



100-Day Trainer Challenge

The 100-Day Trainer Challenge goal is to showcase five off the track Thoroughbreds (OTTBs) as they prepare for second careers.

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.

The end goal is placement of the five horses into permanent homes through a private sale.

The Competition:

Five trainers will compete for the Top Thoroughbred title at the Thoroughbred Showcase at Thunderbird Show Park on October 4, 2014. The winner will be decided by a combination judges' score.

The judges' score will be based on a combination of three classes:

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 .

Flat Class – Horse will be shown at walk, trot and canter. May be ridden English or Western.

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.

Horse Eligibility:

- 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.

Horse Selection:

Trainers will draw straws from a pool of five horses. One horse will be assigned as a back-up in case of injury. Horse selection will be on June 21, 2014 at Hastings Racecourse.

Conditions:

- Trainers must be current members of Horse Council BC in good standing.
- Challenge horses may not be trained by any other individual during the 100-day training period.



FAQs:

Who is responsible for the expenses?

- Trainers will provide stabling and hay throughout the 100-day training period.
- Owners will reimburse trainers up to \$700 in farrier, vet and feed expenses for the duration of the Challenge.
- Trainers are responsible for any veterinary fees for injuries to the horse incurred while training.
- 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 via private sale following the culmination of the 100-Day Trainer Challenge.

What happens when the horses are sold?

Trainers will receive a 40% commission on any sale of a Challenge horse if it is sold within 60 days of the Challenge. Trainers and owners must work together to set a sale price that is fair and equitable.

What if the horses aren't sold?

Any unsold horses are returned to their owners with 100-days of professional training. Owners may then pursue private sale or can contact New Stride for potential acceptance into the adoption program.

Important Dates:

June 1, 2014 – Application deadline

June 15, 2014 – Trainers & horses announced

June 21, 2014 – Horse selection at Hastings Racecourse

June 25, 2014 – Horses must move to new training facility

October 4, 2014 – 100-Day Trainer Challenge at Thunderbird Show Park