

# CANADIAN YOUNG EVENT HORSE SERIES RULES

## Overview

The Canadian Young Event Horse Series may be best described as an equine talent search. The Series gives owners and breeders the opportunity to showcase the potential of their four- and five-year-old horses while encouraging them to produce top-level event horses for the future.

Young Event Horse classes are designed toward education and preparation in a progressive manner. Youngsters are asked to complete four sections: Dressage; Jumping, Conformation Suitability. The ultimate goal of the Young Event Horse Series is to choose the youngster that possesses the talent and mind set, and who with proper training, will excel in the uppermost levels of the Eventing world.

While the ultimate goal is to identify the future international horses it is also hoped that many fine event horses that will excel at the lower levels will also be showcased.

The following classes will be offered:

2yo in hand, 3yo in hand, 4yo, 5yo and open.

2 and 3 yo in hand will be shown on a modified triangle.

## Requirements

1. **Age:** The age the horse will attain in the current calendar year.
2. Canadian bred.
3. **Saddlery:** Only snaffle bridles may be used. Boots and running martingales are optional for jumping.  
*No boots to be worn in Sections I or II.*
4. **Dress** (relaxed): **ASTM/SEI approved helmets mandatory for jumping.**  
**Dressage phase:** Collared shirt with sleeves, helmet, breeches, and boots.  
**Jumping phase:** Dress as above, or cross-country attire.
5. *The owner of the horse must be a member of Canada Young Event Horse Association*

## Structure

Final score of 100%

Dressage 30%

Jumping 30%

Gallop 20%

Suitability 10%

Conformation 10%

While the judges look for horses with strong abilities in dressage and show jumping, they also look for a horse with correct, elastic gaits, scope and athleticism over fences, and those that with the correct training will have the speed, soundness, and stamina necessary at the top levels of the sport.

**Section 1 - Dressage** this is a modified dressage test judged on overall collective impressions (not by each individual movement).

### **Section 2 - Jumping**

The jumping phase involves a small course of natural looking show jumping fences, or a mixture of cross-country and natural show jumps. The fence parameters at the qualifying competitions will be Entry Level to .85m for the Four Year Old Classes and Pre-Training level to .91m for the Five Year Old Classes and Open Classes. The obstacles should be straight forward, inviting, and age-appropriate for the youngsters. **An event horse must be able to jump a bank, ditch, water, or solid fence. All events must incorporate at least one of these obstacles in their jumping section.** Also included in this section, the horses are required to show their gallop after they have regrouped from the jumping.

**SCORING: In the eventuality that a horse does not jump one fence , the horse will receive a score of 0 for that obstacle and a 3 point penalty on the total jumping score per jump missed.**

**If the horse tries but makes a serious error, he must get a minimum score of 1.**

### **Section 3 – Conformation**

Each horse is stripped of tack and shown in hand to the judge. Handlers are to stand their horse up for inspection by the judge who will assess conformation and type. The horse is judged on potential for soundness, speed and stamina. Handlers will be asked to walk their horses out and also trot them for the judge. Color should not be a factor in a horse's score. Many colored horses have been successful at the highest levels of the sport.

### **Section 4 – Suitability**

Horses are shown under saddle as a class. Riders will be asked to walk, trot and canter in both directions as a group.

**Finals** - Please note that the heights of the fences for the CYEH Finals are as follows:

**Four-year-old Finals** – 30 percent of the jumps must be at the maximum height of .91m to mirror the specifications for the Pre-Training level.

**Five-year-old Finals** – 30 percent of the jumps must be at the maximum height of 1.05m to mirror the specifications for the Training level.

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### **Qualifying Criteria and Points**

There is also a year end point winner, as well as a championship. Points are awarded to the Top 8 as follows and the Championship is double points.

1 <sup>st</sup> place – 20points	5 <sup>th</sup> place - 8 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place – 18 points	6 <sup>th</sup> place -6 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 16 points	7 <sup>th</sup> place – 4 points

4<sup>th</sup> place - 14 points

8<sup>th</sup> place - 2 points

### **Eligibility for Final & Year End Awards**

In order to be eligible for the Finals, a horse must:

**Achieve a score of 75% or better at one competition**

or

**Achieve a score of 70% -74.9% at two competitions**

or

**Achieve a score of 65% - 69.9% at three competitions**