

\$100,000 Dudley and Barb Smith 3'6" Equitation Championship

Rules and Regulations

Courses for all TCHS 3'6" Eq Classes and Finals:

- To be shown over a course of not less than 8 obstacles.
- Course must include:
 - One combination (including an oxer)
 - 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers
 - At least two changes of direction after the first obstacle
 - At least 3 of the following:
 - Bending Line
 - Narrow Jump (5'6"-8')
 - Roll back turn
 - Fence at the end of the ring
 - Long approach to a single jump
- Obstacle height to be set at 3'6"
- Maximum width of oxers 4'.
- Maximum width of triple bars and hogs backs 5'
- Liverpools, water jumps or water used as decoration are prohibited.
- Banks, ditches, grobs and other natural obstacles are prohibited.

Specifications for all TCHS 3'6" Eq Classes and Finals:

The TCHS 3'6" Eq Championship and Finals are open only to junior members of the USEF or Equine Canada who have not reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR 127. Riders who compete in the TCHS 3'6" Eq qualifying classes may also show in the TCHS 3'3" TCHS Eq qualifying classes for which they are eligible at the same horse show. Riders may not show in both the TCHS 3'3" Championship and the TCHS 3'6" Championship in the same competition year. Only one rider per horse. Two refusals will eliminate a rider from competition.

Conventional tack per USEF EQ 106.5A

Trainers/Coaches – permitted to ride and school competitors horses as well as walk any and all courses with competitors.

In the event a horse becomes injured and can't continue during any round, upon examination by the dedicated horse show vet or steward, a substitution may be permitted by TCHS management.

Qualifying Class Judging:

To be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse. After completion of the jumping phase a minimum of 12 riders, if available may be brought back to show at a walk, trot and canter. The qualifying class may also be combined with local or regional medal class.

Championship Judging:

- To be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse.
- One panel of two judges. Numerical scoring both rounds.
- Preliminary Round – to be shown over course of jumps set to above stated specifications. Course to be posted one hour before the start of the class. Order of first round based on points.
- Second Round – **20 riders** will be asked to return for a final round over a second course following the above stated specifications **the next day**. The second round course may include tests. Scores from first round determine order of go for second round.
- Second round score will be combined with first round score.
- **No flat phase. Jumping only.**
- Testing – If competitors are within 2 points of the leader, then judges must elect to test. If competitors are not within 2 points of the leader, testing will be optional. Testing of up to 6 riders using USEF tests 1-23.

Conditions for holding TCHS 3'6" Qualifying Class:

- Only competitions recognized by the USEF or Equine Canada are eligible to hold the TCHS 3'6" Qualifying Class.
- All competitions must apply to hold the TCHS 3'6" Qualifying Class 15 days in advance through Ryegate Show Services.
- Only one rider per horse.
- To fill a TCHS 3'6" qualifying class three (3) competitors must complete the course.
- If there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of the class, it **MUST** be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections.
- Results must be submitted within 10 days from the completion of the show. Payment of \$7 per rider must accompany the results to Ryegate Show Services.
- The TCHS 3'6" qualifying class may be combined with an existing local or regional medal class.

Qualifying Criteria:

- Period of Qualifying – All classes held at shows starting October 1st of the previous year until one week prior to the Final will be counted toward current year's finals at Flintfields Horse Park in Traverse City September 11-14, 2025.
- Points will be awarded to 12th place with the following numerical system – 15, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Points will then be multiplied by the number of riders competing in the class to determine the total number of points received. California splits will be awarded points based on the number of each section divided.
- Invitations will be extended going down the rankings list based on the total number of points until 50 riders are accepted or the list has been exhausted. Competitors must enter before the designated entry deadline.
- Management reserves the right to utilize up to 3 wild cards for the Final. If management accepts any riders through a wild card, these would be in addition to the 50 riders.

Closing Date:

For the closing date of entries for the Championship, please refer to the Traverse City Horse Shows prize list. The TCHS management committee reserves the right to reject any late entries.

Awards:

The judges will select a Champion and a reserve Champion. Ribbons through 12th place. \$100,000 awarded to top 5 places trainer and grooms.

Questions and Disputes:

Any questions or disputes relating to the qualifying classes or the Finals, other than that specifically described herein, shall be decided according to the rules of the USEF.