

The #RideForHorses Best Performance Competition (BPC) is a unique cumulative competitive & philanthropic awards program open to Junior, Amateur, and Professional US EQUESTRIAN members in all divisions at US EQUESTRIAN-recognized horse shows. It recognizes competitive excellence and helps ensure that horses are cared for when their sport careers are over.

The EQUUS Foundation is the only national charity in the United States 100% dedicated to horse welfare and the horse-human bond

Membership fees will be used to protect America's horses, share the magic and power of horses with as many people as possible, especially people with special needs, and educate the public about the horse's unique ability to empower, teach and heal. We believe horses enrich the human body and spirit.

**“Where they go next, matters and it’s up to you!”**

- I. Best Performance Competition (BPC) Host Competitions**
  - a. The Best Performance Competition may only be offered at US EQUESTRIAN licensed competitions.
  - b. Host competitions offering the BPC will be designated as EQUUS Foundation Horse Show Partners.
  - c. Host competitions will notify the EQUUS Foundation of any change in date, location, or management at least 30 days prior to the first day of the competition.
  - d. Competition Management will remit complete results to the EQUUS Foundation within 10 days of the conclusion of the competition.
- II. Best Performance Competition (BPC) Members**
  - a. Individuals must be active members of US EQUESTRIAN in good standing and the BPC at the time when the results of the participating competition are posted online in order for their points to count.
  - b. Members must declare their category when applying for the BPC program.
  - c. Members may declare for only one category when applying for the BPC program.
  - d. Members may change their category once during the membership year. All points in the original category are non-transferable and will be forfeited, while points in the new category will be retroactive for the membership year.
  - e. The following categories are available for members to declare for:
    - i. Junior Aged 11 & Under
    - ii. Junior Aged 12-14
    - iii. Junior Aged 15-17
    - iv. Amateur Aged Under 36
    - v. Amateur Aged 36 & Over
    - vi. Professional
  - f. All BPC Membership applications must be completed online.
  - g. BPC Membership Applications given to a competition show secretary for submission will NOT be accepted.

**III. Points/Standings**

- a. Members will receive class points in the category they have registered for when completing their membership.
- b. For members competing on more than one horse, class points are earned for each horse competed by the member.
- c. Class points are calculated based on the following table:

**Classes with 3-9 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> – 10	4 <sup>th</sup> – 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6	5 <sup>th</sup> – 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4	6 <sup>th</sup> - .5

**Classes with 17-24 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> – 30	4 <sup>th</sup> – 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 18	5 <sup>th</sup> – 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 12	6 <sup>th</sup> - 1.5

**Classes with 10-16 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> – 20	4 <sup>th</sup> – 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 12	5 <sup>th</sup> – 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8	6 <sup>th</sup> - 1

**Classes with 25 or more entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> – 40	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 24	5 <sup>th</sup> – 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 16	6 <sup>th</sup> - 2

- a. Class points will not be awarded if the member/horse combination competes in less than two classes.
- b. The BPC score for each member/horse combination is the total of the class points earned at each show for each horse shown by the member is divided by the number of classes entered.
- c. The member/horse combination must compete in a minimum of four shows during the competition year. At least six member/horse combinations must compete in a category for the points to count.
- d. The BPC score from the member’s top six BPC shows will be used to determine the standings.
- e. Each member is responsible for tracking their own BPC points by checking the current BPC standings and remitting all discrepancy inquiries in writing to the EQUUS Foundation.
- f. Point Discrepancies: Members have 30 days after the results of a BPC competition is posted to question their BPC points and standings. All BPC points and standings will be locked 30 days after they are posted. All inquiries must be made to the EQUUS Foundation in writing; please email [bpc@equusfoundation.org](mailto:bpc@equusfoundation.org).

The Best Performance Competition and specifications are the sole properties of the EQUUS Foundation and may only be held, conducted or used upon the terms and conditions specified by the EQUUS Foundation. The EQUUS Foundation reserves the right to change language in documents related to the conduct of the Best Performance Competition as necessary for the purposes of consistency, clarity and fairness.

Any deviations from the class specifications for the Best Performance Competition are not permitted without the express written permission from the EQUUS Foundation prior to the printing of the prize list. If questions arise pertaining to the Best Performance Competition program that cannot be answered from the class specifications provided, contact the EQUUS Foundation at 203-259-1550 or by email to [bpc@equusfoundation.org](mailto:bpc@equusfoundation.org).