

### *Pilot Steward Perceptions Survey Questions and Answer Options*

1. How many events/competitions did you attend as a steward during the duration of the pilot? (pilot events)
  - ☐ Less than 5
  - ☐ Between 5-10
  - ☐ More than 10
2. Which disciplines were the pilot events you conducted measurements at? Check all that apply
  - ☐ Eventing
  - ☐ Jumper
  - ☐ Hunter
  - ☐ Dressage
  - ☐ Breed Sports
  - ☐ Eventing (cross country)
  - ☐ Other – Write In (Required)
3. What level of competition were your pilot events? (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. Did you feel safe conducting measurements with the ISES measuring gauge provided to you for the pilot?
  - ☐ Yes, I did
  - ☐ I require more training to feel more comfortable
  - ☐ I did not try because I did not feel safe
  - ☐ Other – Write In (Required)
6. What was rider/trainer acceptability like for being measured when asked?
  - ☐ Slider on a scale from “would not participate” to “asked to be measured”

7. In general, how comfortable were horses with the measurement process?
  - Slider on a scale from “could not be measured” to “very easy to measure”
8. 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
9. Do you feel the current Equestrian Canada rules support you in addressing overtightened nosebands during your role as a steward?
  - Yes
  - No
10. 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
11. What is important for stewards to implement/practice when approaching a horse and rider to measure/discuss a noseband’s tightness?
  - Open comment box
12. 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

13. 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

14. What did you enjoy about participating in the noseband pilot project?

- ☐ Open comment box

15. What did you dislike about participating in the noseband pilot project?

- ☐ Open comment box

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

- ☐ Open comment box

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

- ☐ Open comment box

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

- ☐ Open comment box

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

- ☐ Open comment box

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

- ☐ Open comment box