



Specifications for CPHA Foundation Championship

ELIGIBILITY: Trainers and riders must be members of CPHA prior to riding in any CPHA class. Previous winners of the CPHA Foundation Championship in each age-break are not eligible to compete again in the same age-break final. As they become age-eligible, they may compete in other age-breaks. An exhibitor may only compete in one age-break section of the Championships in a given year regardless of age eligibility.

QUALIFYING: 21-and-under riders must earn 6 points in CPHA Foundation qualifying classes since the previous final to qualify (points awarded 10,6,4,3,2).

14-and-under and 22-and-over need to compete in one qualifying class prior to the Championships, no points are needed to qualify.

FORMAT: Fences to be set at 3'3". Final consists of one warm-up class, two rounds for all competitors, and a work-off of the top four riders and any additional riders within three points of the leader.

WARM-UP CLASS: A non-judged warmup class with a posted course will be held at 3'3" for qualified riders entered in the finals. Each rider may ride more than one horse in the designated warm-up class for the age-break section in which they are eligible.

SCHOOLING RULES: One hour prior to the start of the class, riders may only school in the designated schooling area for this final. Jumps must be flagged and the flags may be changed. 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 at the start of the class and remain until the end of the class.

ORDER OF GO: First round order of go will be drawn at an exhibitor party during the warm-up classes. Round 2 will be the reverse order of go from the first round.

SCORING: Two judges will sit together and use the open numerical system for scoring. At the completion of round 2, riders' scores will be averaged to calculate an overall score. All carryover scores from round 1 will be announced when the rider completes round 2. Judges will rank the work-off riders in order of preference and the scores will not be announced. This ranking determines the winner.

WORK-OFF: After the completion of round 2, the riders with the top four scores and any additional riders within three points of the leader will be required to work-off. The tests will be at the discretion of the judges.

If there are six or more riders in the work-off, riders should remain outside the ring where they can walk, trot, or canter but may not do any additional schooling of jumps and may not receive any outside assistance.

COURSE: Fences to be set at 3'3". Championships consist of two advanced equitation courses with a minimum of two USEF Tests (choosing from 2,8,10,12,16,17,18,20), which are included in each course.

For riders 21-and-under, a liverpool and a triple combination will be included in the course in at least one round.

For riders 22-and-over, riders will not be asked to dismount, mount, or jump without stirrups.

The judges and the Technical Delegate will confer with the course designer to approve the USEF Tests prior to the start of the course walk for each round. Judges must walk the course before the exhibitors.

Additional Clarifications on USEF Tests used in Round 1 and 2:

- The CPHA Foundation Championship Counter Lead Standard: The counter canter must be originated through a downward transition, shown at a designated marker, and executed through a complete corner or a change of direction.
- Modifies USEF 10: Changes of lead on a line demonstrated by a simple or flying change of lead must allow the rider to decide the type of change to perform.

AWARDS: Ribbons and awards will be given in the first and second rounds to tenth place. Top ten overall awards will be presented after work-off. Special awards will be given to the top three overall finishers.

Ties in round 1 and 2 will be broken by the call judge, who will be determined prior to the start of the class. In the event of an overall tie for riders not included in the work-off, the rider with the highest score in round 2 will receive the higher overall placing.

EQUIPMENT: Tack allowed per USEF EQ106.5a.1.2.3.

HORSE RESTRICTIONS: The same horse may not be ridden in different age groups. 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 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.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES: Winners in each age-break will be presented with the following perpetual awards.

- 14-and-under: Hap Hansen Perpetual Trophy sponsored by the Van Sickle Family
- 21-and-under: Barbara Worth Oakford Perpetual Trophy sponsored by Hester Equestrian
- 22-and-over: Victor Hugo Vidal Perpetual Trophy sponsored by Betsy Woods.