

Dear OXC Members,

With the return of public shows and the increased interest in the OXC, we are asking our members to review their biographies, revise them if necessary and to provide a separate biography for finals. During many of the public shows, and finals, your biography will be read as an introduction to the audience as you are starting your run. This is a great opportunity to showcase your riding achievements, brag about your horse, and talk about your goals! Your biography should be written to help the audience and your fellow competitors get to know you or your horse, this is a fun way to build camaraderie during the day, and foster encouragement.

For remaining shows in 2022 you may submit a new or revised biography with your next entry to be used for the remainder of the year.

For the provincial finals, please complete the biography form on the website.

Biography Instructions:

- may not be longer than 300 characters
- must be written in the third person
- may not contain foul language or speech contrary to the code of conduct or by-laws of the OXC and the EXCA
- must be about the rider and the horse actually in the class (a different bio must be used if the rider or horse changes in the same show)

Biography Reading:

- you may choose to have the same bio read for each class that you and your horse are competing in
- you may choose to have two separate bios for different classes you and your horse are in (for example, your Ride Smart bio may be different than your Pro Bio)
- you may choose to have your bio read only once (in your home division), other classes you and your horse participate in will have only your names announced

Biography Tips: The following format is suggested, but not required, to help you to quickly write your biography. Include one each of the following four points in your biography.

- 1) One interesting thing about you (major riding accomplishment, first year riding, first year showing, number of years riding, other equine disciplines you do, favorite thing about riding OXC... etc.)
- 2) One interesting thing about the horse you will be riding in the class (any accomplishments, what other disciplines does your horse do, a personality trait of your horse, age of your horse, anything cool or exciting about your horse, what other names does your horse have.... etc.)

- 3) One interesting thing about you and your horse as a team (how long have you been a team, what other things do you do with your horse, do you have any specific goals with this horse, etc.)
- 4) A sentence to tie your bio together – We are putting on a show, you can be creative!
- 5) You may choose to submit 3 or 4 pieces of information about you and your horse to the OXC and a biography can be written for you

Biography Examples:

The announcer will introduce you with your full name and your horse's full name as they appear on the entry form before reading your bio.

Sample Bio 1:

Jenny Johnson and Jack's Little Sweetheart

Jenny and Jack are a new team this season. Jenny is the 2021 OXC intermediate high point champion, and Jack was the 2020 runner-up in the Cowboy-Up Challenge at the Calgary Stampede. Despite this being Jenny's first year competing as a non pro, she is confident Jack's experience will help this duo qualify for the EXCA world finals.

(276 Characters)

Sample Bio 2:

Kelly Wright and Mr Changue

Mr. Changue is known as the famed 'Fort Erie Sink Hole Horse' after falling into a six foot deep sinkhole while out grazing. Luckily, he was rescued unharmed. Let's hope Mr Changue's luck hasn't run out as this team navigates their first year competing in the OXC before heading to Kentucky in October to compete in the Retired Racehorse Project.

(287 Characters)

Sample Bio 3:

John Blodgett and Sine Me Tu

John's riding experience is in team penning and western pleasure. However, as an OXC announcer for many years, he has seen a lot of races and is certain he knows what makes a good run. Sine is a veteran off track thoroughbred, whose name literally translates to Without Fear. What these two lack in experience they make up for with bravery!

(280 Characters)

Sample Bio 4:

Shelly Lendt and Crimson Diamond Sal

Shelly & Diamond have had a quiet summer filled with camping, OXC races and western performance shows. Shelly is looking forward to competing in the provincial finals with Diamond her friend and trusty partner of fifteen years. **(191 Characters)**

Sample Bio 5:

Jayda Lendt and Cinder Nalla

Jayda has been working hard this summer training 13 year old Nalla for her first season of competing in the OXC. Nalla still has a lot to learn, but loves Jayda, and when these two aren't training for OXC, you can find them out peacefully roaming the trails together. **(219 Characters)**

Sample Bio 6:

Jayda Lendt and Crimson Diamond Sal

When her mom was distracted, Young Gun Jayda stole her mom's horse Diamond to compete in OXC races! At 19 years young, Diamond is the perfect mount to teach young'uns the ropes and she has helped Jayda learn over the last few years. These two have a special partnership and they look forward to a season of fun! **(254 Characters)**