

THIS NATIONAL CHILDRENS MEDAL ARIAT NATIONAL ADULT MEDAL

Horse Show Information

Open to all USEF and Equine Canada member shows who apply to the THIS National Children's and/or Ariat National Adult Medal, c/o Ryegate Show Services, for recognition. Shows must apply at least 30 days prior to their scheduled show in order to offer the class. Early application will ensure inclusion on upcoming schedules.

Results must be **submitted** within 10 days from the completion of the show. Payment of \$5.00 per rider must accompany results.

Shows which fail to file timely results or shows which hold classes not previously applied for will not be awarded future dates.

The THIS National Children's Medal or the Ariat National Adult Medal may be combined with an existing local or regional Children's or Adult Medal, as long as specifications are complied with for the National Children's or Ariat National Adult Medal class. In that case, points may be earned Locally and Nationally.

Points

Points will be awarded to sixth place in the same manner as Hunter Championships (i.e.; 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, 1/2). This number will then be multiplied by the number of riders competing in the class to determine the number of points received. Classes that are split using the "california split" pinning will determine the # of exhibitors by taking the total # of exhibitors and dividing by the # of sets of ribbons awarded and rounded up. All splits at one show will have the same # of exhibitors used in determining points. (example - 99 total riders, 2 sets of ribbons, both sets of results will use 50 riders as the # of exhibitors).

Combining of Classes

Shows are permitted to combine the NCM and the NAM at their discretion. Points will be awarded for the actual ribbon won multiplied by the total number of riders in the combined class.

Qualifying Period

All classes held at shows starting on or after August 21st of the previous year, through shows starting on or before August 20th of the current year will be counted toward this year's finals.

Class Conditions

- 1). Class to be judged in accordance with current USEF standards for equitation.
- 2). Conventional tack per USEF EQ109.2.
- 3). Splitting of classes: Classes with less than 15 entries may not be split. Classes with greater than 50 entries must be split using one of the following methods. No other method of splitting is allowed.
 - The preferred method of splitting is using the "california split" method of pinning, with one set of ribbons per 50 riders.
 - At managements discretion, classes of more than 15 riders may be split by age of the rider, using the age groups for the childrens and adult amateur hunters at that show.

TAYLOR HARRIS INSURANCE SERVICES NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MEDAL

Class Specifications

Open to all Junior members of the USEF and Equine Canada who have never competed in any of the following National Equitation Final with fences at 3'6": Pessoa/US Medal; ASPCA Maclay; USEF Talent Search (East or West); Jump Canada Medal Finals; WIHS Junior Equitation Finals; North American Equitation Championship.

To be shown over a minimum of eight fences 2'9" to 3' in height, spread not to exceed fence height. The course may be either a Jumper or Hunter type course and must include at least two changes of direction and a combination. Water obstacles (i.e.; water jump, liverpool) are not permitted. The top four riders are required to perform at least two individual tests from USEF Tests 1-19. An Open Numerical Scoring System must be used in the first round, with each rider's score announced at the completion of their round. There is no minimum requirement to fill the class.

Approximately forty riders will be invited to compete in the finals and will be chosen as follows; the high point rider in each of the regional series will be invited, along with additional riders working from the top down on the National Standings list for the qualifying period. Any unfilled slots will be chosen by continuing down the National Standings list.

ARIAT NATIONAL ADULT MEDAL

Class Specifications

Open to all Amateur members of USEF and Equine Canada who are eligible to compete in the Adult Amateur Hunter Section at this show (based on USHJA Zone specifications for the shows location.). **Additionally, a rider may not compete at the same horse show in any hunter or equitation class in which the jumps exceed three feet, three inches (3'3") or any jumper class set at 1.20m or higher, except the USHJA National Hunter Derby.**

To be shown over a minimum of eight fences 2'9" to 3' in height, spread not to exceed fence height. The course may be either a Jumper or Hunter type course and must include at least two changes of direction and a combination. Water obstacles (i.e.; water jump, liverpool) are not permitted. The top four riders are required to perform at least two individual tests from USEF Tests 1-19. An Open Numerical Scoring System must be used in the first round, with each rider's score announced at the completion of their round. There is no minimum requirement to fill the class.

Approximately thirty riders will be invited to compete in the finals and will be chosen as follows; the high point rider in each of the regional series will be invited, along with additional riders working from the top down on the National Standings list for the qualifying period. Any unfilled slots will be chosen by continuing down the National Standings list.

REGIONAL SERIES

Each Regional Series will consist of all shows in an USEF Zone. Canada will be an additional region. At the end of the qualifying period the rider accumulating the most points in each region will be declared the winner and receive an invitation to the finals.

FINALS

To be held in conjunction with the Capital Challenge Horse Show, Show Place Arena, Upper Marlboro, MD.

The finals will be conducted over a course of at least 10 fences at the appropriate height including a double and a triple combination. The course must include at least two changes of direction. The top ten riders will return for a second round of at least eight fences including a combination. Further testing will be at the Judge's discretion.

Both winners will receive a Perpetual Trophy. The Trainer of each winning rider will receive a Trainer's Award. Ribbons to tenth place.

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