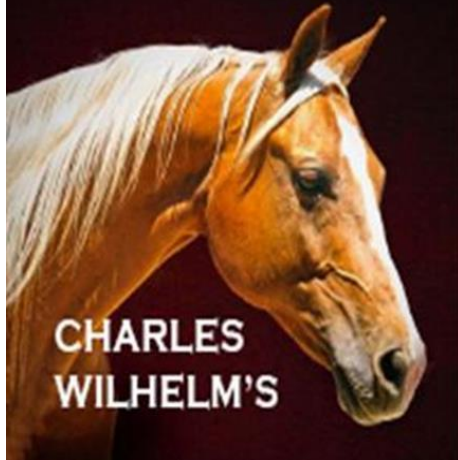


Western States Horse Expo Pomona, CA



Ultimate Super Horse Challenge™

- S** Supple
- U** Ultimate Versatility
- P** Pleasure
- E** Equitation
- R** Responsive

Feb 2-5, 2017

*Open to all Horses and Mules
Ridden English or Western*

The Ultimate Super Horse Challenge is a judged competition consisting of different events created to test the communication between horse and rider, as well as the competitor's horsemanship and riding skills at the walk, trot and canter. The competition is 1 - 2 hours per day and is suitable for riders of any discipline and horses of all breeds. As the horse and rider works through each event they will be judged on several criteria as well as overall performance. The judges for this year's competition will be announced at the competitor's meeting on Thursday, February 2nd. Competitors will compete for prizes and the title of The Ultimate Super Horse Champion, Pomona 2017.

The Ultimate Super Horse Challenge will take place on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Western States Horse Expo in Pomona, California.** A maximum of 10 horse/rider teams will participate in the competition. All horse and rider teams will advance to the Finale on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

WHAT WILL THE CHALLENGE CONSIST OF?

The events will feature performance patterns, trail obstacles and riding challenges. The courses/patterns will include obstacles and activities such as: jumps 12-24", backing through a pattern, roll backs, gates, flags, balls, pedestals, up & down transitions, cow/mechanical cow work; all at a walk, trot/jog/gait and canter/lope to demonstrate the lightness, equitation and finesse of the horse and rider.

The events will consist of a combination of some of the following:

- **In-Hand Work**
- **Ranch Riding**
- **Cowboy Dressage**
- **Trail Equitation**
- **Crowd Meet and Greet that simulates a parade**
- **"Dancing with Cows"**
- **Super Horse Grand Finale**

HOW WILL THE CHALLENGE BE JUDGED?

The Ultimate Super Horse Challenge will consist of judged events during which the performance of each horse and rider team will be judged for quality of horsemanship. During the events the judges will award performance points based on the horse's attitude, body condition, the rider's horsemanship, and/or the overall performance. Horses and riders will be required to complete the entire event in order to receive points. All obstacles must be attempted with an earnest try and the competitor must be subject to a score for each obstacle.

AWARDS

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded to the top ten competitors. First place will receive a Charles Wilhelm custom saddle or \$1000 cash, a championship buckle and the title of "The Ultimate Super Horse Champion, Pomona 2017". \$500 cash will be awarded to the second place winner. First through fifth place will receive a ribbon and other prizes. All ten competitors will receive a place ribbon. All prizes will be awarded immediately following the completion of the finale.

HOW DO I APPLY TO COMPETE IN THE ULTIMATE SUPER HORSE CHALLENGE?

The Ultimate Super Horse Challenge is an event for horses of all breeds and mules, ridden English or Western. All riders and horses will compete against each other; there will be no age or gender divisions. Complete entry forms are available at www.CharlesWilhelm.com. **You must submit your completed packet along with a 2-3 minute video to Charles Wilhelm Training showing you riding the horse you will compete on.** If, due to injury, you must change horses before the start of the competition, you will be required to submit a new video. You will be notified by email if you are accepted into the challenge. **Entry deadline is January 6, 2017, or when all spots have been filled.** The **non-refundable** entry fee (made payable to Charles Wilhelm Training) for each horse/rider team is \$500, which includes the stall fee, cow fee, one entry pass and drug testing fee. Individual riders may not compete with more than one horse. Late entries may be accepted after the deadline, if there is room in the competition, if stalls are available and a \$50 late fee is paid. Please contact our office for more information.

FEES AND STALLS

One horse stall will be available at Horse Expo, Pomona and the cost is included in your entry fee. Community tack rooms may be available for competitors. Parking fees are **not** included in the entry fee. The stall will be available for use Wednesday, February 1st after 2:00pm, and must be vacated by 10:00 am on Monday, February 6th, contact the Horse Expo for special arrangements. Participants are responsible for bringing or purchasing their own feed and bedding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Competitors must check in with Charles Wilhelm training by 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 2nd. A Competitor Meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon, where competitors will review the courses for the first day and draw names for the participant "Order of Go".

2. The Ultimate Super Horse Challenge is an atmosphere that is invaluable to training your horse, and is not something that is easy to replicate or train for. You will be competing in a large indoor arena with other horses, where there will be noise, clapping and outside stimuli.
3. All horses participating must be free of illness and infectious disease and not come from an area where a contagious disease had been diagnosed or horses have been quarantined.

- **Any horse transported to the event across state lines**, must be accompanied by a negative test result for horse infectious anemia (Coggins Test) dated within 30 days of the event.

- **Any horse transported to the event** must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) issued within 14 days of the date on which the horse arrives at the event. *The certificate must state that these horses do not originate from a quarantined area, or an area where a contagious or infectious disease has been officially diagnosed.*

- All horses must be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus, EEE/WEE, and Flu/Rhino within 6 months of the event. **Each horse owner is required to present the mandatory health papers upon check in.**

RULES AND JUDGING

1. The Ultimate Super Horse Challenge is **not** a speed event. The performance of each horse and rider will be judged on the quality of horsemanship. For each obstacle, the judge will award performance points on a scale of 0–5 based on the team’s overall performance, the rider’s horsemanship and the horse’s attitude.

0 = Refusal

1 = Poor

2 = Average

3 = Good

4 = Very good

5 = Excellent

Horsemanship/Equitation Score 1-5

Relaxation of Horse 1 – 5

Responsiveness of Horse Score 1-5

Sportsmanship 1 - 5

The judges will be looking for relaxed gaits at the walk, trot/gait and canter/lope, light upward and downward transitions, including a relaxed hand gallop on a soft rein. The horse should show relaxation, cadence, balance or collection in all gaits and go on a soft rein. Competitors should have soft stops and back-ups, and the horse should look willing and obedient. Gaping mouths, head in the air, unbalanced, on the forehand or unhappy expressions will all be counted against the competitor.

The contestants will also be required to participate in a judged “Meet & Greet” at the front gate of the Horse Expo, dressed in discipline appropriate attire, mounted on their horse. During the “Meet & Greet” the competitors will earn points based on the behavior of their horse, their horsemanship and overall turnout of horse and rider. These points will then be added to their final score. Points for sportsmanship will be awarded by randomly chosen anonymous staff of the USHC and will be added to the Finale score.

2. Competitors will be required to complete each obstacle in order to receive points for the obstacle. If an obstacle is not completed within three attempts or 20 seconds the competitor will be waved on and must move on to the next obstacle. It will be at the discretion of USHC staff to determine if the rider is advancing through the obstacle or should be waved on.
3. It will be the responsibility of each competitor to monitor the events and be at the entrance of the arena at the time the competitor is listed to compete. If a competitor fails to show at the gate at the time they are set to compete, it will be at the discretion of the USHC staff as to whether time will allow for their completion of the course at a later time. This situation may also be reflected in their sportsmanship score.

4. Each competitor must complete the entire course in a relaxed and forward manner. In the event Charles Wilhelm or a judge deems a horse or rider unsafe or unsound, they will be asked to withdraw from the event. The horse & rider will be reevaluated prior to the next event to determine if they may continue.
5. Any competitor who falls off of his/her horse will be disqualified, will not be permitted to remount, will be excused from the arena and will receive a score of 0 and may not compete on any following day, except in the event of unusual circumstances where overridden by the judges.
6. The Event course rules may be reviewed in a competitor's meeting before the challenge begins; however, it is the responsibility of the competitor to fully understand the rules of the competition. Competitors are encouraged to ask questions about the rules and the course. There will be no "walk through" or course practice. No one will be permitted on the course prior to the competition.
7. The course & rules are subject to change at the discretion of Charles Wilhelm's Ultimate Super Horse Challenge up until the time that the first competitor enters the ring. The competitors will be notified of any changes in the course. Expect the unexpected: a Super Horse should be able to handle changes and work through circumstances that are not the norm or not ideal. The course may be slightly altered during the event due to circumstances beyond our control, possibly resulting in an advantage or disadvantage to a rider, however the Grounds Crew will make every effort to ensure that all obstacles are reset after each ride.
8. The judges, crowd, photographers and staff at the event are considered to be part of the course, and competitors understand that the above may be a distraction to the horse and rider.
9. Re-rides will only be offered at the decision of the judges or Charles Wilhelm. The horses are expected to be "Super Horses" and therefore are expected to reasonably handle unusual circumstances. In the event a re-ride is issued, the competitor will be expected to ride after the completion of the final competitor on that same day.
10. Each competitor must attempt each obstacle; competitors may not choose to skip an obstacle. All obstacles must be accomplished in the order shown on the course map given to the competitor. In the event, a competitor goes off course or misses an obstacle; he/she will be alerted that they are off course, and will be asked to resume at the last obstacle. Five points will be deducted each time a rider is off course.
11. The competition is open to English or Western riders using tack that is standard in the industry (see attached rules). Any piece of equipment deemed to be severe or inappropriate by the judges will not be allowed. *A judge will evaluate the tack on the horse* as it enters the arena. Mechanical hackamores, gag bits, tie downs, etc. will not be permitted. For their safety, riders are encouraged to wear approved riding helmets. Riders should be well groomed in discipline appropriate attire. Horses should be well groomed and turned out in clean, discipline appropriate tack. Horses are permitted to wear protective leg wraps, boots, or other leg gear.
12. Names will be drawn at the competitors meeting prior to each day's event and competitors must compete in the order in which their names were drawn. Failure to compete in this order without prior approval from the judges or staff will result in disqualification.
13. All riders must compete on the horse that they entered with. In the event a horse needs to be substituted before the competition has started, prior approval must be received from Charles Wilhelm Training. If a competitor's horse is injured after the competition has started, the competitor must withdraw from the competition.
14. Any dispute or complaint must be immediately brought to the attention of the USHC staff. All competitors agree to abide by the rulings of the judges; the decisions of the judge will be final and not subject to appeal for any reason.
15. No drugs may be administered to the competitor's horse that would enhance the horse's ability to compete in the events. Competitors may be disqualified for abuse of any animal or violation of the rules.

16. The points from each obstacle will be totaled and will determine the winner of each day.
The combined scores from all the events will determine the winner of the challenge. The scores from the event prior to the Finale will not be made public until the Champion has been announced.

17. The Finale will take place on Saturday, Feb 4th, all daily times to be determined by the Horse Expo.

18. All competitors will advance to the Finale. Scores from the previous events will be carried over to the Finale. The horse and rider team with the highest total scores from all the events will be the “Ultimate Super Horse Challenge Champion, Pomona 2017.”

19. In the event of a tie, the scores from 2 pre-selected obstacles from the Finale will be combined, and the competitors with tied scores will be placed according to their combined scores for these 2 obstacles. The obstacles that will be used to break a tie may be announced at the competitor meeting prior to the Finale.

20. For their safety, all competitors are encouraged to wear approved riding helmets.

All minors under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet while on the ground or in the saddle, no exceptions!

I have read and understand the Ultimate Super Horse Challenge Rules listed above and agree to comply with these Rules. I understand that if I fail to comply with these Rules, I may be asked to withdraw from the Ultimate Super Horse Challenge, and I will forfeit all fees.

Name (print): _____ Signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian, if under 18: _____ Date of Signature: _____

A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS FORM FOR RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

QUESTIONS? NEED HELP?

Contact Charles Wilhelm Training at 510-886-9000

or [**cwtraining@comcast.net**](mailto:cwtraining@comcast.net)

Charles Wilhelm's Ultimate Super Horse Challenge

Entry Application



Name of Rider: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ On-Site Cell: _____

Email: _____

Name of Horse: _____

Owner of Horse: _____

Breed of Horse: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

What discipline will you ride at the competition? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

FOR RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS FORM WHERE INDICATED.

This application must be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$500 payable to Charles Wilhelm, along with a **signed entry application, facility riding waiver, Charles Wilhelm riding waiver, photo release and a signed copy of the Ultimate Super Horse Challenge rules**, by January 6, 2017.

Entry fees are **non-refundable**, except in the event, the Challenge is cancelled due to a decision of the Horse Expo or you are not accepted into the competition.

Mail completed packet to:

Charles Wilhelm Training, 6496 Crow Canyon Rd, Castro Valley, CA 94552

Or email to cwtraining@comcast.net

Charles Wilhelm RELEASE & WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I, _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate as a competitor in the Charles Wilhelm Ultimate Super Horse Challenge at the Western States Horse Expo, Pomona on February 2-5, 2017, in Pomona, California.

I AM AWARE THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ACTIVITY IS A HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY WITH FULL AND COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, AND I AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM, ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH SUCH ACTIVITY.

I VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S INITIALS (if under 18): _____

ALL MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A HELMET WHILE SCHOOLING OR SHOWING, ON THE GROUND OR IN THE SADDLE!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!

As consideration for being permitted to participate in such activity, and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and/or legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue or attach the property of C.W. Training, LLC and/or Charles Wilhelm, his employees & volunteers, for or in connection with any injury or damage (including, without limitation, bodily injury, death and/or property damage), however caused, resulting from, arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in the activity described above. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, I hereby forever release C.W. Training, LLC and Charles Wilhelm, his employees & volunteers from any and all claims, demands and/or causes of action of any kind or nature (including, without limitation, with respect to bodily injury, death and/or property damage) that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and/or legal representatives may now or hereafter have resulting from, arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in the activity described above.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY IN FAVOR OF C.W. TRAINING, LLC AND CHARLES WILHELM AND THAT IT CONSTITUTES A FULLY BINDING AGREEMENT ON MY BEHALF, AND I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT I AM SIGNING IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Executed at _____, _____ on _____, 201__
City State Date

PARTICIPANT/RELEASOR

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone & Email: _____

FOR RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS FORM WHERE INDICATED.

Facility RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I, _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the following activities at the Fairplex Pomona and Western States Horse Expo, Pomona.

Volunteer, Participant, Exhibitor, Demonstrator, Clinician or Speaker

I AM AWARE THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ACTIVITIES ARE HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

I VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S INITIALS (if under 18): _____

ALL MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A HELMET WHILE MOUNTED!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!

As consideration for being permitted by the Fair, the State of California and the Western States Horse Expo, Pomona to participate in these activities and use their facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue or attach the property of the Fair, the State of California, Western States Horse Expo, Pomona or any of their affiliated organizations for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, however caused, by any director, employee, agent, or organizations as a result of my participation in the activities described above. I forever release the Fair, the State of California, the Western States Horse Expo, Pomona and any of their affiliated organizations from any and all action, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the activities described above.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE FAIR, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE WESTERN STATES HORSE EXPO, POMONA AND/OR THEIR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Executed at _____, _____ on _____, 201__
City State Date

PARTICIPANT/RELEASOR

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone & Email: _____

FOR RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS FORM WHERE INDICATED.



Photo /Media Release

I hereby release any and/or all rights to photos/video taken of myself, my horse and/or those listed below for future use by Charles Wilhelm, CW Training LLC, the Super Horse official photographer or Western States Horse Expo, Pomona, it's staff, founders, and/or Board of Directors in publications, videos, books, newsletters, website, Facebook, social media, etc.

Yes _____ No _____

(Initials) (Initials)

Signature: _____ Dated: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Dated: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS FORM WHERE INDICATED.

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____