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Virginia Horse Trials Adds Qualifiers for Carolina Horse Park's \$20,000 War Horse Event Series Championship

Lexington, VA — The Virginia Horse Trials and Carolina Horse Park have partnered to provide additional qualifying opportunities for the [\\$20,000 War Horse Event Series \(WHES\) Championship](#) at the Carolina Horse Park November 11-12, 2017.



Both the Virginia Horse Trials in Lexington, Va. and Carolina Horse Park in Raeford, N.C. host a schooling horse trials series featuring a unique format which allows competitors to practice during a schooling day the day before each event. The organizers feel that this format provides an invaluable educational opportunity to help riders achieve the best results possible when they compete the following day.

“The format itself promotes education and a positive competition experience. Because both venues run a similar schooling series format, we believe we can open up the WHES Championship to more competitors,” said Virginia Horse Trials Organizer Andy Bowles. “The amount of prize money offered by the War Horse Series is unprecedented for any schooling show series. We are very excited to be acting as additional qualifiers this year, which will allow more combinations to have the chance to participate in the Championship in November.”

Between April and November there are three schooling horse trials at the Virginia Horse Trials and five at the Carolina Horse Park. To be eligible for the WHES Championship, a horse and rider must either A) place 1st or 2nd once or complete all three schooling shows at the Virginia Horse Trials or B) place 1st through 6th once or complete all five schooling shows at the Carolina Horse Park.

The WHES Championship is open to Green as Grass, Maiden, Beginner Novice, Novice and Training level horses and riders. Adequan® sponsors \$1,000 in prize money for each of the five Championship divisions, and ribbons and additional prizes are awarded through sixth place.

A perpetual trophy sponsored by Carolina Horse Park is awarded to the competitor who generously supports an official charity, selected each year by Carolina Horse Park to receive a portion of every WHES horse trials entry.

“The Carolina Horse Park is excited to include Virginia Horse Trials qualifiers at our WHES Championship this year,” said Marc Donovan, Carolina Horse Park Program

Director. "We are pleased to widen our rider base and bring more recognition and appreciation to our sponsors Adequan®, Merial and Southern Pines Equine Associates."



The calendar of events, competitor information and entry forms are available at www.carolinahorsepark.com and www.vahorsetrials.com.

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