



Specifications for CPHA Style of Riding Championship

ELIGIBILITY: Trainers and riders must be members of CPHA prior to riding in any CPHA class. Previous winners of the CPHA Style of Riding Championship are eligible to compete. In a given show year, after qualifying, riders may choose to compete in either the Northern or Southern Championship and may not do both.

QUALIFYING: Riders need to compete in one qualifying CPHA Style of Riding class prior to the Championships, no points are needed to qualify.

FORMAT: Fences to be set at 1.00 – 1.05 meters. Final consists of a Table II, 2a jumper-seat equitation class. All competitors compete in the first round. Only riders whose first rounds are clean, within the time allowed, and receive a judges' subjective equitation score of 75 or higher will return for the jump-off round.

This class is scored like a jumper class – the number of faults determines the placings. In the event of a tie (i.e. riders have an equal number of faults), the judges' subjective equitation score is used to break the tie.

WARM-UP CLASS: A 1.00-meter jumper class will be offered earlier in the week in the designated Championship ring and will be open to all exhibitors.

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: Round 1 will be computer drawn. The jump-off round order of go will be determined by the judges' equitation score from the first round and will go low to high.

JUDGING: The judges are asked to walk the 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 track taken and the individual horse/rider combination.

The judges will evaluate the rider's ability as a show-jumping rider, and the manner in which the course was ridden regarding 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 course designer.

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: Two judges will sit together and use the open numerical system for scoring. The class will be judged under a modified Table II, 2a format. At the completion of the first round all riders with clear rounds (no jumping or time faults) **AND** a judges' equitation score of 75 or better will come back to complete the jump off/work off shortened course.

The jumping/time faults and the judges' equitation score will be announced separately after each rider's round. There is no need to deduct the time and jumping faults from the judges' equitation score when it is announced.

The time allowed must be carefully monitored for the first three riders who complete the course successfully in the first round and in the jump-off. At this time, the time allowed may be adjusted if the judges or course designer deem necessary.

For competitors not participating in the jump-off, placings will be determined by the rider with the least number of faults and the highest judges' score. Basically, the class is scored as a jumper class, but the judges' subjective equitation score is used instead of the horse's time to break a tie when there are an equal number of faults.

WORK-OFF: The jump off/work off will be scored in the same manner as the first round, with an emphasis placed on an efficient time-saving pace and track. The judges' jump-off equitation score of the rider is **added** to the rider's first-round score and the rider with the highest cumulative score **and** the least number of faults is the winner (see chart below for examples). Time allowed will be based on a speed of 350m/m, in the jump-off round.

COURSE: Table II, 2a format. Fences to be set at 1.00-1.05 meters with spreads to 1.15m. The course must contain a triple or two double combinations and a liverpool. The liverpool may not be used in the combination. The course should be of the type used in a Children/Adult Jumper Classic. Time allowed will be calculated at 350 m/m.

The judges and the Technical Delegate will confer with the course designer. Judges will walk the course before the exhibitors.

AWARDS: Ribbons and awards will be given in the top ten overall competitors. Special awards will also be given.

EQUIPMENT: A jumper-type horse and conventional jumper equipment will not be penalized and standing and running martingales are permitted. Draw reins and German martingales are not permitted.

HORSE RESTRICTIONS: A rider must show the same horse through all phases of the competition.

PROTESTS: If a competitor or trainer wishes to discuss any part of the CPHA Style of Riding Championships 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.

SCORING EXAMPLES:

Jumping Faults	Time Faults	Judge's Score	Proceed to Jump-Off?	Jump-Off Jumping Faults	Jump-Off Time Faults	Jump-Off Judge's Score	Final Placing
0	0	84	Yes	4	0	75	4th
0	3	82	No				6th
0	0	66	No				5th
0	0	80	Yes	0	1	88	3rd
0	0	75	Yes	0	0	78	2nd
4	0	78	No				7th
4	0	77	No				8th
4	1	85	No				9th
0	0	81	Yes	0	0	80	1st