

All Steward Perceptions Survey Questions and Answer Options

1. How many events/competitions did you attend as a steward? (pilot events)
 - ☐ Less than 5
 - ☐ Between 5-10
 - ☐ More than 10
 - ☐ More than 20
2. Which disciplines do you mainly work as a steward or technical delegate? (check all that apply)
 - ☐ Eventing
 - ☐ Jumper
 - ☐ Hunter
 - ☐ Dressage
 - ☐ Breed Sports
 - ☐ Eventing (cross country)
 - ☐ Other – Write In (Required)
3. What level of competition do you mainly act as a steward/technical delegate? (check all that apply)
 - ☐ Bronze (or eventing Equivalent)
 - ☐ Silver
 - ☐ Gold
 - ☐ FEI
 - ☐ Other – Write In (Required)
4. On average, how many measurements did you complete during each event?
 - ☐ 1-5
 - ☐ 5-10
 - ☐ 10-30
 - ☐ 30+
5. Do you feel that overtightened nosebands are a horse welfare issue?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
6. Do you feel we have a noseband tightness issue within the Equestrian Canada field of play?
 - ☐ Yes, and I feel it is important to address
 - ☐ I do, in a small portion of our riders
 - ☐ I do not feel there is a noseband issue and feel the current rules are sufficient
 - ☐ Prefer not to answer

7. Do you feel the current Equestrian Canada rules support you in addressing overtightened nosebands during your role as a steward?
- Yes
 - No
8. If there were to be a rule to standardize the measurement of noseband tightness with a tool (which tool is still in consideration) in all disciplines, which of the following statements best represents your view in the implementation?
- There is no need for a standardized tool for measuring noseband tightness, or alignment of the rules across the disciplines
 - The rules should be aligned across all disciplines to one measurement, and there should be compulsory checks like the other tack checks (i.e., boot check)
 - The rules across disciplines should be aligned to one measurement for noseband tightness, and a tool can be used if needed or as a “tie breaker”, but not a compulsory check for all horses
 - Other: Please state
9. What is important for stewards to implement/practice when approaching a horse and rider to measure/discuss a noseband’s tightness?
- Open comment box
10. What elements/areas of the competition setting do you recommend for engaging with horses and riders for measurements?
- Before they enter the warmup ring
 - In the warmup ring
 - Exiting the warmup ring
 - Before entering the competition ring
 - Exiting the competition ring
 - Other: Please Describe
11. What elements/areas of the competition setting do you *not recommend* engaging with horses and riders for measurements?
- Before they enter the warmup ring
 - In the warmup ring
 - Exiting the warmup ring
 - Before entering the competition ring
 - Exiting the competition ring
 - Other: Please Describe

12. What information would you like to share with Equestrian Canada about the steps forward?

- Open comment box

13. What education and training should be focused on by Equestrian Canada for competitors?

- Open comment box

14. What education and training should be focused on for Equestrian Canada stewards/TDs?

- Open comment box

15. In what areas do you feel we need further research?

- Open comment box

16. Is there any other information you would like to share with us?

- Open comment box