LYNNE POOLE

More Than 60 Years of Dedication, Achievement, and Leadership in Equestrian Sport



Leading rider at CPEDI 3* Del Mar California. 2012. Pictured on Vasco E who won the Individual and the team test. Leading Athlete– CPEDI3 Del Mar, California | 2012*

Pictured with Vasco E, Lynne Poole was named the Leading Athlete at the 2012 CPEDI3* in Del Mar, California, after winning all three tests with her two horses. Vasco E won both the Individual and Team Tests, while Frisbee captured the Freestyle title.

One of Lynne's favourite memories from the competition was Vasco E proudly watching the Canadian flag being raised in celebration of their victories.

Judge Biography – Lynne Poole

Lynne Poole, of King Township, Ontario, brings more than six decades of experience as a competitor and over 50 years as an equestrian official to her role as a judge.

Lynne currently holds Equestrian Canada Medium Dressage and Para Dressage Judge certification, as well as Senior Dressage and Para Dressage Steward certification. She is also an NCCP Competition Coach Specialist in Dressage and a Western Style Dressage Association of Canada Senior Judge.

Lynne began her competitive career in 1962 and received her first Canadian Equestrian Federation judging credentials in the early 1970s in hunter, jumper, and hunter seat equitation. She has continued judging ever since, later shifting her focus to dressage and para dressage.

In addition to her extensive experience as an official, Lynne has enjoyed an accomplished career as a para athlete. She received FEI classification in 2010 and represented Canada internationally with Frisbee, Vasco E, and Cruiser. That same year, she became the Ontario Para Championship Grade IV Champion.

Lynne went on to become a ranked athlete on the Canadian short list, frequently leading the standings in her grade and receiving Sport Canada Senior Card funding. In 2012, she earned a place on the Canadian international team following successful performances at CPEDI3* competitions in Florida. Later that year, she was the leading rider at the CPEDI3* in Del Mar, California, winning all three tests. She reached No. 37 on the FEI Para Equestrian World Ranking and was among the final six athletes vying for a place on the Canadian Para Dressage Team for the London Paralympic Games.

Lynne's contributions to equestrian sport extend well beyond para dressage. In 2015, alongside Lauren Barwick, she helped introduce Para Reining in Canada and the United States. The following year, riding Rockstar Wimp, Lynne became the Florida State Para Reining Champion and earned another major victory at the High Roller Reining Classic in Las Vegas.

Lynne also played a role in the development of Western Dressage in Canada. With Rockstar Wimp, she achieved success at every level offered in both Canada and the United States. From 2017 to 2021, she earned year-end championship titles through the Western Style Dressage Association of Canada, followed by continued success at the Western Dressage Association of America World Championship Show from 2021 to 2023.

Throughout her extraordinary career, Lynne has experienced equestrian sport from nearly every perspective—as an athlete, international competitor, coach, judge, steward, and advocate for the growth and development of para and western equestrian disciplines.

Fun Fact: To Lynne's knowledge, she is the only Canadian FEI Para Dressage Team athlete to hold and actively use an Equestrian Canada Medium Dressage and Para Dressage Judge certification.

Lynne's depth of experience, commitment to equestrian sport, and unique perspective as both an international para-athlete and accomplished official make her a valued member of the judging community.