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Welcome to the 51st year of the New England Equitation Championships and one of the premier equitation events of the year! All your hard work, dedication, and success have enabled you to join us October 14th to 18th, 2026 at the Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts. For our 7th year, NEEC will be the host of the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals East. This final will be held on Saturday, October 17th, preceding the NEHC Junior Hunt Seat Medal Final on Sunday, October 18th.

The NEEC is proud to offer three grants in memory of Joe Medico, Fred Hunt, and Mason Phelps, all of whom had a profound impact on our finals as well as the horse community. We encourage riders to read about these grants and submit applications if they feel they are deserving. Two scholarships are also awarded by NEEC and NEHC. Grant and scholarship descriptions, applications and deadline information can be found at newenglandequisition.com/scholarships-grants.

The ever-popular Junior Celebration will be held at NEEC's official hotel, the Marriott Springfield Downtown, on Friday, October 16th. Tickets will be available through Eventbrite. We invite our juniors in their last year (JILYs) to submit a short video interview and photos to be featured in the junior video during the celebration. Details can be found at newenglandequisition.com/juniors.

A limited block of discounted rooms is available at the Marriott. Call to book by Monday, September 14th (413-781-7111) and mention your part of NEEC. Rooms will sell out!

The New England Equitation Championships is considered one of, if not the best, equitation finals in the country. It is because of the hard work of many individuals and the generous support of our sponsors that we are able to hold these finals each year. We are extremely proud of the opportunity it presents for outstanding horse-people to test themselves and take their place in NEEC history. We look forward to seeing you this October!



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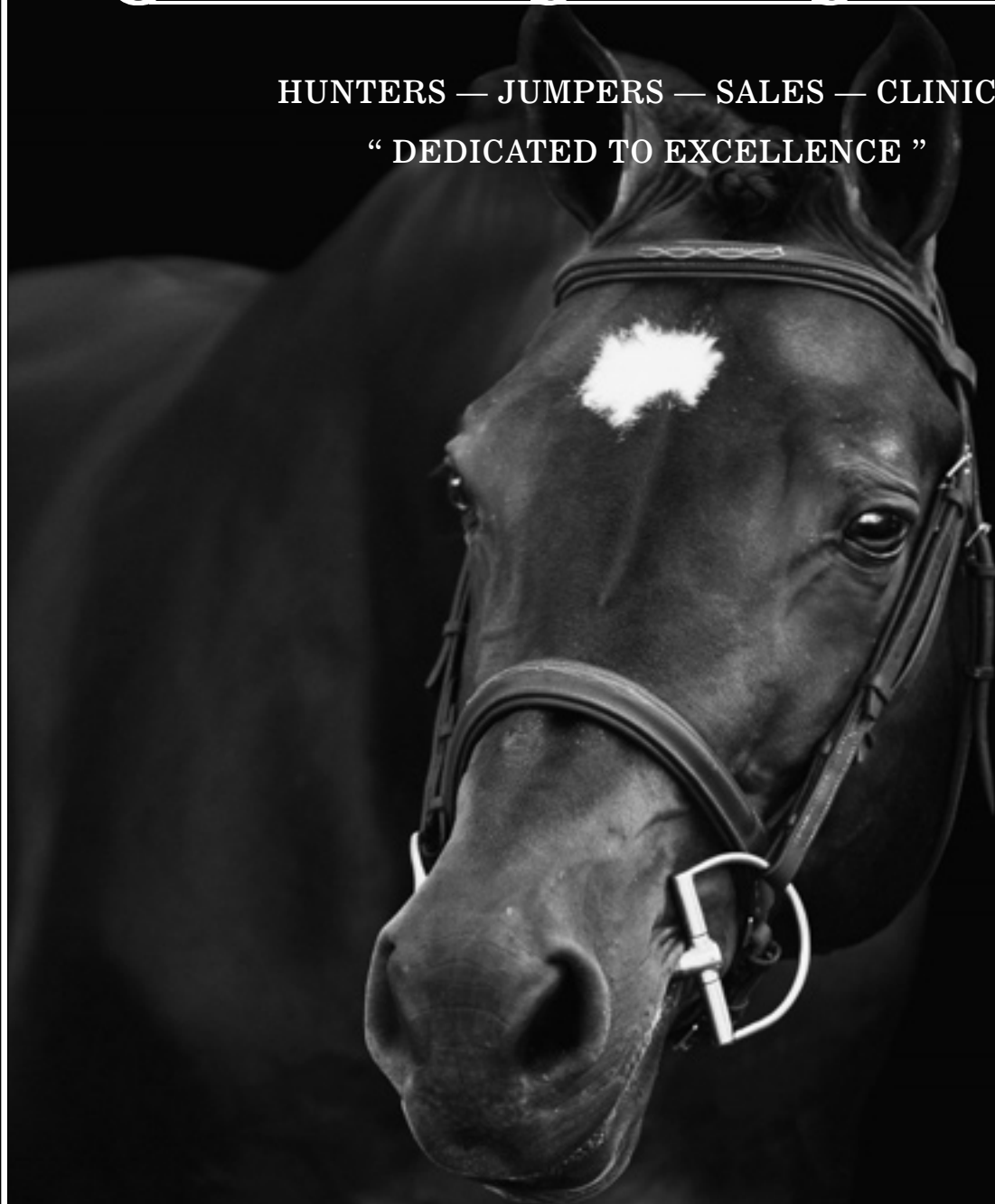
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- 1. Sharps are DANGEROUS!** When left anywhere outside of a designated Sharps container they can potentially cause great harm to horses, dogs or humans attending/working at our event or future events at ESE.
- 2. ESE recycles stall waste** (shavings, hay, manure) from our event to local nurseries and farms.
 - a. This cannot be done if even one needle is detected in the used stall material.
 - b. This is EXTREMELY DANGEROUS when used for compost material applied to crop fields and nursery beds by local farmers, who work with their hands daily.
- 3. \$500 fine will be assessed for every violation.**
 - a. ESE will fine the event \$500 per needle found not properly disposed of in a Sharps container.
 - b. Continued violations will force the cost of our event to increase and could jeopardize our relationship with ESE.

Please join the NEEC and Eastern States Exposition in helping to insure that our event is as safe as it is wonderful by disposing of Sharps responsibly in the Sharps containers provided at the end of the barn aisles. ESE and NEEC will provide a limited number of portable Sharps containers you may obtain at the show and stabling office to utilize at your individual stable area. We appreciate everyone's support in addressing this issue promptly and professionally to insure the safety of our exhibitors, show staff, ESE staff, and local partners.

New ESE (Eastern States Exposition) Policies:

- No dogs are allowed in the coliseum. Leashes are mandatory at all times on ESE property. A \$500 fine will be issued if a warning occurs more than once.
- Recreational electric scooters are prohibited (mobility scooters are the only exception).
- No outside food or beverage is permitted.
- No duck tape can be used on ESE physical property (walls, etc.).

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CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Warm Up

TUESDAY COLISEUM WARM UP

Starts at 7:30 am until approximately 5:00 pm. Open to all. Sign up for timeslots starts Monday at 2:00 pm in the show office. Posted course must be abide by. Any extra jumps taken will count as another trip.

Entry Fee: \$30 per trip | Monitored by an Official

Class 1

OPEN ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION 46 & OVER

For adult amateurs who are 46 years of age or older. Minimum of eight fences not to exceed 3'0".

Entry Fee: \$100 | Trophy and Ten Ribbons

Class 2

NEHC ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL FINAL 46 & OVER

For NEHC adult amateur members who have qualified at an affiliated show after the first Sunday of October of the past show season, through midnight of the first Sunday of October of the current show season. A champion in this division may compete again five years after winning. This rule only applies to the 46 & Over Medal Final. All contestants will be required to perform over approximately ten fences set at a height from 2'9" to 3' with a combination and two changes of direction after the first obstacle. A minimum of 25% or the top ten riders, whichever is greater, from the first round will be required to return for the second round. Further testing will be at the discretion of the judges. USEF tests 1-23.

Entry Fee: \$250 | Trophy, Cooler and Ten Ribbons

Class 3

OPEN ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION 28 – 45

For adult amateurs who have reached their 28th birthday, but have not reached their 46th birthday. Minimum of eight fences not to exceed 3'0".

Entry Fee: \$100 | Trophy and Ten Ribbons

Class 4

NEHC ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL FINAL 28 – 45

See description for Class 2.

Entry Fee: \$250 | Trophy, Cooler and Ten Ribbons

Class 5

OPEN ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION 22 – 27

For adult amateurs who have reached their 22nd birthday, but have not reached their 28th birthday. Minimum of eight fences not to exceed 3'0".

Entry Fee: \$100 | Trophy and Ten Ribbons

Class 6

NEHC ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL FINAL 22 – 27

See description for Class 2.

Entry Fee: \$250 | Trophy, Cooler and Ten Ribbons

Class 7

OPEN ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION 18 – 21

For adult amateurs who have reached their 18th birthday, but have not reached their 22nd birthday. Minimum of eight fences not to exceed 3'0".

Entry Fee: \$100 | Trophy and Ten Ribbons

Class 8

NEHC ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL FINAL 18 – 21

See description for Class 2.

Entry Fee: \$250 | Trophy, Cooler and Ten Ribbons

Award

NEHC ADULT AMATEUR GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Awarded to the Adult NEHC Medal Finals Champion with the highest cumulative scores from the champions of the NEHC Adult Medal Finals age divisions.

No Entry Fee | Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons

Award

HIGH POINT ADULT RIDER

For adult riders, the highest individual judges' score from the open or finals class (first or second round) count. If there are riders with tied scores, but one rider has two or more of that score from another judge, they will be the winner. If still tied, Senior Judge will break the tie. There will be one overall adult winner.

Class 9

WARM-UP FOR JUNIOR SHOWING RIDERS

Thursday after adults are done showing and a refreshing of the ring, junior showing riders will have an opportunity to jump in the show ring for 70-seconds, one rider at a time. Junior showing riders will only be allowed ONE time in the ring. Back numbers must be worn. (This is in addition to the open jumping warm-up Tuesday for any rider/horse.) Sign up beginning at noon on Thursday by the show office. Junior riders with second horse (backup horse) will go at the end of the list. There will be an order of go.

Entry Fee: \$50

Class 10

OPEN EQUITATION 15 – 17

For juniors who have reached their 15th birthday, but have not reached their 18th birthday. Minimum of eight fences not to exceed 3'3".

Entry Fee: \$100 | Trophy and Ten Ribbons in Each Section

Class 11

OPEN EQUITATION 14 & UNDER

For juniors who have not reached their 15th birthday. Minimum of eight fences not to exceed 3'0".

Entry Fee: \$100 | Trophy and Ten Ribbons in Each Section

Class 12

CHALLENGE CUP AWARD

This award is for juniors who have never jumped higher than 3'3" (Hunters/Equitation) or 1.00 meter (Jumpers.) Riders also are not eligible for this award if they have competed in any class or Derby with option fences over 3'3" (even if they don't jump the option fence) or any Jumper class (including Low Children's Jumper Classic when set over 1.00 meter) that has specs higher than 1.00 meter. Even if a class is set no higher than 1.00 meter but the specs classify it as 1.00 – 1.05, the rider is still ineligible from this award.

Riders must be entered by Friday at noon the week of the NE Championships. All trainers must sign off that rider is eligible. If trainer does not sign off on it, rider isn't eligible for this award.

No Entry Fee | Trophy and Ten Ribbons

Class 13

NEEC JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP CLASS

Open to all junior exhibitors competing in the New England Horsemen's Council Hunt Seat Medal Final. This award is intended to identify from among our many competitors the all-around horseperson; those who can "do it all." Young horsemen who not only ride well, but understand the great importance of quality horse care.

The top ribbon winners will be determined by adding together scores in the three competition areas; a written test, followed by a "hands on" practicum in the stable area officiated by two judges and the average first round in the New England Finals.

All practicum finalists should dress in appropriate show or groom attire and are required to provide a normal size groom box/bag that they would take to the ring. Helmets are optional.

The written test will be Friday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. There will be no admittance after 2:00 pm. All test participants will be asked to sign a waiver, agreeing not to disclose any test information to those riders who have not yet taken the exam.

Non-Junior NEHC qualified finalists may take the Horsemanship exam as long as they are entered in the show. They are not eligible to move on to the next phase.

Riders that have previously won this class may continue to enter if they meet the rest of the criteria.

Entry Fee: \$50 | Trophy and Eight Ribbons for Overall

First place awards will be given: high score written test, high score practicum and high score first round NE Finals.



Class 14

IHSA/USHJA 3'3" HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS

Eligibility Requirements

- A. The IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals is open to Junior Active Members of the USEF and USHJA. Foreign residents who are also members of USEF and USHJA will be eligible to compete. Eligible riders may not compete in any of the following within the same competition year:
 - 1. ASPCA Maclay Finals
 - 2. USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals
 - 3. USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals (East or West)
 - 4. USHJA Gladstone Cup Equitation Classic
 - 5. WIHS Equitation Classic Finals
 - 6. Jump Canada Medal Finals
 - 7. North American Equitation Championship
- B. Riders who have competed at 1.30m or higher will not be eligible to compete in the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals.
- C. Riders accumulating a minimum of ten points (10) in any IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal classes between August 2 of the previous competition year and September 1 of the current competition year will be eligible to compete in the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals.
- D. The USHJA, at its discretion, can open up qualifying procedures to allow for additional entries to fill this championship, should insufficient entries be received by the deadline. Additional riders will be invited based on their points earned.
- E. Once a rider has competed in any of the aforementioned finals they remain ineligible to compete in the 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal classes or Final.
- F. Past winners of the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals are no longer eligible to compete in the class or finals.

Course Requirements

- A. To be shown over a course of no less than eight obstacles with fence heights of 3'3" and spreads to 3'6" (exception: triple bar obstacles may have a maximum spread of 4').
- B. For the Finals, all obstacles must be numbered.
- C. One third of the obstacles must be oxers.
- D. Courses must include at least two changes of direction after the first obstacle.
- E. Courses must include at least three of the following:
 - 1. Bending line
 - 2. Narrow jump (5'6" - 8')
 - 3. Roll back turn
 - 4. Fence at the end of the ring
 - 5. Long approach to a single jump
- F. Liverpools, water jumps or water used as decoration are prohibited.

Judging Procedures

- A. See GR1304 for Judging restrictions.
- B. To be judged on the seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse.
- C. Two cumulative refusals will result in elimination from the Finals.
- D. If there are 30 or fewer riders competing in Round I, judges must bring back a minimum of the top 15 riders (if available) for Round II. If there are 31 – 50 riders competing in Round I, judges must bring back a minimum of 20 riders for Round II. If there are more than 51 riders competing in Round I, judges must bring back a minimum of 25 riders for Round II. More riders may be asked to return at the judge's discretion.
 - 1. Open numeric scoring will be used for Rounds I and II.
 - 2. Round I scores may be duplicated with the exception of the riders called back for Round II.
 - 3. Each Round shall be weighted equally.
 - 4. Riders who qualify for Round II will return in reverse order of scores from Round I.
 - 5. All ties will be broken using the scores from Round I.

- E. Testing: two or more tests of a minimum of the top four competitors are required using USEF tests 1- 22.
 - a. Scores from the Testing round will be cumulative based on the combined scores from Rounds I and II. Testing scores will not be announced.
- F. Only one rider per horse may compete in the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals.

Tack

- A. Refer to EQ106.5a in the USEF Rulebook.

Awards

- A. For the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals, ribbons will be awarded first through twelfth place for overall placings. The presentation of awards is to be given in reverse order.

Schooling Requirements for the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals

- A. Horses are required to be stabled on the competition grounds a minimum of twelve hours before the start of the competition.
- B. Trainers/Coaches are permitted to ride and school competitors horses.
- C. Trainers/Coaches are permitted to walk Rounds I and II with the competitors.

Competition Schedule

- A. Schedule
 - 1. Jog (prior to start of final)
 - 2. Round I
 - 3. Round II
 - 4. Work off
- B. Jog Format:
 - 1. All horses entered in the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals must jog for soundness during the Official Jog prior to the start of the first round in order to compete. The Official Jog must be held within 24 hours of the start of the first round. This jog will be run in a manner similar to an FEI jog.
 - 2. A horse must be officially entered in the class before it will be allowed to jog. All horse entries, including substitutes, must be entered in the class before the show office closes, the day prior to the Official Jog.
 - 3. Proper attire is required. In addition, Juniors are required to wear protective headgear.

- 4. All horses must be presented at the Official Jog with their competition number and wearing a bridle, including noseband.
- 5. The judging panel for the Official Jog shall consist of the competition veterinarian and a minimum of one competition judge.
- 6. The jog surface must be level. Similar to an FEI Veterinary Inspection, horses shall be evaluated going directly away and back from the veterinarian and judge, after which, upon the recommendation of the veterinarian, the participating judge will decide if the horse passes.
- 7. If a horse does not pass the jog; the exhibitor may request to re-present the horse. The judge(s) may decide to allow the horse to re-present at any time up to one hour prior to the start of the class. The veterinarian and one of the judges from the original panel must be present. In this case, the decision of the participating judge is final and not subject to appeal.

Judging Requirements for the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals

The IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals will be judged by a panel of two judges with "R" Registered status in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division. One of the "R" registered judges must be approved by the USHJA Equitation Task Force prior to the final.

Contacts

If questions arise pertaining to the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals that cannot be answered by the Show Steward, Technical Delegate or Competition Management based on the Finals specifications provided, please contact one of the following USHJA representatives:

USHJA Equitation: 859-225-6700 Press 4 for Competitive Programs

Sissy Wickes, Chair of the USHJA Joint Equitation Task Force: 610-308-9940

*Entry Fee: \$250 | Trophy and Twelve Ribbons
The presentation of awards is to be given in reverse order.*



Class 15

CHALLENGE OF THE STATES INVITATIONAL

Philanthropy is an important part of the mission of the New England Equitation Championships. Thus, the Challenge of the States winners will work together to choose an organization that they feel will benefit from a donation, made possible by an anonymous donor. This component was developed to encourage our young riders to learn the importance of giving back. The Medal winning teams will each donate a minimum of \$1,500 (Gold Team \$750, Silver Team \$500 and Bronze Team \$250) to the top three charities that will be chosen by the riders before the start of the class. There will be additional opportunities to donate to these charities during the horse show.

Open to junior riders, who will represent the state they reside in, with the top six scores from the open equitation classes. The top four riders with the highest scores will ride and the riders with the fifth and sixth highest scores will be the chef d'equips. Riding members must have a minimum score of 50, chef d'equips can have any score, to make up a team. The top three scores will count for the team total. Number of teams for each state will be determined as follows, with management reserving the right to change:

- 3 – 25 riders will be one team
- 26 – 50 riders will be two teams
- 51 – 75 riders will be three teams
- 76 and more riders will be four teams

An additional team of the next six highest scores of juniors in their last year will be added, score must be a minimum of 50 for riders, chefs can have any score.

If a junior in their last year is a Chef d'equip but has a score high enough to ride on the Graduate Team, that junior will be moved to the Graduate Team as a rider. The rider with the next highest score will move up to be the Chef d'equip on the team that just lost one of its Chefs.

States with fewer than four riders will be combined, as the All American team where the top six scores from these states will become the team. If there are not four of these riders they may then compete as individuals.

Teams work together, without the help of trainers. Only the two Chefs will be allowed in the schooling area to help its rider school. Once a horse has gone it can go back to the barn, there is no further testing.

There will be eight to ten jumps, not to exceed 3'0". Two tests (USEF 1-20) will be built into the course. The Steward will supervise the schooling area. Jumps cannot be higher than 3' and they will be flagged. Trainers are not allowed in schooling area.

Costume Rules

Teams may dress up their riders and horses in costume. Costumes must be safe in manner. Costumes may not obstruct the vision of either horse or rider and must not impede movement on course. No objects may be placed in horse's tail or on or around horse's face that could potentially spook or distract the horse. Competition management will be the deciding factor should a team's costume be in question. Horses must be unbraided.

Riders must be competing in the NEHC finals or be a past NEHC finals winner in order to be eligible for this class. Each rider's USEF address will determine the state that they will represent.

No Entry Fee | Individual Ribbons: 1-10

Team Awards: Gold, Silver, Bronze

Class 16

NEHC JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL FINAL

For junior members of the NEHC who have not yet reached their eighteenth birthday. All contestants will be required to perform over approximately ten fences set to a height from 3' to 3'3" with a combination and two changes of direction after the first obstacle. A minimum of 25 riders will be asked to return for a second round. After the completion of the second round, if the difference between first and second place score is three points or less, judges must test a minimum of the top two riders (maximum of eight). If the difference is more than two points, testing is at the judges' discretion. USEF tests 1-23.

Back numbers must be visible during course walk.

Entry Fee: \$250 | Trophy, Cooler and Ten Ribbons

Challenge Cup Award 1-10 Ribbons

Award

JUNIOR HIGH POINT RIDER

For junior riders, the highest individual judges' score from the open and the first round only of the NEHC finals class counts. Challenge of the States class and IHSA/USHJA Finals do not count.

If there are riders with tied scores, but one rider has two or more of that score from another judge, they will be the winner. If still tied, Senior Judge will break the tie. There will be one overall junior winner.

IHSA/USHJA 3'3" HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS

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Riders qualify by earning 10 points in any USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal classes between Aug. 2, 2025-Sept. 1, 2026. Qualified riders can choose between Finals held on either coast.

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NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, October 12

Horses Allowed on Grounds 12:00 pm
Coliseum Warm-Up Sign Up (*show office*) 2:00 pm

Tuesday, October 13

Coliseum Warm-Up Begins 7:30 am
Basic Life Support Class 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
includes AED and CPR training (near show office)

Wednesday, October 14

CLASS 1:

Open Adult Amateur Equitation, 46 & Over

Course Walk 7:15 – 7:45 am
Section A 8:00 – 8:45 am
Section B 8:45 – 9:30 am

CLASS 2:

NEHC Adult Amateur Medal Final, 46 & Over

Course Walk 9:30 – 10:00 am
Round 1 & 2 10:00 – 11:30 am
(2nd round rider must wait for scores to be on scoreboard)

- * Groom Award (winning horse)
- * Older Adult Sportsmanship Award
- * Sue Brainard Award

CLASS 3:

Open Adult Amateur Equitation, 28 – 45

Course Walk 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Section A 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Section B 1:00 – 2:00 pm

CLASS 4:

NEHC Adult Amateur Medal Final, 28 – 45

Course Walk 2:00 – 2:30 pm
Round 1 & 2 2:30 – 5:00 pm
(2nd round rider must wait for scores to be on scoreboard)

- * Groom Award (winning horse)

Thursday, October 15

CLASS 5:

Open Adult Amateur Equitation, 22 – 27

Course Walk 7:15 – 7:45 am
Section A 8:00 – 8:30 am
Section B 8:30 – 9:15 am

CLASS 6:

NEHC Adult Amateur Medal Final, 22 – 27

Course Walk 9:30 – 10:00 am
Round 1 & 2 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
(2nd round rider must wait for scores to be on scoreboard)

- * Groom Award (winning horse)
- * Younger Adult Sportsmanship Award
- * NEEC Adult Grant in Memory of Fred Hunt
- * Lifetime Achievement Award

CLASS 7:

Open Adult Amateur Equitation, 18 – 21

Course Walk 12:00 – 12:30 pm
Section A 12:30 – 1:00 pm
Section B 1:00 – 1:30 pm

CLASS 8:

NEHC Adult Amateur Medal Final, 18 – 21

Course Walk 1:30 – 2:00 pm
Round 1 & 2 2:00 – 3:30 pm
(2nd round rider must wait for scores to be on scoreboard)

- * Groom Award (winning horse)
- * Adult High Point Rider Award
- * Judge's Choice Award
- * NEHC Adult Amateur Grand
and Reserve Grand Champion Award

CLASS 9:

Jumping Warm-Up for Junior Showing Riders

Order of Go Sign Up (*at show office*) 12:00 pm
Jumping Warm-Up after Class 8 & Awards

* ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE *

There will be no riding in the arena after the last class of each day except for junior showing riders on Thursday.

Friday, October 16

Basic Life Support Class 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
includes AED and CPR training (near show office)

CLASS 10:

Open Equitation, 15 – 17

Course Walk (15-17 riders only) 7:15 – 7:45 am
Section A 8:00 – 9:00 am
Section B 9:15 – 10:15 am
Section C 10:30 – 11:30 am
Section D 11:45 am – 12:45 pm
Section E 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Official Jog for IHSA/USHJA Hunter Seat Medal Finals
(indoor off Barn C) (approx) 9:00 – 11:00 am

Written Exam (Coliseum) 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

CLASS 11:

Open Equitation, 14 & Under

Course Walk (14 & under only) 2:00 – 2:30 pm
Section A 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Section B 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Section C 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Junior Celebration

Cocktails (approx) 5:30 pm
Dinner (approx) 6:15 pm
Horsemanship Test Results after dinner

Saturday, October 17

CLASS 13:

Junior Horsemanship Competition

Practicum 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

CLASS 14:

IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals

Course Walk, Top 25 7:00 – 7:15 am
Course Walk, Remainder 7:15 – 7:45 am

Round 1 8:00 am
(entering at trainer's discretion, before or after score)

Round 2, (call back minimum of 25 riders if available)

Test & Awards (call back top four for further testing)

- * Groom Award (winning horse)
- * Joe Medico Grant Awards
- * NEHC Scholarship Award
- * NEEC Joanne C. Corsiglia Scholarship Award
- * Nicholas Award

Immediately following awards, First, Second and Third
place riders will have a press conference.

CLASS 15:

Challenge of the States

Sponsored Pizza Party & Trainer Lunch
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Individual & Team Competition Awards

Sunday, October 18

CLASS 16:

NEHC Junior Medal Final

Course Walk, Top 25 6:15 – 6:25 am
Course Walk, 1st half of class 6:25 – 6:45 am
Course Walk, 2nd half of class . . . after 1st half competes

(must wear Sunday's number)

Round 1 7:00 am – 2:30 pm
(entering at trainer's discretion, before or after score)

There will be a drag after approximately every 40 trips.

Silent Auction Closing, Winners Announced

Awards Presentation. between Rounds 1&2,
before Round 2 walk

- * The Jimmy Wallace Groom's Award
in memory of Vanessa Lencewicz
- * Mason Phelps Grant Award
- * Junior High Point Rider Award
- * Judge's Choice Award
- * Challenge Cup Award, Class 12
- * Junior Sportsmanship Award
- * Katie Battison Horsemanship Award
- * Cookie DeSimone Horsemanship Trainer Award

Round 2 3:30 – 4:30 pm
(must wait for score on scoreboard)

Tests & Awards 4:30 – 5:00 pm

- * NEHC Junior Medal Finals Champion Trophy
(winning rider)
- * Norman Hall & Eileen Finnell Memorial
Challenge Trophies (trainer(s) of winning rider)
- * Groom Award (winning horse)

Immediately following awards, First, Second and Third
place riders will have a press conference.

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Class 13: Sponsored by Dana Hall School



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WRITTEN TEST

Friday, October 16

Sponsored by USHJA Zone 1

- Test opens at 9:30 am in the Coliseum.
- No admittance after 2:00 pm.
- All participants will be asked to sign a waiver stating that they will not share test questions with riders who have not yet taken the exam.
- Non-qualified NEHC junior medal riders may take the test if they are entered in the show. These riders cannot proceed to the next phase.
- Riders that have previously won this class may continue to enter if they meet the rest of the criteria.

PRACTICUM

Saturday, October 17

- All finalists' times will be announced Friday evening at the Junior Celebration and will also be posted outside the secretary's office on Saturday morning.
- All practicum finalists are required to provide a normal size groom box or bag that they would take to the ring.
- Riders should wear appropriate attire for showing or grooming. Helmet is optional.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Sunday, October 18

- First place awards will be given to the highest score for: written test, practicum, and first round NEHC finals.
- Top ribbon winners will be determined by adding together scores from the three competition areas: written test, practicum and first round NEHC finals. Each section will count equally.
- Ribbons 1-8 for overall winners.

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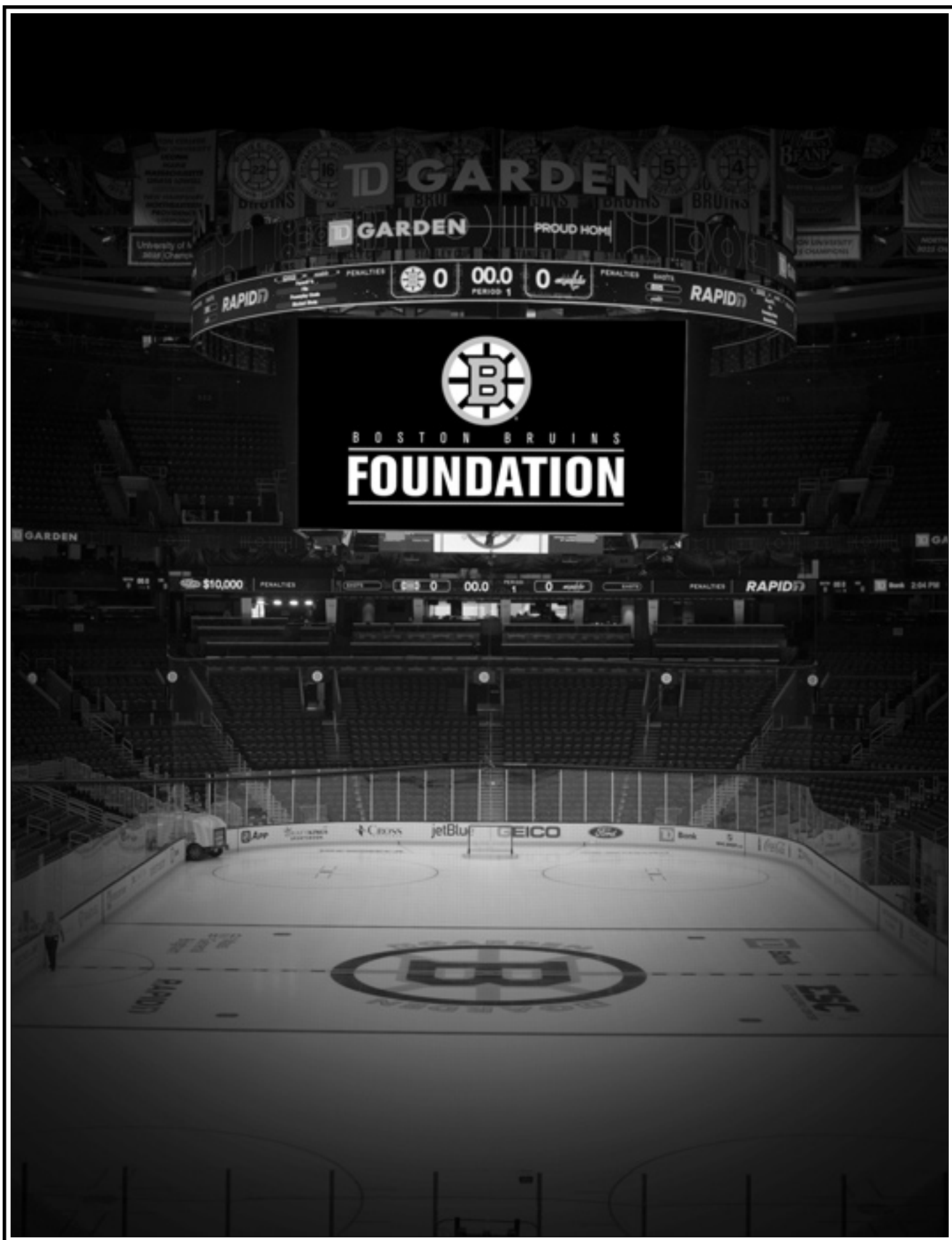
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Each year, Equestrian Gardens selects a handful of organizations and events to support because we believe in the people, values, and traditions that strengthen our industry. The New England Equitation Championships represent everything we admire about the equestrian community: sportsmanship, excellence, dedication, and the enduring spirit that brings generations together through a shared love of the horse.

It is an honor to be a sponsor of this remarkable championship. We look forward to celebrating this milestone and seeing you at NEEC.

—Jessica Jones

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NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

* APPLY BY OCTOBER 1ST AT NEWENGLANDEQUITATION.COM *

Joanne C. Corsiglia Scholarship Award

Dedicated to the Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Reeve

The New England Equitation Committee is pleased to announce that one annual scholarship award in the amount of \$2,000 will be presented at the NEEC Finals at the Eastern States Exposition Center on the weekend of October 14 – 18, 2026. The Scholarship has been made possible by the contributions and support of members, parents, patrons and friends of the NEEC to encourage junior and adult riders to seriously pursue education beyond the high school level. Candidates must have qualified for and compete in the 2026 NEHC Junior or Adult Medal Finals.

The application can be completed at newengland-equitation.com. The deadline for the receipt of applications is October 1, 2026. A panel of three will designate the recipient of the award, which is to be used solely for educational expenses. Applicants will have nine months from our 2026 Finals to tell Amy Eidson at amyeidson1961@gmail.com or Cookie DeSimone at cookieandfrank@aol.com where they will be attending college, professional school, or another continuing education program.

New England Horsemen's Council Scholarship Awards

New England Horsemen's Council encourages junior and adult riders to pursue education beyond the high school level and awards a \$500 educational scholarship in the following disciplines: Hunter Seat Equitation, Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, and Western/Reining Seat. Candidates for the Hunter Seat Equitation scholarship must be a NEHC member in good standing and have qualified for the Medal in the year of the final. Candidates must also be attending school as a high school senior or full-time college student. Selection will be based on the ability and aptitude for pursuing education beyond the high school level, community service, leadership and achievement with horses; less on financial need. Previous applicants who were not awarded the scholarship may reapply.

The application can be completed at newengland-equitation.com. The deadline for the receipt of applications is October 1, 2026. If in the opinion of the Scholarship Committee no applicant meets the standards as set by the Committee, the scholarship funds will be held within the NEHC scholarship account. NEHC furnishes the NEEC medal committee with a certificate to be awarded to the scholarship winner. Scholarship winners must present their transcript with a minimum 3.0 grade point average after a semester in post-secondary school to the administration office to receive the payment. The scholarship will expire in five years unless a letter of intent is received by the NEHC office.



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We at NEHC encourage our Junior Riders to pursue education beyond the High School Level and offers scholarships every year to do just that.

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RIDER GRANTS

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Joe Medico Junior Rider Grants

Sponsored by JR Hudson Horse Transportation

Joe Medico, a JR Hudson Horse Transportation driver for over twenty years, always had a smile on his face and was the first to lend a helping hand. To commemorate his dedication to the New England horse world JR Hudson is sponsoring (2) \$1,250 grants for qualified 2026 NEEC junior medal riders who demonstrate a financial need in order to participate. Apply online at newenglandequitation.com by September 1st.

After thorough review, the Joe Medico Grant Committee will award riders based upon the required essay which will be comprised of two parts. The first part of the essay will ask the applicant to state why the New England Equitation Championships is important to them. The second part will ask for a description of the applicant's basis for financial need. Grant recipients cannot apply again in future years.

Fred Hunt Adult Rider Grant

Sponsored by the New England Equitation Committee

Fred Hunt was a member of the New England Equitation Committee for over 40 years. He was a very well respected horseman and judge in the Hunter/Jumper/Equitation community. He trained many horses and students to regional and national championships. He will be remembered for his fierce friendship and quiet wit. To commemorate his dedication to the NE horse world the NEEC is sponsoring an adult grant of \$1,000. This grant will be going to a qualified and competing adult NEHC medal rider who demonstrates a financial need in order to participate in the NEHC Championships.

This grant provides financial assistance to one NEHC adult medal qualifier for: (A) entries and one stall and (B) a stipend to cover horse transportation and other expenses to compete in the NEHC Championships. Riders qualified to compete in the NEHC Championships must apply online at newenglandequitation.com by September 1st. After thorough review, the Adult Grant Committee will award a rider based upon the required essay. Riders must compete in the finals to be eligible. Riders who receive the grant cannot apply in future years, but junior winners may apply as an adult.



* APPLY BY OCTOBER 1ST AT NEWENGLANDEQUITATION.COM *

Mason Phelps “Spirit of the Sport” Grant

Sponsored by the New England Equitation Committee

Mason Phelps (1948-2021) was involved in our sport in every way possible: from groom to Olympian to governing leader and more. He launched dozens of ingenious events that raised money and interest in Equestrian sports over his career including the AA rated Christmas show in San Antonio, the American Jumping Derby (later the International Jumping Derby), the New England Hunt Seat Medal (in 1977), and numerous inventive classes in the early days of WEF. Phelps served and left his mark on numerous boards and committees including the AHSA (now USEF), USET, Show Jumping Hall of Fame, NEHC, RIHA, The National Horse Show, and as a show judge and trainer. Phelps was an integral part of the creation of the Equestrian Aid Foundation and served at the Athletes Equity Resource Center. His “Denim and Diamonds” gala was the event of the season for many years at WEF and raised millions for the sport. Friends joked he could exceed an unlimited budget! He also gave a lot of his own money to equestrian causes without a lot of recognition.

In his early days at the Aquidneck Island Pony Club, every Saturday Phelps taught numerous children how to ride, muck, and groom for free. Phelps loved people who loved our sport, and it is said he propped up and pushed forward many of his fellow horsemen.

In 2001, after retiring from riding and teaching, Phelps launched Phelps Media Group which despite his lack of experience in PR became “America’s most progressive and successful Equestrian PR firm.”

A longtime president of the NHS, Phelps was instrumental in The National Horse Show finding its “forever home” at the Kentucky Horse Park and served on the board until recently. He created the New England Hunt Seat Medal class as a stepping-stone for riders to make it through Regionals and on to the National Horse Show. It was important to him that financials should not prevent a qualified rider from attending a national final.

The grant will be awarded to the junior rider whose essay is voted among the top three by the Grant Committee (announced on Friday night at the Junior Celebration), achieves the highest first round NEEC score among the grant finalists, and has qualified to compete at the NHS 3’3” Medal or Maclay finals at the National Horse Show and will be attending. Applications must be received by October 1st. Apply online at newenglandequitration.com.

Past winners may not reapply. The winner will be awarded \$750 from the NEEC and \$750 from the NHS to be put towards stall, entries and entry blank fees at each final.



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NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOMINATIONS

Junior Sportsmanship Award

In Memory of Lawrence "Rooster" Yacubian

In 1986 the New England Equitation Committee established the perpetual Sportsmanship Award to be presented to a junior rider in their last year whose character best exemplifies the definition of sportsmanship, including conduct and attitude representing fair play, courtesy, a striving spirit and graciousness in victory and defeat. The award will be presented to a junior rider who, in the opinion of the Committee, best represents all positive aspects of horse showing and is not only an effective rider, but a good horseman who cares for their horse and about their horse, and someone who demonstrates a sincere interest in their family, friends, and fellow exhibitors. Nominations are due by September 1st.

Nicholas Award

Sponsored by the Vars Family in Memory of Nicholas

The Vars family proudly sponsors the Nicholas Award in memory of their Thoroughbred/Percheron cross gelding, Nicholas, who with a dressage/eventing background became a winning equitation horse over his long career. The Nicholas Award was first presented in 1998 as an acknowledgement for the horse who is versatile within the sport and has demonstrated excellence in its career as an equitation horse. The horse must be present to receive this award at NE Championships. Nominations are due by April 15th. Nominations received after the submission deadline will be considered for the following competition year.

Adult Sportsmanship Award

In Memory of Sophie Coppedge Walker

In 1995 an Adult Sportsmanship Award was added to recognize adult riders who exhibit the same exemplary qualities. Two awards are presented to a younger and older adult rider showing in any of the adult sections whose character best exemplifies the definition of sportsmanship. Nominations are due by September 1st.

Jimmy Wallace Groom's Award

In Memory of Vanessa Lencewicz

Awarded to an individual who has consistently demonstrated their dedication to the care and well-being of the horses. The grooms are the unsung heroes of the equestrian sport. This person must be at the NE Championships to receive the award. Nominations are due by September 1st.

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2026 NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

The cutoff date for qualifying is October 4, 2026. The cutoff date for entering is September 15, 2026. Late entries are accepted with a \$100 post entry fee, with the exception of late qualifiers. Entries can be submitted online through Show Management System or scanned and emailed to Colleen Morrissey, Show Secretary, at colleen.morrissey@verizon.net.

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HORSE NAME:		SHOW & DATE QUALIFIED:			
USEF / USHJA #		USEF # OR ID			
LAST YEAR AS JUNIOR:		☐ 2026 ☐ 2027		☐ I AM A JUNIOR RIDER AND MEET THE SPECS ON PAGE 11 FOR THE CHALLENGE CUP AWARD ☐ I AM NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHALLENGE OF THE STATES (NCEA)	

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC. ENTRY AGREEMENT

I have read the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") Entry Agreement (GR906.4) as printed in the Prize List for this Competition and agree to all of its provisions. I understand and agree that by entering this Competition, I am subject to Federation Rules, the Prize List, and local rules of the competition. I agree to waive the right to the use of my photos at the competition, and agree that any actions against the Federation must be brought in New York State.

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This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

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I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death ("Harm").

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OFFICE FEE PER RIDER: (non-refundable)		\$75 x 1 = \$75		ON-GROUNDS AMBULANCE FEE:		\$25	
POST ENTRY FEE: (after 9/15/26)		\$100 x () =		SCRATCH FEE:		\$50	
USHJA FEE:		\$5		USHJA NON-MEMBER FEE:		\$30	
NON-SHOWING HORSE FEE:		\$50		COLISEUM WARM UP: (Tuesday)		\$30 x () =	
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For more information or any questions, contact either Amy Eidson (401-741-0211) or Cookie DeSimone (617-347-6413)

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I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.

By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time. Further, by signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in USEF Events. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

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☐ RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR ☐ OWNER ☐ TRAINER ☐ OFFICIAL ☐ STAFF ☐ VOLUNTEER ☐ COACH (IF APPLICABLE) ☐ OTHER

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Print Name: _____

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BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time, as well as all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

TRAINER (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

OWNER/AGENT (mandatory)

Signature: _____

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COACH (if applicable)

Signature: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulteur/Longeur is a minor) _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

Is Rider/Driver/Vaulteur a U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No



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All fields are required to process payment. Incomplete forms may cause entries to be considered late.

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Signature:	Date:	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Where do I park?
Trailer parking map will be provided at arrival. Pick up passes in the show office to avoid paying. How do I find out where my stall is?
Locations are posted on StableMaster (stallinfo.net). A map is also posted in the stabling office next to the show office. Call Patti Harnois at 561-758-5362 or Noah Spiers at 845-217-9050 with questions. How do I order hay, grain, and/or shavings?
Through StableMaster (stallinfo.net). When is the Coliseum available to school?
(1) Tuesday 7:30 am – 5 pm. Sign up in show office starting Monday at 2 pm. 3 riders at a time. Posted course must be abide by. Any extra jumps will count as another trip. \$30/trip, monitored by an official.
(2) Thursday evening for showing junior riders only. One 70-second time slot assigned per rider. Junior riders with second horse (backup horse) will go at the end of the list. There will be an order of go. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> When is the side ring with course warm-up open?
Wednesday – Sunday: 1 hour before judging starts. Sunday it closes after the first round. Riders will get 5 minutes each, 2 to 3 at a time. Last number is at approximately 5 pm. Time is at the discretion of the Committee. Back numbers will be used to charge the \$30 fee. What are the lunging rules?
Lunging rules are posted outside of each ring. When and where is the horsemanship exam?
Friday at the Coliseum between 9:30 am – 2 pm. Sign up for Class 13 on entry or in show office. When will Challenge of the States teams post?
Friday, October 16th on NEEC's social media. Are camper reservations needed?
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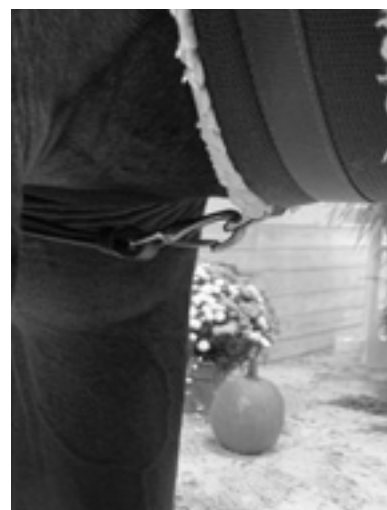
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Visit newenglandequitation.com and go to Juniors In Their Last Year to see if your name is listed. Email newenglandequitation@gmail.com if your name is missing from the list, or your name is on the list and should not be.

PROGRAM ADS

Parents, this is a time for thank you's and congratulations. Have you reserved your space in the program? The deadline is August 15th.

More detailed information, including ad options, pricing and the submission form, can be found at newenglandequitation.com. Please contact Jacquie Maggiore at jemaggiore@gmail.com or Tobi Stall at ntm14@cox.net.



VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS

To be part of this year's commemorative video, juniors in your last year please email the following to newenglandequitation+JILY@gmail.com by August 17th. Be sure to include your name as well as your trainer's name in the email.

- Baby photo
- 2-3 photos, current and past (with or without helmet)
- Short video using the instructions below

Set-Up

- Hold phone horizontally
- Must have phone volume setting as high as it will go
- There can't be any background noise while recording
- Must be wearing helmet and can be with horse
- Video should be 30 to 60 seconds

What To Say

- Speak loud and clear
- Say your name, where you live, and what you are doing in the fall (school, riding, etc.)
- Then go directly into answering one or two of the questions from the list of questions provided below.
- DO NOT use your trainer's name (say "my trainer")

Questions (pick one or two)

- What is your funniest/most embarrassing moment? Please include a photo or video if you have one!
- Do you have any pre-show rituals or superstitions?
- What has your riding career meant to you?
- What do you want to be when you grow up?
- Who is your favorite horse and why?
- Who would you most like to meet?
- What is the funniest advice a trainer has given you?
- What was your most memorable moment as a Junior?

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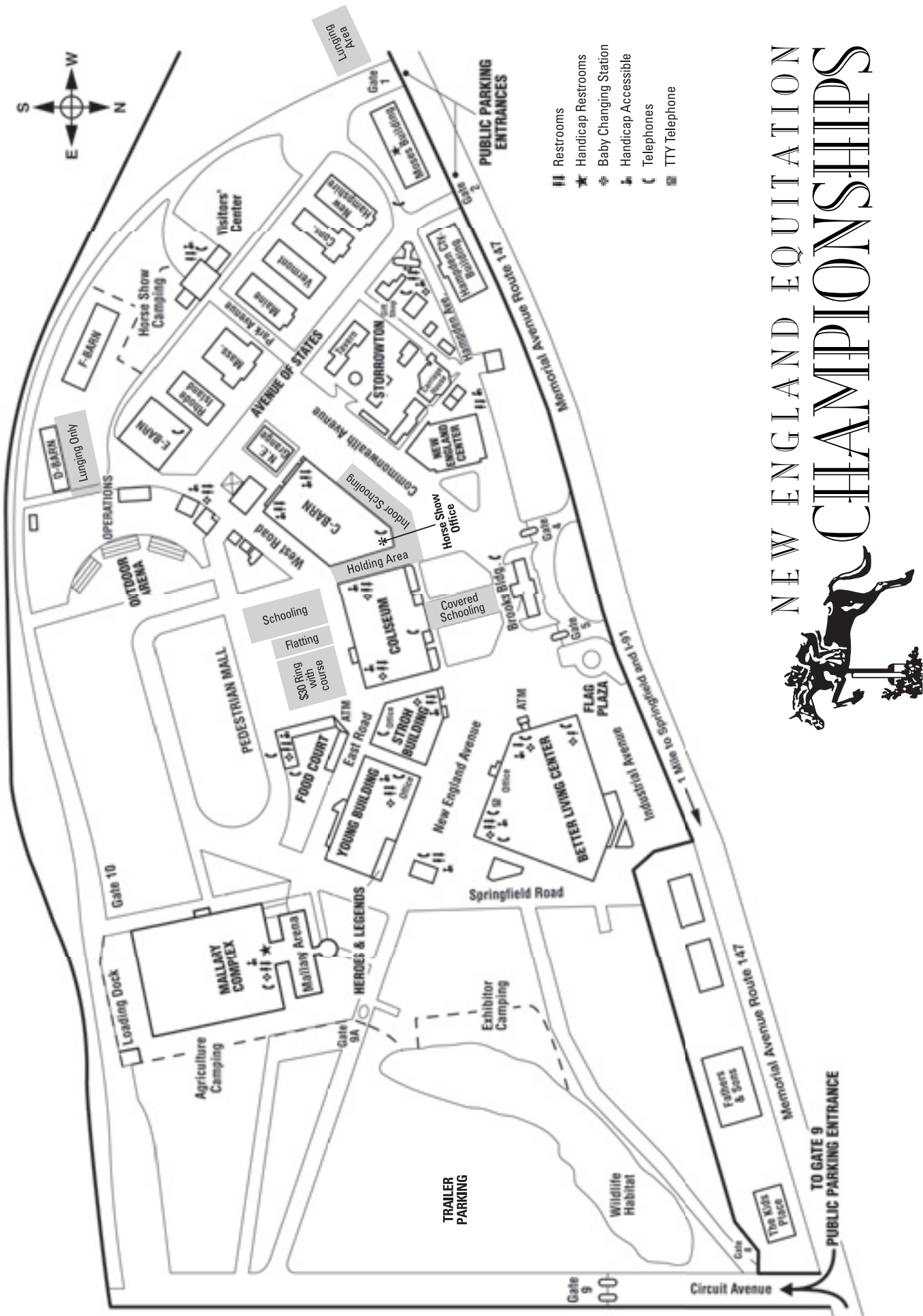
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SAFE SPORT STATEMENT: All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at www.usef.org/safe-sport.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: All exhibitors are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear while riding on the competition grounds. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, anyone riding in Hunter Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM/SEI standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent, guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor, to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards and is properly fitted and in good condition. USEF, the Show Committee and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

HORSE REQUIREMENTS: All horses must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) dated within 30 days prior to show. Horses from the same farm can all be listed on the same Health Certificate. All horses must be vaccinated from equine influenza and EHV within six months of the show, and have a negative Coggins within 12 months of the show.

RULES & REGULATIONS: GR839, welfare of the horse will be strictly enforced. The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to itself to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to arising out of, or incident to the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the Horse Show Management; its decision to be final. In the event that NEEC is canceled or shut down prior to the start of the competition due to the occurrence of any circumstance beyond the control of the NEEC – such as an act of God, war, terrorism, government regulations, natural disaster, strikes, civil disorder, or curtailment of large gatherings by applicable governmental order or guidance or by the USEF/USHJA – to the extent that such circumstance makes it illegal or impossible for the NEEC to run a USEF-sanctioned competition, entry fees paid shall be refunded less the \$100 processing fee.

STABLING: Horses are allowed on the grounds Monday, October 12, 2026 at 12:00 pm and must leave on Sunday, October 18, 2026 within two hours of the end of the NEHC Medal Finals class. All stabling is permanent with doors. Stalls range from 8' x 12' to 9.5' x 12' and have an asphalt base. Stalls must be paid for in advance by September 15, 2026 and are non-refundable if scratch.

FEED & BEDDING: Hay, grain and bedding will be available daily on the grounds through Saturday. Orders can be made online through Stablemaster (Stallinfo.net).

SHARPS, MEDICAL WASTE & STALL MATS: sharps and medical waste must be placed in proper receptacles. Anyone in violation shall be subject to a fine or other penalties deemed necessary by show management. There will be a \$500 fine for any sharps or medical waste found in any stalls. A disposal fee will be charged for stall mats left behind.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS: Adhere to USEF and CDC guidelines.

CLASSES: Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF rule book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.

ENTRIES: Entries must be received by September 15, 2026. Late entries are accepted with a \$100 post entry fee, with the exception of late qualifiers. Show management reserves the right to further cancel, combine or divide classes when deemed necessary to facilitate the smooth running of the show. No refunds will be given. Non-showing horses on grounds must have an entry blank on file.

JUDGING: There will be six judges scoring each round. When the last judge presses the "enter" button, all scores appear on the board. The board instantly gives the "round average," the "cumulative average" indicating all rounds up to that point and a "rank" or placing up to that point.

COLISEUM: Dimensions are 100' x 200'. Footing is well-groomed, all-purpose footing in Coliseum and warm-up areas. Any riders in the main show ring while the ring is officially closed will be automatically eliminated. The Coliseum will be open for warm-ups on Tuesday for schooling over fences, and on Thursday evening for junior showing riders. Junior riders will be allowed one 70-second time slot per rider. Only one horse will be allowed in the ring at a time. Sign up Thursday afternoon in the Presentation area. NEEC reserves the right to have the area of the courtesy circle restricted, which will be marked on the course diagram. Each day's first courses will be posted on the New England Equitation website and Facebook page by 7:00 am each day.

WARM-UP RINGS & LUNGING AREAS: Memorial Avenue lunging area: 360' x 160'. Back lunging ring: 80' x 100'. Indoor schooling ring: 52' x 150'. Outdoor flatting only ring: 65' x 200'. Outdoor schooling ring: 240' x 150'. Covered ring 100' x 165'. \$30 ring: 125' x 200'. Rules will be posted outside of each ring.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES: Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

CAMPERS: No reservations needed. Pay Eastern States at the gate.

DOGS: Dogs must be on a leash or contained at all times and are the sole responsibility of the owner. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dogs must have proof of rabies vaccine. Loose dogs will be detained and their owners fined \$250. Dogs are not allowed in the Coliseum.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION: The nearest Hospital is Mercy Medical Center, at 271 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. Approximately 3.5 miles from the horse show grounds.

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