



## **WCE Medal Class Specifications (Qualifying Class)**

WEST COAST EQUESTRIAN (WCE) Junior/Amateur Medal Qualifying Classes:

**Eligibility:** Open to current CPHA Junior and Amateur members whose trainers are also current members of the CPHA. At least three (3) riders must complete the course for the class to receive points.

**Class Conditions:** This class is designed as a jumper type equitation class, held in the jumper ring over a jumper course at 1.10m (3'7") with spreads from 1.10m to 1.25m (3'7" - 4'1"). The class will be judged under a modified power and speed format (Table II, Sec 2(d)), with no time allowed for the power phase and a 375 meters/minute time allowed for the speed phase. Horses will continue on to the speed phase regardless of knockdowns or a refusal. A second refusal will eliminate. *Time allowed is an important factor in this class and it may only be changed by the course designer if he thinks a gross error was made in his original calculation. However, the time allowed may only be adjusted once during the early rounds of a given competition, never later than after the third competitor to complete the course without a disobedience or if any of the first three take more than 45 seconds to cross the start line.*

**Course:** The course will be similar to that of a power and speed jumper course. Natural fences, a Liverpool, and a small water jump may be included at the course designer's discretion. No work off is required. Start and finish markers must be provided and an audible tone will be used.

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

**Judging:** The class will be judged under the current rules and standards of the USEF equitation division modified as follows: this class is judged on the rider's equitation style, technical merit, judgment, and the execution of an efficient, time saving pace and track

while minimizing knockdowns. One (1) point will be subtracted from the rider's score for each commenced second taken over the time allowed and 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. The open numerical scoring system will be used, with a score announced after each round.

**Qualifying for the Final:** Points will be awarded in qualifying classes as follows: 6, 4, 3, 2, and 1 providing there are at least five riders who complete the course. If there are fewer than five eligible ribbon winners, points will be awarded by the same scale using 4, 3, 2, and 1. If there are three, they will receive 3, 2 and 1 respectively. Accumulating six points during the qualifying year allows a rider to compete in the finals. Riders may accumulate points through the Sunday preceding the Finals. All riders including past WCE Final winners may continue to ride in qualifying classes to accrue points towards the year-end high point award given at the CPHA banquet held during the PCHA convention.