

## **NSPC Regional Testing Amendments:**

The NSPC Testing Committee has compiled a list of Regional Amendments that affect testing in Nova Scotia. This list will be finalized at the April T&E Workshop and posted on the NSPC web page, circulated to all Branch Test Reps, Examiners and to all others who attend the annual Regional Examiners and Testing Workshop. These amendments will apply to the 2016 testing season. Although not limited to this, the amendments will contain the following:

1. Each Branch MUST send at least one representative to the annual Regional Testing Workshop (usually held in April) if the branch plans to organize and run a test during that calendar year.
2. C2 tests will be organized and run by the NSPC Region. Application forms and guidelines are found on the NSPC webpage.
3. Medical armbands will be worn on either the left arm or the left leg. Use on the leg has been approved by both NSPC and CPC.
4. The maximum height of crossrail fences used in NSPC testing will be measured at the standard and not at the center of the fence.
5. Safety vests are mandatory for all candidates for cross country phases of testing, no matter what the test level.
6. At the discretion of the examiners, candidates at all test levels will retire from the jumping phase of a test after 3 refusals or one fall.
7. NSPC Examiners will be reimbursed \$0.44 per km driven for the purpose of attending a Pony Club test.
8. If a lead shank is used, it must be placed over the nose, or over the nose and up the off-cheekpiece in such a way that the leading hand does not hold the chain. If a horse does not NEED a lead shank, then a lead line must be used. This is a rule in 2016).
9. EITs will be paid by the branch (\$50) at the end of a branch test. Branches will be reimbursed by the Regional Treasurer after receipts

for test fees have been received. The region will reimburse for a maximum of two EITs/test day.

10. Branches are encouraged to hold pretest clinics to help prepare candidates (and their families) for branch testing. The clinician must be a qualified NSPC examiner capable of acting as chief examiner for the group of candidates participating. The pretest clinic should focus on riding skills, with stable management covered as time allows. The clinician should clearly inform both candidates and test rep of the strengths and weaknesses of individual participants as these will affect the upcoming test. The pretest clinic should be open to all prospective test candidates. Parents and coaches should be encouraged to attend. Branches must pay the clinician as if the clinic was a branch test (honorarium plus mileage).

Each branch will be reimbursed \$150 when the Regional Treasurer receives the clinic report and receipts (one pretest clinic per year). The clinician/examiner at the pretest clinic cannot serve on the testing panel for that branch's practical test in the same testing season.

11. D test candidates should have gloves available for the stable management phase of testing and for riding as well. During stable management, candidates must wear gloves whenever they lead a horse.

12. The NSPC Region will reimburse any branch that pays examiner mileage total in excess of \$150 for one day of testing. As in the past, we will still ask examiners to travel together whenever possible. EITs are not reimbursed for mileage. To be reimbursed, branch test reps must submit mileage receipts to the Regional Treasurer.

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