



**“With Horses We Excel”  
2012 Hope Cup  
International Competition for Physically and Mentally  
Challenged Riders  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The “Hope Cup” is organized to celebrate the “International Day of Disabled Persons” (December 3<sup>rd</sup>) and is a chance for physically and mentally challenged riders to show their abilities in Dressage Riding.

Participants have to have a PE-grading, but mentally challenged riders without physical disability are invited to join and compete in Grade 3. As tests the FEI 2010 Novice Tests and Freestyle tests are used.

If a rider got no PE-grading yet, he or she will be graded by two of Taiwan’s national classifiers for this competition, but will have to be classified again by international classifiers when joining FEI competitions.

Each country contacted is entitled to enter 3 riders into the competition, but there is no rule regarding what Grade these riders should be.

Participants below the age of 18 are allowed to ride the test one grade below their grading, but will get 20 points deduction from each judge.

***Provisional Schedule:***

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:

- \* Morning till early afternoon: Arrival of international riders  
Preparation of competition arena
- \* Afternoon: Test riding and selection of horses
- \* Evening: Welcome Dinner by the ThRCT

Speech by Nick Rodgers: “How to prepare for competition”

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>:

- \* Morning: Training for foreign riders

- \* Afternoon: Half-day sightseeing for foreign guests

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>:

- \* 7:30 Volunteer Meeting
- \* 8:30 Registrations of Riders
- \* 9:00 Opening Ceremony
- \* 9:30 Start of Competition
  - 1 Grade 2 (FEI 2010 Novice Test)
  - 2 Grade 3 (FEI 2010 Novice Test)
  - 3 Grade 1a (FEI 2010 Novice Test)
  - 4 Grade 1b (FEI 2010 Novice Test)
  - 5 Grade 4 (FEI 2010 Novice Test)
- \* 12:30 Prize Giving Ceremony
- \* 13:00 Simple Lunch at the ThRCT
- \* 14:00 Freestyle tests
- \* 16:00 Prize Giving Ceremony

**Venue:** The Therapeutic Riding Centre of Taiwan  
77, Yu-Ying Road, Jungli, Taiwan, Tel: +8863/4617912

**Arena:** 20 m x 40 m

**Entry:** All riders are joining the Novice, participation in the Freestyle test is optional.  
Except of the individual rankings, there will be a team competition with teams made up of three riders. If a country has got less than three riders, it can make up a mixed team with a rider from another country.

**Judges:** Head of Ground Jury will be Nick Rodgers, FEI PE Judge and Steward.  
The second judge will be an A-Level Judge of the Chinese Taipei Equestrian Association.

**All the entrants have to have an accident insurance individually.**

**Horses & ponies:** Horses are provided by the Therapeutic Riding Centre of Taiwan (own horses and borrowed horses).  
The number of horses is limited; therefore most of the horses will have to be shared by 2 riders, not necessarily of the same

nation.

There is no restriction regarding the Grades of the riders sharing one horse.

The selection of horses will be made by the event organizer, but horses can be tested in advance and - if necessary - changes can be made.

Riders from clubs in Taiwan can bring their own horses.

International Riders can also rent horses from other riding clubs on their own expenses.

**Equipment:** Beside the equipment described on a rider's PE-card, auxiliary reins are allowed for all competitions. Saddles and bridles will be provided, but riders with own saddles are allowed to use them.

**Prizes:** The first 3 winners get medals and each rider will get a certificate showing their ranking and percentage points achieved.

**Entry fee:** NT\$ 3000 per test.  
Costs for the airfare, hotel and transport other than the offered sightseeing trip are on the expenses of the participants, but the organizers will try to help with the transport whenever possible.

**Lunch fees:** NT\$ 100 per person

**Payment:** To be paid in cash at the day of the event.

**Entry in principal:** August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Deadline for entry:** September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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