

WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW CHILDREN'S AND ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rules and Regulations

RIDER MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership is \$40. Membership entitles riders to earn points in the rankings on one or more horses. Membership (application & fee) must be received at the WIHS Membership Office within 10 days of the completion of an event for points from that event to count. Riders may join at a show; however, riders are strongly encouraged to mail the application themselves. Riders may contact Ryegate Show Services, 1298 Royal Road, Annville, PA 17003; 717-867-5643, wihs@ryegate.com to obtain an application or download an application from the website, www.wihs.org.

Riders need not be members of the WIHS Championships to compete in any qualifying classes, but only current members will accrue points towards year-end finals.

QUALIFYING PERIOD

Classes held at shows starting on or after September 1st through shows starting on or before August 31st.

WIHS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

The Finals will be held at the Verizon Center during the Washington International Horse Show. Approximately 30 horse/rider combinations in each of the following four sections will qualify for the championships:

- \$10,000 WIHS Children's Hunter Championship
- \$10,000 WIHS Adult Hunter Championship
- \$10,000 WIHS Children's Jumper Championship
- \$10,000 WIHS Adult Jumper Championship

FINALS ENTRY INFORMATION

Horse/rider combinations will qualify based on points accrued during the qualifying period in WIHS sanctioned classes or classics. Horse/rider combinations wishing to compete in the WIHS Championship Finals at the Verizon Center must enter on the Washington International Horse Show entry blank. Entries must be postmarked by the closing date of entries.

CALCULATION OF POINTS - Points will be accrued by horse/rider combinations (must be current members) as follows:

WIHS CHILDREN'S AND ADULT HUNTER

Points in Classics will be awarded 30, 22, 13, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2 multiplied by the number of horses completing the course in the first round. If first round is part of a section, the number used should be the number of horses that have entered the classic.

Points won in a single class within the respective sections will be awarded 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, ½ multiplied by the number of horses completing the course. Results submitted for that class must be the same as those used in determining the section championship.

Classes which have more than three compete, but only two complete the course, will be included with points earned at half the value they would have been otherwise.

WIHS CHILDREN'S AND ADULT JUMPER

Points in \$1000 and higher Classics at 2* and above Shows will be awarded 25, 15, 13, 12, 10, 9, 8, 8 multiplied by the number of competitors participating in the first round. If more than 8 places receive prize money, eighth place points will also be awarded for those exhibitors.

Points for \$500 - \$999 Classics held at 1* Shows will be awarded 15, 9, 6, 3, 2, 1, multiplied by the number of riders participating in the first round. If more than 6 places receive prize money, sixth place points will also be awarded for those exhibitors.

HORSE SHOW INFORMATION

Open to all USEF and Equine Canada Member shows that apply to the WIHS at least 30 days prior to the start of their show, on the official form.

Results must be postmarked within 10 days of the completion of the show, along with payment of \$5.00 for every rider who competed in each class. Shows that fail to file results in a timely manner will not be awarded future dates.

PRIZE LIST REQUIREMENTS: Shows must include a WIHS membership page in their prize list. Camera Ready copy is sent to all shows. Additional sizes may be obtained by contacting Ryegate Show Services.

PRIZE MONEY: Minimum prize money as required in specs must be awarded as published in prize list. Each division has specific requirements for combining classes.

NOMINATING FEE: If charged, must comply with current USEF rules.

COMBINING OF CLASSES:

Hunter: If there are fewer than 8 entries in either the Adult or Children's Hunter Classics one hour prior to the start of the first of these classes they must be combined. Exemption will be given for those shows that have classics on different days. For year-end points, the WIHS office will place each section separately with points awarded as if separate classes were held. The show must include original class sheets for split classes with results so that year-end points may be awarded in the correct section.

Jumper: 2* and above shows may offer a combined class in their prize list offering a minimum of \$1500 in prize money. 1* Shows may offer a combined class in their prize list offering a minimum of \$500 in prize money.. Shows offering separate classes may combine if there are less than 20 entries in either the Children's or Adult Jumper Classics or a combined total of less than 30. Prize Money and Entry fee for a classic combined at the show may be the lower of the two as listed in the prize list. For year-end points, the WIHS office will place each section separately with points awarded as if separate classes were held. Show must include original class sheets for split classes with results so that year-end points may be awarded in the correct section.

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

WIHS CHILDREN'S AND / OR ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER – only one option may be offered per show

Prize money is Optional in all hunter events.

Option A: *Open to any USEF or Equine Canada recognized horse show.*

The last class in the section may be designated a WIHS point class. This point class must be held as a separate class. Results submitted for that class must be the same as those used in determining the section championship. Minimum of 6 ribbons must be offered.

Prize List to state: "Qualifying class for the WIHS Finals at the Washington International Horse Show."

Option B: Open to USEF Premier and National rated shows only

Management may choose to hold a two round Classic. Judge(s) will give each horse a numerical score. The top 12 from the first round will return for the second round. Minimum of 8 ribbons must be offered. Proper Attire required. Horses must have completed the course in at least two classes in the same section in accordance with USEF HU136. Shows are encouraged to pin and submit results through 12 places.

WIHS Children's Hunter: Open to Junior riders. A rider need not be a member of the WIHS Championship Series to compete, but only current members will accrue points toward the year-end championships. Class specifications as stated in current Zone specifications. Prize money is optional.

WIHS Adult Amateur Hunter: Open to Adult Amateur riders. A rider need not be a member of the WIHS Championship Series to compete, but only current members will accrue points toward the year-end championships. Class specifications as stated in current Zone specifications. Prize money is optional.

WIHS CHILDREN'S AND / OR ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER

WIHS Children's Jumper Classic

Open to junior riders. A rider need not be a member of the WIHS Championship Series to compete, but only current members will accrue points toward the year-end championships. To be conducted and scored under Table II, Section 2(a) or Table II, Section 2(b)- Time First Jump-Off. Class specifications as stated in current Zone specifications. Proper Attire Required. Draw Reins are NOT permitted.

2* and Above Shows Minimum prize money \$1000.00

Prize Money: Minimum of 6 prizes and ribbons must be offered.

Suggested distribution: 33%, 22%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, and 6 ribbons.

1* Shows Minimum prize money \$500 and no more than \$1000.00

Prize Money: Minimum of 6 prizes and ribbons must be offered.

Suggested distribution: 33%, 22%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, and 6 ribbons.

WIHS Adult Jumper Classic

Open to Adult Amateur riders. A rider need not be a member of the WIHS Championship Series to compete, but only current members will accrue points toward the year-end championships. To be conducted and scored under Table II, Section 2(a) or Table II, Section 2(b)- Time First Jump-Off. Class specifications as stated in current Zone specifications. Proper Attire Required. Draw Reins are NOT permitted.

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