## HCBC Junior Athlete of the Year 2018

Rachel Currie can dig deep and come out at the top of her game. With the support of an amazing family, coach Meagan Nance and the very best of equine partners Punch Buggie, this inspiring 15 year old rider brought home 2 individual Gold Medals in the Jumper Discipline and Team Silver for Zone 6 at the 2018 BC Summer Games in Cowichan this past Summer. Punch Buggie has a story of her own having been a rescue project that was pretty much unrideable before partnering up with Rachel a few years ago.

Competing at Summer Games presents additional challenges for young athletes as they are under the care and guidance of a chef d'equipe, housed in athlete accommodation, part of a multi-discipline team, with a schedule that is very different from regular competitions. Rachel rose to the challenge and participated to the fullest with her team mates and Head Coach Selena Pellizzari.