

## Winter Equestrian Festival getting set to start in Florida

**This year's WEF is the richest in history.**

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There are only two days to go before the start of the newly expanded Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, January 16-April 6, and the excitement in Florida is building.

The WEF offers more than \$3 million in total prize money, making it the world's largest and richest horse show. The event features 10 weeks of hunter/jumper competition and three weeks of dressage competition, ranging from top-level competitors down to children's pony classes.

The event is truly a huge undertaking, with all on-grounds stabling of 2,800 permanent tents and stalls being sold out. Highlights of the WEF schedule include three World Cup jumping qualifiers, a Nations Cup and five Olympic jumping selection trials.

A Top Ten North America versus Europe Challenge and high performance six-bar and speed derby classes are being introduced to add excitement and glamour that will surely attract spectators to the WEF from around the world. Here's a quick overview of the top WEF events:

**WEF 1/SUNCAST® CORPORATION OPENER "AA"**

January 16-20

Featuring: \$25,000 Six Bar Class & \$25,000 Speed Derby

**WEF 2/EQUESTRIAN SPORT PRODUCTIONS, LLC. CSI 2\* "AA"**

January 23-27 CSI 2\*

Featuring: \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup Round 1

\$40,000 Palm Beach Equine Clinic/Adequan Grand Prix FEI - CSI 2\*

**WEF 3/SMART FOR LIFE™ CSI 2\* "AA"**

January 30 - February 3 CSI 2\*

Featuring: \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup Round 2

\$50,000 Smart For Life™ Grand Prix FEI - CSI 2\*

**WEF 4/SPY COAST FARM CSI 3\* "AA"**

February 6 - 10 CSI 3\*

Featuring: \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup Round 3

\$60,000 Spy Coast Farm Grand Prix FEI -CSI 3\*

**WEF 5/KILKENNY /QBE CSI 3\* "AA"**

February 13 - 17 CSI 3\*

Featuring: \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup Round 4

\$60,000 Kilkenny International Cup Grand Prix FEI -CSI 3\*

**WEF 6/PALM BEACH EQUINE CLINIC/ADEQUAN CSI 3\* "AA"**

February 20 - 24 CSI 3\*

Featuring: \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup Round 5

\$75,000 Palm Beach Post Grand Prix FEI - CSI 3\*

**WEF 7/ZADA ENTERPRISES, LLC CSI 3\*-W "AA"**

February 27 - March 2 CSI 3\*-W

Featuring: \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup Round 6

\$100,000 Zada Enterprises, LLC Grand Prix FEI -CSI 3\*-W

USEF Selection Trial Rounds 1 & 2

**WEF 8/CN OPEN CSIO 5\* "AA"**

March 5 - 9 CSIO 5\*

Featuring: \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup Round 7  
\$150,000 CN U.S. Open Grand Prix FEI -CSI 5\*  
\$75,000 FEI Nations Cup presented by CN  
"FEI Nations Cup Tour"  
"A Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council Funded Project"  
USEF Selection Trial Rounds 3, 4 & 5

WEF 9/CN WORLDWIDE CSI 4\*-W "AA"  
March 12 - 16 CSI 4\*  
Featuring: \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup Round 8  
\$200,000 CN Worldwide Grand Prix FEI -CSI 4\*-W  
\$50,000 CN Challenge "The America's vs Europe"

WEF 10/SUNCAST® CORPORATION CSI 3\* "AA"  
March 19-23 CSI 3\*  
Featuring: \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup Round 9  
\$75,000 Suncast® Corporation @ Grand Prix FEI -CSI 3\*

WEF 11/PENTA WATER COMPANY, INC. "AA"  
March 26-30  
Featuring: \$30,000 WEF Challenge Cup Final Round  
\$75,000 Penta Water Company, Inc. Grand Prix

WEF 12/EQUESTRIAN SPORT PRODUCTIONS, LLC "AA"  
April 1-6  
Featuring: WEF Awards Presentations on Sunday April 6th  
\$20,000 WEF Young Jumper Final 5 Year Olds  
\$20,000 WEF Young Jumper Final 6 Year Olds  
\$20,000 WEF Young Jumper Final 7 Year Olds  
\$50,000 Invitational Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper Classic  
\$50,000 Invitational Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper Classic  
\$50,000 Invitational Junior/Amateur Owner Hunter Classic  
\$50,000 Invitational Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter Classic  
\$50,000 Invitational Pony Hunter Classic

Best 9 of 12 show results count toward WEF Championship