

EVALUATION OF COURSES

Name of Event: Ocala Jockey Club International

F.E.I Divisions offered: CIC 3 Star CCI 2 Star CCI 1 Star

Size of arena in feet:

Grass or all weather: Grass

Any Gradient:

Were there any permanent, or semi-permanent, items in the arena, like cross-country jumps, trees, etc One large 3 star XC Table and some sponsor cars

Is there any other information about the arena layout that I may need to know of?

What were the weather conditions on the day? 3 Star jumped on Saturday evening and the weather was beautiful. Mid 70's and sunny. 2 & 1 star jumped on Sunday. 1 star had cloudy with a light shower to start the division but 2 Star had beautiful sunny weather

Do you think this had any effect on the results: No

Either mark the distances, in feet, of all the lines up to 10 strides, on the plan, or list them here:

Were there any other circumstances that affected the day (i.e. lack of help, insufficient material, etc.)
Used my own set of rental jumps so material was good. Jump crew was volunteer but did a good job.

Give a brief description of any changes you would make if you had to build the same track again:

I liked to track of all three courses with the variation of tracks for each level. I felt the time allowed for three star was good. After talking to a couple of people after they felt it could have been a touch tighter. For the 1 star I took a second off the time allowed as that was all I could do after the first three riders but would have preferred to take possibly another 2 seconds. The 2 Star time allowed I left the same thinking it was ok but again in hindsight and after talking to some experienced trainers etc it could have come down 3 or maybe even 4 seconds. It was probably a little generous.

The time allowed has been a big topic of discussion in general over the course of this year so it will be interesting to see where this goes moving forward. The riders seem to be wanting fair but tighter time allowed in SJ at the upper level.

Are there any other comments that you would like to offer about your courses:

I channelled my in Marc Donovan and used an option in the three star course at fence 4 which I don't do very often. The questions was 7 strides from fence 3 an airy natural vertical to either and big Oxer or 7 strides with more left hand turn to a skinny vertical. The track measured was the line to the skinny therefore the question was to jump the more careful skinny on the track measured or take the longer route and jump the oxer and have to go around fence 7. I saw 5 or 6 horses take the oxer with the majority take the skinny. It was nice to have time to really change the courses and move some fences with time in the schedule to do this. This doesn't happen that often at these big shows.

The venue is super and the ring is a great size. It was nice to use my own set of material knowing I had everything I needed.