

2011 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 CPHA and PCHA. Riders who show in a non-restricted jumper class with fence heights above 1.40m 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 I.IOM (3'7"). 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 one of the first three competitors has completed the course, and only if the course designer 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: *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.* 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, **with the exception that a rider is eliminated after the second refusal (disobedience).** 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. *After each round, a judge's initial score will be announced, before taking into consideration any penalties for exceeding the time allowed or for any 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. *The rider's final score for the round will then be announced.*

For example, an announcer might say: "The judge scores a 78, minus 3 for exceeding the time allowed by three seconds, and minus 4 for the one knockdown, giving Susie Smith a final score of 71 for this round, which places her fourth at this point in the class."

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, and 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.