

2019 Zone 6 Zandra Powers Horsemanship Class Specifications

The Zone 6 Zandra Powers Horsemanship Classic was developed to honor the late Zandra Powers, who passed away unexpectedly in the fall of 2005. Mrs. Powers was a nationally known judge and proponent of equitation. She judged the first Pony Finals, both medal finals, and served on the AHSA Equitation Committee. Zandra felt that no rider could truly be called a horseman unless they also understood how to care for their mount, their equipment, and themselves. A good horseman also needs to understand how their sport operates, and the rules that govern it.

Since Zone 6 is somewhat unusual in its makeup and geographical location, the class was designed to: give junior equitation riders, who might go on to the National finals, the feel of a Medal experience, a fun and challenging class to ride in, and allow amateur riders a place to showcase their equitation skills.

I. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- A. The Zone 6 Zandra Powers Horsemanship Class is open to any junior or amateur riders who is an Active USEF/USHJA member and resides in Zone 6. No further qualification is required to participate in the Zone 6 Zandra Powers Horsemanship Class.
- B. Host shows may request permission to allow eligible members of contiguous Zones to participate in the Zone 6 Zandra Powers Horsemanship Class. Junior and amateur riders must be active members in good standing with USEF /USHJA, and reside in Zones 5, 7, 8, or 9. If permission is granted it must be stated in the prize list.

II. COMPETITION FORMAT

- A. The horsemanship class will consist of two (2) sections: a 3'0" section and a 3'6" section. A rider may compete in either section, but is prohibited from competing in more than one section each year.
- B. No cross entry between sections.
- C. The sections may be held in different rings, with different judges, at the host horse show.
- D. Each section of the Zandra Powers Horsemanship Class will consist of three (3) phases and will run in the following order: (1) written exam, (2) over fences, and (3) a work-off (testing).
 1. Written Exam: The exam will consist of 50 points based on the USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Study Guide. Suggested study resources include: the USEF Rule Book, *Hunt Seat Equitation* by George H. Morris, *Riding and Training the Sport Horse* by Paul Cronin and the U.S Pony Club Manuals. If a rider is unable to, or declines to participate in the written exam, they may participate in the over fences phase, but shall receive a zero score for the written exam. The written phase is frequently held the day before the riding portion.
 2. Over Fences: All riders will compete in the over fences phase. In certain special cases, a rider may be allowed to take the written exam without competing over fences.
 3. Work-Off: The top 50% of the class, or the top 6 riders, whichever is greater based on the combined numerical score from the written exam and over fences, will be asked to return for testing. The 3'0" section will use USEF EQ 112 tests 1-14 and the 3'6" section will use USEF EQ 112 tests 1-16.
 4. If there are less than three (3) competitors in either section, the sections may be combined.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- A. 3'0" Section

1. Jumps to be set at 3'0" over hunter style fences. Courses shall be the equivalent level of difficulty as an affiliate medal final.
 2. Course requirements to follow USEF EQ 110; liverpools and water jumps are prohibited.
 3. Tests USEF EQ 112 1-14 are allowed.
- B. 3'6" Section
1. Jumps to be set at 3'6" over any style of fences. Courses shall be similar to a Regional Medal class.
 2. Course requirements to follow USEF EQ 110; liverpools and water jumps are prohibited.
 3. Tests USEF EQ 112 1-19 are allowed.

IV. JUDGING SYSTEM

- A. The Powers Class must be judged by a Federation licensed Equitation judge in good standing.
- B. Riders will start the over fences portion of the Zone 6 Zandra Powers Horsemanship Class with their numerical score from the written phase. The judge will add a numerical score for the over fences phase to the score of the written test. This sub-total score will be used to determine the riders called back for the work-off. Riders called back will receive a numerical score for their test and that score shall be added to their previous sub-total score to determine the final placings of the class.

V. AWARDS

- A. Ribbons will be awarded 1st through 10th place with the presentation of awards to be given in reverse order for the overall awards. The USHJA Zone 6 Committee will provide the ribbons and first place prizes for both sections.
- B. The exhibitor with the highest point score on the written exam in each section will receive an award provided by Zone 6.
- C. Recognition will also be given to the Trainer of the Overall Winner of each height section.

VI. HOST APPLICATIONS

- A. Application documents for prospective hosts of the Zone 6 Powers Horsemanship Class will be posted on the USHJA website. Completed applications will be sent directly to the Zone 6 Committee, who will formally review and discuss them.
- B. The host show may charge an entry fee not to exceed \$30.00 to exhibitors participating in the Zone 6 Horsemanship Class. This fee will be remitted to the host show organization.
- C. Host shows that receive permission for contiguous zone members to compete in the USHJA Zone 6 Zandra Powers Horsemanship Class must remit entry fees to the USHJA Zone 6 Committee.

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For any rules not specified above, please refer to the current USEF Rule Book.

