



Campbell Valley Horse Trials

August 11th to 13th, 2023

Information for Spectators

What is Happening Here?

This 3-Day Horse Trials is also known as Eventing, which at the upper levels is an Olympic sport. At the Campbell Valley Horse Trials, we provide challenging courses for beginners through high level competitors, with increasing difficulty, size of jumps and skills required by both horse and rider. Sometimes a very skilled rider will be competing on more than one horse, with the horse's experience determining the level! The horse and rider team must safely and successfully complete three different phases of competition: Dressage, Cross Country and Stadium Jumping.

Dressage

On the first day, the horse and rider teams complete a dressage test, which is a prescribed series of movements to be completed in the correct order with accuracy and fluidity. The goal is to demonstrate the harmony of the team and to make each movement look effortless, like a well performed dance. In Eventing, a low score is a good score.



Cross Country

Cross Country day is the speed, bravery and endurance phase of the competition. The horse and rider must cover a given distance and jump natural-looking and creatively designed obstacles, such as logs, water, ditches, banks, walls, houses, etc. plus various combinations of any of these elements. Upper level riders must jump higher and more complex obstacles and ride at higher speeds. Penalty points, or faults, are earned for refusing or missing an obstacle, falling on course, or riding too quickly or slowly. Here, the aim is to score zero!



Stadium Jumping

On the third day, colourful and convoluted jumping courses are set up in a riding ring, (or stadium), to test the obedience, willingness and jumping skill of the horses and riders. Rails are set on jump standards and held in shallow cups so that if hit, they will come rolling out of their cups and fall to the ground. The more advanced the level of competition, the higher the jumps, the more complex the courses and the faster the speed required! Faults or penalties are assessed for knocking down rails, going off-course, or riding too slowly. Again, the aim is a clear round, or zero score.



Much of this information came from the B C Equestrian Eventing Association's website. For more information about eventing, have a look at bceventing.ca.

Schedule for the Event

Friday, August 11th: Dressage, start at 8:00, finish at 2:30. 3 rings run simultaneously. The upper levels go early.

Saturday, August 12th: Cross Country, start at 8:00, finish at 3:17. The upper levels—higher jumps, faster speeds — go early.

Sunday, August 13th: Stadium Jumping, start at 8:00. The upper levels go first.

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Where Should You Watch? And Tips on Etiquette!

Dressage on Friday: There will be three dressage arenas set up near the red barn. There are bleachers to sit upon near two of the arenas, and a standing area near the third. So the horses and riders can concentrate, please watch quietly while a test is underway and don't get too close to the arena fences.

Cross Country on Saturday: One of the best places to watch is the top of the ridge north of the red barn. Spectators are allowed on the cross country course, but must be very careful to stay well away from galloping horses on the course and always quickly obey the directions of jump judges and other officials. Cheering is encouraged, but coaching is not allowed!

Stadium Jumping on Sunday: The best place is on the hill above the stadium jumping course. Please watch quietly when a horse is jumping, but clapping and cheering is encouraged after the horse has finished.

Who Won? Scoring for the Event

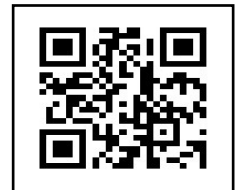
In Eventing, a lower score (meaning fewer faults) is better.

The Campbell Valley Horse Trials offers several levels of competition. If you look at the number in each level's name, you can tell the maximum height in centimetres of cross country jump allowed for that level. So, for example, the beginner level "S69" cannot have jumps higher than 69 centimetres, while the highest level offered here, "EV110" can have cross country jumps up to 110 centimetres high. The levels you will see at this event, from lowest to highest, are S69, PE77, EV85, EV90, EV100 and EV110.

You can see live results online at StartBox Scoring:

<https://eventing.startboxscoring.com/can/eventsr/campbell/ht0823/index.php>

If you hate typing use the QR code!



When you look on StartBox, you may see a cryptic code beside a rider's result. This is not good news! Some of the most common codes are: RF = Rider Fall; DR = Dangerous Riding; E = Eliminated (e.g. too many refusals at jumps); TE = Technical Elimination (e.g. missed an obstacle on the course)

Who Are We?

The event is hosted by the **Campbell Valley Equestrian Society (CVES)**, which is a non-profit organization of volunteers that builds and maintains the equestrian facilities in Campbell Valley Regional Park in Langley, BC, under an agreement with Metro Vancouver Parks. We also organize schooling shows and competitions in multiple riding disciplines throughout the year and this, the exciting 3-Day Horse Trials in August.

For more information and/or to join us, please see: www.CVES.ca or follow us on Facebook and Instagram

Random facts about Eventing...

- All riders wear safety-tested helmets to reduce the risk of head injury. On the cross country course they all wear protective vests, and many also wear air vests that inflate if the rider falls to cushion the impact.
- In the horse world, a rider falling off is often called an "involuntary dismount"!