

WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW

~ EQUITATION ~

Rules and General Information for Managers/Contacts

The WIHS Equitation and WIHS Pony Equitation are open to USEF and Equine Canada member shows that request an application to hold an equitation qualifier class.

- Shows must apply 30 days prior to the start of the show in order to offer the equitation class(es). Upon receipt of the application, the show contact will be mailed all pertinent forms.
- Completed results forms and payment (\$7.00 fee per rider in each class) **must be returned to the Ryegate office within 10 days** from the conclusion of the recognized horse show.
- Qualifying period: shows starting on or after September 1st through shows starting on or before August 31st. The top 30 riders in the WIHS Equitation and the top 25 riders in the WIHS Pony Equitation will be invited to compete in the Finals at the Washington International Horse Show.
- Multi-day horse shows are permitted to hold either a one or two-phase WIHS Equitation Qualifier. One-day horse shows are only allowed to hold a one-phase event. WIHS Pony Equitation Classes may only be held as one phase.

AWARDING OF POINTS

1st – 6th place points are tabulated by multiplying the # of riders in the qualifier class by 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, ½ points respectively. Only the overall results of a two-phase WIHS Equitation qualifier will be tabulated for the standings. A multiplying factor of 2 will be applied to these classes only.

ATTENTION SHOW MANAGERS AND SECRETARIES:

PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF THESE RULES TO ALL ANNOUNCERS, JUDGES AND COURSE DESIGNERS INVOLVED IN ANY PHASE OF THE WIHS EQUITATION QUALIFIER CLASSES.

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS WIHS EQUITATION AND WIHS PONY EQUITATION

- The WIHS Equitation classes are open to **junior members** of USEF or Equine Canada.
- **Three riders must complete the course for the class to be included in the National Ranking.**
- The same horse **must** be used in all phases of the event...**No Exceptions.**
- One rider per horse, unless the judge requests a change.
- Classes to be judged in accordance with the current USEF standards for equitation.
- Riders may only compete in one WIHS Equitation class at a show.
- Any class with 50 or more entries at the start of the first phase must be divided as under USEF Rule HU108.4 ("California Split"). In this case, USEF Rule EQ103.3 will not apply. If any phase is double pinned, then the overall results must also be double pinned. Ties in the overall will be resolved by the rider score in the second phase.

WIHS PONY EQUITATION

To be shown over a course of not less than 6 obstacles. Fence heights: 2'3" for ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands; 2'6" for ponies over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands; and 3' for ponies over 13.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands. If an in and out is used, the suggested distance for small ponies is 20', for medium ponies is 22', and for large ponies is 24'. The distance must be altered for each height division. A maximum of 20 riders may be asked to return to show at the walk, trot and canter and to perform any additional tests at the judges' discretion. Conventional tack per USEF EQ109.2.

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Conventional tack per USEF JP110. Only running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted in the Jumper Phase. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted in both phases. In the event that a rail is down, that round should be scored on the basis of merit and then deduct four points from that score for each rail down.

I. Hunter Phase

To be shown over a minimum of 8 jumps at 3'6". It is recommended that the course be a straightforward hunter course consisting of natural jumps, including a combination, hunter lines, and a long approach to a single jump. A numerical score will be given for the first round **only**. Further testing will be optional; USEF tests 1-19.

II. Jumper Phase

The course should be of the type used in a Junior or Preliminary Jumper competition. To be shown over a minimum of 10 jumps at Level 3. A minimum of two double or one triple combination are required. There must be at least two changes of direction after the first fence. In addition, at least two of the following are **required** and more are recommended:

- Vertical - no ground lines
- Liverpool
- Narrow jump - minimum width 8'
- One or more of the following - triple bar, swedish oxer, fan jump

Although the Jumper phase is timed, judging commences when the rider actually enters the ring and therefore before the rider passes through the start markers which will begin their time for the course. Judging concludes when the rider exits the ring.

A Time Allowed will be used based on a speed of 360 yards per minute. The judge will give a numerical score for each competitor's round. The announcer will announce the judge's numerical score and then deduct time faults as follows: one point for each commenced second over the Time Allowed. Management may elect to hold the Jumper Phase as a Table II, 1.2c (Power & Speed) competition, in which case the Time Allowed will apply only in the "speed" phase and must be computed at 382 yards per minute. Further testing will be optional; USEF tests 1-19.

A FINAL SCORE BELOW ZERO MAY NOT BE GIVEN.

III. Two Phase Event - Hunter & Jumper

Each class will have separate Hunter and Jumper Phases. Each Phase will be conducted under the specifications detailed above.

- Both Hunter & Jumper Phases to be scored under the numerical system in the first round. First Round scores from each phase will be added together to determine the overall winner. In the event of a tie for first place in the overall score, the judge of the second phase must resolve the tie by further testing (USEF Tests 1-19). Ties in each phase must be resolved by the Judge's decision without further testing. Ties for other than first place in either phase or overall must be resolved by Judge's decision.
- Scores from the first phase will determine the order of go in the second phase. The highest scores will return last; riders may volunteer to move up in the order.
- One or more judges may be used in any combination.

RIDER MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership is \$30. Membership entitles riders to earn points in the rankings. Membership (application & fee) must be received at the WIHS Membership Office within 10 days of the completion of an event for points from that event to count. Riders may join at a show; however, riders are strongly encouraged to mail the application themselves. Riders may contact Ryegate Show Services, 1298 Royal Road, Annville, PA 17003; 717-867-5643, wihs@ryegate.com to obtain an application or download an application from the website, www.wihs.org.

Riders need not be members of the WIHS Equitation to compete in any qualifying classes, but only current members will accrue points towards year-end finals.

Applications should be made available to exhibitors in the horse show office.