

Changed by chance. Champions by choice.

Rules:

- 1) Grade 4 Riders must show one-handed.
- 2) All grades may hold the saddle horn or any other equipment for safety.
- 3) Helmets are OPTIONAL in WPR Classes. (WPR endorses and encourages use of helmets, but helmet use will be left to discretion of Riders.)
- 4) Riders must declare their Grade before their first competition. If rider is Grade 5, they must Declare their level of Competiton (Grade 1-4) before their first competition and may not gradedown in that competitive year. "Grading-Down" must be approved by WPR Board of Directors for any rider. Grade 5 riders will compete in shows concurrent with Grade 1-4, but will be awarded as Grade 5.
- 5) Traditional Grade 1-4 riders will not be allowed the use of communication devices/headsets, or be allowed to be led by a ground assistant in competition.
- 6) Grade 5 Riders are allowed the use of communication devices, headsets, ground assistance, lead lines, lunge lines, side-walkers, or any other tools needed for pattern completion, successful competition, or safety.
- 7) WPR Approved Events with over \$2000 in prizes or prize money must consider the following grade options for riders:

- A) A Rider is FEI Classified, that Classification/ Grade will be honored by WPR
- B) Riders who are not FEI classified will be required to submit a WPR Physician Statement.
- 8) Riders have the option to Grade themselves for local-level competition. If they are FEI Classified, they must adhere to the grade in which they are classified, or will be allowed to ride one grade above. If a rider is NOT FEI classified, they may choose their grade. WPR will provide a grading outline and retains the right to place a rider in an appropriate grade if deemed necessary for safety.
- 9) WPR retains the right to defer to the organizing show association Rules and Regulations at any time.