



2023 USHJA GLADSTONE EQUITATION CLASSIC FOR AMATEURS **SPECIFICATIONS**

I. QUALIFYING

The Gladstone Equitation Classic for Amateurs will be offered on the East and West Coast. It is open to any Amateur rider that has placed first, second or third in adult equitation classes in the age group equitation at 2'9" or higher or 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal class, **Taylor Harris Insurance Adult Medal class, and Ariat National Adult Medal class** at a competition with a start date of June 1 and **an end date 45 days prior to the Championship date**. Riders must be an active USHJA Amateur member at the time of competition in order to compete.

II. COMPETITION FORMAT

- A. Round 1 – Classic Hunter Style Round. Riders to show over a classic hunter style course of at least ten (10) jumps. **Open numeric scoring system will be used**, scores to be announced.
- B. Round 2 – Handy Hunter Round. Riders to show over a handy hunter course of at least ten (10) jumps. Handiness and brilliance to be **rewarded**. The top twenty (20) riders will return for the Handy Hunter Round in reverse order of scores from Round 1. **Open numeric scoring system will be used**, scores to be announced.
- C. Round 3 – Final Round. Based on the combined scores from Rounds 1 and 2. A minimum of the top four (4) and a maximum of the top **six (6)** riders will be asked **to return for further testing. Judges must select 2 or more tests from EO 113 (tests 1 – 17) Scores will not be announced.**

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Jumps to be set at **3'**.
- B. **Fences shall be numbered in all rounds.**
- C. **Obstacles must simulate those reminiscent of the hunt field and course must offer a variety of Classic jumps with different appearances such as: natural post and rail, stone wall, white board fence or gate, coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, brush, logs, natural foliage.**
- D. A variety of jumps that will nicely challenge the riders are encouraged.
- E. **Hunter Seat Equitation Championship Course (First Round)**
 1. **Course must consist of a minimum of at least ten (10) obstacles, with at least one of each of the following:**
 - a. **A minimum of 2 obstacles must not have ground lines**
 - b. **In and out**
 - c. **Bending line**
 - d. **Line with an unrelated distance**
 - e. **Long approach to a single jump**
 - f. **Narrow jump (5'6" -8')**
- F. **Handy Hunter Course (Second Round)**
 1. **The course should simulate riding over hunt country and must contain the following elements:**
 - a. **Tight turns**
 - b. **Different tracks**
 - c. **Clever options for jump approaches**
 - d. **Hand gallop to a jump**
 - e. **Trot a lowered obstacle (not to exceed 2'6" in height)**

IV. TACK

Refer to EQ106.5a in the USEF Rule Book for current specifications.

V. **SCHOOLING**

- A. Horses are required to be stabled on the competition grounds for a minimum of twelve (12) hours before the start of the competition.
- B. Commencing twelve (12) hours before the start and continuing until finished competing in the USHJA Gladstone Equitation Classic *for Amateurs*, only the competition rider may ride his entry. These riders must wear their competition number whenever mounted. Riders may change horses for the Classic only in the case of illness or injury to the declared horse, with verification from the horse show veterinarian and approval from the horse show committee.

VI. **JUDGES AND JUDGING PROCEDURES**

- A. *A panel of two* (2) judges will be approved by the USHJA for each of the East and West Coast events.
- B. Both judges will sit together for the duration of the class and provide one (1) numerical score for each competitor in each phase.
- C. Riders to be judged on style and smoothness with an emphasis on hunter style of riding.
- D. The scores from each round will be combined for a final total score for each rider.
- E. The final combined scores from each rider will be used to determine placings.
- F. All ties will be broken using the scores from Round 1.

VII. **AWARDS**

- A. Ribbons will be awarded 1st– 10th place, with the presentation of awards to be given in reverse order.
- B. The Champion rider will receive a keeper trophy.
- C. Recognition will be given to the Trainer of the Champion.
- D. Recognition will be given for the Best Equitation Horse. To be awarded to the horse deemed by the judges to be the best and most suitable equitation horse.

VIII. **USHJA CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please contact one of the following USHJA representatives if questions arise pertaining to the USHJA Gladstone Equitation Classic for Amateurs that cannot be answered by the Show Steward or Management based on the class specifications provided:

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