



# **CARIBBEAN EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION MINI JUMPING CHALLENGE (MJC)**

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The Caribbean Equestrian Association Mini Jumping Challenge (MJC) is open to all member countries for 2024. The MJC 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 a modified FEI Article 238.2.1. Athletes with equality of penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the time taken to complete the round versus the optimum time as per Equestrian Canada Article G613. 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 MJC will observe FEI and EC rules effective on January 1st of that year.

### **EC ARTICLE G613 MATCH THE CLOCK (OPTIMUM TIME) COMPETITION**

i. Match the clock or optimum time classes are designed to help developing riders learn the skill of riding a course at the posted speed, rather than with the fastest time. Competitors with equal faults will be placed according to how close their time is to the optimum time, which is based on the course being ridden at the posted speed.

ii. Scoring will be under Table A [over one round]. Optimum time should be four (4) seconds less than the time allowed. The course designer will calculate the optimum time based on the posted speed.

1.3. This is an individual and a team competition. The competition is open January 1 to December 31. Each CEA member country can hold their competition at any time during the year but it must be held on or before 31 December. Countries may choose to hold several MJC events around their island, only the first set of scores for each rider will count in the CEA for scoring.

1.4. This competition can be held on the same day as the CEA RJC. 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. The courses will be simple with fair distances to teach riders to ride lines.

2.2. The course will be one round and have no combinations. All related distances will be at least a 4-stride distance (for horses, 5-stride distance for ponies).

2.3. The maximum number of fences allowed on course is 10.

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



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2.5. Poles restricted to 3.0-4.0 meters in length. Top poles on each jump should be round or at least octagonal. Square poles cannot be used. Square poles with rounded edges and poles made other than out of wood may only be used as other-than-top poles. Please note, only 3.5-4.0m wooden poles are acceptable when running the FEI Jumping World Challenge.

### **3. THE JUDGE**

3.1. 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.

3.2. The judge may be a national level judge. If the judge is not a current and up-to-date FEI or CEA Regional judge, the CEA Show Jumping Representative from the member country must put forward the name of the national judge to the CEA Show Jumping Committee no later than 21 days prior to the scheduled event.

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

4.1. This competition is open to competitors of all ages.

4.2. Adults can ride ponies.

4.3. 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.

### **5. ELIGIBILITY OF RIDER**

5.1. 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 MJC results. No rider may compete in a non-MJC class on the day of the competition until after their MJC height class is completed.

5.2. 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-MJC) 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.

### **6. ELIGIBILITY OF HORSE**

6.1. A horse or pony may do as many as three (3) rounds total (at any height) at each MJC event. Scores from the first three rounds of a horse or pony will go forward to the CEA MJC results.

6.2. A horse competing in the MJC may enter a non-MJC class on the day of the competition but can only compete for CEA scores in their first three rounds in the competition arena.



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6.3. For example, if Class A goes before Class B, Winnie the Warmblood can complete in Height Class A with Joe Rider and Jamie Jumper (both for CEA scores to count). She can jump again in Height Class B with Joe Rider (not for CEA score) but that will count as her third eligible round and she will then be ineligible to compete again in a CEA class.

### **7. PONIES**

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.

### **8. HEIGHT OF FENCES**

Height Class A: 0.50m high; 0.60m wide (maximum)

Height Class B: 0.60m high; 0.70m wide (maximum)

Height Class C: 0.70m high; 0.80m wide (maximum)

### **9. RING SIZE**

40 m x 50 m

### **10. SPEED**

325 m/m

### **11. HORSE INSPECTION**

11.1. The horse inspection is optional. The Horse Inspection is recommended as follows in Article 11.2 to 11.10. 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.

11.2. 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.

11.3. 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.

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

11.5. 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.

11.6. 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



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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.

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

11.8. 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.

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

### **12. ENTRIES**

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

### **13. SHOW SCHEDULES**

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

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

13.3. 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 round for each rider and first three (3) rounds for each horse will go forward to the CEA MJC results.

### **14. CONCURRENCY WITH NATIONAL CLASSES**

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

14.2. 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 MJC individual and team scores.

14.3. For example, a country can pin the 0.60m class including all participants even though some rider scores may not be going forward to the CEA MJC results. All rounds must be included on the CEA MJC judge's card whether eligible for CEA scoring or not.

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

### **15. DRAW and STARTING ORDER**

15.1. Each organizer will determine the order of go to best suit the repeated use of the same ponies in a class.



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15.2. Horse/rider combinations that are not competing in CEA classes should be placed at the end of the starting order.

15.3. 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.

### **16. TIMERS**

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

16.2. As this is being run under optimal time, if organizers use a display clock, they should show the 45-second display countdown clock and NOT show the display clock during the round. The Ground Jury will keep the electric timing running but not display for the riders or spectators.

16.3. 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 if necessary.

16.4. 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.

### **17. SCORING & RESULTS**

17.1. Each country must submit their score sheets, judge's cards, and order of go (including class order/schedule) to the CEA MJC Secretary within one week of each event.

17.2. 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.

17.3. If a country hosts a Best Presented competition at the Horse Inspection, those scores should also be submitted with the country results.

17.4. If a member country holds more than one CEA MJC event, the scores from each event must be submitted to the CEA MJC Secretary separately and within one week of each event.

17.5. The CEA MJC 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.

### **18. INDIVIDUAL PLACING**

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

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

18.3. 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



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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.

### 19. TEAM PLACING

19.1. Team placing will be determined based on the best score from each member country in each height class.

19.2. The time differences versus the optimum times and faults will be added together into a combined team score for each member country. For example:

Height Class	1st Place Rider	Horse/Pony	Faults	Time	Opt Time	Time vs Opt
Class A	Susan Jumper	Penny the Pony	0	51.34 s	51 s	0.34 s
Class B	Bobby Rider	Henry the Horse	0	47.54 s	48 s	0.46 s
Class C	Molly Jockey	Tony the Pony	4	50.12 s	51 s	0.88 s
<b>Country XYZ Team Score</b>			<b>4</b>			<b>1.68 s</b>

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

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

### 20. SADDLERY

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

### 21. DRESS CODE

21.1. 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.

21.2. Rules of dress require light colored breeches or jodphurs with boots. For the MJC, show shirts or collared shirts or polo shirts are allowed if they are white, buttoned up, and tucked in with a belt.

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

### 22. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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

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

22.3. The EMT must have:

- i. Quick and easy access to the arena,
- ii. Adequate vision of the arena,



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- 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.

**23. 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.