

Introducing

2021 UPHA Chapter 3/4 Horsemanship Challenge

Friday Evening, May 29, 2021, West Allis, WI

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

The UPHA Chapter 3/4 Horsemanship Challenge is designed to promote Saddle Seat riding and sportsmanship in a competition atmosphere for riders in the Midwest. The format of this event was chosen to showcase the rider's ability. This competition is open to all advanced non-professional riders ages 14 and over.

WHAT IS THE FORMAT?

The class is open to riders ages 14 & over (note this is a rider's show age according to USEF rules) that participate in either the show or academy divisions. It is paramount that all riders who sign up to participate must be advanced riders and must be capable of handling various horses and horses that are new to them. We will limit the participation of each barn to three (3) riders per barn.

Please note that Show Management or the UPHA Chapter 3/ 4 Chairperson reserves the right to refuse any horse or rider entry that is not deemed appropriate for this class.

A meeting will take place Friday morning to review how the competition will work and answer any questions the participants or trainers may have. All riders are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. All instructors or trainers who have rider(s) in this class are required to attend this meeting. At this time the horses will be drawn for each rider for the second round of the class. Each horse should have an index card associated with it which outlines 3 good things about the horse, and 3 things to look out for. T-Shirts will be distributed in this meeting for the riders.

Riders will compete on the horse they bring for the first round and will run like a regular class, walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. The riders will leave the ring and go to the warm-up area. The riders will find the horse they drew in the morning meeting and change saddles and mount the horse that they drew for Round 2. A brief 5 minute warm up is allowed prior to the Second Round going in the ring. Again, Round Two will be run like a regular class, walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring.

This class will be judged as a Horsemanship Class, meaning how well the rider presents the horse they are on to the judge.

WHAT IS HORSEMANSHIP AND WHAT IS THE JUDGE LOOKING FOR?

The "horsemanship" division is one in which the rider is judged on how they use the arena, which includes positioning their horse and themselves to have the best possible ring placement. Riders and horses should try to be by themselves to allow them to "show off" their horse. This means how well the rider is able to show the horse to the best of each horse's ability, while the rider maintains proper form. Sound knowledge about riding and a whole lot of confidence helps greatly with horsemanship!

Both rounds will be weighed equally for the final placings. The top ten will be announced and then a Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded. Special gifts will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion riders as well as ribbons.

Rider Attire:

All riders are required to wear a helmet, jods, boots and the UPHA Challenge Shirt provided by the horse show. Note helmets are required for all ages, not only riders who are 10 and under.

Horses Participating:

Suitable lesson type horses only will be used. No show horses. The horses may be of any breed and compete in show or work bridles, no full bridles or curb bits will be allowed.

Entry Fee: \$100

All trainers or instructors of all riders MUST be a current member of UPHA.

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Entry Form

Name of Barn: _____

Instructor or Trainer Name: _____

Horse to be used: _____

Already showing/has a stall yes no, I need a stall

Name of Rider: _____

Shirt Size (note these are standard adult sizes, XS, S, M, L, XL): _____

Address: _____

Rider's Age: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____

I give _____ (Rider) my recommendation to compete in the UPHA Horsemanship Challenge and agree he/she has enough experience and can handle a wide variety of lesson horses in a competition.

UPHA Professional: _____

UPHA Member #: _____

Date: _____