



The AHTA Young Prospects Program

Purpose: -To identify and track young event horse talent in Alberta.

-To provide an education stream for producers/breeders and trainers in the development and exposure of young event prospects in Alberta.

-To provide an avenue for breeders in Alberta to connect with riders who can develop/produce young event horses.

-To provide a venue for the general public to see young event prospects as they come up through the program.

-To raise the profile of Alberta-bred event prospects through tracking, producing and promoting the program.



What happens at an evaluation?

Young event prospects in their 4 & 5 year old year will be shown in hand to assess type, conformation and movement. Then under saddle on the flat and over fences, to assess rideability, movement, form over fences, and gallop.



Young event prospects in their 2 & 3 year old year will be shown in hand only to assess type, conformation and movement.

The program would be available to all sport horse types that would be suitable and could excel in the sport of eventing. This is to include but will not be limited to ottb's, warmblood crosses, thoroughbred and thoroughbred crosses.

Who will benefit from or utilize this program?

Any Alberta horse trials member that would like to learn more about what to look for in an eventing prospect.

Breeders of sport type horses that would like to have their young stock assessed, or their young horses exposed to the sport to test their aptitude for the sport. Riders/breeders that would like to expose their young event horses to the same type of competition that we see on the west coast at the U.S. eventing young and future event horse championships.

When & where is this happening in 2016?

July 30-31, 2016 at Alhambra Stables, Red Deer, Alberta.

What is happening with the program this year?

We are very excited to have Barb Crabo as our clinician this year. Barb is breeder and developer of top level event horses from Arizona. She, her husband Martin and their daughter Jordan live in Scottsdale, Arizona on a small farm where Barb coaches a few students, works with them and their horses in addition to running a small breeding operation. She was the winner of the 2015 west coast 5 year old Young Event Horse Championship with Quite Electric, a youngster that the Crabo family bred, raised and produced. This year she is competing again at the Rolex Kentucky three day event on Eveready, another homebred horse, that she produced to the four star level. We are so lucky to have Barb come to us to share her knowledge and insights in producing, and developing horses for our sport.



This year the Canadian Sport Horse Association has come on board and offered to cover the facility cost for a weekend so that we can hold a clinic with Barb Crabo and our inaugural young prospects evaluation. A CSHA mare inspection will also be held on the same weekend, that is open to anyone interested in presenting their mares in an effort to enhance their membership as well. Anyone taking part in the young prospects clinic and evaluation on any mares are

being invited to also consider having their mares Canadian Sport Horse approved on the same weekend. What a lovely portfolio to start putting together on a nice competition mare!