



## *Premier Equitation Cup*

### Class Specifications:

The World Equestrian Center Premier Equitation Cup is open to junior riders who have not reached their 18th birthday on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Only one rider per horse and one horse per rider is permitted. The World Equestrian Center Premier Cup Final is during the 2023 Ocala Winter Spectacular VI Horse Show. New for 2023 - Riders will need to place 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> in at least two qualifying classes during the 2022 show season to qualify for the championship final to be held in winter 2023. The qualifying period for this class will be December 1, 2021 through February 5, 2023.

#### **Courses for the Equitation Class & Premier Equitation Cup Championship Qualifying Round & Final:**

- To be shown over a course of at least eight obstacles.
- Course must include:
  - One combination (including an oxer).
  - At least two changes of direction after the first obstacle.
  - At least three of the following
    - Bending Line
    - Narrow Jump (5'6"-8')
    - Roll back turn
    - Fence at the end of the ring
    - Long approach to a single jump
- 30% of the obstacles must be oxers.
- Obstacle height to be set at 3'6".
- Oxers will be a maximum width of 4'.
- Triple bars and other specialty fences set at a maximum width of 5'.
- Liverpool and water jumps are prohibited.
- Water used as decoration is permitted.

#### **Judging:**

To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the horse. After completion of the jumping phase a minimum of twelve riders, if available, are required to return for the flat phase. The flat phase will be judged on rider's position, seat, and correct effective use of aids. Riders will perform the working walk, the working trot sitting, and the working trot rising, as well as showing a lengthening of stride. Riders will also show the working canter, and the working canter showing a lengthening of stride. All riders will be required to show a working counter canter. No more than 12 riders shall counter canter at one time. In addition, the flat phase may include, but not limited to Shoulder-in, Shoulder-out, Haunches-in, and Haunches-out. The flat phase shall count for 40%.

#### **Conditions:**

- Only competitions recognized by the World Equestrian Center are eligible to hold the WEC Premier Equitation Cup Class.
- Only one rider per horse. Only one horse per rider.
- A minimum of two competitors are required to complete the course.
- If there are more than 25 entries at the beginning of the class, it may be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections.
- This class may not be run using a California split.
- Two refusals will constitute elimination.



## **World Equestrian Center Premier Equitation Cup Final:**

### **Judging:**

To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the horse.

### **Round One:**

To be shown over a course as outlined above in the section titled courses for the Equitation Class & Premier Equitation Championship Cup Final.

### **Flat Phase:**

At the completion of Round One the top 20 riders will be invited back for a flat phase. Riders will be asked to flat in groups of no more than 10 at a time. The flat phase will be judged on rider's position, seat, and correct effective use of aids. Riders will perform the working walk, the working trot sitting, and the working trot rising, as well as showing a lengthening of stride. Riders will also show the working canter, and the working canter showing a lengthening of stride. All riders will be required to show a working counter canter. In addition, the flat phase may include, but not limited to Shoulder-in, Shoulder-out, Haunches-in, and Haunches-out. The flat phase shall count for 40%.

### **Round Two:**

All 20 riders will be asked to return for a final round over a second course following the above stated specifications. The second-round course may include tests using USEF test 1-18 or at an NSBA competition using tests A-O. At the conclusion of this round, it will be at the judge's discretion to further test.

### **Testing:**

A maximum of 4 riders may be called back for additional testing. Judges may use USEF Test 1-18 or during an NSBA competition using tests A - O.

### **Conditions:**

- Only one rider per horse. Only one horse per rider.
- A minimum of two competitors are required to complete the course.
- If there are more than 25 entries at the beginning of the class, it may be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections.
- This class may not be run using a California split.
- Two refusals will constitute elimination.
- Martingales not permitted for the flat phase.
- Trainers/Coaches are permitted to ride and school competitor horses.
- Trainers/Coaches are permitted to walk all courses with competitors.
- During the jumping, flat, and testing phases outside direction from any source will be prohibited.
- 24 Hour Rule will be in effect.

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## Awards:

Awards will be awarded to the top 12 competitors. Special prizes may be awarded to each placing. The winning rider will receive a brand-new car, compliments of the World Equestrian Center. \* Refer to additional Rules & Regulations that may apply. Riders will be required to be present for presentations in the ring with their trainer. The winning riders name will also be engraved on the World Equestrian Center Premier Championship Cup.

In 2023 a special trainer bonus to be awarded:

- \$100,000 given as a trainer prize
  - Winning trainer receives \$40,000
  - Second place trainer receives \$30,000
  - Third place trainer receives \$20,000
  - Fourth place trainer receives \$5,000
  - Wild-card trainer receives \$5,000
    - The wild-card trainer will be drawn from all trainers involved in the class whose student had not placed in the ribbons.

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