

JUSTIN RIDGEWELL

FEI Grand Prix Competitor & EC Senior Dressage Judge



Justin Ridgewell is a highly respected figure in Canadian dressage, recognized internationally as an FEI Grand Prix competitor, Equestrian Canada Senior Dressage / Para Dressage Judge, and NCCP High Performance Coach (Dressage Specialist). Based in Ontario, Justin is among the youngest individuals in Canada to achieve the prestigious Senior Dressage Judge designation, the highest level of national judging accreditation.

A lifelong student of the sport, Justin currently trains under Pan American Games silver medalist Shannon Dueck and has had the privilege of learning from some of the most influential names in dressage, including Canadian Olympians Belinda Trussell and Christilot Boylen, Olympic Champion Charlotte Dujardin, and German National Team Coach Monica Theodorescu.

Justin serves as Principal Rider and Director of Equine Development at Braeburn Farms, a premier training operation with locations in Blue Mountains, Ontario, and Wellington, Florida. He also holds a Certificate in Equine Business Management, with distinction, from the University of Guelph.

As a competitor, Justin has earned Equestrian Canada Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, along with USDF Gold, Silver (with distinction), and Bronze (with distinction) medals. He is currently listed on the FEI World Ranking List for CDI Small Tour.

In addition to his competitive accomplishments, Justin is deeply committed to the development of equestrian sport in Canada. He is co-owner of The Tack Shoppe in Collingwood, Ontario, serves on the



Board of Directors for the Canadian Sport Horse Association, and contributes to numerous initiatives that support athlete and sport development across the country.

In 2025, Justin served on the judging panel for the inaugural Canadian National Championships, further cementing his reputation as both an accomplished competitor and a respected official.

Looking ahead, he aspires to continue progressing through the FEI judging levels.

We are delighted to welcome Justin as a judge for our May Video Competition and are grateful for the expertise and insight he brings to our athletes.