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Point Leaders Take the WIHS Qualifying Season by Storm

Make Your Points Count Toward the 2023 WIHS Championships

Sign Up or Renew Your WIHS Membership Today

Washington, DC – The summer show season is heating up with riders across the country competing for points to qualify for a spot in the Washington International Horse Show's (WIHS) most exciting year-end championships.

Don't miss your chance to compete at the 2023 WIHS Championships. New this year, prize money has increased to \$12,500 for the WIHS Children's and Adult Jumper Championships and a welcome class has been added for the WIHS Children's and Adult Hunter Championships, both presented by MARS Equestrian™.

There is more incentive than ever to enter WIHS as a Children's or Adult competitor in 2023. This year will feature an expanded WIHS Children's and Adult Hunter Championships spanning two days on Monday, October 23, and Tuesday, October 24, that includes a \$2,500 Welcome Class and the exciting \$10,000 Final taking center stage on Tuesday afternoon. Jumper competitors get the chance to compete for a larger prize money purse of \$12,500 in their featured final on the evening of Wednesday, October 25.



Current WIHS Adult Hunter leader Varekai, ridden by Ki Shuler, is pictured competing at the 2022 WIHS. This year's Championship features more prize money, including a \$2,500 Welcome Class and \$10,000 Final.

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The 65th annual Washington International Horse Show presented by MARS Equestrian™ will return to The Show Place Arena at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, from October 23 through October 29, 2023. Horse enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy one of the world's most acclaimed horse shows offering a Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI) five-star rating and seven days and three nights of exciting competition, special events, and fun for all.

The WIHS Prize List will be released in mid-July and entry applications will open via [Show Management System](#).

How To Qualify

To qualify for the WIHS Equitation Finals and WIHS Championships, riders must be active WIHS members for their points to count toward eligibility and must compete to earn points in qualifying classes held at more than 600 shows throughout the country. Riders with the most points will qualify for the following Championships held at WIHS in October:

- WIHS Equitation Finals
- WIHS Pony Equitation Finals presented by Huntland
- \$12,500 WIHS Children's Hunter Championship presented by MARS Equestrian™
 – \$2,500 Welcome Class Monday, \$10,000 Final Tuesday
- \$12,500 WIHS Adult Hunter Championship presented by MARS Equestrian™
 – \$2,500 Welcome Class Monday, \$10,000 Final Tuesday
- \$12,500 WIHS Children's Jumper Championship presented by MARS Equestrian™
 – \$12,500 Final Wednesday
- \$12,500 WIHS Adult Jumper Championship presented by MARS Equestrian™
 – \$12,500 Final Wednesday



Dartani and Kimberly Cortis are the current WIHS Adult Jumper leaders, pictured here at the 2022 WIHS.

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Learn more and sign up or renew your membership at www.wihs.org/membership. The qualifying period runs September 1, 2022–August 31, 2023. [See list of qualifying shows.](#)

Already a member and earning points? Check your current ranking on the [WIHS Leaderboard](#).

Don't miss out. [Join now!](#)

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At the Top of the Leaderboard

Congratulations to the competitors leading the WIHS rankings as of Friday, June 30. Rankings are updated each Friday at <https://wihs.org/wihs-rankings/>.

- WIHS Equitation East Coast League: Cody Rego, Wellington, FL
- WIHS Equitation West Coast League: Avery Glynn, Petaluma, CA
- WIHS Pony Equitation: Katherine Mercer, Wellington, FL
- WIHS Children's Hunter: Dubai ridden by Peyson Parker, Virginia Beach, VA
- WIHS Adult Hunter: Varekai ridden by Ki Shuler, Virginia Beach, VA
- WIHS Children's Jumper: Colina SN ridden by Hailey Guidry, Metairie, LA
- WIHS Adult Jumper: Dartani ridden by Kimberly Cortis, Wellington, FL

"I am very excited to be leading the WIHS Children's Jumper standings," said Hailey Guidry. "WIHS is one of my favorite shows I look forward to in the fall. Colina SN is the best horse, and I am so happy that we are having a successful season so far. I am so thankful to my parents, trainer, and to the Landstrom family, from whom we lease 'Lena'. Hopefully we continue to do well for the rest of the season and can have a great Washington to finish it out!"



Hailey Guidry and Colina SN lead the charge in the WIHS Children's Jumper division.

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Learn More About:

- WIHS Membership: <https://www.wihs.org/membership/>
- WIHS Equitation: <https://wihs.org/wihs-equitation-finals/>
- WIHS Children's and Adult Jumper Championships: <https://wihs.org/wihs-championships/>
- WIHS Rankings: <https://wihs.org/wihs-rankings/>

For more information about WIHS, visit [wihs.org](#), join WIHS on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#). Tag using #WIHS2023, #FEIWorldCup, and #Longines.

About Washington International Horse Show, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization

Established in 1958, the Washington International Horse Show is one of North America's most prestigious, competitive, and entertaining equestrian events with competition for international, professional, amateur, junior and child riders. Highlights include the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington CSI5*-W for the President's Cup, the WIHS Equitation Finals and Children's and Adult Hunter and Jumper Championships, top national hunters and jumpers, plus popular and community, and charity events. WIHS is an official USEF Heritage Competition. For more information, visit wihs.org.

