

A national competition, to be held outside of Quebec for the first time, is being held in Alberta in September. The Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships (CIEC), is being hosted by the Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF) and its partners from September 13 to 15, 2013.

“The AEF is very pleased to partner with Rocky Mountain Show Jumping and the Okotoks Agricultural Society,” says Tara Gamble, president of the AEF Board of Directors. “They have agreed to be the host locations for this Canadian event, and the national teams will find their facilities and services to be top notch.”

Dressage and jumping for both junior and senior riders will be held at Rocky Mountain Show Jumping at the south edge of the City of Calgary. Rocky Mountain Show Jumping was founded in 1997 by Canadian Equestrian Team member John Anderson, and offers world-class facilities for beginners to international level riders.

“The CIEC will bring riders from across Canada to compete in the jumper and dressage disciplines, and we welcome the opportunity to showcase Rocky Mountain Show Jumping and Calgary to them,” says John Anderson, president of Rocky Mountain Show Jumping. “We want to build an event that showcases riders excelling in a Jump Canada program, and as a host venue, we wholeheartedly support youth in our equestrian sport.”

Reining for both junior and senior riders will be at the Okotoks Agricultural Society, south of Calgary and north of the Town of Okotoks. The Okotoks Agricultural Society is the oldest ongoing Agricultural Society in Western Canada with a history of providing the community with a top quality agricultural forum since 1892.

“The Okotoks Agricultural Society is proud to be partnering with the Alberta Equestrian Federation. It’s exciting to be part of the first Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships outside of Quebec,” says Dawn Mitchell, general manager of the Okotoks Agricultural Society. “We are very proud of our community and facility, and look forward to sharing that with competitors from all over Canada. We look forward to a long partnership with the AEF.”

The CIEC is a sanctioned Equine Canada competition and a collaborative event between the national and provincial/territorial sport organizations. It aims to develop the next generation of equestrian national and international champions.

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