



Specifications for CPHA Foundation WCE Medal Finals

ELIGIBILITY: Trainers and riders must be members of CPHA prior to riding in any CPHA class. Previous winners of the CPHA Foundation WCE Medal Final are not eligible to compete.

QUALIFYING: Riders must earn 6 points in CPHA Foundation WCE qualifying classes since the previous final to qualify (points awarded 10,6,4,3,2).

FORMAT: Fences to be set at 1.10 meters. Final consists of one warm-up class, two rounds for all competitors, and a third round of the top ten riders.

RIDER/TRAINER MEETING: There will be a rider/trainer meeting with the technical delegate, the judges if available, and a designated management representative, during which questions may be asked about the parameters and expectations of the class. The time for the meeting will be listed on the schedule and posted in the horse show office. The draw for order of go will be held at this meeting.

WARM-UP CLASS: A Table II jumper warmup class will be held at 1.05 meters for qualified riders entered in the final. A liverpool must be included under a vertical (not in a combination). Each qualified rider may ride more than one horse in the designated warm-up class. Jumper rules apply: a second refusal will result in elimination.

JOG: At a designated time after the warm-up and prior to round 1, all medal final exhibitors, or a representative, will be required to jog their horses for soundness in front of the show steward, Technical Delegate and veterinarian. Proper attire required.

SCHOOLING RULES: 30 minutes prior to the start of the class, riders may only school in the designated schooling area for this final. Any conflicts should be discussed with the TD prior to the start of the Round.

The schooling ring will follow USEF Jumper Schooling Rules but will also allow Swedish Oxers (max 12-inch difference), tarps, coolers, liverpools, flower boxes, and similar items. All schooling items must be present in the schooling area for anyone to use prior to the start of the class and remain until the end of the class. Jumps must be flagged, and the flags may be changed.

ORDER OF GO: First round order of go will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of go from the first round. Round 3 will be low score to high score from the sum of the first two rounds.

JUDGING: A minimum of two USEF licensed equitation judges will sit apart for each of the first two rounds. In the third round the judges will sit together.

The judges will evaluate the rider's ability as a showjumping rider, and the manner in which the course was ridden regarding technical merit, judgement, and the execution of an efficient time-saving pace and track in meeting the specific challenges incorporated into the course by the designer.

The judges are asked to walk each course 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.

Each class will be judged under the current rules and standards of the USEF Equitation Division, with the exception that competitors will be eliminated upon the **second** refusal.

SCORING: Four (4) points will be deducted for the first and second knockdowns on course and one point will be deducted for each additional rail. One (1) penalty point will be deducted for every four (4) commenced seconds over the time allowed.

After each of rounds 1 and 2, the two judges scores will be averaged and then any deductions (time faults and/knockdowns) will be taken from the average score. These scores will be announced at the completion of each rider's round. All carryover scores from round 1 will be announced when the rider completes round 2.

The average scores from round 1 and 2 will be added and carried in to round 3. Only the top ten riders will compete in round 3. If there is a tie for 10th, all tied riders will compete in round 3. The judges will sit together for round 3 and no round 3 score will be announced. The score from round 3 will be added to the scores from round 1 and 2 to produce an overall score, which determines the final placings.

WORK-OFF: None.

COURSE: Fences to be set at 1.10 meters in height with spreads from 1.10m to 1.25m. Final will consist of advanced equitation/jumper type courses. A plank may not be the top element of any obstacle.

Round 1: Table II, Sec 2(d) (Two Phase) course. There will be no time allowed in the first phase, the time allowed in the second phase will be calculated at 350 m/m.

Round 2: Table II course. The course will include at least one double and one triple combination (or three doubles) and a liverpool. The time allowed will be calculated at 350 m/m.

Round 3: Table II, Sec 1 course consisting of 7-10 jumping efforts. Round 3 may be thought of as a jump-off round. Riders will be rewarded for time-saving tracks and forward options. The time allowed will be calculated at 350 m/m.

Time and time penalties: Time allowed is an important factor in this class and it may only be changed after consultation between the course designer and the judge and only if the course designer thinks a gross error was made in their original calculation.

Additionally, 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.

AWARDS: Ribbons and awards will be given in the first and second rounds to tenth place. Top ten overall awards will be presented after round 3. A special award will be presented to the top-placing junior or amateur rider placing in the top ten who is not the overall winner.

Ties in round 1 and 2 will be broken by judge 1's score, who will be determined prior to the start of the class. Ties for the overall placing will be broken by the scores from round 3 with the higher score receiving the higher placing.

EQUIPMENT: A jumper type horse with jumper equipment is allowed and will not be penalized. Standing and running martingales **are** permitted. No draw reins or German martingales are allowed.

HORSE RESTRICTIONS: Stallions are not permitted. A rider must show the same horse through all phases of the competition. In the event of illness or injury of the horse, the rider may petition the Technical Delegate to ride a substitute horse. The substitution must be approved by an appeals committee consisting of the Technical Delegate, Show Steward, and the official show veterinarian (who has examined the horse and determined its unsuitability to continue).

PROTESTS: If a competitor or trainer wishes to discuss any part of the CPHA Foundation WCE Medal Final with a judge or the course designer, the Technical Delegate or a Show Steward must also be present.

A protest must be made in writing within 30 minutes of the completion of the class to the Technical Delegate or a Show Steward. A committee consisting of the Technical Delegate, the Show Steward, and a representative of show management will be convened as soon as feasible to rule on the protest. This committee will be the sole arbiter of the protest and its decision will be final without further recourse of any kind.