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Hailey Royce Soars to Victory in Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series Championship Final at National Horse Show Rizvi and Kurbanov are East Conference's Top Junior and Amateur for 2022

Lexington, KY – November 8, 2022 – The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series concluded its 2022 season with the \$25,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Championship Final at the National Horse Show. Hailey Royce of Wellington, FL, galloped through every inside turn aboard Sonic Boom to win the \$25,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Amateur-Owner/Junior Jumper Grand Prix with a clean jump-off ride in 36.691 seconds.



Hailey Royce and Sonic Boom won the \$25,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Amateur-Owner/Junior Jumper Grand Prix. © Shawn McMillen Photography

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame conducts the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series with classes at approximately 80 horse shows each year. The Series hosts separate divisions for junior and amateur riders in two Conferences – the **East Conference presented by Rood & Riddle** and the **West Conference presented by LAURACEA** – and follows Grand Prix rules and specifications. The Series is

designed to give amateur and junior riders the opportunity to compete at higher levels and serves as a proving ground for many riders who aspire to represent the United States in international competition.

The Series has held its championship final at the National Horse Show for over 30 years. The riders who top the year-long Series standings receive an engraved Tiffany crystal trophy. Over the years, the Series has been won by riders such as Brianne Goutal-Marteau, Laura Chapot, Charlie Jacobs and Reed Kessler.

Royce and Double Clear LLC's 10-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding were one of seven entries to advance to the jump-off over Guilherme Jorge's (BRA) technically difficult first-round track. Pathfinder Baylee McKeever of Brewster, NY, set the mark to beat by piloting McLain Ward's *Formidable* to a clean round in 37.131 seconds. They finished with second-place honors as the only double-clear beside Royce and *Sonic Boom*.



Hailey Royce and Sonic Boom © Shawn McMillen Photography

Following the class, Zayna Rizvi of Wellington, FL, was honored as winner of the Series' East Conference Junior Division. Rizvi won the championship for the second consecutive year, finishing first in the standings aboard *Chaplin W* while also placing second on *Excellent*, the horse with whom she won the division last year. Both horses are owned by Peacock Ridge LLC.



Zayna Rizvi won the Junior Division of the Jumper Classic Series East Conference for the second consecutive year.

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In the East Conference's Amateur Division, Layla Kurbanov of Greenwich, CT, piloted Andrew Bourns' *A Toi De Prim* to the top of the standings. Kurbanov was not present at the National but was recognized for her outstanding season in the ceremony following the class.



Layla Kurbanov won the Amateur Division of the Jumper Classic Series' East Conference. © Four Oaks Creative

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame was organized to promote the sport of show jumping and to immortalize the legends of the men, women and horses who have made great contributions to the sport. The Show Jumping Hall of Fame is located at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. Plaques honoring those who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame can be seen at the Horse Park's Rolex Stadium. Mementos and artifacts from the sport's history are on display as part of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame collection at the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) Wheeler Museum at the Horse Park.

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<u>Equestrian Sport Productions, LLC</u> is based out of Wellington, Florida. The organization manages Wellington International, the world-famous venue that hosts the Winter Equestrian Festival and the ESP Annual Series each year.

<u>The Hampton Classic</u> is the prestigious culminating event of the Hamptons' famed summer season. Top jumper and hunter riders from around the world compete for some of the richest prize money in the nation. The Classic hosts more than 100 classes of competition in six rings for horses and riders of all ages and abilities. The Classic also features a Boutique Garden with more than 70 vendors, a wide selection of dining options and a Farmer's Market, all on its 60- acre show grounds.

The <u>Kentucky Horse Park</u> is the leading tourist attraction for all things "horse" and one of the world's best equine competition facilities and only park open to the public. The Kentucky Horse Park hosts a handful of events each year such as the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event, Kentucky Summer Horse Show and BreyerFest.

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The <u>National Horse Show</u> is a championship event featuring "AA"-rated hunters, open jumpers, junior/amateur jumpers, and the ASPCA Alfred B. Maclay Finals. It is held in the Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. This year's National Horse Show, October 26- November 6, offered over \$350,000 in prize money and was an FEI CSI4*-W designated event.

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For more information about the **Show Jumping Hall of Fame**, including the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, please visit the Show Jumping Hall of Fame website at www.ShowJumpingHallofFame.net.