



2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Year End 50/50 Raffle - Draw is November 3rd!
Support Alberta Horse Trials Association Safety Initiatives!



**ALBERTA HORSE TRIALS ASSOCIATION
AGENDA**

***Annual General Meeting
1:30PM - November 2, 2024
Holiday Inn Gasoline Alley***

- 1.0 Call to Order at 1:30pm
 - 1.1 Welcome, Introduction of the 2024 Board of Directors
 - 1.2 In attendance:
- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda
 - 2.1 Additions/Revision
- 3.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of November 11, 2023
- 4.0 President's Report
- 5.0 Treasurer's Report
- 6.0 Other Reports
 - 6.1 Membership Report
 - 6.2 Clinic Report
 - 6.3 Athlete Development/High Performance Report
 - 6.4 Statistics Report
 - 6.5 Competitions Report
 - 6.6 Safety Report
 - 6.7 Volunteer Report
 - 6.8 Casino Report
- 7.0 Elections
 - 7.1 Directors whose terms have expired: Not Standing - Becky, Christine, Sherri, Ulrika. Standing - Jessica, Kathleen
 - 7.2 Advance Nominations
 - 7.3 Nominations from the floor
 - 7.4 Election
- 8.0 New Business
 - 8.1 Organizer's Forum – Sunday, November 3, 2024 - items from the floor to bring forward for discussion
- 9.0 Round Table Discussion
- 10.0 Adjournment

****Quorum required for AGM to proceed: 25 Senior Members or 5% of Total 2024 Senior Membership, whichever is the lesser. (From AHTA By-Laws)**

ADOPT AGENDA

2023 AGM Minutes

<https://albertahorsetrials.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023-AGM-MINUTES-Nov-11-2023-Draft.pdf>



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good afternoon everyone and thank you for joining us today. As we look back on this year, we also begin to look forward to 2025. Today we will be electing 4 new board members to our Board of Directors, as well as reflecting on the past year with our various director reports. At our Organizer's Forum tomorrow, the organizers and board members will discuss how things went this year as well as plans for 2025.

We are sadly saying goodbye to 4 board members this year. Sherri Flundra has been on the board for 4 years as clinic and casino chair. Christine Baurenschmidt has also been on the board 4 years in the position of Safety and Competitions chair. Becky Staden has spent her 2 years on the board as clinics chair. And Ulrika Wikner has spent 15 years on the board in various positions and her point of view as an event organizer has been invaluable. It has been a privilege working with each of these ladies and I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together over the years. I want to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication, and I wish them all the best in the future.

Now on to some highlights of the year: Coaching, Education & Safety were our top priorities in 2024. We added an additional new spring deadline of May 31 for our coaching & officials funding in addition to the Dec 15th one, and also expanded the criteria to cover annual fees to become or remain a coach or official. We were happy to support 5 members with \$2400 of funding. We continue to offer free educational webinars during the off season on various topics that are free and open for all to attend, and we post the replays on our AHTA Youtube Channel.

Frangible fences continue to pop up in greater numbers across Alberta, and the AHTA plans to coordinate another Mims order with our event organizers to reduce shipping costs. The EV105 level continues to grow in the number of event sites offering it as well as the number of riders entering. We offered a private first aid course this spring for our members at an extremely discounted rate sponsored by Wheels On Safety Training Centre in Red Deer. Wheels On also generously offered our 2024 members a 15% discount on first aid courses, and will continue to offer a discount in 2025 as well. We are very thankful for their generosity and commitment to increase safety in our sport.

Our 2023 casino made \$83,800, and we are extremely lucky to still be the only Provincial Horse Trials Association in Canada that has a casino fundraiser. In 2024 we supported our event sites with a total of \$50,000 of funding. \$37,500 for event site support, to build cross country fences, and purchase equipment such as dressage rings and jumps. \$12,500 was funding for medical services and a subsidy for each event for a paid position (official, volunteer coordinator, etc). We are incredibly proud to have been able to provide our event sites with more than \$400,000 of event site funding over the past 11 years.

The AHTA Board is here for you, and has always maintained a policy of transparency and openness to its members. If you have ideas, feedback, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the other board members.

Lastly, I want to thank the Board Members, Event Organizers, Riders, Coaches, Officials, Parents, and all of the hundreds of volunteers who help out during the year. It truly takes a village, and without everyone's hard work and dedication, we would not have these amazing events to attend.

Thank you, and I look forward to a great 2025!

Jessica Kerschbaumer



TREASURER'S REPORT

2023 Financials

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet

2024 Interim Financials

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet





MEMBERSHIP REPORT

354 registered members in 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Junior | 155 | 208 | 168 | 152 | 144 |
| Senior | 199 | 147 | 342 | 309 | 278 |
| Total | 354 | 355 | 510 | 461 | 422 |

10 Pony Club/4-H memberships (not included in the numbers above)

- Four purchased annual memberships as a result



Please reach out to albertahorsetrials@gmail.com if you have any ideas on how to further advertise or promote membership in our sport.

Membership Report - Jasmine Jarvis

Our 2024 membership numbers held steady with the year prior at 354. Memberships were broken down as follows:

- 155 junior memberships
- 199 senior memberships
- 10 Pony Club/4-H memberships (not included in total)
 - Four riders purchased a full annual membership following AHTA issuing their complimentary Pony Club/4-H membership

Horse Reg will continue to provide member services to AHTA moving into 2025. Please reach out to albertahorsetrials@gmail.com if you have any ideas on how to further advertise or promote membership in our sport.



CLINIC REPORT

Non Members
18.4%



We had 7 non AHTA members join us for 2024 clinics this year. 5 less than 2023 or approximately 10%

EV 100
8.3%

EV 60/New
12.5%

EV 90
20.8%



EV 75
20.8%

EV 85
37.5%

EV85 had the largest amount of participants; in 2023, EV 60/75 had held that title.



Leah Breakey Clinic Cochrane Ag Society *May 17 - 19*

- Leah's clinic was essentially full on opening day
- 19 participants, 3 non-AHTA members
- Weather held out although a bit chilly
- Offered dressage lessons on the Friday night which filled up quickly and were well received

Sabrina Glaser Clinic Prentice Creek Equestrian Centre *June 8 & 9*

- 19 participants, 4 non-AHTA members
- Weather was very chilly, rain and snow mix on Saturday, improved on Sunday
- Always has lots of positive feedback from riders
- Sabrina incorporates challenging exercises and lines and is a positive and technical coach and riders saw a lot of improvement over the weekend

Expenses of both clinics made up of facility/stabling rental, airlines, car rentals, hotel/accomodation & food/drink subsidy.

Next steps - Continue growth of membership via clinics



Alberta Horse Trials Association Clinics-2024

Alberta Horse Trials Association

For the period 1 January 2024 to 21 October 2024

2024

Income Statement

| Revenue | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| AHTA Clinic - Sabrina Glaser | 4,395.00 |
| AHTA Clinic - Leah Breakey | 3,735.00 |
| Total Revenue | 8,130.00 |
| Expense | |
| AHTA - Sabrina Glaser Clinic | 6,741.77 |
| AHTA - Leah Breakey Clinic | 4,570.20 |
| Total Expense | 11,311.97 |
| Total Income Statement | (3,181.97) |



In 2024 we purchased first aid kits that were on site at all clinics, in addition to our AEDs!



Clinic/Casino Report - Sherri Flundra

Prentice Creek Equestrian Centre was the venue for the Sabrina GLASER clinic. It was held on June 8-9, and we had 19 riders in attendance. As usual, riders were exposed to a lot of challenging grids and lines and everyone saw improvements over the weekend. Sabrina is a positive and technical coach, and there is always positive feedback received.

The weather on Saturday was a test for all with a heavy steady rain intermixed with snow. Our poor clinician spent the weekend wearing borrowed clothes compiled from several trailers to keep warm and dry. Fortunately Sunday was much kinder!

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I will remain in the role of the AHTA Casino organizer, and will begin recruiting volunteers once we have our assigned dates. Once again, the casino will be held at Pure Casino in NE Calgary and will be during the fourth quarter of 2025.



ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT REPORT



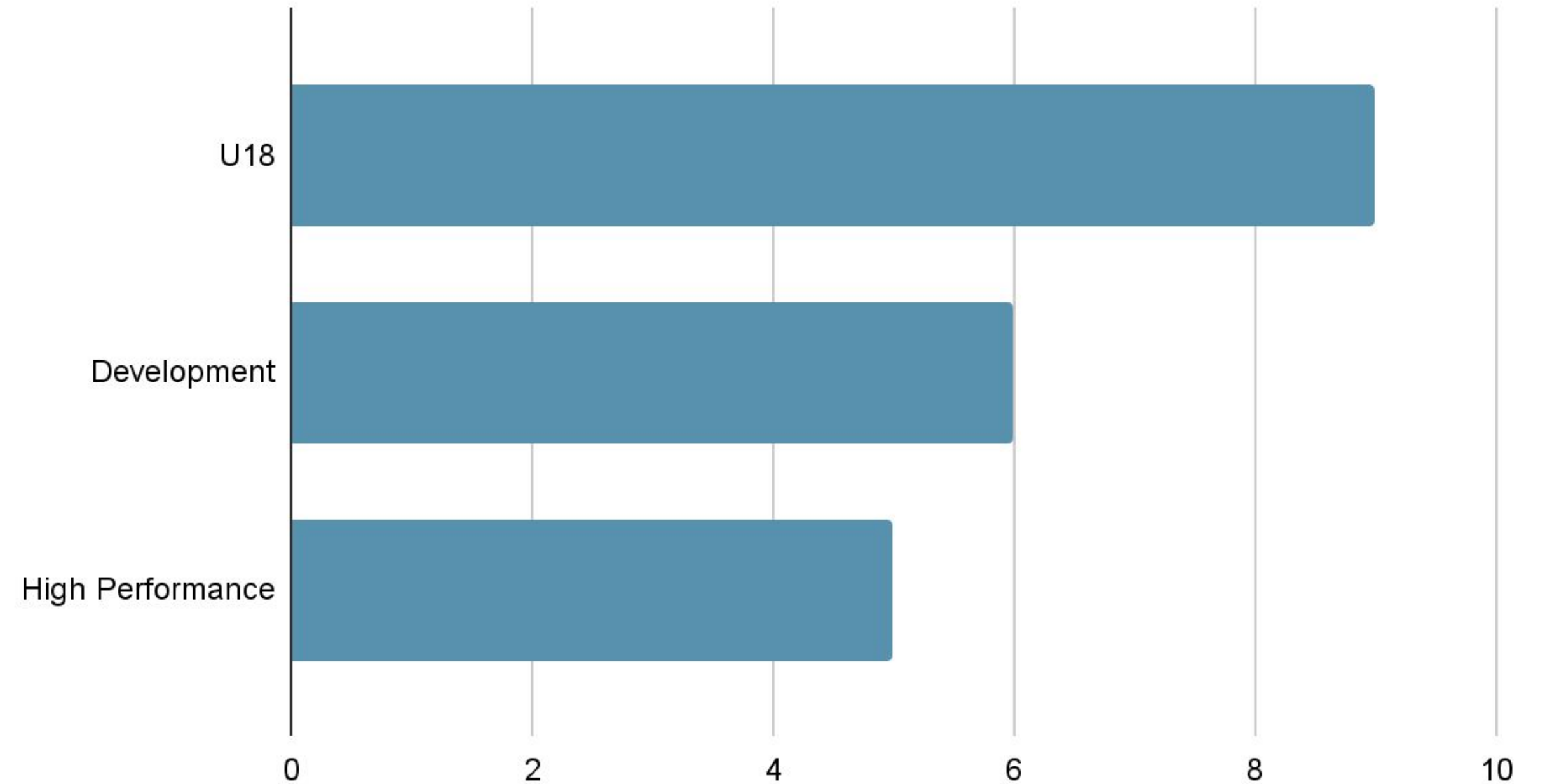
2024 High Performance Program



20 members in total



2024 Member Breakdown



Team Coach was Leahona Rowland - 8th year coaching the program.

2024 High Performance Activities

-3 Unmounted Sessions - [“Human Trauma In Equestrian Sport”](#) with Dr. Alanna Bowie (76 Registered)

[“Bend it like Gumby: How to up your resilience factor”](#) with April Clay, Registered Psychologist (102 Registered)

[“Saddle Fit & its Impact on Performance, Longevity, & Soundness”](#) with Dr. Sarah Pedersen (55 Registered)

-Held HP/U18 Spring Clinics in March, April, May with Leahona Rowland, and Kim Vos taught U18 dressage lessons at the May clinic.

-Incorporated Unmounted sessions at the clinics on a variety of topics including XC Rules, proper helmet fit, braiding, and wrapping legs, taught by Brittany DesCotes.

-Joint HP/AHTA Clinic June 28-July 1 at Alhambra Stables with Canadian Eventing Team Technical Advisor Rebecca Howard and dressage lessons with Peter Gray.





-17 Alberta Young Riders took part in an educational opportunity organized at Rebecca Farms in Kalispell. They joined up with the BC young riders and had a “Meet & Greet”, received a Young Rider shirt, private XC course walk with 4* eventer Sophie Click, and teams were organized to take part in the Rebecca Farm Team Competition. They also attended a Young Rider Area 7 Social that included Q and A with Jennie Brannigan.



Jessica Trinity Sadie Mickanna Sophie Amelia Mikayla Talia Mackenzie BC girl

-Jon Holling will be the clinician at the 2025 joint HP/AHTA clinic at the end of June. He is a 5* event rider and also the Chairman of the USEF Eventing Sport Committee and National Safety Officer for the US

2024 ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT REPORT - NOVEMBER 2, 2024

2024 marked the 17th year of the High Performance Program. There was a total of 20 members (5 HP; 6 Development; 9 U18). Leahona Rowland from Kelowna, BC entered her eighth year as the coach/consultant for the program. Brittany DesCotes looked after teaching the unmounted sessions that were held at the winter clinics.

Zoom educational sessions were organized for January, March and April. The January session was sponsored by the High Performance program. Dr. Alanna Bowie covered "Human Trauma in Equestrian Sport". The sessions sponsored by the AHTA included April Clay a registered psychologist whose session title was "Bend it like Gumby: How to up your resilience factor" and Dr. Sarah Pederson speaking on saddle fit and its potential impact on performance, longevity and soundness. All 3 of these sessions were available to anyone to attend, at no cost.

Monthly mounted sessions started in March and continued in April and May. Leahona was the main instructor. Brittany educated the riders on XC Rules; Proper helmet fit; Braiding; and Wrapping Legs during the early clinics. We had Kim Vos cover the U18 dressage lessons that were held in May at the XC clinic. The final clinic of the year was held at the end of June with Canadian Eventing Team Technical Advisor Rebecca Howard covering the jumping and Peter Gray taught the Dressage lessons.

Training Plans are also submitted quarterly, to Leahona, by the HP members for review.

A Young Rider educational opportunity was organized at Rebecca Farms in Kalispell and this was made available to any of the Alberta youth attending the competition. A total of 17 Alberta riders took part. We joined with the BC young riders and the kids received a Young Rider shirt, private XC course walk with 4* eventer Sophie Click, a "meet and greet" so that the AB and BC riders could meet each other. Teams were organized for the riders to take part in the RF team competition. They also attended a Young Rider Area 7 Social that included Q and A with Jennie Brannigan. A huge thankyou goes to Dianna Austad (and her helpers) who looked after the organization of the activities at the competition and was the master communicator between the BC and Alberta groups.

The USEF Young Rider Championships were moved to the Loch Moy Event site in Adamstown, MD for 2024 and 2025. The competition date is now early in July. Unfortunately, there were not any riders who had their qualifying scores in place by the deadline of the May long weekend. So, we did not have anyone attending in 2024.

The Silent Auction, held at the 2023 banquet, raised approx \$3,900. These funds were used to offset the cost of clinicians Rebecca Howard and Peter Gray and keep the registration fees down for all riders who attended this clinic. These clinicians taught a total of 44 riders over the clinic dates of June 28/29 and June 30/July 1. For 2025, we have Jon Holling booked for the June clinic that is shared between High Performance and "regular" AHTA members.

Registration for the 2025 High Performance and U18 program will be made available to riders by November 5.

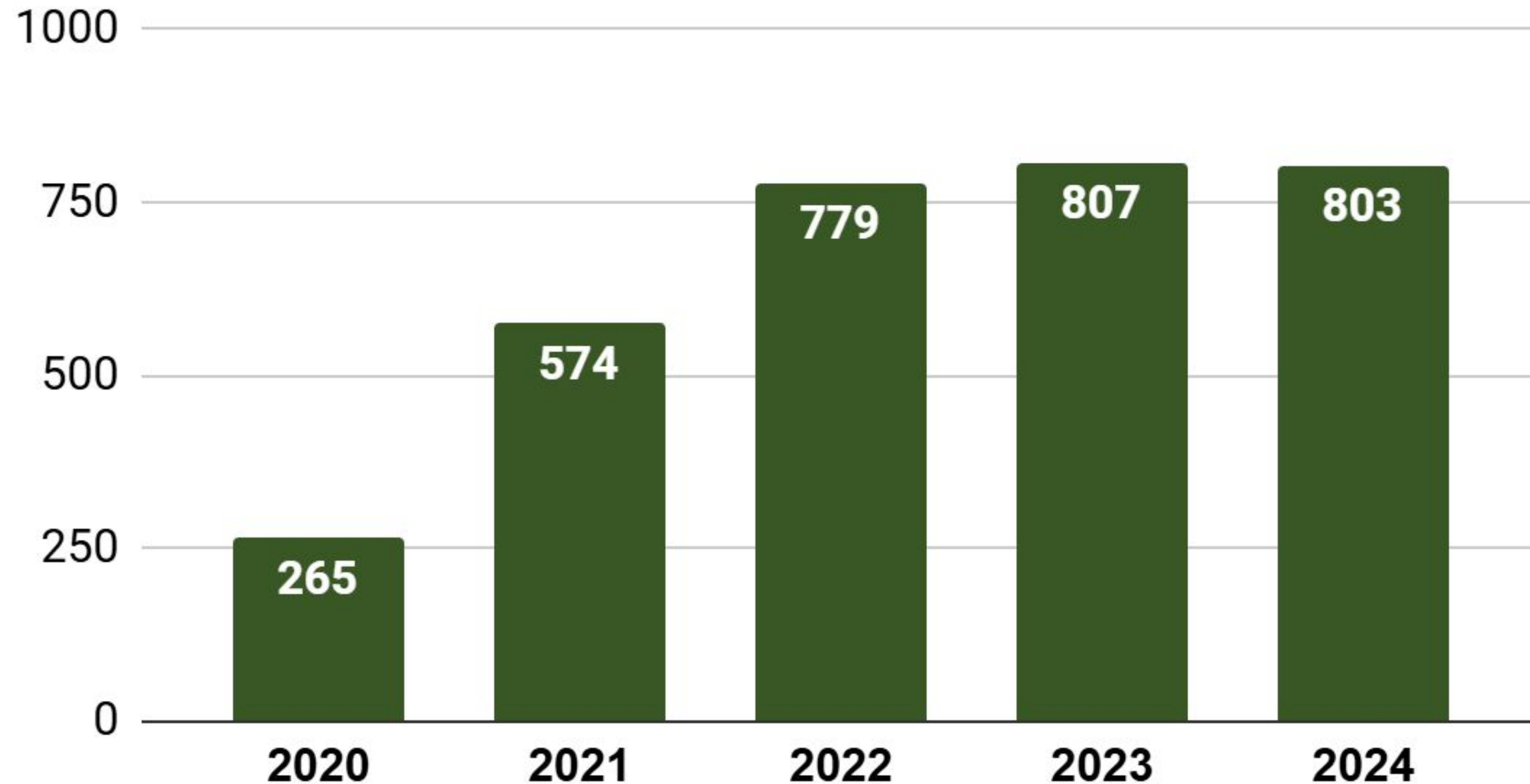
Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Ziegler



STATISTICS REPORT

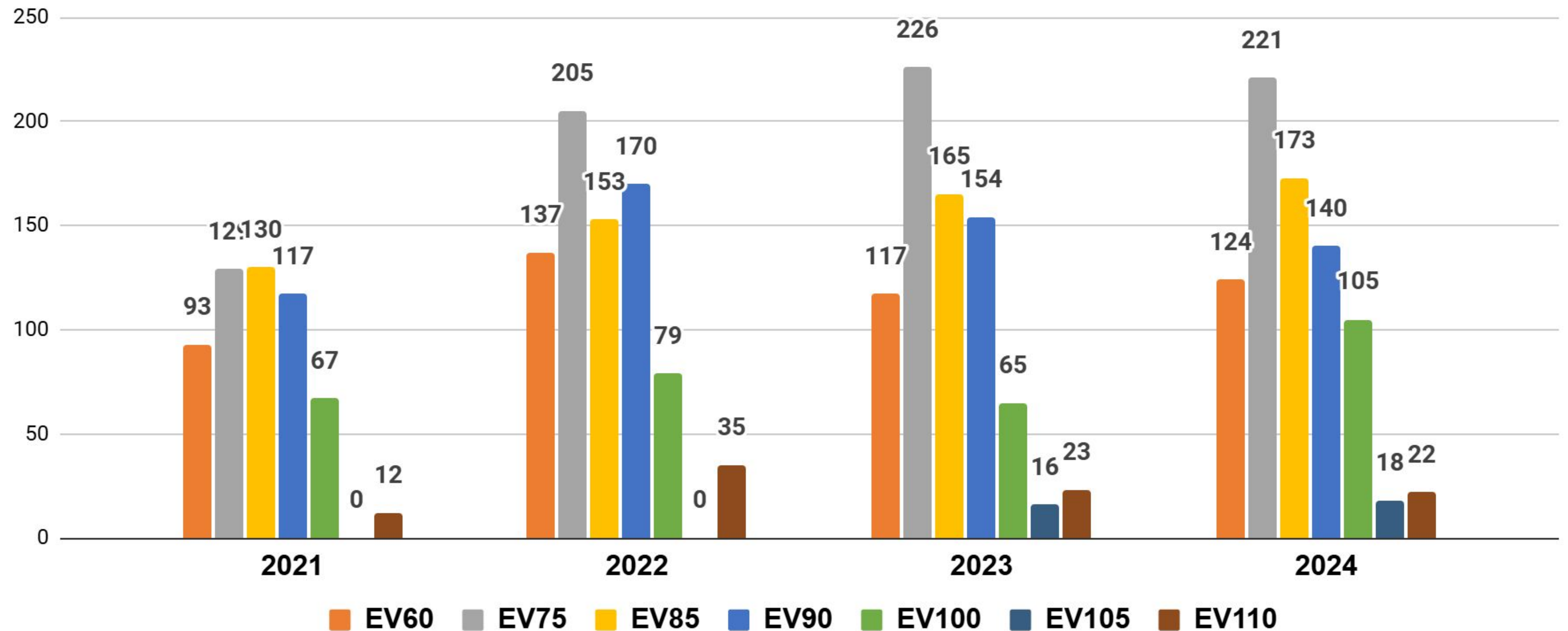
EVENT STATISTICS-Total Rides Per Year

Total Rides by Year



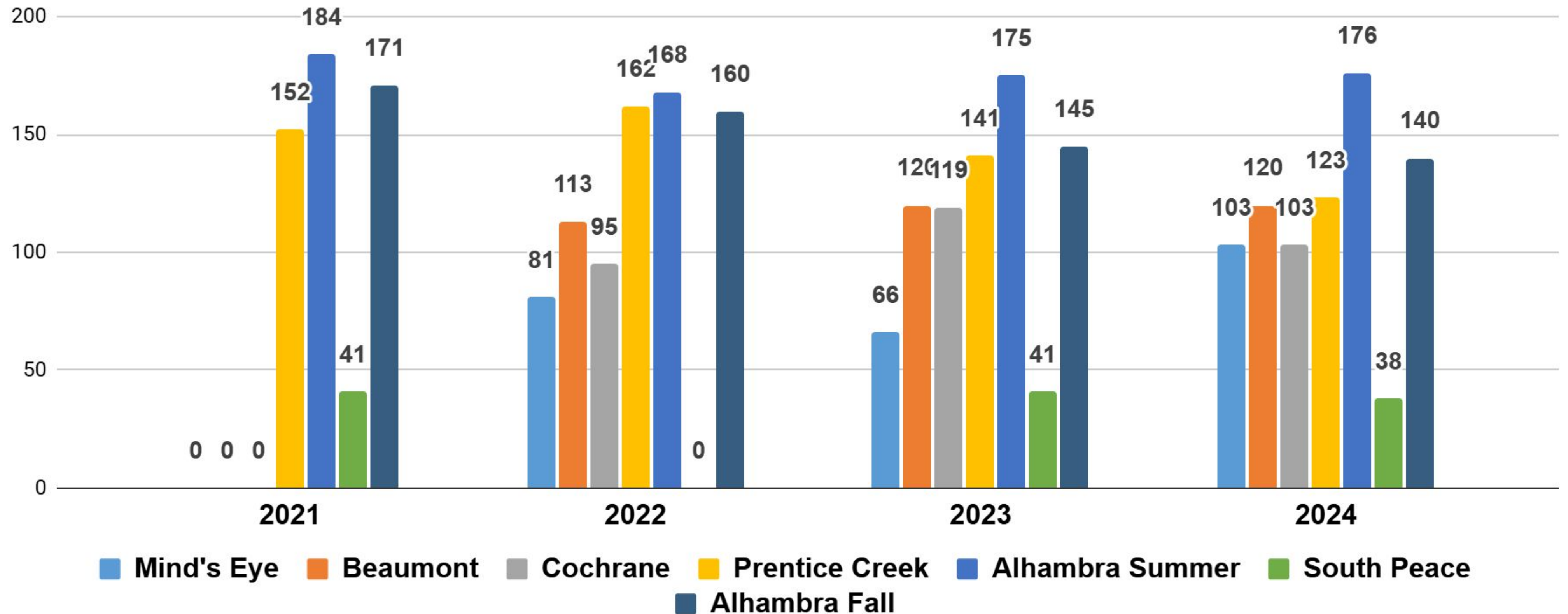
EVENT STATISTICS-Rides by Division

Rides by Division Offered in Alberta



EVENT STATISTICS-Rides by Venue

Rides by Alberta Venue





COMPETITIONS/ SAFETY REPORT

Director Update: Safety and Competition 2024

Date: November 2, 2024

This update outlines key developments in our safety initiatives, including the encouragement of the implementation of the Serious Incident Management Plan for events, the introduction of air quality monitors, and the acquisition of first aid kits for clinics.

1. Serious Incident Management Plan for Events

Implementation Status: The Serious Incident Management Plan has been provided to event organizers to review and implement as they see fit.

Risk Assessment: Comprehensive risk assessments were conducted prior to each event to identify potential hazards.

Response Protocols: Established clear communication protocols and emergency response procedures tailored to specific event related incidents.

Post-Incident Reviews: Conducted reviews after each event to evaluate response effectiveness and areas for improvement.

2. Air Quality Monitors for Events

Deployment: Air quality monitor has been procured for the 2025 season. It will be strategically placed at all events and AHTA clinics to ensure real-time monitoring of air quality.

Functionality: Continuous tracking of particulate matter from wildfire events.

Alerts for competitors and organizers regarding air quality concerns, enhancing overall safety.

3. First Aid Kits Purchased for Clinics

Procurement: A total of two first aid kits have been purchased and distributed High performance and Clinics.

Contents: Each kit includes essential supplies to address common injuries and emergencies.

Training: Staff have been trained on the contents and proper use of the kits to ensure readiness in case of medical incidents. This will compliment the AED that is provided at AHTA clinics.

4. Survey to Riders

Gather Data from Riders: 14 members responded to the survey outlining how they maintain safety for themselves when riding, how many times they ride during the off season, and the show season. We wanted to get a sense of those riding in our sport and if they had access to coaches and participated in clinics.

The Results: We recognize that our eventing community is very committed to continuous learning and development whether this is from ensuring their safety gear is up to date, receiving coaching, attending as many clinics as they could, and a commitment to riding several times a week. The AHTA understands the financial implications of becoming a licensed coach, a requirement to coach at events, so as a board we budgeted for several thousands of dollars to reimburse those that are actively maintaining their official or coaching status with EC so we can further ensure that coaches in Alberta are supported. We always encourage our riders and parents to verify that their coaches are EC certified.

The review of the Serious Incident Management Plan, alongside the deployment of air quality monitors, the provision of first aid kits and the compensation of AHTA members actively maintaining their coaching certifications, demonstrates our commitment to safety and preparedness at events and clinics. Continuous monitoring and training will remain a priority as we strive to enhance our safety protocols.

Safety Highlights:

- 803 rider starts
- Regular Divisions have more falls than Open Divisions.
- 90% of rider falls occur during the Cross Country Phase (2024 - 33, 2023 - 41)
- Regular EV 100 has a fall percentage of 9%, then Open EV75 at 7%
- Rider Representative and Rider Feedback submissions will be reviewed with the Organizers forum.

Earlier in the year we had a successful kick off meeting in April with the organizers to regroup prior to the next season. We ensured that your feedback was relayed to the organizers for their consideration. This is also an opportunity for organizers to let us know as a board how we can support them for the upcoming year. On November 3, 2024 at the organizers forum we will review the year with the organizers and set out the official dates for the 2025 Eventing Season.

As I conclude my term as the Safety and Competitions Chair, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support and collaboration we've shared. It has been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated competitors, organizers and all those that support this sport.

Together, we've achieved significant milestones, and I am proud of what we've accomplished. Your commitment and passion have made my time here truly rewarding.

While I'm stepping away from this role, I look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of the Eventing Community and that of the AHTA. Thank you to all members, support teams, volunteers, coaches and event organizers for the dedication they have shown over 2024. See you all at the competitions next year!

Christine Baurenschmidt

Competition / Safety Director



VOLUNTEER REPORT

This year AHTA continued our efforts in volunteer appreciation. Volunteers are the true backbone of our sport and events simply could not run without the amazing and dedicated volunteers, both ringside and behind the scenes. Events require in the neighbourhood of 850-1000 hours of volunteer time for prep, take down and daily activities! We are working hard to ensure that all of our volunteers feel appreciated and seen.

Last year we rolled out 2 new volunteer appreciation initiatives. Volunteer of the Year and individual thank you cards and gifts to the top volunteers from each event. We continued this

Four Winds Saddle Services has once again generously sponsored the Volunteer of the Year award, with the recipient being announced at the 2024 banquet. We received multiple, excellent nominations and hope to continue to grow the award for the coming years to ensure that we celebrate those volunteers who quietly put in countless hours to keep the sport of eventing alive in Alberta. This year the volunteer nomination form was available during the entire Alberta eventing season and we saw a greater number of nominees.

We continued to encourage each event organizer to put forth the names of a couple of their top volunteers so AHTA could give them an extra thank you. We were able to send each of these top volunteers a personalized, handwritten thank you card, along with a visa gift card, as a small token of appreciation. We plan to continue this program going forward as they continue to be well received.

Thank you's go a long way and I would like to remind the general membership to thank every volunteer, every day, it really does make a difference!

Renate Price



DIRECTORS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION



- Jessica Kerschbaumer
- Kathleen Ziegler





•Leah Breakey



•Brittany DesCotes

ADVANCE NOMINATIONS



•Sarah Kun



•Ali Smith

No nominations from the floor - All appointed by acclamation

Jessica Kerschbaumer

Kathleen Ziegler

Leah Breakey

Brittany Descotes

Sarah Kun

Ali Smith



ORGANIZER'S FORUM



ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION