

CDHJC Horsemastership Program and Award

The CDHJC presents this award in order to promote the education of our junior members as well-rounded horsepeople. The program will be comprised of three parts: a written exam, a practicum, and riding phase. Those who are unable or do not wish to participate in the riding phase may still participate in the written and practicum exams. Each phase will be scored out 100 possible points, which will be added together for a final score. Final awards will be given at the 2019 Awards Banquet. The program will be comprised of:

Phase 1: Written Exam

The program will utilize the USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge (HQC) for its written phase. The HQC is open to all Junior members of the USHJA. The HQC consists of two Levels: the Level 1 test must be passed with a score of 80 or higher in order to qualify for the Level 2 test. Only scores from the Level 2 test will count towards this award. Both tests must be completed by September 1st, 2018. All testing and study materials are available online at https://www.ushja.org/programs/youth/HQC_home.aspx.

THERE IS NO FEE FOR THE HORSEMANSHIP QUIZ CHALLENGE. **please contact us for questions regarding USHJA membership and HQC participation.

Phase 2: Riding

The riding phase will take place at the CDHJC Equitation/Jumper finals, and will use the first round score of either the Mini-Medal Final or Ralph Symmes Medal Final. A Horsemastership Participation Class will be available for members who are not eligible or qualified for the Mini-Medal or Symmes Final. This class will be run at 2'0", 2'6", or 3'0" over an equitation type course. No combinations permitted at 2'0" or 2'6". Competitors must declare on their entry blank at which height they wish to compete. Individuals MAY participate in the program without participating in the riding phase.

Phase 3: Practicum

All entrants will complete a hands-on practicum exam, which will take place at the Equitation/Jumper Finals. The exam will be administered and judged by (an) official(s) appointed by the Outreach and Education Committee. The exam will test the competitors' skill involving basic care, handling, and identification of horses and equipment. Competitors should plan to demonstrate their skills on the horse they will be riding at the Equitation Finals, and should bring their own grooming tools and equipment. Additional equipment will be supplied as needed. Competitors will be assigned a practicum time that will not conflict with their rides in the Equitation Finals. Length and contents of the practicum will be determined by the Education and Outreach Committee, in collaboration with the judge. There will be at least one clinic available for competitors to go over materials that may be presented at the practicum. Competitors should be appropriately dressed to work with horses. ** Special arrangements will be provided for participants unable to bring a horse to Equitation Finals.

Entries and Fees

Entry fee to be considered for the award is \$50. Declarations of intent to participate must be made in writing (email or snail mail) to the Education and Outreach Committee by September 10th. Entry form

must be accompanied by a check, made payable to CDHJC, and received by the Education and Outreach Committee by October 10th, 2018. If they are unable to compete in the Riding Phase of the program, competitors may still submit an entry and participate in the practicum. The entry fee will remain the same.

Important Dates

September 1st – both Level 1 and Level 2 tests of the USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge must be completed

September 10th – declarations of intent to compete due

October 7th – last day to qualify for Mini Medal and Symmes Medal Finals (at Ridge Brook Horse Show)

October 10th – entry form and payment due

October 22nd – practicum time slots announced

October 28th – Equitation/Jumper Finals at Dutch Manor Stable, Guilderland NY. Riding and practicum phases must be completed on this date.

February 9th 2019 – CDHJC Annual Awards Banquet, including presentation of the CDHJC Horsemastership Award.

Prizes

Trophy and six ribbons to awarded. The top three finishers will be awarded prizes as follows: 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$250, 3rd place \$100. This prize money is intended to be used either for an academic institution of choice, clinic fees, or horse show fees. Additional recognition will be awarded for highest score in each separate phase. ***Competitors who do not participate in the Equitation Finals are eligible for individual phase recognition, but not eligible for overall awards.

For further questions, please contact Amanda Wadsworth, 518-573-5755 or awadswor@skidmore.edu