



2027 USHJA ZONE 7 HORSEMANSHIP

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

The USHJA Zone 7 Horsemanship Class is created to recognize junior members who place great importance on becoming well-rounded horsemen. The class tests participants mounted knowledge and skill, as well as their understanding of quality horse care. This two-phase equitation class includes a 50-question written exam and a flat phase.

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. The USHJA Zone 7 **Horsemanship** is open to any rider that is an Active/Competing USHJA and USEF junior member at the time of the competition.
- B. Competition management is responsible for verifying eligibility.
- C. Once a rider has won the USHJA Zone 7 **Horsemanship**, they will not be allowed to compete again and will be invited to present awards for the following year.

II. COMPETITION FORMAT

- A. **The Horsemanship Class is a two-phase competition consisting of a written exam and a flat phase.**
 - 1. **Phase 1 – Written Exam: Written Exam: The exam consists of 50 questions based on the USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Study Guide.**
 - **Phase 2 – Flat Phase: All riders will compete in the flat phase. USEF Equitation Tests EQ113 1-20 may be utilized (expectations: 7, 8, 12, & 16 are not to be asked). Testing options utilized are at the judge's discretion.**

III. JUDGING SYSTEM & SCORING

- A. See GR 1304 for Judging restrictions.
- B. The judging panel will consist of two (2) judges; one "R" licensed judge **and one "R" or "r" licensed judge.**
- C. **Riders will receive numerical scores for each phase. The scores will be combined from both phases to determine the overall scores.**
- D. **The scores used to determine a competitor's final score will be calculated as follows:**
 - 1. **The written exam shall count for 50% of the overall score.**
 - 2. **The flat phase shall count for 50% of the overall score.**

IV. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

- A. **In the case of a tie between the top 4 riders overall at the conclusion of the class, those 4 riders will be asked for additional flat testing from USEF EQ113 1-20 (expectations: 7, 8, 12, & 16 are not to be asked).**
- B. **In the event of a tie between riders placing 5-10th, the numerical score from the written phase will be used as the tie breaking score.**

V. AWARDS

- A. The previous year's winner, if available, will assist in the presentation of the Top 10 ribbons.
- B. Ribbons will be awarded 1st-10th place with the presentation of awards to be given in reverse order.
- C. The Overall Champion will receive a bridle ribbon, rider sash, cooler, and a keeper trophy.
- D. Riders who place 2nd-10th will receive a bridle ribbon and a rider sash.

Any deviations from the class specifications are not permitted without the express written permission from

USHJA prior to the printing of the prize list.

In all sport or education related matters, where there are either discrepancies or deficiencies in the specifications, procedures or any unforeseen circumstances related to a USHJA property, the President and Executive Director will consult with the Task Force/Committee Chair (if applicable), the Officers of the USHJA and USHJA legal counsel (if applicable) before making any final decisions.

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

