



SASKATCHEWAN EQUINE EXPO

OFF TRACK THOROUGHBRED CHALLENGE

Qualified trainers purchase a retired thoroughbred racehorse and spend 6 months to 1 year retraining it to compete in a variety of chosen disciplines at the 2019 Saskatchewan Equine Expo.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

If you are a trainer looking to show the public what you can do with a horse, if you are passionate about rehoming racehorses, if you are looking for a challenge or for your next prospect, this event may be for you.

Trainers will be encouraged to showcase the training process through social media – this is great exposure for your training program!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

If you are interested in this event, fill out an application form. Your application will be reviewed by a committee. You need not be a professional trainer to apply, but you will need to be able to show that you can safely take a horse off the track and bring it along through the allocated training period.

If you are approved, you can start looking for your horse!

In order to qualify, horses would need to have raced in 2017 or 2018 in order to compete at the 2019 Expo (horses do not need to come from Saskatchewan, there are a number of racetracks in Western Canada where you may find prospects). You may purchase your own horse, or train it for others. You may start training 1 year in advance of the competition (the last day of Expo 2018). This means you may need to give your horse some time before you start training it. For example, if you purchase a horse in the fall of 2017, you may not start training until February 2018. If, on the other hand, you wait until fall of 2018, you will only have 6 months to retrain your horse.

You may enter up to 2 disciplines. The event will include: dressage (Western or English), barrel racing, jumping, obstacle challenge and freestyle.

Freestyle is a catch all and could include mounted shooting, reining, driving or any event or performance that you would like to use to showcase your horse.

Preliminary rounds will take place in the days leading up to the Expo, and the top 4 horses in each discipline will compete for prize money during the weekend of the Expo.

Although there will not be a sale of horses at the Expo, if your horse will be for sale, you are encouraged to advertise and promote that horse for sale at the Expo. The announcer will ensure the crowd is aware if a horse is for sale.

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Prize money will be awarded as follows:

20% for each discipline with the top 4 finishers receiving the following:

1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
10%	5%	3%	2%

Saskatchewan's Top OTTB will be chosen by Expo Spectators. This is a crowd favourite award for bragging rights only (no prize money attached).

TIME LINE AND KEY DATES

JULY, 2017

Trainer Application available

FEBRUARY, 2018

On the last day of the Expo (February 18, 2018) trainers may begin re-training their horses

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OCTOBER 1, 2018

Deadline for applications

DECEMBER 1, 2018

Horse entries close

FEBRUARY, 2019

Event takes place at the Saskatchewan Equine Expo

FEES

(All fees are plus 5% GST)

A \$50 non-refundable application fee (this will be credited towards your entry) due with the application form.

\$200 for the first horse (less the \$50 application fee) to accompany the horse's entry.

\$150 for a second horse to accompany the horse's entry.



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