



**SPRUGE MEADOWS**

# February Classic

*February 25-26, 2012*



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## Dear Athlete



Welcome to the 2012 season at Spruce Meadows and the February Classic Tournament.

The February Classic is focused on you, the competitor. It offers a variety of divisions, with great courses by a top Canadian designer, that are held in excellent facilities. This Tournament leads off the 2012 Classic Series at Spruce Meadows.

We hope you will enjoy this Tournament that is designed for you and allow your horses to improve and excel. Please come and join us at Spruce Meadows this season in the spirit of good sport, good friendship and good commerce.

**The Southern Family**

*Marg, Ren, Nancy + Linda*

# Welcome 2012 Series



For the 2012 Season, the Welcome Series features an expanded calendar of jumping events.

The Welcome Series will offer:

0.70m 1.10m  
0.80m 1.15m\*  
0.90m 1.20m\*  
1.00m 1.30m\*

\* Only if there is rider demand

- **\$25 per round** if ordered at least 48 hours prior to start
  - **\$30 per round** for late tickets
- Times will vary from week to week

## TENTATIVE 2012 DATES

January 15, 22 ■ Indoor

February 12, 22 ■ Indoor

March 21 ■ Indoor

April 4, 15, 25 ■ Outdoor Sand (weather permitting)

May 9, 16, 23 ■ Outdoor Sand (weather permitting)

August 8, 15, 22 ■ Outdoor Grass (weather permitting)

October 3, 10 ■ Indoor

## For More Information:

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**SPRUCE MEADOWS**

Rider: Jim Ifko • Horse: Chavez

**\$2,000**  
**FEBRUARY CLASSIC**  
FEBRUARY 25-26, 2012

*Part of the Classic Series of Tournaments*

## OFFICIALS

### TOURNAMENT SECRETARY

Joanne Nimitz

### COMPETITIONS MANAGER

Jon Garner

### JUDGE

Anne Reid Calgary, AB

### COURSE DESIGNER

Peter Grant Langley, BC



Minimum **BRONZE LEVEL** Equine Canada memberships are required for **all competitors and owners** at this Tournament.

*Changes (Add/Drop) to nominations must be completed **by Friday, February 24 at 5:00 p.m.***

- You may nominate and ride as many horses as you wish in each competition during this Tournament. HOWEVER **THE HORSE** can only go once in each competition.
- Nomination fees will NOT be refunded for those divisions withdrawn from after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24.
- Horses must be started (declared) the day before the competition is held, at which time the start fee is applied to the horse's account.

**YOU MUST CONFIRM RECEIPT OF YOUR ENTRY WITH THE SPRUCE MEADOWS TOURNAMENT OFFICE**

## 0.70M CLEAR ROUND

**Nomination Fee:** \$30

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders.

**Jumps:** 0.70m (2'5").

**Note:** There will be no presentations at the completion of this competition. Riders will receive a red ribbon as they leave the ring if they have a clear round. The course will be one round over 8 numbered jumps and will include at least one double.

### 100 CLEAR ROUND JUMPER - 0.70M

**RIBBONS ONLY**

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1

**Start Fee:** \$10

## 0.70M JUMPER

**Nomination Fee:** \$30

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders.

**Jumps:** 0.70m (2'5").

### 101 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS WELCOME - 0.70M

**RIBBONS ONLY**

Ribbons to 6th place.

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1

**Start Fee:** \$10

### 102 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS BARRAGE - 0.70M

**RIBBONS ONLY**

Ribbons to 6th place.

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1

**Start Fee:** \$10

## 0.80M JUMPER

**Nomination Fee:** \$30

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders.

**Jumps:** 0.80m (2'7").

### 103 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS WELCOME - 0.80M

**RIBBONS ONLY**

Ribbons to 6th place.

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1

**Start Fee:** \$10

### 104 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS BARRAGE - 0.80M

**RIBBONS ONLY**

Ribbons to 6th place.

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1

**Start Fee:** \$10

## 0.90M CLEAR ROUND

**Nomination Fee:** \$30

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders.

**Jumps:** 0.90m (3').

**Note:** There will be no presentations at the completion of this competition. Riders will receive a red ribbon as they leave the ring if they have a clear round. The course will be one round over 8 numbered jumps and will include at least one double.

### 105 CLEAR ROUND JUMPER - 0.90M

**RIBBONS ONLY**

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1

**Start Fee:** \$10

## 0.90M JUMPER

**Nomination Fee:** \$50

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders.

**Jumps:** 0.90m (3').

### 106 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS WELCOME - 0.90M

**\$150**

Ribbons to 6th place. \$150 to the owners of the winning horses to be divided as follows:

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$70	\$50	\$30

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1 • **Start Fee:** \$30

**2011 Champions:** *Shawna Dunn, Native du Bois*

### 107 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS BARRAGE - 0.90M

**\$150**

Ribbons to 6th place. \$150 to the owners of the winning horses to be divided as follows:

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$70	\$50	\$30

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1 • **Start Fee:** \$30

**2011 Champions:** *Michelle Gulick, Cassandra*

## 1.00M JUMPER

**Nomination Fee:** \$50

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders.

**Jumps:** 1.00m (3'3").

### 108 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS WELCOME - 1.00M

**\$150**

Ribbons to 6th place. \$150 to the owners of the winning horses to be divided as follows:

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$70	\$50	\$30

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1 • **Start Fee:** \$30

**2011 Champions:** *Rob Chad, VDL Piacenza*

### 109 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS BARRAGE - 1.00M

**\$150**

Ribbons to 6th place. \$150 to the owners of the winning horses to be divided as follows:

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$70	\$50	\$30

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1 • **Start Fee:** \$30

**2011 Champions:** *Brigitte McDonald, Quite Calypso*

## 1.10M JUMPER

**Nomination Fee:** \$50

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders.

**Jumps:** 1.10m (3'6").

### 110 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS WELCOME - 1.10M \$200

Ribbons to 6th place. \$200 to the owners of the winning horses to be divided as follows:

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$80	\$70	\$50

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1 • **Start Fee:** \$35

**2011 Champions:** *Bryan Anderson, Lantares*

### 111 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS BARRAGE - 1.10M \$200

Ribbons to 6th place. \$200 to the owners of the winning horses to be divided as follows:

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$80	\$70	\$50

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.1 • **Start Fee:** \$35

**2011 Champions:** *Bryan Anderson, Lantares*

## 1.15M JUMPER

**Nomination Fee:** \$50

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders.

**Jumps:** 1.15m (3'9").

### 112 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS WELCOME - 1.15M \$200

Ribbons to 6th place. \$200 to the owners of the winning horses to be divided as follows:

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$80	\$70	\$50

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.2. One Jump-Off. • **Start Fee:** \$35

**2011 Champions:** *Missy MacDonald, Fate*

### 113 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS BARRAGE - 1.15M \$200

Ribbons to 6th place. \$200 to the owners of the winning horses to be divided as follows:

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$80	\$70	\$50

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.2 One Jump-Off. • **Start Fee:** \$35

**2011 Champions:** *Kevin Martsch, Gruyere SM*

## 1.20M JUMPER

**Nomination Fee:** \$50

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders.

**Jumps:** 1.20m (4').

### 114 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS WELCOME - 1.20M \$300

Ribbons to 6th place. \$300 to the owners of the winning horses to be divided as follows:

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$125	\$100	\$75

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.2 One Jump-Off. • **Start Fee:** \$45

**2011 Champions:** *Susan Anderson, Stolpegarden's Cato*

### 115 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS BARRAGE - 1.20M \$300

Ribbons to 6th place. \$300 to the owners of the winning horses to be divided as follows:

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$125	\$100	\$75

**Scoring:** Table A, Article 238.2.2 One Jump-Off. • **Start Fee:** \$45

**2011 Champions:** *Dani Sorenson, Polo*

**FEBRUARY CLASSIC • FEBRUARY 25-26, 2012**

*Schedule will be adjusted after closing date to accommodate entries. Please be sure to refer to the adjusted schedule for the Tournament.*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**• **EQUI-PLEX**

- 100 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Clear Round - 0.70m
- 101 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Welcome - 0.70m
- 103 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Welcome - 0.80m
- 105 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Clear Round - 0.90m
- 106 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Welcome - 0.90m
- 108 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Welcome - 1.00m
- 110 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Welcome - 1.10m
- 112 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Welcome - 1.15m
- 114 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Welcome - 1.20m

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**• **EQUI-PLEX**

- 102 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Barrage - 0.70m
- 104 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Barrage - 0.80m
- 107 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Barrage - 0.90m
- 109 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Barrage - 1.00m
- 111 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Barrage - 1.10m
- 113 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Barrage - 1.15m
- 115 FRIENDS OF THE MEADOWS Barrage - 1.20m

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Tournament Office Phone: (403) 974-4200**

**Fax: (403) 974-4270**

**E-mail: tournaments@sprucemeadows.com**

All mail and faxes should be sent to the attention of:

**Joanne Nimitz  
Spruce Meadows**

Mail: **R.R. #9  
18011 Spruce Meadows Way  
CALGARY, AB T2J 5G5**

**GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

The Spruce Meadows Tournaments will be conducted according to the current rules of Equine Canada, the F.E.I. and the Organizing Committee of Spruce Meadows.

In entering Tournaments at Spruce Meadows you and your team (owners, trainers, grooms, family members, agents, etc) have agreed to honour the General Information as specified in this Prize List and on the entry form. Your agreement and acceptance of all rules, regulations and Spruce Meadows decisions is indicated by competing at our Tournament. **BRING THIS PRIZE LIST AND A XEROX COPY OF YOUR ENTRY FORM WITH YOU TO THE TOURNAMENT FOR EASY, ACCURATE REFERENCE.**

**CHECK-IN**

Please check in with the Tournament Office once your horse has arrived - keep in mind the office closes at 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday unless otherwise specified. During Tournaments, the Tournament Office is located in the North Meadows Office - south of **G** barn in the middle of the barn area. The North Meadows Office will open at 11:00 a.m. on February 24. The rest of the year, the Tournament Office is located in the Meadowcourt/Meadowview Buildings.

**PARKING**

There will be designated parking areas on the grounds for competitors' vehicles & trailers. Please do not park in front of any barn access doors or block alleyways - Vehicles and trailers will be towed if parked in restricted areas.

**FEED AND BEDDING**

Initial bedding is not provided. Feed and bedding must be ordered from the Tournament Office **before 1:00 p.m. for same day delivery**. Orders received after 1:00 p.m. will not be delivered until the next day. If you order feed from an outside supplier and have it delivered to Spruce Meadows, **storage and handling charges may apply**.

Feed and bedding can be pre-ordered by fax (403) 974-4270 OR via our website. After your horse has arrived on the grounds all feed orders must be made in person - no Internet, fax or telephone orders will be accepted. Spruce Meadows does not split feed charges onto multiple accounts, so please order accordingly.

**Discrepancies in deliveries will not be considered unless brought to the attention of the Tournament Office on the day of scheduled delivery.**

All stalls must be cleaned daily and refuse placed in the designated bins by 8:00 a.m.

### **PETS, LOST & FOUND**

**PETS:** Please keep all pets on a leash while at Spruce Meadows. Unleashed pets which become a nuisance (running loose, are aggressive to people/horses) in any stabling, practice or competitive areas, will be taken by our security personnel to a safe area on the grounds. Release may be obtained after **payment of a \$100 fine** - dogs that are aggressive or vicious will be banned from the grounds.

**LOST & FOUND:** The Lost & Found Bin is located in the Tournament Office. Items not claimed within two weeks of the end of the Tournament will be donated to charity. **PLEASE KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON YOUR BELONGINGS!**

### **SMOKING**

There is a strict **NO SMOKING** policy in all Spruce Meadows buildings, as well as within 10 feet of any entrance thereof. Competitors are responsible for the actions of all their staff, owners, trainers, etc. Any person caught smoking in a barn, other building, or outside an entrance will be assessed a fine of \$250, which will be applied to the horse's account. Further offences may result in being asked to leave the Tournament grounds and a forfeiture of Tournament fees paid.

### **WASH RACKS & FARRIERS**

**WASH RACKS:** There will be wash racks in **E** Barn. To avoid flooding please dispose of any manure deposited in the wash racks. **A \$100 fine will be assessed to those who fail to clean up after themselves.**

**FARRIER:** A Farrier will be on call for each of the Tournament days for emergencies. Please obtain the phone number of the Farrier on call from the Tournament Office.

### **COMPLETION OF ENTRY FORM**

**YOUR ENTRY FORM MUST BE SIGNED. IF YOU ARE A MINOR, YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN AS WELL.**

**SPRUCE MEADOWS DOES NOT SEND OUT CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT - IT IS UP TO YOU TO CHECK IF YOUR ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED.**

Please submit your entries to:

Name: **JOANNE NIMITZ / SPRUCE MEADOWS**

Mail: **R.R. #9**

**18011 SPRUCE MEADOWS WAY SW**

**CALGARY, AB T2J 5G5**

Fax: **403-974-4270**

Website: **<http://www.sprucemeadows.com/portals/rider/>**

Your entry must include the following:

1. **\*COMPLETED ENTRY FORM SUBMITTED BY THE CLOSING DATE** (\*Full Payment **MUST** accompany entry form in order for it to be accepted).
2. **PAYMENT:** Please pay by Credit Card (Visa, MC, AMEX), Spruce Meadows Gift Card, Cheque in Canadian funds, or International Money Order made payable to Spruce Meadows. **SPRUCE MEADOWS DOES NOT KEEP CREDIT CARD NUMBERS ON FILE. IN ORDER TO AVOID LATE FEES, PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CREDIT CARD IS A) IN GOOD STANDING B) HAS A VALID EXPIRY DATE C) THE CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE ACCOMPANIES THE ENTRY. DO NOT** SEND CHEQUES DRAWN ON AN AMERICAN BANK ACCOUNT MARKED "PAYABLE IN CANADIAN FUNDS". However, American Cheques for the **U.S. DOLLAR EQUIVALENT** of your entry fees are acceptable (please call Spruce Meadows for the exchange rate). If you are paying with a Spruce Meadows Gift Card, **THE CARD** must accompany entry.
3. Please specify to whom prize money is to be paid - unless otherwise indicated on the entry form, all prize monies are awarded to the owner.
4. All competitors **MUST** be in good standing with their respective National Federations.
5. All Canadian competitors AND owners must send a copy of their Equine Canada Sport License Card and their Amateur Card with the entry form. Anyone failing to provide proof of Equine Canada memberships by the Tournament Check-In date may be responsible for temporary membership charges.
6. Entry form **MUST** be signed by the rider (and parent or legal guardian if a minor) in order to be accepted.

***Competitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of their entry forms. Please ensure your entry form has been properly filled out.***

**ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES**

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE (403) 974-4200 TO CONFIRM YOUR ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN FULL AND IS LEGIBLE.**

Entries will be stamped with the date when received by the Tournament Office. **ENTRIES ARE ONLY MADE VALID WITH FULL PAYMENT** and when so stamped. The date of the Tournament Office stamp is final in determining whether an entry is received on time. When mailing, it is **your responsibility** to allow sufficient time for entries to reach the office by **5:00 P.M. MST OF THE CLOSING DATE**. Entries are NOT considered to be accepted if handed to any member of the Spruce Meadows staff or Organizing Committee at any location **other than the Tournament Office**.

*Note:* If it is necessary to limit entries, the entry deadline will be used to determine the acceptance order.

**SUBSTITUTION OF ENTRIES**

**PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND INFORM THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES IN A TIMELY MANNER.**

Horse substitutions may be submitted to the Tournament Office, in writing, **BY FEBRUARY 23** with no penalty - provided that the rider, any stabling requirements, and entry payment are the same.

If the substitution happens **AFTER FEBRUARY 23**, the entry may be substituted for a fee of **\$50**, provided that rider, any stabling requirements and entry payment are the same.

**ALL SUBSTITUTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.** Payments that have already been processed will not be refunded. It is up to the parties involved in the substitution to handle any billing requirements, however a new form of payment may be used on close-out.

**CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES**

1. Spruce Meadows will assess charges on cancelled entries as follows:

CANCELLING ENTRIES	REFUND AMOUNT	Special Note
Before closing date	• 100% Refund of ALL FEES	n/a
After the closing date and up to February 22	• 100% Refund of Nomination fees, Drug/Paramedic fee • if any, 100% Refund of Stall fees** - ADMINISTRATION FEE NOT REFUNDED	Spruce Meadows must receive written notice of cancellation - YOU must confirm receipt of notice*
After February 22 and up to 5:00 P.M. on February 24	• 100% of Nomination fees, Drug/Paramedic fees - IF ANY, STALL FEES NOT REFUNDED** - ADMINISTRATION FEE NOT REFUNDED	Spruce Meadows must receive A WRITTEN CERTIFICATE^ OF DISABILITY FROM A VETERINARIAN/ DOCTOR AT TIME OF CANCELLATION*
After 5:00 P.M on February 24	NO REFUND	N/A

*\*It is the responsibility of the owner, rider, or agent to call the Tournament Office, (403) 974-4200, to ensure the written notice has been received.*

\*\*The stall(s) reverts to Spruce Meadows for reassignment.

^ Written certificates of disability must be on veterinarian letterhead and signed by the DVM. Doctor's notes must also be on clinic letterhead.

2. **COMPETITORS CANCELLING THEIR ENTRIES AFTER THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT, REGARDLESS OF THE REASON, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REFUND.**

**NOTE:** Competitors are asked to advise officials at the Tournament Office immediately when they are scratching from a competition or from the remainder of the Tournament.

**STABLING & EXTRA STALLS**

**Please clearly mark on your entry form with whom you would like to be stabled.** Spruce Meadows makes every effort to assign the requested stabling. However, barn assignment is subject to demand, quarantine issues, distance travelled, size of barn, and the Organizing Committee. Spruce Meadows regrets that any changes made after the closing date may not be able to be accommodated.

Extra Stalls or Tack stalls cannot be split between multiple horse accounts. Please plan accordingly.

**If your horse(s)/tack has arrived before the date stated on your entry form, your account will be adjusted accordingly.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.**

**MINIMUM STABLING/TACK/GROOM CHARGES PER STALL:****FEBRUARY CLASSIC** • February 25 - 26 \$65 / night / stall**(Stabling is not required for February Classic)**\* *Additional Nights: \$65 / night / stall***ARRIVALS**

1. Stabling will be assigned at the entry deadline based on your entry form. Please state on your entry form when you will be arriving. **IF YOUR ARRIVAL CHANGES, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE.**
2. Due to limitations on our facilities, horses being brought to Spruce Meadows which are not competing will **NOT BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE GROUNDS.** Other stabling in the immediate vicinity is usually available.
3. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY A HORSE BE PLACED IN A STALL TO WHICH IT HAS NOT BEEN ASSIGNED. VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN A \$250 ASSESSMENT TO THE HORSE'S ACCOUNT.** Please inform the Tournament Office of any changes to horse placement within your assigned area. **COMPETITORS MUST NOT MOVE FROM THEIR ASSIGNED BLOCK OF STALLS WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE.**
4. **If you are arriving after 5:00 P.M., please let the Tournament Office know** - staff are generally not available after hours.

**HORSE BRIDLE NUMBERS**

1. Horse bridle numbers must be worn by horses at all times (including in the exercise and competition areas) with the exception of the barn area - F.E.I. Article 252.5. Use of the wrong bridle number or not having a bridle number may result in disqualification.
2. Bridle numbers are available for purchase at the Tournament Office for \$25/set. Competitors are welcome to use their own numbers provided they are easily legible (*please see the Competitions Manager if you have concerns about your bridle numbers*).

**DIVISION FEES**

1. A horse must be nominated for at least one division and pay the division nomination fee to be accepted. **No horse listed as "Entry" or without a name will be accepted.** DO NOT PAY START FEES WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM. Start fees are charged to the account the moment the horse is started for the next day's competition.
2. Nomination fees will NOT be refunded for those divisions withdrawn from after 5:00 pm on February 24.
3. **IN THE FEBRUARY CLASSIC TOURNAMENT AT SPRUCE MEADOWS, THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF HORSES A RIDER MAY COMPETE ON PER COMPETITION.** However **THE HORSE** may only go once in each competition (ex. Trainer & student cannot ride the same horse in one competition).

**SECOND RIDER**

**SECOND RIDER:** If you would like a second person to ride your horse, please ensure that person has filled out a SECOND RIDER WAIVER PRIOR TO COMPETITION - these forms are available at the Tournament Office. If the second rider is a minor, the parent/legal guardian must also sign before the minor will be allowed to ride. Riders who have not submitted this waiver will have their results disqualified and any prize money won will be revoked.

**TIME SCHEDULES**

**THE SCHEDULES IN THIS PRIZE LIST DO NOT REFLECT THE ACTUAL TIMES OF THE SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS.** Tentative schedules will be available at the Tournament Office and will be posted on the Spruce Meadows website. Please note that Schedules can change every single day during the Tournament.

**STARTING YOUR HORSE**

1. Horses must be started (declared) by the start deadline (*as indicated on the Tournament schedule and posted at the Tournament Office*) the day before the competition is held. At this time, the start fee is applied to your horse's account.
2. **THERE IS A LATE FEE FOR HORSES STARTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE.** Also, horses that are started late will not be on the Daysheet/Order of Go, and will be 'first in' for that competition unless otherwise specified.
3. Horses which have been started in a competition and are then withdrawn **MUST GIVE NOTICE PRIOR TO 8:00 A.M. ON THE DAY OF SAID COMPETITION** and **A CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FROM A VETERINARIAN** (on vet letterhead) must be submitted in order to receive a refund of start fees.

**PRACTICE AREAS & SCHOOLING HOURS**

Schooling is only permitted in designated areas and at designated times.

**TOURNAMENT AREA CONDUCT**

1. No persons other than the officials, stewards, staff on duty, and the judges of the competition may enter the competitive ring without the permission of the Competitions Manager or the Organizing Committee.
2. Coaches, riders, trainers and grooms who enter the Competitive Ring must be **NEAT AND SUITABLY ATTIRED** in the opinion of the Hitching Ring officials. Please ask the Competitions Manager for dress code advice.
3. **Saluting Protocol:** Saluting is very important in giving the sponsors full value. You should stay alert to the Gate Person's instructions on where to salute once in the ring.
4. The Organizing Committee may determine to preload or not preload at any time during the competition - this same procedure will be used when competitions are televised.
5. Competitors are only allowed in the Competitive Ring when competing or when the course is clearly marked 'OPEN'.

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## PRESENTATIONS

1. Horses wearing coolers will not be allowed in the Competitive Ring.
2. All competitors must be mounted when entering the Competitive Ring for presentations.
3. Winners of each competition to a maximum of eight must be present for the competition awards. **PLEASE ANTICIPATE IN ADVANCE THE NEED TO RIDE IN FOR YOUR PRESENTATION ON A WELL-MANNERED HORSE.** Competitors who do not comply will forfeit their prize money.
4. Your Cavalier's Salute to the sponsor's representatives on the last round of the Victory Gallop is your way of thanking them. Competitors who do not comply will forfeit their prize money.
5. Winners of competitions and other awards must be present (on appropriate, calm horses for receiving an award) for ring presentations. **Competitors who do not comply will forfeit their prizes.**

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## PRIZES

**ALL PRIZE MONEY WILL BE APPLIED AGAINST THE HORSE ACCOUNT** - any credits after the Tournament will be printed on a cheque. **The cheque will only be issued to the rider/owner as indicated on the entry form and will be paid out when the account is closed.**

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## CLOSE OUT

You must pay your tournament bill ("close out") with either cash, a cheque, debit or credit card. If you are settling your tournament bill and you are paying with a credit card, **you must bring the physical card at the time you close out.**

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## WITHHOLDING TAX

All Foreign competitors and/or foreign owned horses who win prize money are subject to Canadian Withholding tax at 15% as per Canada Revenue Agency (<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca>).

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## PROTESTS

Spruce Meadows has never had an official protest in its history. Competitors have accepted favourable and unfavourable rulings in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Feel free to bring your unofficial concerns to our Competitions Manager for consideration. If you insist on making an official protest, it shall be made in writing and delivered to the Tournament Secretary accompanied by a deposit of \$100 cash which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

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## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

1. **IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT INTERPRETATIONS OF EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THE INVOKING OF ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS TO COVER UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. ALL OWNERS, TRAINERS, COMPETITORS AND GROOMS AGREE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDITIONAL RULINGS BY VIRTUE OF YOUR SIGNED ENTRY.**

2. It is the objective of the Organizing Committee to run Spruce Meadows Tournaments on the highest possible level of sportsmanship. Judges, Course Designers, and Officials have been selected based on their knowledge and experience and their decisions in the competitions are their own responsibility. The Organizing Committee accepts no responsibility for their decisions.
3. The Organizing Committee is not bound by opinions of its staff, such as Veterinary Doctors, Tournament Office and Field Staff, in the interpretation of these rules.

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## EXCUSING OR DISQUALIFYING

1. **Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the Judges, Officials or Staff** shall, at the determination of the Organizing Committee, result in disqualification. Such unacceptable behaviour will result in forfeiture of Tournament fees paid and prize money, and acceptance in future Tournaments will be determined by the Organizing Committee.
2. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to remove any groom, trainer, rider, parent, manager or owner or all of a related group from the Tournament without being liable for compensation.
3. Inhumane treatment of a horse on the grounds is forbidden and if a violation occurs the Organizing Committee has the right to disqualify the competitor from the Tournament. Such unacceptable treatment will result in forfeiture of Tournament fees paid and prize money, and acceptance in future Tournaments will be determined by the Organizing Committee. Refer to Welfare of the Horse, Code of Conduct, Ethic Committee, F.E.I. Nov. 1990.
4. In jumping competitions, judges have the discretion to eliminate a competitor after a sufficient number of penalties have been incurred which prevent the athlete from qualifying for the final placing.
5. In the case of a disqualification of a horse or horses, the winner of the next succeeding prize shall take the prize that had been awarded to the disqualified horse(s) and the other prizes will be adjusted accordingly.

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

Spruce Meadows is committed to the highest of standards of behaviour and the sport of show jumping and expects the same standards, conduct and behaviour from its athletes and their associates.

Disrespect of these standards towards the Spruce Meadows staff, officials, volunteers, paramedics, or athletes will not be tolerated and may result in the disqualification of horse and rider; all prize money won and monies paid will be forfeited. There will be no appeals on these types of Organizing Committee/ Ground Jury decisions.

In the event medical care is required by an individual on Spruce Meadows property, the Paramedics on site have been contracted and authorized by Spruce Meadows to provide immediate care and have the authority to make decisions in this capacity, including but not limited to; level of care and transportation method to the appropriate treatment facility, should it be deemed necessary.

**NOTE CAREFULLY:** Extremes of dress and social behaviour on the part of athletes, trainers, owners or associates are not welcome at Spruce Meadows. At its

sole discretion, the Organizing Committee will insist on such individuals leaving the Tournament grounds. Your enthusiasm for high personal standards and adoption of highest of standards can be your real meaningful way of supporting and saying thank you to Spruce Meadows.

Wilful damage of property is strictly prohibited and grounds for expulsion from the facility.

All the people of Spruce Meadows; our professional staff, officials, technicians, our sponsors, the media and our fans are dedicated to you and will make every effort to ensure safe, quality competitions and facilities.

**Spruce Meadows reserves the right to suspend or permanently remove any individual from the grounds for a single egregious act or for escalating behaviours that are contradictory to the Spruce Meadows Code of Conduct. BY ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT YOU ARE ACCEPTING ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDING THE CODE OF CONDUCT.**

## LIABILITY

All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third persons caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.

Neither the Spruce Meadows Tournaments nor the Organizing Committee or owners of Spruce Meadows, nor any of its staff or agents shall be in any way liable for any accident, injury, damage, loss or for any other matter that may happen, from any cause or circumstances whatsoever, to exhibitors, competitors or members of their family or their agents or to any one on the Tournament grounds or to any animal or article exhibited or to any property brought on the Tournament grounds or for any other loss, claim, matter, circumstance or event whatsoever in connection with or arising out of or attributable to the Tournament or any journey to or from the Tournament.

It is to be understood and agreed that under no circumstances shall Spruce Meadows, its owners, agents, employees, or family be liable for any loss, damages, claims or costs occasioned or suffered by any exhibitor, competitor, members of their family, or their agents, directly or indirectly, howsoever arising, including without limitation, losses, damages, claims or costs as a result of Spruce Meadows, its owners, agents or employees negligence, and you agree to indemnify and save harmless Spruce Meadows, its owners, agents and employees from and against any and all liability arising out of any such loss, damages, claims or costs.



# Equine Canada 2011 Rules & Regulations\*

*\*if there is a discrepancy between 2011 and 2012 Equine Canada Rules, 2012 shall be taken as accurate*

Recognized Bronze Member Tournaments of  
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## NATIONAL FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP

1. To enter the Classic Series of Tournaments, all riders & owners each must have a valid sport license with Equine Canada or be bona fide members of their own National Equestrian Federation affiliated with the F.E.I.
2. **RIDER AND OWNER MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBERS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRIES.**
3. **PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR EQUINE CANADA SPORT LICENSE LEVEL CORRESPONDS WITH THE TOURNAMENT YOU ARE ENTERING.**

SPRUCE MEADOWS TOURNAMENTS & EC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT	
FEBRUARY CLASSIC PONY CLASSIC	BRONZE LEVEL
ALL OTHER CLASSIC TOURNAMENTS	GOLD LEVEL
ALL F.E.I. COMPETITIONS	PLATINUM LEVEL

## BIRTH DATE

1. Riders who have not reached their 18th birthday as of January 1st of the current year, are classified as JUNIORS. All Juniors must state their birth date on the entry form, and birth certificates are to be made available upon request. Like Thoroughbreds, all birthdays are as of January 1st of the current year for Equine Canada purposes.

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**PASSPORTS & VETERINARY INSPECTION**

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**BY SIGNING THE ENTRY FORM, COMPETITORS OR THEIR AGENTS ARE TESTIFYING THAT THE ENTRY IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITIONS ENTERED, SUBSEQUENT DETERMINATION THAT SUCH IS NOT THE CASE, WILL RESULT IN ELIMINATION.**

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**DRUG INSPECTION**

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As per Equine Canada rules, competitors will be assessed a \$3.50 fee per horse for drug fees for the February Classic.

Any horse entered in any competition at the Tournament may, while on the grounds be selected for equine medication control testing. (Article A602.5)

Additionally, random urine tests of competitors may be taken to determine the use of illegal substances. People or horses being removed from Drug Supervision will be disqualified. These regulations will be vigorously enforced, including the inspection of personal property.

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**EXERCISE AREA & HITCHING RING**

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**Spruce Meadows applies the F.E.I. rules - for ALL competitions in ALL rings at ALL Tournaments throughout the year.** This has been agreed upon in cooperation with Equine Canada.

**Unauthorized schooling will result in forfeiture of Tournament fees paid and prize money for all entries of the owner, trainer, competitor, groom and group involved, and acceptance in future Tournaments will be determined by the Organizing Committee.**

**ONCE HORSES ARE IN THE HITCHING RING AREA FOR A GIVEN COMPETITION THEY ARE FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE AND RETURN FOR THE COMPETITION.**

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**RAPPING**

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**At Spruce Meadows, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RAP YOUR HORSE IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER AT ANY TIME. Violators will be disqualified from the Tournament and all prize monies will be forfeited. Starting fees will not be refunded. Article 243 of the F.E.I. Rules for Jumping Events will apply.**

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**ORDER OF PERFORMANCE**

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- 1 The Order of Go will be drawn **FOR THE FIRST DAY ONLY.** Thereafter the order will be by rotational draw unless otherwise specified, regardless of the order shown in the program.
- 2 Special or unforeseen circumstances will be dealt with by the Organizing Committee and Ground Jury on a case-by-case basis. Please refer to Article 245.5. regarding two horses in a jump-off. If a rider has two horses in a jump-off, the rider will have the option of moving up in the order or be prepared to go back into the ring without a warm-up for the second horse.
- 3 Competitors are responsible for having all entries in the hitching ring fifteen minutes before each respective competition. Any competitor not ready to enter the competitive ring when called will be eliminated. Fees will not be refunded in case of missed competitions.

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**TIES**

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All ties in jumper competitions will be broken on the basis of time to 1000th of a second. As required in competitions run under Table A, Article 238.2.1, should there be equality of faults and time after the first round for first place only, there will be one jump-off over the same course against the clock.

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**HELMET RULE**

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It is mandatory that all persons mounted on a horse anywhere on the competition grounds wear protective headgear secured with a safety harness permanently affixed to the helmet.

Please refer to Article G102 of the 2012 Rules of Equine Canada, Section G Hunter, Jumper.

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**EQUINE CANADA STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE**

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Equine Canada (EC), the national equestrian federation of Canada, supports adherence to humane treatment of horses in all competitions under its jurisdiction.

Equine Canada is committed to:

- Upholding the welfare of horses, regardless of value, as a primary consideration in all activities;
- Requiring that horses be treated with kindness, respect, and the compassion that they deserve, and that they never be subjected to mistreatment;
- Ensuring that owners, trainers, exhibitors and their agents use responsible care in the handling, treatment and transportation of their horses as well as horses placed in their care for any purpose;
- Providing for the continuous well-being of horses by encouraging routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals and competition officials to achieve the highest possible standards of nutrition, health, comfort, sanitation and safety as a matter of standard operating procedure;
- Continuing to support scientific studies on equine health and welfare;
- Increasing education in training and horsemanship practices;
- Requiring owners, trainers and exhibitors to know and follow their sanctioning organization's rules and to work within industry regulations in all equestrian competitions;
- Reviewing, revising and developing competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of horses;
- The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be neither cruel, abusive nor inhumane.



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