

## **NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL PONY CLUB HOW TO BECOME A PONY CLUB EXAMINER**

Are you looking for challenging new ways to be involved with Pony Club? Are you feeling that it is time to give something back to the organization that gave you a leg up in the horse world? Have you outgrown many of your branch activities, but still want to remain involved with the club? Maybe you should consider becoming a Pony Club Examiner! Pony Club Examiners (Testers) are very important in developing our young members and helping them through the testing levels. They are knowledgeable people who enjoy children and provide an encouraging test environment. Being a Pony Club tester is a position of responsibility that many Pony Club members and former members find very rewarding! If you are interested in becoming a Regional Examiner, read on!

### **WHO CAN BE AN EXAMINER?**

1. Active members - any active Pony Club member, in good standing, who is at least 16 years old, and who has achieved a C1 level may become an Examiner in Training (you can apply at 15 years of age, as long as you will turn 16 during the summer months). Members at this level may become examiners up to the D2 level (that is one complete level below their own current test level).
2. Pony Club Alumni may also become Examiners in Training as well.
3. Experienced horse people as approved by the region. (Please submit a resume outlining your experience with horses, young people and Pony Club).

**HOW TO GET STARTED?** Plan to attend the Examiner's Workshop that is held annually in April. Check the NSPC web page - Calendar of Events, for the date and location. Bring a lunch, pen and paper, and your copy of the most recent D/C Testing Procedures Manual - this can be printed from the CPC web page at <http://www.canadianponyclub.org/Misc/Downloads.html> Note that annual changes to the CPC Testing Procedures are made in early April, so be sure to check this web site shortly before the workshop. Print any relevant addenda you find there.

There is no need to register for the workshop, just come and take part. We will cover everything you need to know to get started and your name will be added to the list of Examiners in Training. Our Regional Test and Education Committee, will keep you informed of test dates coming up in your area. NSPC Branch testing dates are also posted on the NSPC web page under testing. You are encouraged to check this site regularly to be aware of

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any tests occurring in your area. You are permitted to contact the branch test chair and the testing committee to request permission to attend a test, if you have not been previously contacted.

HOW DO I GET THERE? Your Club DC and Test Rep will also be attending the Examiner's Workshop, so contact them about transportation to and from the workshop.

#### LEVELS OF EXAMINERS:

1. Examiner in Training (EIT): this is the entry level. EITs attend testing as an observer and take part under the supervision of a Senior Examiner. The EIT will shadow an examiner for the whole test (all phases). After attending 3 tests at the D level (ie: one D/D1 and 2 at D2), the EIT then may be moved up to a Junior (I) Examiner at the D level. (The tests must take place in at least 2 different branches and with at least 2 different Chief Examiners).

An examiner may be an EIT at the D or the C level.

Junior II Examiners at the D level must be 21 years of age and older.

All Senior Examiners (all levels) are also at least 21 years of age.

Examiners in Training receive \$50 when they attend a test, but receive no mileage. They are encouraged to travel with an examiner.

2. Examiners: Junior (I) D Examiner: must have completed the D Examiner in Training requirements, and is now able to examine candidates at the D, D1 and D2 levels, but has not completed the requirements to become a Senior D Examiner. Junior (I) D Examiners receive \$75 per test and \$0.38 per km for mileage.

Senior D Examiner: must be 21+ years of age and have completed two consecutive active years testing as a Junior (I) D or Junior (II) D Examiner.

For more information on the requirements for Examiners at other levels, please refer to page 1 of the NSPC Examiner's list, found on the NSPC web page: *Examiner Information*.

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS? Contact our Regional Testing and Education Committee Chairperson, Gay Hansen 506 536 2532, ghansen@mta.ca  
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