



## **USHJA Zone 12 Horsemanship Equitation Championship**

The USHJA Zone 12 Committee created the Zone 12 Horsemanship Equitation Championship 3'0" to encourage and promote equitation and horsemanship with Zone 12 members. Open to USHJA Zone 12 juniors and amateurs USEF/USHJA members who have competed in an over fences class at the same show. This class will consist of the following phases: over fences, flat, practicum, and written test.

### **I. ELIGIBILITY**

- A. An eligible rider must be a Zone 12 junior or amateur USHJA and USEF member in good standing. Horses or ponies must have entered and competed in an open equitation class over fences in this division at the same show. (2'9" Equitation, 3'0" Equitation or ASH Medal)

### **II. COMPETITION FORMAT**

- A. The Zone 12 Horsemanship Equitation Championship will consist of the following phases: over fences, flat, practicum, and written test.
  1. Over Fences Phase: To be shown over a course of eight or more obstacles at 3'0" (spreads not to exceed 3'3") which must include two combinations one with an oxer and two changes of direction (change of lead) after the first obstacle. The course should be a jumper style course.
  2. Flat Phase: riders will show as a group at the working walk, sitting trot, trot rising, and the canter.
  3. Two or more tests of the top four competitors are required. Tests 1-18 (EQ112).
  4. All riders will be required to complete the written test to be eligible for an award. Riders who fail to complete the written exam portions will not be eligible for the program. Riders must submit their Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Level One score for this portion.
  5. Practicum: Riders will sign up and take a practical exam on the day of the Championship. The practical exam will cover topics in the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Study guide.  
[https://ushja.org/programs/youth/documents/HQC\\_StudyGuide\\_10.23.17.pdf](https://ushja.org/programs/youth/documents/HQC_StudyGuide_10.23.17.pdf)

### **III. AWARDS**

- A. All phases will be 25% of the final score. All horses and riders will return to the ring for the awards ceremony. The winner of the class will receive a perpetual trophy. Ribbons will be awarded to eighth place.

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