NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 ineligble 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 afore-mentioned 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 three 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.