

WIHS Temporarily Suspends WIHS Equitation and Championship Qualifying Classes

Keeping the community safe is our primary concern

Washington, D.C. – Following the guidance of USEF, effective March 16, 2020, the Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) will suspend the sanctioning of WIHS Equitation and Championship qualifying classes (WIHS Equitation East and West, WIHS Pony Equitation, WIHS Children's Hunter, WIHS Children's Jumper, WIHS Adult Hunter, and WIHS Adult Jumper), for 30 days.

We request any competitions held during this time period not offer or hold any WIHS Equitation and Championship qualifying classes. Members are advised that points will not be awarded to riders competing in any WIHS Equitation and Championship qualifying classes offered at horse shows held during this time period.

This is a challenging time for us all and we are optimistic that safe competition will return. In the meantime, we will keep you informed and communicate any policy updates.

From the USEF press release dated March 13, 2020:

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For Coronavirus Disease Resources, please visit the USEF Resource Center page - www.usef.org/media/coronavirus-resources

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact info@wihs.org.

For more information, please visit www.wihs.org, join us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram, YouTube, and Snapchat. Tag us using #WIHS2019 #HorseInTheCity, #FEIWorldCup, #JumpToGreatness, and #Longines.

About Washington International Horse Show, wihs.org

Founded in 1958, the Washington International Horse Show is one of North America's most competitive, prestigious and entertaining equestrian events attracting more than 26,000 spectators annually to Washington, DC, for Olympic-level competition plus community and charity events. WIHS is an official USEF Heritage Competition and rated CSI4*-W by the Fédération Equestre Internationale, the world governing body for horse sports. The Washington International Horse Show Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.

Jessica Springsteen Clinches Overall Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award

Wellington, FL – Jessica Springsteen was named the Overall Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) that concluded on Sunday, March 15, in Wellington, FL.

The Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award, given in memory of fellow realtor and horsewoman Dale Lawler, was presented weekly during WEF to the high-score female rider based on performances in that week's WEF Challenge Cup and featured grand prix events. Consistent throughout 10 weeks of competition, Springsteen claimed the weekly Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady title during week four and, riding Volage du Val Henry, won the \$137,000 CSI3* Grand Prix during week six.

"I'm honored to receive the Overall Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider award this year," said Springsteen, 28, of Colts Neck, NJ. "My horses jumped so well all season, and I couldn't be happier with them. It's a great way to end the circuit! "This sport is so unique in that we compete with women and men in the same competitions," continued Springsteen. "I think it's really special in that way, and it's always so nice that there is an opportunity to win the Leading Lady award every week."

In recognition of her achievement, Springsteen will receive with a custom-built jump of her choice from Jolicoeur.

"The Leading Lady Award was always the one that I aimed to win when I was competing because it is a testament to consistent top performances," said Jolicoeur, who began presenting the award in 2010 as a way of recognizing female accomplishments in one of the few Olympic sports where men and women compete as equals. "To experience how horses have brought us all together is something special for me. It was an honor to watch Jessica and all of this year's weekly winners find so much success this season."

While Springsteen scored the



Jessica Springsteen, pictured aboard Volage du Val Henry, earned the Overall Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award at the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL. Photo by Jump Media



Martha Jolicoeur (left) and Dr. Stephen Norton present Jessica Springsteen with the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award during week four of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL. Springsteen went on to top the standings for the Overall Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider title. Photo by Jump Media

week four title on her way to winning the Overall Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Award, other weekly winners this year included U.S. riders Lillie Keenan, Beezie Madden, Adrienne Sternlicht, and Kirsten VanderVeen; Great Britain's Amanda Derbyshire and Alexandra Thornton; and Canada's Vanessa Mannix.

A dedicated sponsor and supporter of horse sport at WEF for many years, 2020 marks Jolicoeur's 10th season presenting the weekly Leading Lady Rider Award. A former grand prix competitor herself, Jolicoeur enjoyed a successful international show jumping career before becoming Florida's number one Douglas Elliman real estate broker for 2018.

Preparations Continue for 2020 Lake Placid Horse Shows

Lake Placid, NY, March 23, 2020 – Preparations for the 2020 Lake Placid Horse Shows, set to take place June 23 – July 5, are continuing at present. The situation regarding the Corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic is being monitored closely by event organizers, who are also following guidelines set by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).

Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, all "USEF owned events, selection trials, training camps, clinics, and activities" were suspended for 30 days. USEF has since stated that "will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide our members and competition organizers with updates every 10-14 days, or sooner if warranted, regarding any changes to the USEF's current position as communicated in our March 13, 2020 letter.

That letter of March 13, 2020 stated, "Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, all USEF owned events, selection trials, training camps, clinics, and activities will be suspended for the next 30 days. Additionally, USEF strongly recommends that competition organizers suspend all USEF licensed competitions across the country for the next 30 days. For those competitions that do run, there will be no accumulation of points, scores, money won, qualifications, or rankings toward any USEF awards programs, USEF owned event, or selection to a US team during this 30-day time period."

Philip Richter, Chairman of the Lake Placid Horse Show Association Board of Directors, has said, "The safety and welfare of our competitors, their families, our sponsors, vendors, spectators and staff is our top priority and we take this devastating global situation very seriously. This is a trying time for all of us, and it is vitally important that we continue to follow government and USEF protocols. Although anything can change in the days and weeks ahead, we are proceeding with plans for our 51st annual event until such a time that the current crisis dictates that we cancel. Please get your entries in early. In the event of the shows cancelling, full refunds will be granted."

One of the premier stops on the nation's hunter-jumper horse show circuit, the 2020 Lake Placid Horse Shows, sponsored by Bainbridge Farms and presented by Sea Shore Stables, LLC, features more than 100 classes of competition each week awarding more than \$600,000 in prize money.

The Lake Placid Horse Show, June 23-28, is highlighted by the \$100,000 Richard M. Feldman Grand Prix on Sunday, June 28. The I Love New York Horse Show takes place June 30-July 5 and is highlighted by the \$100,000 Great American Insurance Group Grand Prix on Saturday, July 4, and the \$15,000 USHA International Hunter Derby Presented by Eastern Hay & Purina Animal Nutrition on Sunday, July 5.

Further information on the Lake Placid Horse Shows is available by calling the Lake Placid Horse Show Association at 518-523-9625 or online at www.lakeplacid-horshesows.com.

Ontario Racing Creates Task Force To Address Financial Impacts On The Industry

ONTARIO RACING, March 20, 2020 – In response to the many challenges horse racing and its horsepeople are currently facing, Ontario Racing has created a task force, which includes representatives from all three breeds (Quarter Horse, Standardbred and Thoroughbred) in the province.

"This newly-formed task force is committed to addressing the financial burdens that have arisen for the dedicated horsepeople of Ontario due to the temporary cancellation of live horse racing in the province," said Katherine Curry, Executive Director, Ontario Racing Management (ORM). "Ontario Racing, in concert with its Board of Directors and the task force, is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation as it relates to the industry."

The task force will hold regular meetings to discuss the financial impact the coronavirus has had and will have on the approximately 45,000 jobs per year that are attributed to the horse racing and breeding industry in Ontario.

During this time of uncertainty, the task force will continually update the horse racing community, keeping horsepeople and industry stakeholders informed of any pertinent developments as we move forward.

Visit ontarioracing.com for further updates from the Ontario Racing task force, and comprehensive coverage of horse racing in Ontario.

Equestrian Management Group Notice

Caledon, ON (March 11, 2020) - At Equestrian Management Group and the Caladon Equestrian Park we take the health and safety of our athletes, competitors, officials, guests, tenants and employees seriously, as such we are actively monitoring the ongoing developments with regards to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

It's important to note that according to Health Canada, the risk to the general public is still low, but given the evolving situation, EMG and the Cafedon Equestrian Park senior management which are coordinating efforts across our facility. Currently, at our office and venue we have already activated our plans, which include additional hand sanitizer stations around the property, adding hand-wash signage to all washrooms and conducting additional cleaning of common area "touch points," such as doors and railings.

In addition, we have established a reporting protocol with our tenants and contractors, should one of their employees be exposed to coronavirus, to ensure that we are able to contact Health Canada in a timely manner, receive guidance based on the situation and take action as required.

For more information, we encourage you to review the following resources:
Health Canada
World Health Organization
www.peelregion.ca
www.caledon.c.s