



**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Trevella Stables**  
**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Trevella Stables**  
**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at Trevella Stables**  
**Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at Hillsvievw Stables**  
**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at Hillsvievw Stables**  
**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Hillsvievw Stables**

**Awards Banquet TBA**

**NORTHERN EQUESTRIAN CIRCUIT**  
**About the Northern Equestrian Circuit**

The purpose of the NEC development series is to offer a high quality horse show experience with lower costs and less barriers to entry. The NEC show program has something for Equestrians of all ages and stages of development.

The NEC circuit is the perfect venue to introduce new riders to competitive show jumping in a friendly, cost effective and laid-back environment.

The program is also geared towards more seasoned competitors. Riders currently competing on the Trillium and "A" Horse Show circuits are able to utilize the NEC shows to prepare themselves and their horses for these higher levels of competition.

Riders will require an OEF membership, but no other passports or memberships are needed. This a great opportunity for riders to build friendships with other local riders and gain valuable riding and sportsmanship experience.

**Horse Show Information**

**Hillsview Stables**

**Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

Address: 144 Moxam Landing Road, Lively, Ontario, P3Y 1N6, (705) 692-1250

Horse Show Organizer: Diane Belanger- Gardner

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**Trevella Stables**

**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Address: 2365 Dominion Drive, Hanmer, Ontario, P3P 0A5, (705) 551- 0511

Horse Show Organizer: Christine Kinsella

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**NORTHERN EQUESTRIAN CIRCUIT**  
**Northern Equestrian Circuit Board**  
Chairman of the board: Kelly Scott  
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Treasurer: Laurel Scott  
Committee Advisor: Diane Belanger-Gardner,  
Development Manager: Tracy Lapping

**New for 2019**

1. Both, Hillview Stables and Trevella Stables will be hosting two separate NEC shows on the same weekend this year with a different judge for each day as well as a weekend with one NEC on the Sunday.
2. We have changed the qualification process for year end awards. This year to qualify a rider must compete in the same division on the same horse for any four (4) shows and finish top seven (7) in their division.
3. For any rider who competes at all six (6) shows, regardless of the division and horse, that rider will receive their banquet ticket for free and have their name entered in to win one of four (4) \$250 prizes. The draw will take place at the year-end banquet.
4. There have been some changes to the novice hunter division, it will now be judged as an equitation division with two over fences and one under saddle. Riders have the option to trot or canter the course with no penalty.
5. The modified low will now consist of only verticals with a maximum height of two feet.
6. There will no longer be an open hunter division however the intermediate division will run at both the 2'6" and 2'9" height with both heights being judged together.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

All competitors must hold a valid and current OE membership in order to participate. With the exception of the Lead Line class competitors.

### **ENTRY FORMS**

All entry forms must be fully completed with appropriate signatures in order to participate.

No entries will be accepted for a class once that class has begun without approval from horse show management.

### **SHOW MANAGEMENT AND JUDGES**

No verbal or physical abuse of show management or horse show staff will be tolerated.

Show management has the discretion to make changes to the show schedule as they see fit.

No one other than show management/show staff has the right to talk to the judge during competition (i.e. asking the judge about the placing of the class, disputing the judge's decision or asking what you should have done differently)

Show management has the right to refuse an entry if they do not abide by all the rules.

### **CLASS ELIGIBILITY**

Horse and rider combinations are only allowed to enter one hunter division and its corresponding equitation division per horse show. That horse and rider combination is also permitted to enter the hack division.

Riders in the beginner division are not permitted to enter any other division.

Horses are eligible to enter another division with a different rider but that horse is not to exceed three divisions (excluding corresponding equitation divisions) per horse show. Example the horse may enter the open hunter and equitation division with one rider, as well as do the intermediate hunter and equitation division with another rider and participate in the hack division.

Hors Concours will be permitted however that horse and rider combination will not be permitted to compete in any other division at that show.

The NEC committee will have the final say as to whom they consider a 'coach' in the event of any disputes.

### **CRUELTY, ABUSE OR INHUMANE TREATMENT OF HORSES**

1. The abuse or inhumane treatment of a horse by any person at the competition shall not be tolerated under any circumstances.
2. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which, a person informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive or inhumane. Any treatment or practice that causes undue stress, and/or pain, is deemed abusive.
3. Cruelty can be defined as causing pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse. As examples, an act of cruelty can be but is not limited to any of the following:
  - a) excessively whipping or beating a horse;
  - b) subjecting a horse to any kind of electric shock device;
  - c) excessively or persistently using spurs or jabbing a horse in the mouth with the bit;
  - d) riding an obviously exhausted, lame or injured horse;
  - e) rapping a horse at the event location;
  - f) neglected by:
    - i) leaving a horse without adequate food, drink and exercise; or
    - ii) failing to safely and securely tie or contain a horse while at the event location;
  - g) using shackles or chains (not to be confused with rubber or elastic exercising devices);

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- h) exhibiting a horse with raw or bleeding sores;
- i) using an explosive (i.e. firecracker, fire extinguisher except in the case of fire) or using fire such as lighters, matches, etc.

## HEADGEAR

At all competitions, anyone mounted on a horse, must wear ASTM/SEI or BSI/BS EN approved helmets, with safety harness correctly fastened, at all times while mounted on the competition grounds.

For all competitors, if the harness comes undone or the hat falls off, the rider must retrieve and/or do up the hat, with assistance if necessary, before the next obstacle is taken. There will be no penalty other than the loss of time. Failure to do up the harness or retrieve protective headgear immediately results in elimination.

## DRESS

1. All competitors must be properly dressed in the confines of the arena. This includes the inspection of the course and at the presentation of prizes.
2. Competitors should be neatly and suitably dressed in coat, shirt and tie, choker or stock, or to wear dress or riding shirts with or without chokers and ties or open-neck polo shirts without jackets; no sweatshirts, t-shirts, tank tops or other similar dress will be permitted. Shirts must be neatly tucked into riding breeches. Competitors must also wear breeches or jodhpurs and boots. Half chaps are permissible as well as field boots or other approved riding boots. In inclement weather appropriate jackets or sweaters with no hoods may be worn.
3. If competitors are not suitably dressed, the judge may refuse to allow them to compete.
4. At all competitions, anyone mounted on a horse must wear the required headgear (see HEADGEAR) as well as safe, appropriate footwear.

## TACK AND EQUIPMENT (All tack must be in a state of good repair)

1. Bitless bridles are not permitted in the hunter ring.
2. Bridle: The bridle may be double, pelham, single (snaffle) or kimberwick.
3. Bits: All bits must be humane in nature. Snaffle bits may be with or without cheeks. Wire snaffle bits, either single or double are permissible. It is permissible to use a snaffle with fixed slots for cheek pieces and/or reins. Bit guards are not permissible in the hunter ring.
4. Gimmicks: Any gimmicks (e.g. nerve lines, tongue ties, gag bits, any bit that acts as a gag, tack nose bands etc.) are illegal. Nose nets are permissible.
5. Cavessons: drop nosebands below bit are not permissible. Cavessons must be leather and may be soft padded over bridge of nose; nothing else is permissible.
6. Conventional standing martingales are optional except in hunter hack and hunter under saddle classes in which they are not permissible.
7. Hunting Breastplates: optional; sheepskin on breastplate permissible.
8. Saddles: saddles of English or forward seat type, black or brown in colour.
9. Saddle Pads: White saddle-shaped pads or sheepskins are preferable but all pads will be accepted.
10. Stirrup Irons: The stirrup iron and stirrup leather must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside flap; there must be no restrictions or attachments of any kind.
11. Girths: of suitable material in good repair (e.g. leather, leather with elastic ends, white web or string, nylon, neoprene). Sheepskin on girths is permissible.
12. Bandages and Boots: No bandages or boots are allowed in the hunter ring; in the case of bad weather, at the discretion of the judge, steward and/or competition committee, tendon, ankle and bell boots may be worn in hunter classes
13. Whips: no competitor shall carry or use a whip more than 75cm in length or one that is weighted at the end, in the arena, the exercise and schooling areas or anywhere on the competition grounds; no substitute for a whip may be carried in a competition. Exception: Dressage whips up to 110cm are permissible on the flat in schooling areas.
14. Ear plugs are permitted.
15. Draw reins are not permissible in hunter classes however they are permitted for warm-up

## GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO THE CONDUCT OF HUNTER CLASSES

1. All hunters are judged on their jumping style, manners and way of going.
2. A performance starts when a horse enters the ring and ends when he leaves; at the option of the committee the performance may start with an audible whistle.
3. In order for under saddle and hunter hack classes to count for awards, a horse must have shown in, and completed, at least one over-fences class in the corresponding division. A hunter-under-saddle or hunter hack class must never be the first class of a division.
4. If the competition management allows back-to-back classes, the first course must be ridden first and the second, second.
5. Horses or ponies will be allowed to show "hors concours" in hunter classes or divisions however they will not be permitted to compete in any other judged classes or divisions at that show.
6. In the modified hunter divisions, the novice division and the beginner division the rides will be judged on even rhythm, consistency of the ride, and the horse's way of going between and over the jumps (Rider not interfering with the horse's way of going) and little to no emphasis will be given to lead changes or lack thereof.

## FALLS, REFUSALS AND ELIMINATIONS

A rider is eliminated if they go off course.

A rider is eliminated if they fall off the horse while in the show ring. Riders are not permitted to re-mount their horse in the show ring; they may only re-mount once outside of the ring.

After a total of two refusals in one over fence class the rider is eliminated from that class and must leave the ring.

## IN-GATE

In-gate area is to be kept clear except for those who are currently competing in that class.

In all classes, trotting or cantering through the in-gate without prior permission is forbidden. The penalty for contravening this rule is either a fine or elimination from the class, at the discretion of the judge. Under special circumstances, a steward or judge may give permission for a horse to trot or canter into the ring, but not out of the ring.

## YEAR END POINTS

In order for a rider to qualify for year end points that rider must have:

1. Must have competed in the **same** hunter or equitation division for a **minimum of four shows** (does not matter which three shows) on the **same horse** with the exception of the equitation division which can be ridden on any horse.
2. The rider and horse combination must have finished in the **top seven** for their division for the 2019 season.

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**Class Outline**

Lead Line	For all ages! Riders will be lead by an experienced handler of the horse. Safety equipment is necessary, show clothes optional.
Beginner Division	Riders will be asked to walk and trot as a group (no more than 4 riders on the rail at a time) in the under saddle class which is to precede the two trot pole courses .The rider is to be judged in this division. Riders will be asked horse related questions appropriate to their level by the judge.
Novice Equitation Division	Riders may be asked to walk, trot and canter as a group in the under saddle class. In the over fence classes, the riders will be expected to trot or canter a regular hunter course of x-rail and vertical jumps at a maximum height of 18". The riders will be judged on their position, how they handle and manoeuvred the course and their overall control over the horse.. No preference will be given to those who canter the entire course.
Modified Hunter Low (2')	Riders may be asked to walk, trot and canter as a group in the under saddle class. In the over fence classes, the riders will be expected to canter a regular hunter course of vertical jumps of 2'.
Modified Hunter High (2'3")	Riders may be asked to walk, trot and canter as a group in the under saddle class. In the over fence classes, the riders will be expected to canter a regular hunter course of vertical and oxer jumps of 2'3" depending on whether you are in the high or low division. (The High and Low will be judged separately
Modified Equitation	Riders may be asked to walk, trot, sitting trot with stirrups and canter as a group in the under saddle class. In the over fence classes, the riders will be expected to canter a regular hunter course of vertical and oxer jumps at a maximum height of 2' or 2'3" depending on whether you are in the high or low division. (The High and Low will be judged separately) Riders may be asked to trot to a jump, do a roll back or broken line.
Intermediate Hunter	Riders will be asked to walk, trot and canter as a group in the under saddle class. In the over fence classes, the riders will be expected to canter a regular hunter course of vertical and oxer jumps at a maximum height of 2'6" or 2'9", depending on what height they select prior to the class starting.
Intermediate Equitation	Riders may be asked to walk, trot, sitting trot with stirrups and canter as a group in the under saddle class. In the over fence classes, the riders will be expected to canter a regular hunter course of vertical and oxer jumps at a maximum height of 2'6" 2'9", depending on what height they select prior to the class starting with the possibility of being asked to do roll backs, broken lines or to trot to a jump.
Pleasure Hack	To be shown at a flat-footed walk, normal trot and easy canter; not to gallop; light contact to be maintained. To be judged on 45% performance, 40% manners and 15% conformation.
Road Hack	To be shown at the following gaits; a) The walk: straight, four beat and flat-footed with medium contact. b) The trot: straight and true; may be required as follows: (i) normal on light to medium contact (ii) strong trot c) The canter: normal on light to medium contact d) Hand gallop under control 3. Class Routine and Judging: a) Horses to enter ring at a walk. b) To be shown at a flat-footed walk with a reasonably loose rein, trot, strong trot, easy canter and hand gallop. Only 8 horses to hand gallop at one time. c) To be judged on 55% performance, 20% substance, 15% conformation and 10% manners.
Show Hack	To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop; collected and extended gaits to be called for; To stand quietly; only 8 horses to hand gallop at one time. To be judged on 55% performance, 20% quality, 15% conformation and 10% manners.

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**In all Hunter classes Ribbons to 6<sup>th</sup>, Prizes to 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ribbons and Prizes for Champion & Reserve**

**In all Equitation Classes Ribbons to 6<sup>th</sup> and Prizes to 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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**\*\*Please note that the Equitation over fences will run open card with the Hunter over fences for all divisions with the equitation under saddle to immediately follow the hunter under saddle. \*\***

**START TIME 8:30**

**Lead Line (Ribbons and Prizes for all participants)**

**Beginner Equitation Division** (*The beginner division will run in a separate ring from the other divisions*)

1. Walk, trot under saddle (riders must be able to walk and trot in a group)
2. Trot pole course (riders will be asked to complete a course of set poles at the trot)
3. Trot pole course

**Intermediate Hunter Division** (*Open to riders jumping 2'6 or 2'9*)

4. Hunter over fences
5. Hunter over fences
6. Hunter under Saddle

**Intermediate Equitation** (*Open to riders jumping 2'6 or 2'9*)

7. Equitation over fences
8. Equitation under saddle

**Modified Hunter Division High 2'3"** (*Open to riders jumping 2'3"*)

9. Hunter over fences
10. Hunter over fences
11. Hunter under saddle

**Modified Equitation High 2'3"** (*Open to riders jumping 2'3"*)

12. Equitation over fences
13. Equitation under saddle

**Modified Hunter Division Low 2'** (*Open to riders jumping 2', verticals only*)

14. Hunter over fences
15. Hunter over fences
16. Hunter under saddle

**Modified Equitation Low 2'** (*Open to riders jumping 2', verticals only*)

17. Equitation over fences
18. Equitation under saddle

**Hack Division** (*Open to all riders who can walk, trot and canter in a group*)

19. Pleasure Hack
20. Road Hack
21. Show Hack

**\*\*\*\* Note that there will be a separate warm up for this division held right after the hack division\*\*\*\***

**Novice Division x-rail to 18"** (*Open to riders jumping x-rails to 18" verticals who can walk, trot and canter in a group*)

22. Equitation over fences
23. Equitation over fences
24. Equitation on the flat

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Horse Name:			Barn/Trainer :			Entry # :		
Owner's Name:				OE #				
Address						Phone #		
Rider's Name				DOB (Juniors)		OE #		
Address						Phone #		
<i>Beginner Division</i>			<i>Modified High Hunter Division (2'3")</i>			<i>Modified Low Equitation (2')</i>		
1	Walk Trot on the Flat		9	Hunter Over Fences		17	Equitation Over Fences	
2	Trot Pole		10	Hunter Over Fences		18	Equitation Under Saddle	
3	Trot Pole		11	Hunter Under Saddle		<i>Hack Division</i>		
<i>Intermediate Hunter Division (2'6", 2'9")</i>			<i>Modified High Equitation (2'3")</i>			19	Pleasure Hack	
4	Hunter Over Fences		12	Equitation Over Fences		20	Road Hack	
5	Hunter Over Fences		13	Equitation Under Saddle		21	Show Hack	
6	Hunter Under Saddle		<i>Modified Low Hunter Division (2')</i>			<i>Novice Division (x-rail -18")</i>		
<i>Intermediate Equitation</i>			14	Hunter Over Fences		22	Equitation Over Fences	
7	Equitation Over Fences		15	Hunter Over Fences		23	Equitation Over Fences	
8	Equitation Under Saddle		16	Hunter Under Saddle		24	Equitation on the Flat	
<b>Class Fees (\$12 per class) 12 X_____</b>								
			<b>Subtotal</b>					
Administration Fee			\$20.00	HST @ 13%				
NEC Development Fee			\$15.00	<b>Total Fees</b>				
Warm- Up (\$10 per 2 rounds)								
Stabling (\$30 one night, \$50 wk)								
Office Use			Paid by: Cheque _____, Cash _____ or E-transfer _____					
<p>I hereby certify that every horse &amp; rider is eligible as entered and agree for myself and my representatives to be bound by the Constitution and Rules of Equine Canada and the Northern Equestrian Circuit at this competition. It is hereby recognized that all equestrian sports involve inherent risk and that no helmet or protective equipment can protect against all foreseeable injury. I accept this risk and I release and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against Equine Canada, the Northern Equestrian Circuit, Foothills Farm, Hillview Stables, Trevella Stables or its owners, this competition, their officials, organizers, agents, employees and representatives making property available to _____, for any injury (including death), to me or any damage to my property, arising out of my participation in these dangerous horseback riding or related activities.</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Signature of parent/guardian for juniors: _____</p>								