



THOROUGHBRED PREMIER
SHOW SERIES



THOROUGHBRED INCENTIVE PROGRAM

RULE BOOK

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RULES AND POLICIES

- **GENERAL RULES**

- **Applicability:** These rules apply to all T.I.P. Premier Horse Show Series Shows, T.I.P. Championships and other events subject to these Rules (collectively “Events” or “T.I.P. Events” and individually, an “Event”) and are supplemented by the prize list for the subject Event. For shows open to all breeds, any reference to ‘Thoroughbred’ within these rules shall be deemed to include all breeds, and these rules will apply accordingly.
- **Rights of Management:** At T.I.P. Premier Horse Show Series Shows, T.I.P. Championships and other events subject to these Rules:
 - Show Management reserves the right to combine, split, cancel, limit or move classes and divisions as entries warrant, which could mean divisions may change days on which they run or rings in which they are held.
 - Classes may not necessarily be run in the order listed in the class lists.
 - It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the Show Secretary of any time conflicts.
 - For classes with set ride times, riders should notify the Show Secretary as soon as possible after receiving the schedule.
 - Management reserves the right to change officials, limit entries or divisions, combine or cancel classes, modify the schedule, and to modify or cancel awards and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed herein.
 - Show Management reserves the right to cancel classes insufficiently filled and to refuse entry or require withdrawal of an entry for cause deemed sufficient by Show Management.
 - Notification of changes will be as described in the prize list.
 - Show Management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to or arising out of, or incident to, the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these Rules or the Prize List for the Event shall be decided by the Horse Show Management in consultation with T.I.P.; their decision to be final.
- **Refusal of entry due to non-payment:** T.I.P. reserves the right to refuse to accept an entry from any renter, owner, trainer, exhibitor or coach who has a past-due balance owed to T.I.P. or a Management/venue hosting a T.I.P. event.
- **Participating Rider Code of Conduct:** The Jockey Club (TJC) expects appropriate behavior from all riders, trainers, spectators and others participating in any TJC event, including events held in conjunction with TJC events. Inappropriate behavior may include, but is not limited to: possession, use or distribution of any illegal drugs; profanity, vulgar language or gestures; harassment (i.e., using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following The Jockey Club activities); failure to follow rules; and abusing a horse. Reports of inappropriate code of conduct may be made at any time to Show Management via email, text, phone call or in-person. Any verbal or physical act of discourtesy toward a judge, show official, volunteer, show staff or TJC staff member on the part of a trainer, owner, rider, handler, groom, family member or person associated with an entry is a violation of the Code of Conduct. Persons found by Show Management to be in violation of this Code of Conduct will be unable to participate in the remainder of the event, will forfeit all fees and awards from previous classes and divisions, and will be ineligible to show at the T.I.P. Premier Horse Show Series Shows, T.I.P. Championships and other events subject to these Rules. Anyone actively on the USEF SafeSport Suspension list may not be on grounds, but may be listed as owner.

- **Ineligibility for animal cruelty conviction:** Riders, trainers and owners who have been convicted of animal cruelty will not be permitted to show at T.I.P. events unless a dispensation has been granted by Show Management based upon a written appeal submitted prior to the close of on-time entries for the subject event.
- **Motorized vehicles/golf carts:** Minors who do not have a valid driver's license that allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of an Event. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The unsafe use of personal electric transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single-wheeled scooters, is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle or device in violation of these rules is solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of these rules will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.
- **Protective Headgear:** Protective headgear, properly secured, must be worn BY ALL RIDERS AT ALL TIMES WHILE MOUNTED, anywhere, anytime on the show grounds of an Event, except for adult competitors in the following disciplines can wear either an ASTM-approved helmet or may choose to wear a western hat in the warm-up and competition rings only: Western Dressage, Ranch, and Western Pleasure. All riders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet at all times, including in all competition rings for all divisions. Riders of all disciplines are encouraged to wear an ASTM-approved helmet at all times while mounted. Mounted Competitive Trail riders must wear a helmet in competition. In-hand Competitive Trail riders are encouraged to wear a helmet in competition. Headgear for all riders must meet or exceed ASTM Standards; must carry the SEI tag; and be properly secured by a harness.
- **Photo Release:** By signing the entry form, I agree to waive the right of use of my photos/videos at the competition and grant The Jockey Club, Event venues and organizers and their agents full use of any and all competition photos and video.

- **HORSES ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE**

- **Eligibility**
 - The Jockey Club T.I.P. is open only to Thoroughbreds. A "Thoroughbred" is defined as any horse that has been registered with The Jockey Club (TJC) or a foreign Thoroughbred stud book recognized by TJC. All Thoroughbreds must have a T.I.P. Number.
 - At all-breed shows, the term "Thoroughbred" as used herein shall be construed to include all horses for purposes of rule application only, and shall not expand eligibility for T.I.P. participation or awards.
- **Identification**
 - **Verification of Horse as A Registered Thoroughbred**
 - All horses competing in T.I.P. events may be subject to confirmation of identification using microchips, markings, tattoos, and any other means determined by Show Management.
 - Horses that do not appear to match the horse registered with The Jockey Club will not be eligible to compete until the horse's identification is verified.

- **Mandatory Microchips**

- Beginning in 2028, all horses competing in any T.I.P. Premier Show Series, T.I.P. Championship or other T.I.P. competition subject to these rules must have a 15-digit ISO 11784/11785-compliant microchip implanted in the horse and recorded with The Jockey Club (TJC).
 - **NOTE** - all registered Thoroughbreds born in 2017 or later already have a microchip implanted and recorded with The Jockey Club as a condition of registration. Unless that microchip cannot be located or there is a valid reason for a second chip implantation, horses born in 2017 or later should not have another microchip implanted. To determine the horse's existing chip number, scan the horse's neck area using a microchip scanner and note the number. You may need to scan up and down, shoulder to poll, on both sides.
- The microchip must be implanted in accordance with industry standards, including recommended placement in the nuchal ligament.
- The microchip number must be submitted to and recorded with The Jockey Club prior to competing in any T.I.P. class or show. The responsibility for accurately reporting the microchip number rests with the horse's owner or their authorized agent.
 - To record a microchip, log in to your account at www.registry.jockeyclub.com and click on Microchip Lookups, Request & Recording.
- Horse owners and riders are encouraged to confirm the horse's identity at the time of the microchip implantation by referencing the horse's certificate of foal registration, a tattoo or microchip lookup. For assistance with horse identification, please contact TJC Registry at 1-800-444-8521.
- Requests for assistance with identification should be submitted well in advance of the event. Day of assistance by TJC will not be possible.

- **Verification at Entry Closing**

- At the close of entries, competition management will confirm that each entered horse has a microchip number recorded with The Jockey Club.
- Entries for horses without a TJC-recorded microchip number at the time of entry closing shall be considered incomplete and may not be accepted.

- **On-Site Microchip Scanning**

- Competition officials, designated veterinarians, or T.I.P. representatives may scan any horse on competition grounds at any time to verify identity. Identified horses may be provided with a distinguishing identifier, such as a sticker to be placed on the number for the duration of the competition.
- Failure of a horse's microchip number to match the number recorded with The Jockey Club shall be grounds for further investigation and/or for disciplinary action, including but not limited to disqualification.

- **Eligibility to Compete**

- Any horse found to be unidentifiable or lacking a properly recorded microchip before, during, or after competition may be deemed ineligible and may be removed from the class or the event.
- Exceptions, if any, may be granted only at the sole discretion of T.I.P. and must be obtained in writing prior to the competition.
- Please have your vet confirm microchip is findable and in order as refunds will not be granted for horses scratched due to microchip ineligibility.

- **Fitness to Compete**

- All Thoroughbreds competing at a T.I.P. Premier Show Series, T.I.P. Championships or other T.I.P. Event that is subject to these Rules will be examined at the Show to ensure that they are fit to compete, including but not limited to, soundness and body condition. Officials may reference an established Body Condition Score (BCS) system and the American Association of Equine Practitioners' (AAEP) Lameness Grading Scale as a tool for assessing a horse's fitness to compete. Marked lameness or a BCS that is uncommonly low or high for the horse's age or discipline may trigger a required veterinary evaluation. Required veterinary evaluations must be conducted at the cost of the exhibitor, and the examining veterinarian must deem the horse fit to compete. Exhibitors who choose not to complete the veterinary evaluation will be required to scratch their horse from disciplines where the horse is deemed unfit for that level of competition.
- The decision of the examining veterinarian regarding the horse's fitness to compete is considered final. Only class fees will be refunded for horses deemed ineligible due to BCS.
- **Resources:**
 - Lameness Scale: <https://thehorse.com/199286/the-aaep-horse-lameness-scale-explained>
 - Body Condition Score
 - <https://thehorse.com/164978/body-condition-scoring-horses-step-by-step/>
 - <https://thehorse.com/184488/what-body-condition-score-is-your-horse>
- **Required Health Paperwork**
 - Horses must be accompanied by all health certificates or vaccination information as set forth in the prize list for the relevant event and any additional certificates or records as requested by Show Management as the result of equine disease biosecurity protocols.

- **OFFICIALS**

- Includes and refers to the following persons: Management, T.I.P. officials, Technical Delegate, Judge, Course Designer, Secretary, other designated Officials, and Veterinarians.

- **OTHER APPLICABLE RULES**

- Classes will be conducted under current USEF or AQHA rules unless otherwise noted by Show Management or in these Rules or a Prize List for an event.
- **Drugs and Medication:** Current USEF rules relating to drugs and medications will be enforced.

● RULES & POLICIES RELATED TO T.I.P. CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **Horses must qualify to participate in T.I.P. Championships.** Each T.I.P. Championship Division is open only to horses that qualified and declared for that division. All Thoroughbreds must have a T.I.P. Number to qualify.
- **Qualifying:** To qualify for the Championships, a T.I.P. eligible Thoroughbred must (1) participate in a show offering T.I.P. high-point awards, classes, or divisions beginning August 1 of the prior year through the on-time entry closing date (qualifying shows would include the prior year's T.I.P. Championships and any Equine Trail Sports or NATRC competition for Competitive Trail qualification); or (2) participate in a Take2 division beginning August 1 of the prior year through the on-time entry closing date; or (3) be entered in the Championship year Thoroughbred Makeover in the applicable discipline or have participated in the prior year's Thoroughbred Makeover in the applicable discipline; or (4) have participated in the prior year's T.I.P. Performance Awards in the applicable discipline; or (5) be accepted through a Hardship Request (below).
 - Virtual or online horse shows do not count for qualification.
 - All qualifications must be in the applicable discipline. To qualify, horses can be shown in any classes or divisions at the show offering T.I.P. awards in the relevant discipline.
 - Horses shown at a horse trial or combined test may also qualify for the Championships through their show jumping or dressage phase (as applicable).
 - All qualified horses may also participate in the In-hand Championships (no separate in-hand qualification required).
- **Declaring:** After qualifying, owners and riders must declare their horse for the Championships by submitting a Horse Declaration Form, available on the T.I.P. website (Championships tab).
- **Hardship Requests:** Hardship Requests to qualify for Championships will be considered ONLY for Thoroughbreds that are being shown during the Championship year, but were not able to attend a qualifying show and did not participate in the Performance Awards. To be considered for a Hardship Request qualification, a Thoroughbred must attend a MINIMUM of two (2) shows during the Championship year and must have been shown at the height or level being requested at one of those shows. To request qualification via a Hardship Request, you must submit a completed Hardship Declaration Form including (i) a statement explaining in less than 500 words why you are not able to access shows with T.I.P. awards and (ii) a brief show record covering the Championship year, including show name, date, division, test (if applicable), height jumped (if applicable), and any other relevant information. **You must submit the Hardship Request form and statement so that it is RECEIVED by August 31 of the Championship Year.** You will be notified if your Hardship Request for qualification has been accepted prior to the closing of entries. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
HARDSHIP REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY IF THE HORSE HAS BEEN SHOWN DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR.
- **Qualifying through the Thoroughbred Makeover (or similar event):**
 - Thoroughbred Makeover horses are qualified for Championships in the same discipline(s) entered at the Thoroughbred Makeover. The table below shows the corresponding qualified disciplines and Championship division(s) where available. If you wish to show at T.I.P. Championships in a different discipline, you still have the option to complete a Hardship Request using the Thoroughbred Makeover as one of the required shows.
 - Events similar to the Thoroughbred Makeover (e.g., Florida Transformation Expo) may also qualify according to the table below.

Makeover Discipline Entered	Barrel Racing	Competitive Trail	Dressage	Eventing	Field Hunter
Eligible T.I.P. Championship Division	N/A	Competitive Obstacle Trail	Dressage Western Dressage	Combined Test Dressage	Hunter English Pleasure
Makeover Discipline Entered	Freestyle	Polo	Ranch Work	Show Hunter	Show Jumper
Eligible T.I.P. Championship Division	N/A	N/A	Ranch Riding Western Pleasure	Hunter English Pleasure	Jumper

- o **Other**

- Horses must be qualified and declared for all divisions. Management reserves the right to limit, combine, split or cancel divisions.
- **Jump Height:** For jumping divisions, the horse may be entered at or above the lowest height jumped during the Championship year.
- **Dressage Level:** For Dressage, each horse may be entered at or above the lowest level competed during the Championship year.

- **ATTIRE & EQUIPMENT**

- o **English Classes Attire:**

- Hunters and English Pleasure: Conservatively colored coats (black, blue, green, grey or brown) which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white.
- Jumpers: Coats of any color are required. Breeches must be light color (white, fawn or canary). Pastel and dark colored breeches are not allowed. Shirts, light in color, must be tucked into breeches and fastened at the top of the neck. Ties or chokers of any color must be worn (unless the shirt, by design, has the choker built in for its intended use). Boots are required.

- o **Western Classes and Competitive Obstacle Trail Attire:** Western boots, collared and long-sleeved, button-up shirts required in all ridden classes and in-hand trail classes. Western apparel or English apparel permitted in Competitive Obstacle Trail classes only. Spurs, chaps and chinks are optional.

- o **In-Hand and Halter Classes Handler Attire:** Traditional show attire (English or Western) or button-down shirt and slacks with close-toed shoes are also proper attire if a handler prefers not to wear traditional show clothes.

- o **Equipment:** No martingales permitted in flat classes. No equine wraps or bell boots of any kind permitted in hunter or in-hand classes. Braiding not required.

- o **Additional equipment rules** may be provided in divisions specifications, including in-hand and halter classes.

- o **Whips:** At T.I.P. Championships, whips are not permitted in any dressage or western dressage Championship Division classes.

AWARDS

- **Prize Money:** All prize money won at the T.I.P. Events will be mailed to the winner following the event upon receipt of a completed prize money request form and W-9. Prize money request forms and W-9s will be provided to exhibitors at the Event and will be made available on the website at tjctip.com. Additional information will be provided in the prize list. Mail completed prize money forms after the show to The Jockey Club T.I.P., 821 Corporate Dr., Lexington, KY 40503. Prize money checks will not be mailed without a completed form. Please allow up to 30 days for prize money forms to be processed once received. Prize money must be applied for within 30 days of the close of competition and will be written to only Owner or Rider as entered on the entry blank.
- **High Point Awards:** In the event high point awards are offered at an Event, the following applies:
 - Junior Rider – riders 18 years of age and under as of January 1 of the show year.
 - AA – Adult Amateurs only. For details on what constitutes Amateur status, please visit www.usef.org.
 - TAA Adoptee: the horse must have been adopted from a Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance accredited facility (see www.thoroughbredaftercare.org for a list).
 - RRP Alumni or Entered: the horse must have participated in the Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover or be entered to compete in the current year Thoroughbred Makeover.

In order to be eligible for High Point awards, the status MUST be listed on the Declaration Form or Event Entry Form, as indicated in the prize list.

- **Calculation of awards**
 - For High Point awards crossing divisions, awards will be calculated based on division placing and number of horses beat.
 - Hunter/Equitation/Jumper/Ranch/Pleasure division placements and High Point calculation:

Classes place to 10th	Points		Classes place to 6th	Points	Ties broken by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most first places, then • Most horses placed above, then • Total points over fences, then • Special, Handy, Ranch Riding or Horsemanship, or other class as indicated in prize list If still tied after Special class, riders can choose a coin toss or hack off (Jumpers must use coin flip).
First	15		First	10	
Second	10		Second	6	
Third	8		Third	4	
Fourth	6		Fourth	2	
Fifth	5		Fifth	1	
Sixth	4		Sixth	0.5	
Seventh	3				
Eighth	2				
Ninth	1				
Tenth	0.5				

- **For Dressage:** High Point will be based on the best single test per horse/rider combination.
 - Division placements will be based on the average of the two tests. In case of a tie, the horse/rider with the highest single score is the winner; if the highest scores are the same, the next highest scores will be considered until the tie is broken.
 - For Divisions where multiple levels are combined (FEI, Western), when calculating the Division awards, points will be added to the final percentage score based on the degree of difficulty of the test as follows:
 - Western Dressage Basic Level, Intermediate I = +1
 - Western Dressage Level 1, Intermediate II = +3
 - Western Dressage Level 2 or 3, Grand Prix = +5
 - Western Dressage Level 4 or 5 = +7
- **For CT, Eventing, Barrel & Gymkhana:** High Point is given to highest placed eligible horse in the Division. Division placements will be based on the horse's placing in the division.
- **For Competitive Obstacle Trail:** High Point and Division placements will be based on combined score of the two courses. Ties will be broken by tie-breaker obstacles (up to 3).
- It is the owner or rider's responsibility to indicate a horse or rider is eligible for ANY of the High Point awards as directed in the prize list for the Event. Failure to indicate timely eligibility for each High Point award (including Junior riders) will result in exclusion of horse and/or rider from calculation of the High Point awards.

DISCIPLINE DESCRIPTIONS & RULES

The following is a list of available classes and sections. Refer to prize list for the classes and sections available at a specific event.

- **Definitions**

- Green Horse - First two years of showing the horse and has not competed above 2'0" at any show. Horse cannot cross enter above 2'0" at the event. Any rider.
- Green OTTB – Horse raced in the last two years. Horse cannot cross enter above 2'0" at the show. Any rider.
- Novice Rider - First two years of showing. Horse can cross-enter with a different rider. Prize list may include further restrictions:
 - Rider can cross-enter in a different discipline other than the Novice Rider class if a dispensation is requested and granted at time of entry, or Rider cannot cross enter above 2'0" at the event.
- Open Divisions – open to all riders.
- Junior Rider – riders 18 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current calendar year.
- AA – Adult Amateurs only. For details on what constitutes Amateur status, please visit www.usef.org.
- Non-Pro Divisions – open to Junior Riders and Adult Amateur riders.

● EVENTING

- **Omnibus:** Event information will be provided in the omnibus.
- **Equipment:** USEF Eventing Rules will apply.
- **Sections:** Levels from Pre-Introduction through Advanced may be offered.
- Divisions may be limited to Thoroughbreds or Thoroughbreds may be placed within each Division.

● COMBINED TEST

- **Equipment:** USEF Eventing Rules will apply.
- **Sections:**
 - Starter CT Division – 2026 USEA Starter Test, SJ Max 2'0"
 - Beginner Novice CT Division - 2026 USEA Beginner Novice Test A, SJ Max 2'7"
 - Novice CT Division - 2026 USEA Novice Test A, SJ Max 2'11"
 - Training CT Division - 2026 USEA Training Test A, SJ Max 3'3"
 - Preliminary CT Division - 2026 USEA Preliminary Test A, SJ Max 3'7"

● DRESSAGE

- **Equipment:**
 - Equipment: USEF Dressage Rules will apply.
 - Whips: At T.I.P. CHAMPIONSHIPS, whips are not permitted in any Dressage or Western Dressage Championship Division classes.
- All tests may be read in all Dressage classes.
- **Classes:** Dressage classes may be offered as Open, Adult Amateur, Junior, Junior (13 & Under), Junior (14 & Over), Green Horse, Novice Rider and/or Non-Pro
 - Green Horse WT Dressage Suitability (group class)
 - Green OTTB WT Dressage Suitability (group class)
 - Novice Rider WT Dressage Equitation (group class)
 - Junior Dressage Equitation (group class, levels may vary)
 - AA Dressage Equitation (group class, levels may vary)
 - Introductory Dressage
 - Training Level Dressage
 - First Level Dressage
 - Second Level Dressage*
 - Third Level Dressage*
 - Fourth Level Dressage*
 - FEI Level Dressage*
 - Western Dressage – Intro*
 - Western Dressage – Basic*
 - Western Dressage – Level 1 & Above*
 - USEA Dressage Tests*
 - 6 Feet on the Ground

**Class may be combined with other levels and offered as Test of Choice.

- **Dressage Equitation and Suitability Classes**

- Back number and bridle number must be used.
- Standard Dressage Arena
- Group class. Gaits shall be performed by the exhibitors simultaneously. Horses may be broken into groups to canter.
- Horses and riders must be judged at the medium walk, sitting and rising working trot, and working canter (W/T/C class only) in both directions. Judges may include the following movements and exercises:
 - Free walk
 - Transitions from one gait to the next in both directions
 - Transitions from walk to halt and vice versa
 - Change of direction across the diagonal, down the centerline, across the arena, and/or by making a half-circle at the walk or trot.
- Judges may also choose movements and exercises appropriate for Introductory or Training level to be ridden in small groups or independently. Tied scores will be broken by requiring riders to perform a simple pattern as determined by the Judge.

- **HUNTERS/EQUITATION**

- Each Hunter Division consists of over-fences classes and an under-saddle class.
 - **Hunter Over Fences** - To be shown over approximately eight fences at the required height. To be judged on performance and soundness unless otherwise noted.
 - **Handy Hunter Over Fences** - Course may include, but is not limited to, halt on course, trot fence, roll back, negotiating natural obstacles, bending line, bounce or a fence jumped in a direct line to/from the in-gate, etc.
 - **Hunter Under Saddle** - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Martingales not permitted.
 - Hunter courses will simulate fences found in the hunting field such as brush, wall, in-and-out, oxer, post and rails, gate, aiken, bank, coop and panels. Management reserves the right to adjust fence heights or spreads as competition warrants.
- **Judging for all Hunter sections:** To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.
- **Equipment:** USEF Hunter Rules will apply.
- **Classes:**
 - Hunter Derby
 - Hunter Classic
 - Junior Medal 2'3"
 - Adult Medal 2'6"
 - Green Horse or Novice Rider W/T
 - Green Horse or Novice Rider W/T/C
 - Green Horse or Novice Rider Trot Poles
 - Green Horse or Novice Rider Crossrails
 - Green Horse or Novice Rider 2'0"
- **Sections:**
 - Green Horses
 - Amoeba Green Horse/Green Horse Hunters (Trot poles) – W/T, 2 O/F classes
 - Tadpole Green Horse/Green Horse Hunters (Crossrails) – W/T, 2 O/F classes
 - Baby Green Horse/Green Horse Hunters (2'0") – W/T/C, 2 O/F classes

- Novice Riders
 - Intro Novice Rider Hunters (Trot poles) – W/T, W/T Equitation, O/F
 - Elementary Novice Rider Hunters (Crossrails) - W/T, W/T Equitation, O/F
 - Starter Novice Rider Hunters (2'0") - W/T/C, Equitation OF, OF
 - Short Stirrup Hunter (2'0"): Open to Juniors age 12 and under in their first two (2) years of showing in hunter over-fences classes. 2 O/F classes, Equitation OF Class, U/S class.
 - Long Stirrup (2'3"): Open to Jr/Am 13 years and older within the first five (5) years of showing in hunter over-fences classes. 2 O/F classes, Equitation O/F Class, U/S class.
- The following hunter divisions may be offered as Open, Adult Amateur, Junior or Non-Pro:
 - Crossrails Hunter Division - Trotting is permissible. Fence height 18"
 - Very Green Hunter 2'0" Division - Trotting is permissible. Fence height 2'0". No oxers
 - Beginning Hunter 2'3" Division
 - Special Hunter 2'6" Division
 - Suitable Hunter 2'9" Division
 - Low Hunter 3'0" Division
- Classes may be split by age
- Equitation:
 - Junior Open Equitation (2'3" or 2'6") (can be split by age)
 - AA Open Equitation (2'3" or 2'6")
 - Jumper Seat Equitation (2'0" or 2'3" or 2'6") (can be split by age) (can be limited to novice riders) - judged on the rider's equitation style, technical merit, judgment and execution of an efficient, time saving pace and track.

● JUMPERS

○ Specifications:

- All Jumper Divisions consist of over-fences classes.
 - USEF Table II.2a - Two-round class with a jump-off. All riders complete the first round; those who jump "clear" (with zero faults) advance to a timed jump-off round at the end of the class
 - USEF Table II.2b – Preliminary Round; clear rounds jump off without leaving ring
 - USEF Table II.2c – Power/Speed; clear Preliminary round continues on to timed speed phase
 - USEF Table II.2.1 – Speed Round; fastest round with least amount of faults
 - USEF Table IV Section I – Optimum Time; an Optimum Time is posted by the Course Designer, which is defined as 4 seconds less than posted Time Allowed. If upon completing the course there is a tie in faults (or lack of faults), the horse with the time closest to the Optimum Time (over or under) is the winner
- Courses may consist of any combination of the following: brush; gates; oxers; post and rails; water; liver-pool; ditch; wall; banks; panels; or coops.

○ Equipment: USEF Jumper Rules will apply.

○ Classes:

- Jumper Mini Prix (2'3" minimum height up to 2'9" maximum height)
- Jumper Classic (3'0" minimum height up to 3'6" maximum height)

- **Sections:**
 - Green Horse/Green OTTB Mini Jumper 2'0" – USEF Table IV Section I – Optimum Time
 - Novice Rider Tiny Jumper 2'0" – USEF Table IV Section I – Optimum Time
 - Pre-Hopeful Jumper 2'3" – majority of classes to be USEF Table IV Section I – Optimum Time
 - Hopeful Jumper 2'6" – majority of classes to be USEF Table IV Section I – Optimum Time
 - Suitable Jumper 2'9" – majority of classes to be USEF Table IV Section I – Optimum Time
 - Schooling Jumper 3'0"
 - Training Jumper 3'3"
 - Open Jumper 3'6"

● **IN-HAND, HALTER AND SHOWMANSHIP**

- Each horse may be entered in only one in-hand/halter class per show (Class #s 1-10) and one showmanship class per show (Class #s 11-13).
- Large classes will be split for judging purposes – splits will be made available via email and in the show office, and as indicated in the prize list.
- **Judging:**
 - Classes 1-10 will be judged on conformation and way of going at a walk and trot/jog in hand. Minor blemishes and faults not considered.
 - Classes 1 – 8 will be judged with respect of form to function for a performance horse.
 - Classes 9 & 10 will be judged with respect of form to function for a ridden ranch horse.
 - Classes 11-13 will be judged on the handler's skill in presenting a well-groomed, well-mannered horse in-hand
- **Horse equipment:**
 - Classes 1-8: Horses should be shown in a properly fitted bridle.
 - Classes 9 & 10: Horses should be presented in a properly fitted halter (leather preferred) and lead rope or shank. If the shank has a chain, it can be positioned under the chin ONLY.
 - Classes 11-13: Horses may be presented in either a properly fitted bridle or properly fitted halter (leather preferred) and lead rope or shank (if the shank has a chain, it can be positioned under the chin ONLY).
- **Classes:**
 1. War Horse In-Hand (won over \$100,000) – Open to Thoroughbreds that have won over \$100,000
 2. War Horse In-Hand (more than 50 starts) – Open to Thoroughbreds that raced over 50 times
 3. In-Hand 6yo and over Mares – Open to Thoroughbred mares 6 years of age or older (age as of January 1 of the event year)
 4. In-Hand 2yo to 5yo Fillies/Mares – Open to Thoroughbred fillies and mares 2 to 5 years of age (age as of January 1 of the event year)
 5. In-Hand 6yo and over Geldings/Stallions – Open to Thoroughbred geldings and stallions 6 years of age or older (age as of January 1 of the event year)
 6. In-Hand 2yo to 5yo Geldings/Colts – Open to Thoroughbred geldings and stallions 2 to 5 years of age (age as of January 1 of the event year)
 7. TAA/TCA Aftercare Organization Graduate In-Hand (Gelding) – Open to Thoroughbred geldings adopted from a current Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance accredited organization (see thoroughbredaftercare.org/taa-accredited-organizations/) or a Thoroughbred Charities of America Thoroughbred Rehabilitation, Retraining, Rehoming and Retirement Grantee (see tca.org/rescue-grantees/).

8. TAA/TCA Aftercare Organization Graduate In-Hand (Mare) – Open to Thoroughbred mares adopted from a current Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance accredited organization (see thoroughbredaftercare.org/taa-accredited-organizations/) or a Thoroughbred Charities of America Thoroughbred Rehabilitation, Retraining, Rehoming and Retirement Grantee (see tca.org/rescue-grantees/).
9. Western Mares Halter – Ranch Type: Open to Thoroughbred fillies and mares of a ranch type. Horses should resemble a working horse. Silver, braiding, banding, fake tails and hoof black/polish of any kind are prohibited.
10. Western Geldings/Stallion Halter – Ranch Type: Open to Thoroughbred geldings and stallions of a ranch type. Horses should resemble a working horse. Silver, braiding, banding, fake tails, and hoof black/polish of any kind are prohibited.
11. Youth Showmanship, 13 & Under (English or Western)
12. Youth Showmanship, 14-18 (English or Western)
13. Adult Showmanship, 19 & Over (English or Western)

● ENGLISH PLEASURE

○ Specifications:

- W/T – Judged on manners and way of going at the walk and trot.
- W/T/C – Judged on manners and way of going at the walk, trot and canter.
- W/T/C Special or W/T/C Hack– Judged on the Thoroughbred's suitability as a pleasure mount, manners and way of going at the walk, trot and canter. Judge will evaluate turnout and may inquire as to race history, with minor blemishes and faults not considered. May be asked to extend trot, halt, turn on the forehand or back.

○ Classes:

- Green Horse English Pleasure W/T Class
- Green OTTB English Pleasure W/T Class
- Novice Rider English Pleasure W/T Class

○ Sections:

- Junior English Pleasure W/T/C (13&Under) Division
- Junior English Pleasure W/T/C (14&Over) Division
- AA English Pleasure W/T/C Division
- Open English Pleasure W/T/C Division

● WESTERN PLEASURE

○ Specifications:

- Horses to be shown, without undue restraint, on a reasonably loose rein or with light contact. Horses will work both ways of the ring at all requested gaits to demonstrate their ability with different gaits and leads. At the option of the judge, horses may be asked for a moderate extension of the jog and/or lope one or both ways of the ring. Horses will be required to stand quietly and easily back-up. Judge may ask for additional work of the same nature from any horse. Horses should exhibit a consistent, well mannered, relaxed way of going. In Western Pleasure, it is permissible for riders to pass other competitors by moving toward the center of the circle. Judge will evaluate turnout and may inquire as to race history, with minor blemishes and faults not considered.
 - Western Pleasure Walk/Jog
 - Western Pleasure Walk/Jog/Lope

- **Western Horsemanship:** Western Horsemanship is designed to evaluate the rider's ability to execute a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge (the pattern) with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence and maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position. The following maneuvers are acceptable in a pattern: walk, jog, extended jog, lope or extended lope in a straight line, curved line, serpentine, circle, figure 8 or combination of these gaits and maneuvers; stop; back in a straight or curved line; turn or pivot, including spins and rollbacks on the haunches and/or on the forehand; sidepass, two-track or leg-yield; flying or simple change of lead; counter-canter; or any other maneuver; or ride without stirrups. Competition pattern will be made available at www.tjctip.com.
- **Western Pleasure Disciplined Rail:** The following maneuvers **may** be requested on the rail or from the line-up: walk, jog, extensions at all gaits, and reverse at the jog or lope. Stop, stand quietly, pivot, or back-up. Discipline Rail is judged on the horse's manners and ability to consistently and readily respond to the rider's cues.
- **Equipment:** Western tack, per AQHA Rules, is required.
 - Horses, regardless of their age, may be ridden with one hand in a standard western shank bit as approved by AQHA Equipment Rules, or with two hands with a snaffle, bosal, or non-mechanical hackamore as described under AQHA Equipment Rules. (This applies even if the horse has reached six years of age or older). When exhibiting in a snaffle, bosal, or non-mechanical hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand at any time.
 - AQHA Equipment Rules will apply unless otherwise noted by Show Management or in these Rules.
 - Spur shanks may not exceed 2.5 inches in length. Spur rowels may not exceed 1 inch in diameter and must be blunt. Ball spurs acceptable.
 - Equipment with silver is permitted but not counted over well-fitted good working tack and outfit.
- **Classes:**
 - Green Horse/Green OTTB Western Pleasure W/J Class
 - Novice Rider Western Pleasure W/J Class
- **Sections:**
 - Junior Western Pleasure W/J/L Division
 - Adult Western Pleasure W/J/L Division

● RANCH RIDING

- **Specifications:**
 - The purpose of the Ranch Riding class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of conveyance and assistance while performing one ranch task to another.
 - **Ranch Rail:** The stop, stand, and back-up are required maneuvers, as is performing the walk, jog/trot, and lope both ways of the arena. Additionally, the extended jog/trot and extended lope may be asked for one or both ways of the arena.
 - **Ranch Riding:** Each horse will work an individual pattern. The following maneuvers are acceptable in a pattern: walk, jog, trot, extended trot, extended jog, lope or extended lope, working lope, curved line, serpentine, circle, figure 8 or combination of these gaits and maneuvers; stop; back in a straight or curved line; turn or pivot, including spins and rollbacks on the haunches and/or on the forehand; sidepass, two-track or leg-yield; flying or simple change of lead; counter-canter; walk or trot over logs; or any other maneuver. Competition pattern will be made available at www.tjctip.com.
 - **Ranch Trail:** Each horse will work individually. The Ranch Trail course will include no less than six and no more than nine obstacles. The horse may be asked to walk, jog and lope during the course.

Potential obstacles may include: Ride over ground poles (usually logs); opening then passing through and closing a hinged swinging gate or a rope gate; ride over wooden bridge; backing obstacles; side-pass obstacle; drag an object; jump an obstacle; carry objects; remove and replace materials in a mailbox; navigate cones; swing a rope or throw a rope at a dummy steer head; step in and out of obstacles; put on a slicker or coat; stand to mount with mounting block; open gate on foot; pick up feet; and lead at the trot. Competition pattern will be made available at www.tjctip.com.

- **Ranch Reining:** Each horse and rider will perform the reining pattern, with emphasis on correctness of pattern (e.g., straight lines, round circles, differentiation of speed, not rushing maneuvers). The pattern may consist of the following elements: large, fast circles; small, slow circles; back up or rein back of at least one horse length; lead changes (simple or flying); spins in both directions; rollbacks in both directions. Stops, however sliding stops are not required. Competition pattern will be made available at www.tjctip.com.
- **Equipment:** Western tack, per AQHA Rules, is required.
 - Horses, regardless of their age, may be ridden with one hand in a standard western shank bit as approved by AQHA Equipment Rules, or with two hands with a snaffle, bosal, or non-mechanical hackamore as described under AQHA Equipment Rules. (This applies even if the horse has reached six years of age or older). When exhibiting in a snaffle, bosal, or non-mechanical hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand at any time.
 - AQHA Equipment Rules will apply unless otherwise noted by Show Management or in these Rules.
 - Spur shanks may not exceed 2.5 inches in length. Spur rowels may not exceed 1 inch in diameter and must be blunt. Ball spurs acceptable.
 - Equipment with silver is permitted, but not counted over well-fitted good working tack and outfit.
 - No braided or banded manes/tails or tail extensions.

● **COMPETITIVE OBSTACLE TRAIL**

- **Specifications:**
 - The purpose of the Competitive Obstacle Trail division is to demonstrate a horse's ability to be a trail horse, capable of maneuvering through a course of obstacles with physical skill, expression and a good mental attitude. Judged on partnership between horse and rider. Your horse will be judged on attitude and performance. High scores are achieved by negotiating and completing obstacles smoothly, with balance and even cadence, surefootedness, and confidence. An ideal Competitive Obstacle Trail horse is one that is confident and willingly responds correctly to the rider's cues. Ultimately, the trail horse is skillful, eye appealing, confident, and leaves one with the impression of being sure, safe and a pleasure to ride over a course of obstacles.
 - Horses will complete a course of eight (8) to ten (10) obstacles individually within a maximum time. Maximum course time will be 7 minutes unless posted otherwise at the event. Horses will need to be prepared to encounter a variety of obstacles including, but not limited to: water crossing, dragging items, challenges to visual perception (e.g., water box), challenges to tactile stimulation (e.g., pool noodles, cowboy curtains), tests of surefootedness (e.g., bridges, raised poles), tasks while riding (e.g. mailboxes, picking up and carrying items), mounting/dismounting, backing, sidepassing, turns, and encounters with objects.
 - Major penalties may be assessed for performance of obstacles out of sequence, mistreatment of horses or going off course.

- In the mounted division, if a rider becomes dismounted and/or the horse runs loose, the horse is disqualified for that course.
- In the in-hand division, if the horse runs loose, the horse is disqualified for that course.
- Horses may be cross-entered in the Mounted and In-Hand divisions.
- Horses are not allowed within 100 feet of any obstacle in advance of their ride.
- No schooling of obstacles is permitted at any time.
- Competition courses will be made available on the T.I.P. website, www.tjctip.com.
- **Equipment:** Equipment may be either English or Western. Wraps, protective boots and hoof boots are permitted.
 - Mounted Division: Horses must wear a saddle and a headstall with reins. Riding bareback or bridle-less is prohibited. Martingales, tie-downs, or any mechanism that restrains the head or neck are prohibited. Horses may be ridden in a snaffle bit, bosal or hackamore regardless of age. Riders shall ride horses in a snaffle bit, bosal, or hackamore with two hands. Combination bits are prohibited. Riders riding in a shank bit will do so with one hand only. Two-handed riding in a shank bit will result in deductions from the score per obstacle element. Shank bits must be used with a curb chain or strap. It is also permissible for horses to be ridden in a bitless bridle with two hands.
 - In-Hand Division: Properly fitted halter (leather preferred) and lead, with or without a chain. If a chain is used, it must be fitted under the chin ONLY – chain may not be run through the horse's mouth or over the horse's nose. Horse may also be shown in a suitable bridle fitting the rules set forth under the Mounted Division section.
- **Sections:** Classes and Divisions may be offered as Green Horse, Novice Rider, Junior and/or Open.
 - Mounted Class or Division
 - In-Hand Class or Division

● **BARREL RACING**

- **Specifications** will be set forth in event prize lists
- **Equipment:** Wraps, protective boots, and hoof boots are permitted. Snaffle bits, combination bits, shank bits and hackamores may all be used with one or two hands. Any bit having a fixed rein requires the use of a curb chain or strap, including all shanked bits. Snaffle bit rings may be no larger than 4" in diameter. Smooth round, oval or egg-shaped, slow twist, corkscrew, single or double twisted wire, or smooth chain mouthpieces and straight bar or solid mouthpieces are allowed. Bicycle chain is prohibited in any equipment. Combination bits and hackamores may include a noseband constructed of nylon, leather, rawhide or rope. Any rawhide or twisted rope noseband that is part of a combination bit or hackamore must be padded. No other functional part of the bit or headstall may be constructed of rawhide; headstalls may include decorative rawhide. Headstalls, tie-downs and bonnets may not be constructed of wire, solid metal, or twisted rawhide or rope, no matter how padded. Flat nylon, cotton or leather tie-downs, bonnets and training aids are permitted. Spur shanks may not exceed 2.5 inches in length. Spur rowels may not exceed 1 inch in diameter and must be blunt.
- **Sections:** May be offered as Green Horse, Novice Rider, Junior and/or Open.

● **GYMKHANA**

- **Specifications** will be set forth in event prize lists
- **Equipment** TBD
- **Classes may include:** Poles, Keyhole, Games



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