

Email application & cover letter to:  
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or mail to:  
New Stride TB Adoption Society  
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## Trainer Application:

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### Instructions:

Application and supporting documents are due June 15, 2015. What you need to include:

- Cover letter addressed to the New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society Selection Committee
- Completed application
- Supporting documentation if applicable

For consideration for the trainer challenge, provide complete and accurate information. A cover letter detailing WHY you feel you should be selected for the 100-Day Trainer Challenge must be submitted with this application.

Additionally, a resume or other materials that speaks to your horse training experience and specifically with Thoroughbreds will also be accepted.

### Contact information:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Facebook:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Twitter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other social media:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HCBC#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Farrier:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinarian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Farm address where horse will be stabled:** \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

Provide business and/or personal references that can speak to your training experience and history with training horses.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to  
applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to  
applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Experience:**

Detail your horse training experience, disciplines, and horsemanship background. Attach resume or additional pages as required.

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Detail your experience with racehorses and/or off-track Thoroughbreds (OTTBs):

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If you do not have experience with OTTBs, please detail how your background would make you suited for working with OTTBs:

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**Agreement and Signature:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to attend or participate in an instruction and training Demonstration in the training, selection, care, handling and riding of horses (hereinafter referred to as "Demo") with the New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society (hereinafter referred to as "NS").

I AM AWARE THAT ACTIVITES INVOLVING HORSES CAN BE A HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND VERIFY THESE STATEMENTS BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE: \_\_\_\_\_.

As consideration for being permitted by NS or any one of its affiliated organizations to participate in these activities and use their facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue or attach the property of NS, the Sponsor or any of their agents, employees or affiliated organizations or the supplier of any of the equipment I will use in these activities for Injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, howsoever caused, by any employee, agent, or contractor of NS, the sponsor or any of their agents, employees or affiliated organizations as a result of my participation in the above-referenced Demo. I hereby release NS, the Sponsor, and any of their agents, employees or affiliated organizations from all action, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for personal injury, death, or property damage resulting from my participation in the above-referenced Demo.

I further agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless NS, the Sponsor, or any of their agents, employees, or affiliated organizations and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost they, or any of them, may incur as a result of my attendance at or participation in the above-referenced Demo.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND NS, THE SPONSOR, AND/OR ANY OF THEIR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL. I AGREE THAT THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BIND ME, MY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRIBUTEES, GUARDIANS, ASSIGNS, HEIRS, AND NEXT OF KIN AND THAT IT MAY BE PLEADED IN BAR TO ANY LEGAL ACTION COMMENCED IN ANY COURT CONTRARY TO THE TERMS HEREOF:

**Signature:**              X    
**Name:**                    \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:**                     \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please note: Applications must be received no later than June 15, 2015\*\*\***



### **What is the 100-Day Trainer Challenge?**

Our 100-Day Trainer Challenge will showcase off-track Thoroughbreds (OTTBs) as they prepare for second careers.

Trainers are given 100 days to retrain the horses in the discipline of their choosing. At the end of the 100-days, the horses will compete for the Top Thoroughbred title at the Thoroughbred Showcase (October 4, 2015 at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC).

During the competition, trainers will have the opportunity to individually demonstrate their horses' new skills. The end goal is placement of the horses into permanent homes via a bidding auction at the Thoroughbred Showcase (October 4, 2015 at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC).

In the process of following their journey through the 100-days, New Stride hopes to educate the public on the athleticism and intelligence of the Thoroughbred and their suitability as a sport horse and useful riding horse.

### **What is involved with the competition?**

Trainers will compete for the Top Thoroughbred title at the Thoroughbred Showcase (October 4, 2015 at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC). The winner will be decided by a combination judges' score.

The judges' score will be based on a combination of three classes, with a greater emphasis placed on the freestyle component.

*In-Hand* – demonstrates the horse's tractability and maneuverability on the ground. Horse will be required to walk and trot along with the handler, turn on the haunches, turn on the forehand and sidepass. Score represents 25% of total.

*Flat Class* – Horse will be shown at walk, trot and canter. May be ridden English or Western. Score represents 25% of total.

*Freestyle Class* – This is the trainer's chance to showcase what the horse has learned in 100 days and their suitability for their chosen discipline. Score represents 50% of total.

### **What are the rules of the freestyle component?**

1. Trainers will have 5 minutes to complete their freestyle performance – music and time will start when the competitor enters the ring.
2. Trainers must provide their own props and assistance for arena set up and tear down – it is the trainer's responsibility to make sure all props are cleared from the ring immediately following the conclusion of the freestyle performance, including hay, confetti, etc.
3. Music must be provided at least one week prior to the event. All music is subject to review and approval by New Stride. If you have questions on the suitability, please check in advance.
4. Because of the nature of this event and the presence of other horses, mounted shooting, cow work and other animals (horses, dogs, etc) will not be permitted in the freestyle class.

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Example of freestyle:

- Hunter course to demonstrate handiness as a hunter
- Trail course to demonstrate maneuverability for the western horse
- Dressage test
- Etc.

It is the trainer's responsibility to evaluate their horse's progress and develop a performance that will showcase the horse to the best of their ability at that stage in their training.

#### **What is expected of the trainers?**

The publicity component of this event is crucial to its success. Trainers will be required to submit weekly updates to New Stride detailing the assigned horse's progress as well as including (at minimum) bi-weekly photos and/or video. Video production and photos are the responsibility of the trainer. Trainers may, on occasion, need to respond to public comment.

#### **Who is allowed to train the Challenge horses?**

All riding and groundwork must be done by either the trainer or one designated assistant. If the trainer opts to use an assistant, all activities with the Challenge horse must be supervised by the trainer and the assistant is to act only within the trainer's instruction. Barn staff may handle the horse; however, any activities geared towards teaching the horse must be done by the trainer or their designated assistant. If the trainer wishes to use a designated assistant they must clear this with New Stride prior to proceeding.

#### **What horses are eligible?**

- Horses must be Thoroughbreds that have raced or trained in British Columbia.
- Off-the-track Thoroughbreds that have already been used as riding horses are not eligible.
- Stallions must be gelded.
- All horses will be vetted for soundness and athleticism prior to being accepted. All horses must pass the vet check.

#### **How does New Stride monitor the horses during the 100-days?**

New Stride requires all trainers to submit weekly updates on their assigned horses. At minimum, trainers are required to submit bi-weekly photos and/or videos that demonstrate the horse's current condition. Additionally, a New Stride representative will visit the horse and trainer at least once during the 100-day period.

#### **Is there a minimum condition that horses must be delivered to the trainers?**

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Challenge horses must be delivered to the trainers in a condition that is suitable for immediate entry into training. The horse must be in good health and carrying sufficient weight. Dentistry should be up-to-date and the feet should be in good condition.

As a guide, reference can be made to the Henneke System of Body Condition Scoring. Horses must be at minimum level 4 and maximum level 7. <http://www.ker.com/library/misc/body-condition-print.pdf>

### **How are the horses assessed prior to entry in the Challenge?**

All horses will be vetted for soundness and athleticism prior to being accepted. All horses must pass the following:

- Physical examination including an assessment of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems, eyes, teeth, conformation, and palpation the limbs for areas of current and chronic injury.
- Flexion tests on the lower limbs to check joint health.

The cost of the exam is the responsibility of the owner. The owner may use their own veterinarian or New Stride can recommend one.

### **How are the trainers assigned horses?**

Trainers will be assigned horses through a random draw selection.

### **Who is responsible for the expenses?**

- Trainers:
  - Trainers are responsible for providing stabling.
  - Trainers are responsible for any veterinary fees resulting from negligent training. The determination of negligent training will be based on the horse's veterinarian's professional opinion.
  - Transportation to the finale is the responsibility of the trainer.
  - Trainers are responsible for any additional costs they incur in the training of the horse (e.g. taking it to schooling shows, clinics, etc).
- Owners:
  - Owners must submit \$750 upfront payment to the trainers to cover their horses' basic care for the duration of the Challenge.
  - Owners are responsible for paying veterinary and farrier bills. Veterinarians and farriers will invoice the owners directly for their services.
  - Transportation to the training facility is the responsibility of the owner.

### **Who owns the horses?**

Owners maintain ownership of their horses until they are sold in the auction following the culmination of the 100-Day Trainer Challenge. Owners must provide the horse's papers to New Stride to hold in safekeeping for the duration of the challenge.

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### **How will the auction be run?**

All horses are sold "as is". All sales are final. No returns or exchanges are permitted. The horses will be offered for sale in Canadian Dollars, only to those individuals who have registered as bidders. Highest bidder must be the buyer. Each horse is auctioned with a reserve price of \$1,000.

### **What happens after the horse is sold?**

The horses will be released to the buyer when payment in full has been received by New Stride. Horses paid for by cash, cashiers cheque, banker's draft or certified cheque may be removed from the grounds immediately after payment. Otherwise horses will go back to the owner's farm or boarding facility until funds clear the bank. Purchasers of horses will be charged a board fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) per day per horse, up to and including the day of release, until the horse is picked up.

### **What happens when the horses are sold?**

The purchaser will pay New Stride directly. Once the payment has been paid in full, New Stride will distribute the funds as follows:

- 45% payable to the trainer
- 45% payable to the owner
- 10% payable to New Stride

### **What if the horses aren't sold?**

Any unsold horses are returned to their owners. Owners may then pursue private sale or can contact New Stride for potential acceptance into the adoption program. As an alternative, owners may negotiate with the trainer to keep the horse at their facility; however, such arrangements are the responsibility of the owner and trainer to work out amongst themselves.

### **What happens if a trainer needs to be removed from the program?**

New Stride reserves the right to remove any trainers from the program who are not fulfilling their contractual requirements and/or are negligent with their assigned Challenge horses.

Trainers are required to submit weekly updates on their assigned horses. At minimum, trainers are required to submit bi-weekly photos and/or videos that demonstrate the horse's current condition. Additionally, a New Stride representative will visit the horse and trainer at least once during the 100-day period.

As a guide, reference can be made to the Henneke System of Body Condition Scoring. Horses must be at minimum level 4 and maximum level 7. <http://www.ker.com/library/misc/body-condition-print.pdf>

### **What happens if a trainer must withdraw from the Challenge?**

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If a trainer wishes to voluntarily withdraw from the Challenge, they must provide 30-days written notice and refund the owner the \$750 on a pro-rata basis. If less than 30-days' notice is provided then the trainer must refund the owner the entire \$750. Return transportation to the owner is the responsibility of the trainer.

**What happens if a trainer's assigned horse gets injured or is otherwise untrainable?**

Although Challenge horses are assessed for soundness and suitability prior to entry into the program, New Stride does not guarantee the physical or mental soundness of any horse.

If a horse must be withdrawn from the Challenge due to physical or mental unsoundness in the first 50 days, the trainer must refund the owner the \$750 on a pro-rata basis. There is no refund after 50 days.

Return transportation to the owner is the responsibility of the owner.

**What happens if an owner wishes to withdraw their horse from the Challenge?**

Any owner wishing to withdraw their horse from the Challenge must provide 30-days written notice and pay the trainer for the value of their services provided at a rate of \$20/day. If less than 30-days' notice is provided then the owner must pay the trainer the equivalent of 100-days training (\$2,000). Return transportation to the owner is the responsibility of the owner.

**What are the important dates?**

June 15, 2015 – Application deadline

June 30, 2015 – Trainers & horses announced

October 4, 2015 at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC – 100-Day Trainer Challenge Finale

**Can I contact someone for more information?**

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