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CPHA FOUNDATION WCE Medal Final Specifications 2013

Eligibility: Open to riders who have accrued at least 10 points in WCE Medal Jr/Am qualifying classes since the preceding final. Previous winners of the medal final are not eligible. All riders will compete in rounds one and two. The top 10 riders or anyone within three percentage-points of tenth place will compete in Round 3.

Warm up Class: Open only to Qualified WCE Medal Final Riders. The warm up class will be judged as a jumper class, Table IV, Sec. 1 (Optimum Time). Qualified riders for the final may ride multiple horses in the warm-up class, but not in the Medal Final.

Judging: The final will be judged under current rules and standards of the USEF equitation division with the exception that competitors will be excused after two refusals (instead of three). Finalists will also be evaluated on their abilities as show jumping riders and the manner in which the courses should be ridden should reflect the qualities necessary for an efficient, time saving, pace and track with the horse in a frame to minimize knockdowns.

Judging Parameters: A minimum of two judges will be used for each round. Judge 1 will score using the open numerical system and will be responsible for judging the rider's performance based on the current USEF Equitation Division standards. Judge 2 will sit separately, and will give two scores: a penalty score and a proficiency score. The penalty will be scored on a 5-point basis, which will be subtracted from the other scores. To be clear, Judge 2 will decide whether to deduct from zero to five points for rails down, depending on whether he/she feels the rider was at fault. Judge 2 will also be responsible for judging the rider on his/her technical merit, judgment, and the execution of an efficient, time saving, pace and track in meeting the specific challenges incorporated into the course by the designer. The proficiency score will be added to the other scores and will be scored on a 5-point basis. 1

To be clear, Judge 2 can subtract up to 5-points and add up to 5 points at his or her discretion.

Time Penalties: During each round, one point (1) will be subtracted from the rider's score for every commenced-second taken over the time allowed. This deduction, if any, will be announced after each round where it occurs.

Type and Equipment: A jumper type horse with jumper equipment is allowed and will not be penalized. Stallions are permitted per USEF jumper division rules. No draw reins or German martingales allowed, however standing and running martingales are permitted.

Format, Scoring, and Walking: The open numerical scoring system will be used and 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.

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 350 meters/minute time allowed for the speed phase. Horses will continue on to the speed phase regardless of knockdowns or a refusal.

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 350 m/m.

Round 3, which immediately follows round 2, will be judged over a jump-off type course with a time allowed based on a speed of 375 m/m.

Riders must walk courses for Rounds 2 and 3 (the jump-off round) prior to Round 2.

The scores from Rounds 1 and 2 will be averaged and carried into Round 3. Only the top 10 riders and anyone within 3 percentage-points of 10th place will compete in Round 3. The score from Round 3 will be added to 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.

Ties: Ties for any place in any round will be broken by Judge 1's score.

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 factor in this class and may only be changed by the course designer after the rounds 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: Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be reverse order from Round 1. Round 3 will be low score to high score from the average of the first two rounds.

Schooling Rules: USEF Jumper schooling rules will be followed for all phases of this final. Starting 30-minutes before each round, riders may not school for this class in any ring other than the designated warm-up.

Awards: After Rounds 1 and 2 riders will receive ribbons through 8th place in both the Junior and Amateur sections. After Round 3 the top 10 riders overall will receive awards. Special awards for riders and their trainers will go to the highest placing rider from each age break (junior or amateur), if both juniors and amateurs place within the top 10 overall.

Substitutions: The same horse must be ridden through all phases of the competition. However, in the event of 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, a show steward, the technical delegate, 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 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 within one half hour of the class or the situation being protested and handed to one of the following: the technical delegate, show steward, or show manager. A committee, consisting of the technical delegate, a show steward, and a representative of show management, will be immediately convened to rule on the protest. This committee will be the sole arbiter of the protest and their decision will be final without further recourse of any kind.

RIDER/TRAINER MEETING: There will be a rider and trainer meeting with the technical delegate and the judges during which questions may be asked about the parameters and expectations of the class. The draw will be held at this meeting. The time for the meeting will be posted in the prize list and horse show office.