

# NFTRA 2025

## ‘OPEN BENEFIT’ DRESSAGE SHOW

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025**

The NFTRA Open Benefit Dressage Show is sanctioned as a HCBC Competition

***BC Summer Games Qualifier 2026***

**At the Maple Ridge Equi-Sport Centre  
21973 – 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC V4R 2T1**

### Judges

Dressage Judges: Burgi Rommel

### Officials

Competition Manager: Gay Conn  
Show Secretary: Nicola Vrijmoet  
Score Keeper: TBA  
Show Committee: Nicola Vrijmoet, Gay Conn, Linda Loomer, Lisa Parker  
Veterinarian: Golden Ears Veterinary (on call)  
Farrier: Liz Dube  
Stable Manager: Laura Evans  
First Aid Attendant: Lori Smithers-Ruiz

**Entries close Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:00pm**

*(or after 100 entries have been received)*

**Mail Entries to: Entry Secretary, NFTRA Open Benefit Show**  
PO Box 31601 Meadowvale Shopping Centre  
Pitt Meadows, BC, V3Y 2G7

**Drop off Entries: NFTRA Office**      **Email entries to: [obs@nftra.ca](mailto:obs@nftra.ca)**  
21973 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Maple Ridge, BC **Email E-transfer to: [manager@nftra.ca](mailto:manager@nftra.ca)**

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## *General Rules*

1. It is the responsibility of the show/event committee, or organizers and the facility owners and managers to ensure that all BC Health Authority, Safesport and WorkSafeBC directives are followed and enforced. Horse Council is not a regulatory body and it is understood and agreed that sanctioning and approval of either a HCBC Provincial circuit event or Equestrian Canada Bronze or Silver competition relates to the use of the rule book and approved officials only.
2. This Competition is a Horse Council BC provincially sanctioned Competition and will be governed in accordance with the Horse Council BC Rule Book. Knowledge of the Rules is the responsibility of the Competitor. The Horse Council BC Rule Book, will be used and can be found at the following link: <http://www.hcbc.ca/Competition-Documents.html> General Rules
3. Classes specifically for riders with disabilities (designated as Para) are covered by the rules and specifications of the current PE and HCBC rulebook and will be conducted accordingly. At the discretion of their therapeutic instructor, Para riders are permitted to use their regular tack and are not subject to HCBC or PE tack check rules.
4. Neither Horse Council BC, its Board of Directors, North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Association Board of Directors, organizing committee, staff, volunteers, officials, or employees of this horse show nor the Maple Ridge Equi-sport Centre, will be responsible in any way, for damage, injury, or loss to persons, horses or property of exhibitors, spectators, owners, riders, trainers, or grooms. All competitors must be members of Horse Council BC to participate.
5. **ALL competitors must have a current Horse Council B.C. membership. Photocopies must be submitted with your entry form. \* If the horse owner is not the competitor and will be on site working with the horse in any capacity they must also submit a copy of their horse council membership**
6. Riders may enter up to three tests per day per horse.
7. **DRESSAGE TESTS:** Current EC Tests will be used in Dressage classes. Either FEI PE tests or the EC Para-Dressage tests may be used in the Para-Dressage classes. Horse Council BC tests will be used in the Western Dressage classes. Competitors must provide their own commanders and callers as required.
8. The Management reserves the right to split, combine, cancel, and/or adjust any class at its discretion, to govern all conditions of the show, and to make decision upon any matters not covered by current HCBC or PE rules.
9. **SPECIAL REQUESTS AND MULTIPLE ENTRIES:** Please indicate on the entry form, the order in which you wish to ride if you have multiple horses/tests in the same class. Special requests cannot be considered after the closing date of entries. Once assigned, ride order will not be changed.
10. **Hors Concur:** Hors Concours entries must pay the same entry fee as regular entries (unless otherwise stated in the prize list) and are subject to the same conditions and rules which apply to regular entries. Hors Concours entries are not eligible for prizes or awards
11. Any entry not properly completed or not including the required documentation or payments will be returned to the sender. No competition number will be issued without payment. **Entries close on June 13<sup>th</sup>, or after the first 100 entries are received.**

**PAYMENT:** Cash or cheques can be dropped off at the NFTRA OFFICE at 21973  
132<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Maple Ridge. Please make cheques payable to 'NFTRA' or  
e-transfer to: **Manager@nftra.ca.**

**Stabling deposits must be included with entry fees.**  
Dishonored cheques will be subject to a \$45.00 penalty.

12. **REFUNDS:**  
**Cancellations received prior to event closing:** Prior to the closing date of June 13<sup>th</sup>, all entry fees will be refunded except for the \$25 administration fee.

**Cancellations received after June 13<sup>th</sup>: 50%** of class fees will be refunded with a veterinarian/physician certificate. A veterinarian/physician certificate must be presented 24 hours PRIOR to the start of the show for any fees to be refunded. **Stabling and administration fees will not be refunded.**

13. **LATE ENTRIES:** Entries submitted after June 13<sup>th</sup> will be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Manager based on scheduling, availability and subject to an additional **\$25.00 administration late fee**. Late entries will forfeit all funds or refunds in the event the rider may need to scratch. **No refunds will be given for late entries.**
14. **STABLING:** Stabling on the show grounds will be available from 12:00 noon Friday, June 20, 2025. The stabling fee is \$150.00 from noon Friday until completion of the show on Sunday and includes bedding. **Stabling fees are non-refundable. A stable deposit of \$50.00 is required.** Stalls must be stripped and cleaned before departing. The Barn Manager will review your stall at the end of the day to determine if your deposit is refundable or not. All other stall maintenance is the responsibility of the competitor. Shavings will be available as bedding. Stall charts will be posted in stabling area. Please note that stabling is assigned and any changes must be approved by the Competition Manager and Barn Manager.
15. **TACK STALLS:** Tack stalls are included for stabling competitors while supplies last. Tack stalls will be available for haul-in or walk-in competitors for \$50 if space is available.
16. **SCHOOLING HORSES** are permitted to attend competition grounds for schooling purposes for a fee of \$50 for the 2-day show. An entry form must be completed and a number assigned for all schooling horses by the Entry Closing Date. Stabling fees are applicable for all schooling horses.
17. **FARRIER:** The Farrier will be 'on call' for the duration of the show Liz Dube – 778-233-1965
18. **VETERINARIAN:** The veterinarian will be 'on call' for the duration of the show 778-896-5733
19. **FIRST AID:** First Aid will be provided on site for the duration of the show. Lori Smithers-Ruiz 778-996-7581
20. **SHOW OFFICE:** Rider numbers and packages can be picked up on Friday June 20<sup>st</sup> from noon-4:00 at the MREC show office. The show office, located in the Tower at the MREC will be open on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
21. **SCHOOLING AREAS:** Schooling in competition rings is permitted on Friday only.
22. **COMPETITION NUMBERS:** Must be worn and visible at all time in schooling and exercise areas as well as in the competition ring.
23. **HEAD GEAR:** Approved headgear is required for **all participants**. Competitors must wear a properly fitted ASTM or BSI approved helmet with the safety harness correctly secured, at all times while mounted on the competition or event grounds. Competitors not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete.
24. Hors Concours may be allowed at this competition depending on how many entries are in the class.
25. Whips to a maximum length of 120cm may be carried for horses and 100cm for ponies.
26. Lunge whips are permitted only when lunging. Lunging is permitted in designated areas only.
27. Dogs must be leashed and under control at all times.

### **Entries:**

1. **Entries close on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (or when 100 entries have been received) For late entry regulations please see #13 under Rules and Regulations.**
2. Ride times will be available by 1:00 pm on Thursday June 19, 2025 on our website [www.nftra.ca](http://www.nftra.ca) and circulated via email from [obs@nftra.ca](mailto:obs@nftra.ca)
3. All competitors must sign the NFTRA waiver.
4. **ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE PHOTOCOPIES OF CURRENT HCBC MEMBERSHIPS FOR RIDERS.** Horse Owners HCBC photocopies only required if they will be on site handling the horse.

### **Freestyles:**

1. Freestyle riders must provide their music to the show office by **12 noon Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**.
2. Music must be clearly labeled with the Rider's Name. It is the rider's responsibility to pick up their music from the show office prior to the close of the show.
3. Sound checks are available by request.

## **Awards:**

### **Dressage Championship Awards:**

Championship and Reserve Championship will be awarded for each division and category with **3or more qualifying competitors**. A final minimum average score of 60% must be obtained to be eligible for Championship. A final minimum average score of 58% must be obtained to be eligible for Reserve Championship. In divisions with less than 3 riders the Show Committee reserves the right to alter or combine the Championships and Reserve Championships presented.  
Freestyle scores do not count towards championship

### **Dressage Championship Criteria:**

The **combined total of the top 2 tests at each level**, one of which must be the **most difficult test in the level**

### **Western Dressage Championship Criteria:**

The combined total of the top 2 tests at each HCBC Western Dressage level, one of which must be the **most difficult test in the level**

### **Para Athletes**

The combined total of any 2 tests in each level

### **Dressage High Point Award:**

A Dressage High Point Award will be awarded to the dressage rider/horse combination who achieves the highest score of the show

## **Special Awards for Saturday Competition:**

*These awards will be announced at the Wine and Cheese Hour on Saturday Evening.*

*A hand selected committee will be observing during the show competition to select winners of the following awards:*

### **Sportsmanship**

### **Best Partnership/Team Horse & Rider**

### **Best Turn Out**

### **Best Recovery/Comeback Award**

### **Volunteer Award**

<b>CLASS LIST</b>			
<b>Saturday Classes</b> <i>\$40 per test</i>		<b>Sunday Classes</b> <i>\$40 per test</i>	
Class	Description	Class	Description
101	Para Dressage -TOC NFTRA ARENA	201	EC Introductory Level- TOC Test 1, 2, or 3
102	Para Dressage -TOC MREC ARENA	202	EC Training Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3
103	EC Introductory Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3	203	EC First Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3
104	EC Training Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3	204	EC Second Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3
105	EC First Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3	205	EC Third Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3
106	EC Second Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3	206	EC Fourth Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3
107	EC Third Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3	207	FEI - TOC
108	EC Fourth Level- TOC Test 1, 2 or 3	208	Western Dressage Walk/Jog-TOC
109	FEI - TOC	209	Western Dressage Training TOC
110	Western Dressage Walk/Jog-TOC	210	Western Dressage First –TOC
111	Western Dressage Training- TOC	211	EV - TOC
112	Western Dressage First – TOC	212	<b>*Obstacle course – just for fun!</b>
113	EV - TOC		
114	Freestyle – Any Level		
115	Pas Des Deux- Any Level		
EC Dressage classes will be divided Jr/Senior where 3 or more entries warrant			
			<b>Class 212 is \$15.00</b>

## Class Lists

Please note that Riders may enter the same Test of Choice (TOC) class twice but must ride two different tests for prizes or be hors concours. On the Entry Form, please specify which tests you are riding.

### Dressage Classes:

- Current EC Dressage Tests will be used
- Ribbons provided to 6<sup>th</sup> place
- The TOC class placings will be determined by highest percentage regardless of test number.

### Western Dressage Classes:

- Junior & Senior divisions for First, Training and Walk/Jog tests
- Divisions are defined as per HCBC rules
- Ribbons provided to 6<sup>th</sup> place.

### Para-Dressage Classes:

- Para Equestrian Canada tests available at <https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/para-dressage/tests>
- Para Dressage Classes are open to riders with a disability who are classified or enrolled in a therapeutic riding program