

2024 WCHR Palm Beach Spectacular and Classics

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General

The Hunter Classics listed in this section will only be held during the WCHR Spectacular week **at the Winter Equestrian Festival Week 6**. The long-standing tradition of the WCHR Program to self-fund events continues, as each horse competing in any WCHR Professional, Junior, or Amateur Owner Hunter Section, 3'6" or higher, will pay a \$100 nomination fee per section. One hundred percent of the nomination fees, in addition to a contribution from the USHJA WCHR Program, will create the purse for 1st through 12th place in the USHJA WCHR **Palm Beach** Hunter Spectacular.

Leading Hunter Rider Award: A plaque will be awarded to the rider who achieves the single highest numerical score in any one class within any WCHR hunter section during WCHR Spectacular week. **The rider must be currently enrolled in the WCHR program*.**

High Score Awards: A jacket will be awarded to the riders who achieve the single highest numerical score in any one class in each of the nine WCHR categories: Professional, Developing Professional, Amateur Owner 3'6", Amateur Owner 3'3", Adult Amateur, Junior 3'6", Junior 3'3", Children's and Pony. **The rider must be currently enrolled in the WCHR program*.**

**Should a tie occur between two or more riders for high score within a category or for the Leading Hunter Rider, duplicate awards will be mailed. Riders must be enrolled in the 2024 WCHR program to be eligible for a high score award-*

Grand Champion Divisions: Grand Champion will be awarded in the following divisions: Amateur Owner, Adult Amateur, Junior Hunter, Children's Pony, Children's Horse, and Pony Hunter. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the horse-and-rider combination with the most points over fences.

The courses for all classics will consist of a minimum of ten (10) obstacles of at least six (6) different types.

WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular

No entry fee

I. Enrollment and Participation Requirements

- A. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of USEF and USHJA to participate in this class. (GR202).
- B. Riders and Trainers must have a current WCHR enrollment to participate in this class.
- C. Horses must be registered with USHJA to participate in this class.
- D. Open to Professionals, Amateurs, and Juniors. Riders may qualify a maximum of two (2) horses for this class.
- E. The Spectacular will count for HOTY points and money won (where applicable) in the section declared at the time of entry, the horse must be eligible for the section and jump the corresponding height in the Spectacular class. The two-round stand-alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points. See HU173.9(b).
- F. HOTY points and money won will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if the horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.
- G. Each horse-and-rider combination must declare the height at which they will show when they enter the class.
- H. This class will be conducted under USEF General Rules and drug testing procedures.
- I. All horses entered in the class must jog for soundness before the start of the class to be eligible to compete.
 1. Formal attire is requested.
- J. Invitations will be extended to:
 1. The winning rider of the 2023 WCHR Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular. Invitee may ride the horse of their choice* but must designate the height at which the horse-and-rider combination is eligible and will compete. ***Amateur Owner riders must compete on a horse that either they or a member of their family owns per HU136.**

2. The Champion and Reserve Champion rider of the 2023 WCHR West Coast Hunter Spectacular. The Invitee may ride the horse of their choice* but must designate the height at which the horse-and-rider combination is eligible and will compete. ***Amateur Owner riders must compete on a horse that either they or a member of their family owns per HU136.**
 3. The Champion and Reserve Champion rider of the 2023 WCHR Central Hunter Spectacular. The Invitee may ride the horse of their choice but must designate the height at which the horse will compete and confirm eligibility. ***Amateur owner riders must compete on a horse that either they or a member of their family owns per HU136.**
 4. The 2023 WCHR Junior and Amateur Owner 3'6" National Champions AND the winners of the Junior and Amateur Owner 3'6" Challenge. Invitees may ride the horse of their choice* but must designate the height at which the horse-and-rider combination is eligible and will compete. ***Amateur Owner riders must compete on a horse that either they or a member of their family owns per HU136.**
 5. The winning rider of the WCHR Professional Challenge AND the WCHR Professional Finals at the 2023 Capital Challenge Horse Show, and the 2023 WCHR Professional National Champion. Invitees may ride the horse of their choice but must designate the height at which the horse-and-rider combination is eligible and will compete.
 6. The 2023 WCHR Developing Professional National Champion AND the winner of the Developing Professional Challenge at the 2023 Capital Challenge Horse Show. Invitees may ride the horse of their choice but must designate the height at which the horse-and-rider combination is eligible and will compete.
 7. The Champion and Reserve Champion horse-and-rider combinations of the WCHR Hunter sections 3'6" or higher during the 2024 WCHR Spectacular week at WEF. If the Champion or Reserve Champion horse-and-rider combination from any section declines to participate, then WCHR may choose to invite the 3rd and 4th place horse-and-rider combinations of that same section to compete. To be eligible to compete, a horse must have finished the section as one of the top four point earning horses over fences.
 - a. **In the event of two way California Split, or more, the Champion and Reserve Champion of each split section (section A, section B, section C, etc.) are qualified. No further invitations will be extended even if any of the section's Champion or Reserve Champion decline or have a bye.**
- K. A horse must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the 2024 WCHR Hunter Spectacular of Palm Beach. Qualifying to compete in the WCHR Hunter Spectacular is based on the horse-and-rider combination; no horse or rider substitutions allowed.
- L. Those riders who pre-qualify for the WCHR Hunter Spectacular through a bye must utilize that bye through entering a horse of their choice and then may qualify one additional horse out of the eligible hunter sections (see J.1-6). When a rider with one (1) bye qualifies two (2) horses out of the eligible hunter sections the horse with fewer points in their hunter section must be used for the bye.
- M. In the case that a rider pre-qualifies with two (2) byes he/she must utilize both of those byes. In the event that a rider has two (2) byes, he/she may not qualify any additional horse out of the eligible hunter sections.
- N. When qualifying from more than one section, the qualifying horse-and-rider combination will compete in the Spectacular **in** the section from which they have the highest number of points on the championship chart. In the case of an equal number of points in more than one (1) section, the horse-and-rider combination will compete in the Spectacular from the section from which they first qualified. In the Green Conformation and High Performance Conformation, the model class points will not count towards qualifying.
- O. Horse-and-rider combinations will compete at the respective height of the section from which they qualified or in the case of invitees, at any one respective height for which they are eligible.
- P. In fairness to all potential entrants, declarations from Professionals to show in the WCHR Hunter Spectacular, whether utilizing a bye or qualifying from one (1) of the following hunter sections: Green 3'6", Green 3'9", Green Conformation, High Performance Conformation, Performance Working Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Working Hunter, must be made with USHJA staff at the USHJA/WCHR tent and in the Horse Show office by noon on Friday, February 16, 2024. **Riders who have a bye must declare their intent to compete by the Friday deadline; they then have until one-hour after the last**

qualifying WCHR section is completed to designate their horse. Once the competitor declares or declines their intent to compete in writing with USHJA, that decision is final.

- Q. Declarations from Juniors and Amateurs must be made within one (1) hour of the conclusion of each rider's last eligible section. (i.e., Juniors after the final Junior Hunter Section and Amateurs after the final Amateur Owner Hunter Section) whether utilizing a bye or qualifying from one (1) of the Junior and Amateur sections. This will allow WCHR to extend timely invitations to the next eligible rider should someone decline to participate.

II. HOTY Points/ Money Won

- A. In order for HOTY points to be awarded, riders must complete a USHJA/WCHR Declaration Form prior to the class.
- B. Points accrued by horses shown by Professionals may be awarded to: Green 3'6", Performance 3'6", Green Conformation 3'6", Green 3'9", High Performance Conformation, High Performance Hunter.
- C. Points accrued by horses shown by Juniors or Amateurs may be awarded to: Amateur Owner 3'6" 18-35, 36 and Over, Junior 3'6" Large Younger, Large Older, Small Younger, Small Older.
- D. The Spectacular will count for HOTY points and money won (where applicable) in the section declared at the time of entry, for which the horse must be eligible and that corresponds to the height jumped in the Spectacular. The two-round stand-alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points. See HU173.9(b).
- E. HOTY points and money won will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if the horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.
- F. The Spectacular class does not count towards WCHR Points.

III. Judging System

- A. This is a two (2) round class.
- B. Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of three (3) judging panels consisting of two (2) judges each. Each panel will provide one (1) score for each round, which will be averaged and represent the final score for that round.
- C. In case of a tie in either the first or second round: Panel One's score is the tiebreaker.
- D. The first round shall be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality, substance, and movement.
- E. The second round shall be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality, substance, movement, handiness and brilliance of pace. Handiness is defined as ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style. Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style. No trot fences will be permitted.
- F. **An entry's Overall Score is the AVERAGE of round one and the AVERAGE of round two score. The Sum of round one and round two will then be averaged. Example: if an entry receives a 90 in round one and a 92 in round two, then their average Overall Score will be 91.**

IV. Judging Requirements

- A. Both rounds will be judged by a minimum of three judging panels consisting of two judges each. A minimum of one R rated judge is required per panel.
- B. Open numerical scoring system will be utilized. Each panel's score will be announced and then averaged for the final score of the round.
- C. All judges must be USEF licensed and in good standing with the USEF and USHJA.
- D. A judging assistant must be present during all phases of the competition. The duties of the judging assistant include notifying the Judges if a rail comes down and computing high options taken. The judging assistant is not required to be a licensed official and is not responsible for the scoring of the judging panels. A competition staff member may fill this role.

V. Course Requirements

- A. The course will consist of a minimum of ten (10) obstacles of at least six (6) different types. Fence heights of 3'6", 3'9" or 4'0".
- B. The course diagrams for each round must be posted a minimum of one hour before the start of the first round. Copies of the course(s) must also be available for distribution at the Riders Meeting.
- C. Jumps in all Rounds:
1. Obstacles must simulate those reminiscent of the hunt field and the course must offer a variety of

- jumps with different appearances such as: natural post and rail, split rail, stone wall, white board fence, riviera gate, coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, brush, logs, natural foliage, a jump with no standards.
2. Natural obstacles such as banks are permitted.
 3. A minimum 2" difference is required for the back element of an obstacle.
 4. For appropriate jumps, no ground line is necessary.
 5. The jumpable portion of any obstacle must be a minimum of eight feet on its front face.
 6. Flat cups may only be used for obstacles involving logs and/or in accordance with USEF rules.
- D. Classic Hunter Style Round (First Round)
1. A minimum of 10 obstacles must be offered in the Classic Hunter ~~Style~~ Round.
 2. At least one in and out.
 3. At least one bending line. Approaches to jumps and/or bending lines off both leads.
 4. At least one line with an unrelated distance.
 5. At least one fence with a long approach.
- E. Playoff Handy Round (Second Round)
1. A minimum of 10 obstacles must be offered in the Second Round.
 2. The course should simulate riding over hunt country. Gimmicky options are not appropriate.
 3. At least one in and out.
 4. At least one bending line. Approaches to jumps and/or bending lines off both leads.
 5. At least one line with an unrelated distance.
 6. At least one fence with a long approach.
 7. Course may also include hand gallop between markers, halt, pen/circle of jumps, snake jump or a V jump that can be jumped as a bounce, one stride, or two stride. The course designer in the second round can designate up to two optional tracks on the course plan that if taken allow a maximum of 2 points per option at each judging panel's discretion. The designated route/track or approach will be marked on the course plan with a dashed line.
 8. The top twelve (12) horses from the first round, after all ties are broken, are eligible to return for the second round.
 9. **No trot fences will be permitted.**

VI. Competition Requirements

- A. An Officials Meeting will be held prior to the Riders Meeting. Judges, Course Designer, Steward, and Competition Manager are required to meet prior to the start of the class to review the specifications and judging system.
- B. A Riders Meeting will be held prior to the start of the class to answer any questions regarding the course and class specifications. The meeting will be conducted by a USHJA/WCHR Representative assisted by management, a large R licensed Steward, one officiating Judge and the Course Designer.
- C. All horses entered in the class must jog for soundness before the start of the class to be eligible to compete. The designated jog area, time and order will be determined by management and conducted prior to the course walk. Once the jog order is posted, no further substitutions are permitted. All horses must be presented at the Official Jog with their actual competition number and wearing a conventional hunter bridle and noseband. Proper attire is required (riding clothes or proper attire that an exhibitor would wear to compete in a model class.) The jog will be officiated by a minimum of one (1) large R licensed judge, one (1) large R licensed steward and the official veterinarian.
- D. Once the jog has commenced, horses may only be ridden in designated schooling areas. Horses must be accompanied by their competition number for the duration of the competition day after they have been presented for the jog.
- E. There will be one (1) course walk, for both rounds, before the start of the first round.

VII. Awards and Prize Money

- A. All riders in the top 12 overall (or their designated representative if they are not available) must ride for ribbons in order to receive prize money.
- B. Winner receives: Cooler, Dark Continent Perpetual Trophy, Let's Dance Perpetual Trophy and Sponsor award (if available).
- C. Bridle ribbons and neck sashes: 1st-12th.

- D. Competition management may offer additional awards (e.g., highest placing junior owner, highest placing amateur, highest placing thoroughbred, highest placing rider competing on only one entry in the class).
- E. Prize Money Breakdown: 1st – 12th - 30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%
- F. The Mark Gregory Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the best conditioned horse in the first round of the WCHR Hunter Spectacular.
- G. The Charlie Weaver Perpetual Award shall be awarded to the highest scoring conformation horse of the first round of the WCHR Hunter Spectacular.

\$5,000 Peggy Cone Memorial WCHR Adult Hunter Classic (NAL)

Entry Fee: \$150

All riders must have a current WCHR enrollment to compete in this hunter classic.

Established by Carol Cone in memory of her sister Peggy. Peggy Cone was an accomplished songwriter, singer, performer, and equestrian. Peggy passed away from liver cancer in February 2001.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. The 2023 WCHR Adult National Champion **AND** the winner of the 2023 WCHR Adult Challenge **AND** the eight (8) 2023 WCHR Adult Regional Champions.
2. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of a 3' Adult Amateur Hunter section during the 2024 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A horse must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Peggy Cone Classic. Riders may only compete on one horse for this class.

Fence heights of 3'0", spreads not to exceed the height of the fence.

The WCHR Peggy Cone Classic is held in a two (2) round format. A minimum of twelve (12) horses will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system. If two judging panels are utilized, the two panels' scores will be announced and averaged for a final numerical average score.

Each round of the classic **will** count 50%. The final average score from Round One will be added to the final average score from Round Two to determine the overall ~~total~~ final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$1,500, \$1,100, \$750, \$350, \$300, \$200, \$200, \$150, \$150, \$100, \$100, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded.

\$5,000 WCHR Amateur Owner/Junior Hunter 3'3" Hunter Classic

Entry Fee \$150

All riders must have a current WCHR enrollment to compete in this hunter classic.

Class may be split if there is a minimum of 15 entries in each section.

If more than 30 horses are entered in a Junior Hunter Classic, the classic must be split in accordance with HU166.5b and HU172.17.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. The 2023 WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" National Champion **AND** the winner of the WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" Challenge at the 2023 Capital Challenge Horse Show **AND** the eight (8) 2023 WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" Regional Champions.
2. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunter section during the 2024 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.
3. The 2023 WCHR Junior 3'3" National Champion **AND** the eight (8) 2023 WCHR Junior 3'3" Regional Champions.
4. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Junior Hunter 3'3" Hunter section during the 2024 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A horse must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Junior/Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunter Classic. Riders may only compete on two (2) horses for this class.

Fence heights of 3'3"

The WCHR Junior/Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunter Classic is held in a two-round format. A minimum of twelve (12) horses will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system. If two judging panels are utilized, the two panels' scores will be announced and averaged for a final numerical average score.

Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One will be added to the final average score from Round Two to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$1,500, \$1,100, \$750, \$350, \$300, \$200, \$200, \$150, \$150, \$100, \$100, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Junior/Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunter Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Children's Hunter Horse 14&U Classic (NAL)

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must have a current WCHR enrollment to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Children's Hunter Horse 14&U section during the 2024 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A horse must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Children's Hunter Horse 14&U Classic.

Fence heights of 3'0", spreads not to exceed the height of the fence.

The WCHR Children's Hunter Horse 14&U Classic is held in a two-round format. The first round will be comprised of the final over fences class from the Children's Hunter Horse 14&U section. The top twelve (12) horses will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system. If two judging panels are utilized, the two panels' scores will be announced and averaged for a final numerical average score.

Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One will be added to the final average score from Round Two to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

Nationals and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Children's Hunter Horse 14&U Hunter Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 Classic (NAL)

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must have a current WCHR enrollment to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 section during the 202 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A horse must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 Classic.

Fence heights of 3'0", spreads not to exceed the height of the fence.

The WCHR Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 Classic is held in a two-round format. The first round will be comprised of the final over fences class from the Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 section. The top twelve (12) horses will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system. If two judging panels are utilized, the two panels' scores will be announced and averaged for a final numerical average score.

Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One will be added to the final average score from Round Two to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th - \$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 Hunter Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony Classic

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must have a current WCHR enrollment to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of a Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony section during the 2024 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A pony must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony Classic.

Fence heights of 2'0"

The WCHR Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony Classic is held in a two-round format. The first round will be the final over fences class from the Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony section. The top twelve (12) ponies will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one judging panel consisting of two judges, using the open numerical scoring system. If two judging panels are utilized, the two panels' scores will be announced and averaged for a final numerical average score.

Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One will be added to the final average score from Round Two to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Large Children's Hunter Pony Classic

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must have a current WCHR enrollment to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of a Large Children's Hunter Pony section during the 2024 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A pony must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Large Children's Hunter Pony Classic.

Fence heights of 2'6"

The WCHR Large Children's Hunter Pony Classic is held in a two-round format. The first round will be the final over fences class from the Large Children's Hunter Pony section. The top twelve (12) ponies will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system. If two judging panels are utilized, the two panels' scores will be announced and averaged

for a final numerical average score.

Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One will be added to the final average score from Round Two to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Large Children's Hunter Pony Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Small Pony Hunter Classic

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must have a current WCHR enrollment to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Small Pony Hunter section during the 202 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A pony must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Small Pony Hunter Classic.

Fence heights of 2'3".

The WCHR Small Pony Hunter Classic is held in a two-round format. The first round will be the final over fences class from the Small Pony Hunter section. The top twelve (12) ponies will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system. If two judging panels are utilized, the two panels' scores will be announced and averaged for a final numerical average score.

Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One will be added to the final average score from Round Two to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Small Pony Hunter Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Medium Pony Hunter Classic

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must have a current WCHR enrollment to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Medium Pony Hunter section during the 2024 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A pony must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Medium Pony Hunter Classic

Fence heights of 2'6".

The WCHR Medium Pony Hunter Classic is held in a two-round format. The first round will be the final over fences class from the Medium Pony Hunter section. The top twelve (12) ponies will be invited back for a second round. Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system. If two judging panels are utilized, the two panels' scores will be announced and averaged for a final numerical average score.

Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One will be added to the final average score from Round Two to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Medium Pony Hunter Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Large Pony Hunter Classic

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must have a current WCHR enrollment to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Large Pony Hunter section during the 2024 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A pony must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Large Pony Hunter Classic.

Fence heights of 2'9".

The WCHR Large Pony Hunter Classic is held in a two-round format. The first round will be the final over fences class from the Large Pony Hunter section. The top twelve (12) ponies will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system. If two judging panels are utilized, the two panels' scores will be announced and averaged for a final numerical average score.

Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One will be added to the final average score from Round Two to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Large Pony Hunter Classic.

USHJA Contact Information

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