



Regulations “Pro Pferd Horse Welfare Price”

Mission:

The Zürich Youth Masters stands for a high level of ethical practice. As the Zürich Youth Masters is an event for the stars of tomorrow, the organization committee wants to take responsibility and help shaping the mindset of the young riders, where horsemanship needs to play a key role. “Creating a partnership. This is what I do. I’ve never put all my focus on winning. Being a horseman is what I desire the most.” Is a quote from Jeroen Dubbeldam, former World Champion (2014) and European Champion (2015). This is the mindset we seek to pass onto the next generation of horse riders. Therefore for the first time there will be the award “STT Horse Welfare Price” at this year’s event. A study was initiated by the FEI’s education and standards department to find out if the concept of horsemanship could be quantified. The “STT Horse Welfare Price” takes the findings of this study into account along the regulations stated below.

Participants:

Upon arrival, the Chef d’Equipes nominate up to two riders of each category (Children, Juniors, Young Riders and U-25) who will be observed for good horsemanship practices. The nominees will participate for the “STT Horse Welfare Price” together with their groom. The riders should not be told who the participants are, so that every rider tries to show good horsemanship practices.

Criteria:

The criteria below will be used to assess good horsemanship practices.

Criteria	Description:
Appearance at vet check	Cleanliness, tack, handling of the horse. Consider way of handling difficult horses
Care, feed, watering	How is the level of care in the stable
Lunging / walking / grazing	Does the horse get lunged, walked. Is the way of lunging adequate?
Tack used	Are bridle / bit / boots or other tack that is used horse friendly?
Warm up	Duration, buildup, way of jumping/riding. Number of jumps.
Schooling	Way of riding during flatwork / schooling
Behavior, interactions	How do rider / groom interact with others in the warm up / stables
Handling after competition	Immediate treatment of the horse by rider & groom
Handling incidents	In case of any mishap, how does the rider/groom react?
Style in competition	Is the riding style horse friendly & elegant
Appearance in competition	How does the rider present herself/herself in the ring

Note, that it will not be possible to monitor all competitors in every aspects at all times. The criteria will be assessed by the organization committee. Important will be to be recognize where teams stand out in a positive or negative way and to note it.

Judgement Method:

Observation of Competitors and their Grooms by the Stewarding Team and a member of the foundation Pro Pferd. Starting with Vet Check until Competition No. 23 on Saturday.

Best judgement along defined criteria will be used to honor behavior that demonstrates good horsemanship.

Opinions / Notes will be compared by the organization committee to finetune and finalize the decision.

Price:

The winner will be rewarded a badge and EUR 300.00 price money. There will be an award ceremony, where the price will be handed over to the winner on Saturday evening after the last competition.