

## **JUMPER DIVISION**

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Jumper classes are designed to test a horse and rider's accuracy, control, and efficiency over a course of fences. The emphasis is on clear rounds and time, rather than style or way of going.

Jumper classes at the Western Canadian Pony Classic are offered in a progressive format, allowing riders to build confidence and competitiveness as fence heights increase.

### **Turnout & Presentation**

While turnout is less formal than in hunter classes, a neat and professional appearance is encouraged. The horse should be clean and tidy, with a neat mane and tail (braiding optional).

### **Tack**

- Properly fitted English tack
- Protective boots and martingales permitted where appropriate

### **Rider Attire**

- Clean, tidy riding attire
- Tall boots or paddock boots with half chaps
- Approved helmet with harness fastened

### **Judging**

Jumper classes are judged objectively. In the jumper ring, accuracy comes first. A smooth, well-planned ride that prioritizes clear jumping over speed will consistently produce the best results. Unlike Hunters, there are no style points in jumper classes. Faults and time decide the placings.

Results are determined by:

- Knockdowns
- Refusals or run-outs
- Time penalties (where applicable)
- Speed, in timed or jump-off classes



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## **Courses & Class Format**

Jumper courses are designed to be technical and challenging, with fences that require accuracy and effective decision-making. Courses may include:

- Brightly coloured rails and fillers
- Related distances and combinations
- Tighter turns and varied approaches

Classes offered may include:

- Clear Round – emphasis on jumping cleanly
- Optimum Time – penalties applied for going too fast or too slow
- Jump-Off / Speed Classes – fastest clear round wins

Fence height and course difficulty increase with each division.

## **Divisions Offered at This Show**

Jumper classes are offered at the following levels for Junior and Senior riders:

- 0.60 m
- 0.70 m
- 0.80 m
- 0.90 m

*NOTE: Jumpers may compete in a maximum of two consecutive divisions at this competition.*

## **Championships:**

Champion and Reserve Champion awards are based on points earned within each division, in accordance with the prize list requirements. To be eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion awards, exhibitors must compete in the full division as listed in the prize list.



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