



TURF TO TIMBER DERBY SERIES

JULY 24-26, 2026

Hunter Trials • Jumper Derby • Natural Terrain • Two Fields • One Weekend



Friday – Jumper Derby Schooling

Saturday – Turf to Timber Jumper Derby & Hunter Trial Schooling

Sunday – Turf to Timber Hunter Trials

Set on professionally maintained and irrigated turf fields, the Turf to Timber Series offers competitors the opportunity to ride over safe, consistent footing while enjoying the natural beauty of the Shuswap countryside.

Whether you come from the hunter, jumper, or eventing disciplines—or simply enjoy exploring the partnership between horse and rider beyond the arena—our goal is to provide a fun, welcoming, and memorable experience in a setting that celebrates versatility, horsemanship, and the enjoyment of horses.

Sanctioned by Horse Council BC

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THE STORY BEHIND TURF TO TIMBER

The Canoe Creek Turf to Timber Derby Series was created through a shared vision of providing a unique competition experience that celebrates horsemanship, versatility, and the enjoyment of horses beyond the traditional show ring.

Hosted by Canoe Creek Equestrian, the series brings together quality footing, natural terrain, creative obstacles, and a welcoming atmosphere for horses and riders of all ages and experience levels.

What began as conversations about what equestrian competition could be beyond the traditional show ring gradually evolved into the Turf to Timber concept. Drawing inspiration from the traditions of field hunting, hunter trials, derby competition, and practical horsemanship, the goal was to create an event that rewards versatility, partnership, confidence, and enjoyment of the horse.

Bringing that vision to life has required countless hours of planning, field development, course design, jump construction, irrigation, maintenance, and preparation.

Special thanks to Angela Waite for helping shape the vision of Turf to Timber, to Pat Kearns and PMK Site Services for their tireless work developing and maintaining the competition fields, and to Jason Waite and Spider Iron for their contributions to jump and obstacle construction.

Together, these efforts have helped create an event that celebrates good footing, natural terrain, horsemanship, and the partnership between horse and rider.

Welcome to the Canoe Creek Turf to Timber Derby Series.

TURF TO TIMBER JUMPER DERBY

The Turf to Timber Jumper Derby challenges horse and rider to navigate a flowing course across open turf and varied terrain.

Courses may include:

- Traditional show jumps
- Natural obstacles
- Water options
- Ditch options
- Rolling terrain
- Galloping stretches

Designed to reward bold, forward riding and confident partnerships, the Jumper Derby combines the excitement of stadium jumping with the beauty of riding across natural countryside.

Body protectors are required for all competitors.

DIVISIONS

Jumper Derby

- Cross Rails
- 2'
- 2'3
- 2'6
- 2'9
- 3'

TURF TO TIMBER HUNTER TRIALS

Experience hunter riding the way it was meant to be.

Step outside the traditional hunter ring and experience a course inspired by the roots of the sport.

The Turf to Timber Hunter Trial is designed to reflect the type of riding that would have been found during traditional fox hunting days, where horses were expected to be versatile, brave, and mannerly while travelling across varied countryside.

Set across open turf fields, competitors will navigate a flowing hunter-style course featuring natural obstacles and practical challenges that showcase the horse's suitability beyond the show ring.

Course elements may include:

- Natural logs and timber fences
- Brush fences and coops
- Trot fences
- A gate to be opened, passed through, and securely closed
- The Canoe Creek Sheep Pen Challenge
- Rolling terrain and natural galloping stretches
- Traditional hunter obstacles designed to encourage forward movement, rhythm, and style

Unlike the modern hunter ring, the Turf to Timber Hunter Trial rewards more than just a polished round.

Judges will be looking for:

- Rhythm and pace
- Style over fences
- Manners and rideability
- Confidence and willingness
- Efficiency negotiating practical obstacles
- Overall suitability as a field hunter

This is hunter sport in its most traditional form: practical, elegant, and fun.

HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

The Hunter Under Saddle class completes the Turf to Timber experience by showcasing the qualities of a horse that is not only enjoyable to jump, but equally enjoyable to ride between the fences.

Inspired by the traditional field hunter, this class rewards horses that are comfortable, responsive, balanced, and pleasant to ride. Competitors will be asked to demonstrate their horse's quality of movement and manners at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring.

The judge will be looking for horses that travel with rhythm, relaxation, and a natural, ground-covering stride while maintaining a soft connection and willing attitude.

The ideal horse should appear capable of carrying its rider confidently and comfortably over varied country while remaining obedient, athletic, and enjoyable throughout the day.

Judging will emphasize:

- Quality of movement
- Rhythm and balance
- Manners and rideability
- Responsiveness
- Overall suitability as a field hunter

The Hunter Under Saddle class is a required component for competitors wishing to be eligible for the **Turf to Timber Weekend Championship**, recognizing the horse and rider combination that demonstrates excellence both over fences and on the flat.

DIVISIONS

Hunter Trials

Logs & Sticks Hunter Trial – Cross Rails

Hedge Hunter Trial – 2'0"

Green Hunter Trial – 2'3"

Field Hunter Trial – 2'6"

Sporting Hunter Trial – 2'9"

Open Hunter Trial – 3'0"

FEES

Administration Fee – \$20

Late Entry Fee – \$20

Friday Schooling

\$30 per round

\$75 Three Rounds (same height)

Jumper Derby

\$40 Single Round

\$100 Three Rounds (same height)

Only the first round ridden at each height is eligible for ribbons and placings.

Hunter Trials

\$50 Single Round

\$120 Three Rounds (same height)

Only the first round ridden at each height is eligible for ribbons and placings.

Hunter Under Saddle

\$20

Stabling

Weekend Stabling – \$60

Day Stabling – \$20

Camping included with weekend stabling.

No electrical hookups.

No potable water.

Horse water available.

Turf to Timber Team Challenge

Jumper Field Sat 5:30pm

Teams of two.

Any height.

Ride your normal height.

Lowest combined faults wins.

Tie broken by closest combined optimum time.

\$20 per rider.

Winner takes 50% of the pot.

AWARDS

Ribbons awarded through 6th place.

- ❖ Turf to Timber Jumper Champion
- ❖ Turf to Timber Jumper Reserve Champion
- ❖ Turf to Timber Hunter Trial Champion
- ❖ Turf to Timber Hunter Trial Reserve Champion
- ❖ Turf to Timber Weekend Champion

Competitors must participate in:

- Jumper Derby
- Hunter Trial
- Hunter Under Saddle

Canoe Creek Sheep Pen Award

Judge's Choice Award recognizing horsemanship, partnership, manners, sportsmanship, turnout, presentation, and suitability as a field hunter.

RULES & POLICIES

Hunter attire required for Hunter Trials.

Body protectors required for Jumper Derby.

Coaching is permitted in designated warm-up areas.

For Logs & Sticks Hunter Trial and Cross Rails Jumper Derby divisions only, coaching may be provided during the round at the rider's request.

Rounds receiving coaching while on course will be designated HC (Hors Concours) and will not be eligible for ribbons, placings, championships, or series awards.

HC rounds may receive a Clear Round Ribbon if completed without jumping penalties.

Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Show management reserves the right to modify schedules, classes, obstacle presentation, or course design due to weather, footing, safety concerns, or entry numbers.

It is the responsibility of the show/event committee, or organizers and the facility owners and managers to ensure that all BC Health Authority, viaSport and WorkSafeBC directives are followed and enforced. Please follow all vaccination requirements as dictated by your

regional Health Authority. Horse Council BC is not a regulatory body and it is understood and agreed that sanctioning and approval of either a HCBC Provincial circuit event or Equestrian Canada Bronze or Silver competition relates to the use of the rule book and approved officials only.

This Competition is a Horse Council BC provincially sanctioned Competition and will be governed in accordance with the Horse Council BC Rule Book. Knowledge of the Rules is the responsibility of the Competitor.

The Horse Council BC Rule Book, will be used and can be found at the following link:

<http://www.hcbc.ca/Competition-Documents.html> General Rules

Neither Horse Council BC, its Board of Directors, organizing committee, staff, volunteers, officials, or employees of this horse show, will be responsible in any way, for damage, injury, or loss to persons, horses or property of exhibitors, spectators, owners, riders, trainers, or grooms.

All competitors and owners of horses must be members of Horse Council BC to participate.

OFFICIALS

Judge

Sue MacIntosh

Course Designer

Keelly Gordon

Medic / First Aid Attendant

Angela Waite

Show Manager

Michelle Wall

ENTRIES & REFUNDS

Entries Close: July 15, 2026

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of show management and are subject to a \$20 late fee.

Entries withdrawn before the closing date will receive a refund less the administration fee.

After the closing date, refunds will only be issued upon presentation of a veterinarian's or physician's certificate.

Approved refunds will be issued less a \$25 administration charge.

Stabling fees are non-refundable after the closing date.

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