewest penalties, or lowest score, wins the division. This table is an overview of jumping penalties:

Type of Jump	Disobedience/ Refusals/Changing height of jump	Time
Fixed Cross Country obstacles	1st refusal= 20 penalties 2nd refusal at same obstacle=20 more penalties 3rd refusal at same obstacle = Elimination 4th Refusal overall on course = Elimination Any fall of horse/rider= elimination, riders may NOT re-mount.	0.4 penalties/second over the optimum time (shared on course map at competition) 1.0 Penalty for each second under the speed fault time. (calculate speed fault time by dividing the distance of your course on the course map by the pace of the level above that you are competing at)
Show Jumping obstacles	1st refusal= 4 penalties 2nd refusal=8 penalties 3rd refusal= elimination Rail down=4 penalties Any fall of horse/rider=Elimination, riders may NOT re-mount.	0.4 penalties per second over the time allowed The time limit is double the time allowed, if the time limit is exceeded it results in elimination.