



## **CARIBBEAN EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION REGIONAL JUMPING CHALLENGE (RJC)**

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The Caribbean Equestrian Association Regional Jumping Challenge (RJC) is open to all member countries for 2022. The RJC was developed to offer a regional event for all up and coming riders and horses to gain ring miles and experience.

### **1. THE COMPETITION**

1.1. This challenge will be held under FEI rules and scored under FEI Article 273.3.3.2, Competition over Two Rounds. The first round is run under Table A, Not against the clock and the second round is run under Table A, Against the Clock. The final score for each athlete is the total faults of the two rounds plus the time in the second round. In the event of equality of penalties and time, the tie will stand and the tied athletes will be placed equally for that place. No jump-off will take place.

1.2. For each competition year, the RJC will observe FEI and EC rules effective on January 1st of that year.

1.3. This is an individual and a team competition. The competition is open January 1 to December 31. The competition of two rounds of each height over the same course will be held consecutively on one day. Each CEA member country can hold their competition at any time during the year but it must be held on or before December 31.

1.4. This competition can be held on the same day as the CEA MJC. If the CEA MJC and RJC are held on the same day, no horses or riders can cross enter the challenges.

1.5. All Competitors must be members of their National Federation.

### **2. THE COURSE**

2.1. A course designed by an approved FEI Course Designer will be used and circulated by the CEA Jumping Advisory Committee at the beginning of each year.

2.2. The 0.75m course will have no combinations. Instructions on the Build Sheet must be clear as to which jump(s) are to be removed for the 0.75 m height class. The maximum number of fences allowed on course is 10.

2.3. When building the courses, each country must wheel the course and get the total distance in meters to be the same as on the course plan.

2.4. Safety cups must be used on the back rail of all oxers, as well as the warmup ring.

2.5. Poles restricted to 10-12 feet in length. Top poles on each jump should be round or at least octagonal. Square poles cannot be used. Square poles with rounded edges may only be used as other-than-top poles. There is no substitute for wooden poles.

### **3. THE JUDGE**

3.1. The Judge must be in possession of a copy of the CEA Regional Jumping Challenge Rules prior to the start of the competition.

3.2. An FEI or CEA Regional Judge is required. A Foreign Judge is not required for this competition.



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3.3. The CEA recommends the President of the Ground Jury be an FEI or a CEA Regional Judge with a jury of two (2) CEA Candidate Judges.

### **4. AGE OF COMPETITORS**

This competition is open to competitors of all ages.

### **5. ELIGIBILITY OF HORSE/RIDER**

5.1. Horse/Rider combinations are not permitted to enter this competition if they have competed in the FEI Jumping World Challenge in Category A (1.30m) or B (1.20m) or are competing at that level or higher consistently in other competitions.

5.2. Adults can ride ponies.

5.3. The NF and OC are responsible for assuring the appropriateness of all horse/rider combinations. The decision of the Show Director and Judge is final should they rule any horse/rider combination ill-suited to compete.

### **6. ELIGIBILITY OF RIDER**

6.1. A rider may only enter and compete in one height class. The first class entered by a rider will be the only score to go forward to the CEA RJC results. No rider may compete in a non-RJC class on the day of the competition until after their RJC height class is completed.

6.2. For example, if Class A goes before Class B, Joe Rider may compete in CEA Height Class A and, if allowable by the OC, also in CEA Height Class B. His score will only go forward to the CEA results in Height Class A as his first round in the competition arena of the day. He could place locally (non-RJC) in Height Class B but will not be eligible for CEA Height Class B. Joe Rider cannot complete in Height Class A locally and then in Height Class B as his CEA class.

### **7. ELIGIBILITY OF HORSE**

7.1. A horse or pony may only be entered and compete in one height class in this competition. The first class in which the horse or pony is entered will be the only score to go forward to the CEA RJC results. No horse may compete in a non-RJC class on the day of the competition until after their RJC height class is completed.

7.2. For example, if Class A goes before Class B, Winnie the Warmblood can compete in Height Class A with Joe Rider and then again, if allowed by the OC, in Height Class B with Jamie Jumper but only her scores in Height Class A could go forward to CEA scoring. Winnie can place locally (non-RJC) in Height Class B but will be not eligible for CEA Height Class B. Winnie cannot be ridden in Height Class A locally and then in Height Class B as her CEA class. Winnie cannot be ridden by two different riders in their CEA-eligible class.



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### **8. PONIES**

8.1. This competition is open to horses and ponies. Horses and ponies must be clearly identified in the entries and marked on the judge's cards. Any reference in the rules to horses shall also include ponies.

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8.3. Distances in combinations for Height Class B, C, and D will adjust for ponies.

### **9. HEIGHT OF FENCES**

Height Class A: 0.75m high; 0.85m wide (maximum)

Height Class B: 0.85m high; 0.95m wide (maximum)

Height Class C: 0.95m high; 1.05m wide (maximum)

Height Class D: 1.05m high; 1.15m wide (maximum)

### **10. RING SIZE**

45 m x 65 m

### **11. SPEED**

325 m/m

### **12. HORSE INSPECTION**

12.1. The horse inspection is mandatory. The Horse Inspection is recommended as follows in Article 12.2 to 12.9. The NF and OC can handle the logistics as suits their membership and in the interest of horse welfare to ensure horses not fit to compete are not included in the CEA Challenge.

12.2. A steward will organize the horse inspection prior to the start of the event, with horses being inspected by themselves, the President of the Ground Jury, and a veterinarian. If a veterinarian is not available, they can be replaced on the panel by a member of the NF or CEA representative.

12.3. The panel of three, Steward, President of the Ground Jury, and vet or NF/CEA representative, has the final acceptance (or not) of a horse at Horse Inspection. There is no appeal.

12.4. A horse that is not fit to compete or has any blood or open wounds will be eliminated.

12.5. The format will follow FEI veterinarian regulations with the exception that the inspection can take place at multiple venues on the day prior to and/or the day of the event. The OC can schedule as many Horse Inspections as is necessary. It could be beneficial for an OC to run an inspection for the morning competition horses and then another inspection for the afternoon competition horses.

12.6. A second handler is allowed if necessary for an unruly horse. The rider should contact the Inspection Panel prior to the Horse Inspection to obtain permission and discuss the appropriate way to present with two handlers (one on each side). If a rider is too young, and it is approved by the panel, the trainer can present the horse with the rider present.



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12.7. A horse can only present at one Horse Inspection, no reinspection is allowed.

12.8. The Horse Inspection schedule must be published to the riders with a starting and ending time. The Order of Go should follow the Order of Go in the arena, especially if the Horse Inspection is held on the day of the competition. Times can be assigned for each horse to present.

12.9. The panel may eliminate a horse that is not ready to present at the scheduled time for Horse Inspection.

### **13. ENTRIES**

13.1. Each organizer will handle their entry system as works for them.

13.2. CEA entries close at the start of the horse show. Once the horse show has begun, CEA horse and rider combinations cannot be changed. The show begins when the course is opened to walk for the first class.

### **14. SHOW SCHEDULES**

14.1. The CEA Jumping Challenge classes should be scheduled as the first classes of the day.

14.2. CEA riders and horses are not allowed schooling or schooling rounds in the competition arena prior to the RJC classes on the day of competition.

14.3. Each organizer will set the show schedule to best suit the riders and horses competing. It may be beneficial for one show/country to allow the lower heights to go first or vice versa remembering only scores from the first appearance of each horse/rider combination will go forward to the CEA RJC results.

### **15. CONCURRENCY WITH NATIONAL CLASSES**

15.1. Organizers can host national classes concurrently with the CEA MJC classes and pin the classes separately.

15.2. Organizers can also choose to not pin the CEA class locally and still submit the results from their national class to the CEA for CEA RJC individual and team scores.

15.3. For example, a country can pin the 0.75m class including all participants even though some rider scores may not be going forward to the CEA RJC results. All rounds must be included on the CEA RJC judge's card whether eligible for CEA scoring or not.

15.4. All results, CEA eligible and ineligible (national class only), must be submitted to verify entries and order of go.

### **16. DRAW and STARTING ORDER**

16.1. A draw will take place to decide the starting order.

16.2. For Classes B, C, and D, ponies will need to be drawn separately from horses. Organizers can choose to start the horses or ponies first to manage most easily the change in course for the distance in the combination(s).



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16.3. Horse/rider combinations that are not eligible to compete in CEA classes should be placed at the end of the starting order.

16.4. Once the order is drawn, a rider may NOT move down the order of go, unless in an unforeseen circumstance like a pulled shoe or broken tack. However, a rider may request to move up in the order. See FEI rules for further description.

### **17. TIMERS**

17.1. Times will be recorded to the hundredth of a second.

17.2. Two handheld timers must be kept as backup. These should be kept by the Ground Jury but can be kept by timers outside the judges box.

17.3. If relying on the hand timers rather than electronic timing, there should be one primary timer assigned and a secondary timer to double check versus the primary and in case of any problems. The President of the Ground Jury should still keep a hand timer as well as backup.

### **18. SCORING & RESULTS**

18.1. Each country must submit their score sheets, judge's cards, and order of go to the CEA RJC Secretary within one week of each event.

18.2. Standard score sheets and judge's cards will be provided, results will not be accepted in any other form. The score sheets must be signed by the judge and the country organizer. Judge's card must be completed in full and signed by the judge.

18.3. The CEA RJC Secretary will tabulate the results and distribute individual and team placings to the Show Jumping Advisory Committee and Presidents and Secretaries of the member countries.

### **19. INDIVIDUAL PLACING**

19.1. Individual placing will be based on individual rider results across the Caribbean for each height class.

19.2. Individual placing will be announced to 6th place.

19.3. In the event of a tie, no less than six horse/rider combinations will be placed accordingly. For example, if there is a two-person tie for first place, both riders will place equally for first and the next placed rider will receive third place. If there is a three-way tie for fifth place, first to fourth place will be placed as normal, all three horse/riders will place equally for fifth, and no sixth place will be awarded.

### **20. TEAM PLACING**

20.1. There will be one CEA RJC Team Champion based on the best score from each member country in each height class with one (1) drop score. The three (3) best scores out of the four (4) class heights will accumulate to each country's team score. If a country does not have any entries in one of the height classes, that height class score will be the dropped score and the best scores in the best remaining three (3) heights will make up the team. For example:



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1 <sup>st</sup> Place Rider	Rider	Individual			Team	
		Jumping Faults	Time Faults	Time	Total Faults	Time
Class A	Joe Rider	0	0	67.85 s	0	67.85 s
Class B	Elise Equitation	0	2	69.46 s	2	69.46 s
Class C	Julie Jumper	4	0	66.91 s	Drop Score	
Class D	Sam Speed	0	1	68.02 s	1	68.02 s
<b>Country XYZ Team Score</b>					<b>3</b>	<b>205.33 s</b>

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Rider	Rider	Individual			Team	
		Jumping Faults	Time Faults	Time	Jumping Faults	Time
Class A	Carl Combination	0	0	68.46 s	0	67.85 s
Class B	{no results}	-	-	-	Drop Score	
Class C	Hannah Hunt	0	0	65.18 s	0	65.18 s
Class D	Ryder Smith	4	0	64.87 s	4	64.87 s
<b>Country ABC Team Score</b>					<b>4</b>	<b>197.90 s</b>

20.2. Team placing will be announced to include all countries participating.

20.3. Ties will be awarded in the same fashion as applied to the individual placings as explained above.

### 21. SADDLERY

Please refer to the FEI Jumping Rules for all rules on saddlery.

### 22. DRESS CODE

22.1. It is compulsory for all persons to wear a properly fitting and properly fastened protective headgear at all times when mounted. Any protective headgear infraction mandates rider elimination.

22.2. CEA RJC will adhere to the FEI rules of dress including white breeches or jodphurs with boots and a show shirt with a white collar and cuffs (if long-sleeved). For male competitors, a white tie is required.

22.3. Jackets should be available but can be waived on the day of the show by the Ground Jury.

### 23. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

23.1. A trained emergency medical professional (EMT) must be on-site for the entire event.

23.2. FEI Medical Services rules will apply. After a fall, every rider must be checked by the event medical professional.



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23.3. The EMT must have:

- i. Quick and easy access to the arena,
- ii. Adequate vision of the arena,
- iii. Instruction to remain alert while any rider is mounted on showgrounds,
- iv. Basic guidance about the horse show layout and overview of expectation to act if and when a rider falls or is injured,
- v. Contact person to find upon arriving at the event.

### **24. IN THE INTEREST OF FAIR PLAY**

While it is important to encourage riders to compete, NFs must apply the intent of these rules in the interest of the welfare of the horse.