

FAQ's

WHAT IS THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S CUP? A class open to registered three-year-old Canadian-bred horses (foaled in Canada) capable of excelling in the hunter, jumper, dressage or eventing disciplines. To be judged in hand - 50% on movement and 50% on conformation & type.

WHAT IS THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S CUP? A class open to registered three-year-old Canadian-bred horses (foaled in Canada) capable of excelling in the hunter, jumper, dressage or eventing disciplines. To be judged under saddle - 60% on movement and 40% on conformation & type.

WHAT ARE THE 'QUALIFIER CLASSES'? As Ontario has more horses wanting to compete in the Cup Classes than number of entries accepted – Ontario qualifying classes are held to determine those that will be eligible to enter the Royal Cup classes. There are 2 qualifying classes for both the Governor General's Cup and Lieutenant Governor's Cup. Horses are not required to compete in both qualifiers, however total points earned in both classes will determine the top qualifying number.

HOW ARE THE POINTS ASSIGNED? Points are awarded and multiplied by the number of horses shown in the class. 1st – 20, 2nd – 19, 3rd – 18, 4th – 17, 5th – 16, 6th – 15, decreasing by 1 point for each placing to 20th (i.e.: 1st place of 30 horses: 20 x 30 = 600 / 17th of 30 horses: 4 x 30 = 120)

WHAT ABOUT OTHER PROVINCES? Horses from outside of Ontario are invited to apply directly to the Royal. Exhibitor must provide documented proof of showing in equivalent three-year-old in-hand &/or under saddle classes which have been judged on conformation, movement and suitability as a sport horse. Preference is given to horses with best results. For Quebec and Maritime provinces, preference will be given to those who have qualified through the Quebec Young Hunter Development Series (La Série Québécoise de Développement des Jeunes Hunters). Please contact cancupclasses@gmail.com for more information.

DOES THE HORSE HAVE TO BE REGISTERED? Yes, registration papers are required and a copy must accompany the entry. Notification of papers pending will not be accepted. Horses must be Canadian Bred (born in Canada).

WHAT BREEDS ARE ACCEPTABLE? The classes are for 'sport horses' or those breeds that excel in the hunter, jumper, dressage or eventing disciplines. The classes are not limited to Canadian Sport Horses.

WHAT IS THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE CANADIAN SPORT HORSE ASSOCIATION? The Canadian Sport Horse Association facilitates the qualifying classes in Ontario and provides assistance and information to those in other provinces.

COGGINS TEST / DRUG TESTING: A negative Coggins test is required to stable at RCRA. A negative Coggins of the current year is required for all RAWF entries. Drug testing may be applied as outlined in the General Rules & Regulations of the RAWF competition book.

SHOULD I MAKE A ROYAL ENTRY BEFORE I'M CONFIRMED AS ELIGIBLE? Yes. Closing date may be prior to the second Ontario qualifier; please make your entry and if your horse does not meet qualifying placement – entry will not be processed. The RAWF prefers exhibitors to make early entries.

ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS ON EQUIPMENT – PRESENTATION OF HORSE? Under Saddle Class: Snaffle bridle; drop, flash or cavesson nosebands are permissible. No martingales, boots or bandages; In Hand Class: Bridle. Whips/crops limited to a maximum of 75cm except for dressage entries where whips limited to a maximum of 120 cm.

DO I NEED AN EC SPORT LICENSE? Yes. Purchase of a Temporary EC Sport License is included on RAWF entry form.

ONTARIO CUP QUALIFYING CLASSES WHEN/ WHERE ARE THE QUALIFYING CLASSES? The Qualifier classes are held in September and October. Entry forms, dates and information will be posted on the CSHA website – www.c-s-h-a.org and FB page - www.facebook.com/CANADIANSPOORTHORSEASSOCIATION