

2009 WCE Medal Specifications

WEST COAST EQUESTRIAN (WCE) Junior/Amateur Medal Class

Qualifying Classes:

Eligibility: Open to current CPHA and PCHA Junior and Amateur members whose trainers are current members of the California Professional Horsemen's Association. Riders who show in a non restricted jumper class with fence heights above level seven (7) may NOT enter this class at the same show (Exception: Zone 10 Young Rider Trials). Stallions are allowed per USEF jumper division rules.

Class Conditions: This class is designed as a jumper type equitation class, which will be held in the jumper ring over a jumper course at level four (4). The class will have a time allowed based upon a speed of 375 meters per minute. *Time allowed is a definite factor in this class and may only be changed by the course designer after the round of one of the first three competitors and only if he/she thinks a gross error was made in the original calculation.* Natural fences, liverpools, and a small water jump may be included at the course designer's discretion. No work off is required. At least three competitors must complete the course for points to be awarded. Start and finish markers will be provided and an audible tone will be used.

Judging: A jumper type horse with jumper equipment is allowed and will not be penalized. The class will be judged under the current rules and standards of the USEF equitation division for jumper oriented medal classes. Although this class is judged on the rider's equitation style, the manner in which the horse and the course is ridden should reflect the qualities necessary for an efficient (time saving) pace and track with the horse in a frame to minimize knockdowns. One point (1) will be subtracted from the rider's score for each commenced second taken over the time allowed and a minimum of four (4) points will be deducted for each knockdown on course. Judges are asked to walk the course when possible and where there are striding options the judges are asked not to penalize any option that might be used to achieve the best result appropriate to the individual horse/rider combination.

Qualifying for the Final: Points will be awarded in qualifying classes as follows: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 providing there are at least eight riders who complete the course. If there are less than eight eligible ribbon winners, points will be awarded by the same scale using the lowest numbers. For example, if there are five ribbons awarded, the points will be 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. If there are three, they will receive 3, 2 and 1 respectively. Accumulating ten points during the qualifying year allows a rider to compete in the finals. Riders may accumulate points until the Sunday preceding the Finals. All riders including past WCE Final winners may continue to ride in qualifying classes to accrue points towards the Yearend High Point award given at the CPHA luncheon held during the PCHA convention. Permission to hold this class must be obtained from the CPHA Office

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located at 10153 ½, Suite 391, Toluca Lake, CA 91602. A check payable to the CPHA Foundation for \$5.00 for each class competitor will be sent to the CPHA office as specified on the Horse Show Financial Results Form.

WCE Medal Finals:

Eligibility: Open to riders who have accrued at least ten points in WCE Junior/ Amateur qualifying medal Classes since the preceding Final. Exception: previous Final winners are ineligible. Riders who show at the Final's show in a non restricted jumper class with fence heights above level 7 (1.40M) may NOT enter this class. All riders will compete in rounds one and two. There will be a third round consisting of the top 15. Warm up class: open only to WCE horse/rider combinations. The warm up class will be judged as a jumper class, Table II, Sec. 1.

Judging: The final will be judged under the current rules and standards of the USEF equitation jumper oriented medal classes. Although this class is judged on the rider's equitation style, the manner in which the horse and the course is ridden should reflect the qualities necessary for an efficient (time saving) pace and track with the horse in a frame to minimize knockdowns. During each round, one point (1) will be subtracted from the rider's score for each commenced second taken over the time allowed and a minimum of four (4) points will be deducted for each knockdown on course. The maximum permissible score for a round with one or more time faults and knockdowns is 90. A jumper type horse with jumper equipment is allowed and will not be penalized. Stallions are allowed per USEF jumper division rules. No draw reins or German Martingales allowed. Judges will sit together for rounds 1 through 3, and will give one score after each competitor's ride.

They will use the open numerical scoring system, and the scores **will be** announced. Judges are **required** to walk all courses and where there are striding options the judges are asked not to penalize any option that might be used to achieve the best result appropriate to any individual horse/rider combination.

Scoring: Round 1 will be judged under a modified power and speed format. (Table II, sec 2 (c)), with no time allowed for the power phase, and a 400 meters/minute time allowed for the speed phase. Horses will continue on to the speed phase regardless of knockdowns. Round 2 will be judged over a jumper type course that will include at least one double and one triple combination (or three doubles), as well as a liverpool, and a time allowed based on a time of 375m/m. Round 3, which will immediately follow round two, will be judged over a speed or jump off type course with a time allowed based on a speed of 400m/m. The scores from Rounds 1 and 2 will be averaged and carried into Round 3. Only the top 15 and anyone tied for 15th position will come back for Round 3. The score from Round 3 will be added with the average brought in (from Rounds 1 and 2) to produce an overall score. There will be no further rounds or work offs after round 3

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*A score resulting in a negative score will receive an automatic score of 15.

Ties: Ties for any placing after any round will be broken based upon the most efficient time in that round, with the higher placing given to the faster time.

Courses: Courses throughout the final will consist of advanced equitation/jumper type fences approximately 3'6" in height with spreads from 3'6" to 4'3". A plank may not be the top element of any obstacle. . *Time allowed is a definite factor in this class and may only be changed by the course designer after the round of one of the first three competitors and only if he/she thinks a gross error was made in the original calculation.*
Riders must start within the 45 second tone.

Start Order: The start order for Round 1 will be drawn. Start order for Round 2 will be reverse order from Round 1. The start order for Round 3 will be low score to high score from the first two rounds. Riders must walk the course for Rounds 2 and 3 prior to round 2.

Schooling Rules: USEF Jumper schooling rules will be followed for all phases of this final

Awards: After Rounds 1 and 2 riders will receive ribbons thru 6th place for both the Juniors and Amateurs. After Round 3 the top 10 will receive awards, ribbons and coolers. Special awards will go to the highest placing three riders of opposition, if available, within the top 15. The trainers of the overall champion and the highest placed opposition will receive a special award.

Substitutions: The same horse must be ridden through all phases of the competition. However, due to illness or injury of the horse a rider may petition to ride a substitute horse. This substitution must be approved by the Appeals Committee consisting of the Show Manager, the Chief Steward and the Official Veterinarian, who has in fact examined the horse and determined it's unsuitability to continue.

Special Condition: If a competitor or trainer wishes to discuss any part of the WCE Finals with one of the judges or the course designer, one of the following must be present: the technical delegate, a show steward, or a designated representative of show management.

Protests: A protest must be made in writing and handed to either the technical delegate, show steward, or show manager within one half hour of the class or situation being protested. A committee will be immediately convened to rule on the protest consisting of the technical delegate, a show steward, and a representative of show management. This committee will be the sole arbiter of the protest and their decision will be final without further recourse of any kind.

Riders Meeting: There will be a riders and trainers meeting prior to the warm up class with the medal finals officials. Time will be posted in the prize list.