

THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION (NCEA) JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL

Horse Show Information

Open to all USEF and Equine Canada licensed competitions who apply to the National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA) Hunt Seat Medal c/o Ryegate Show Services, Administrator, 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.

Rider Membership

Annual membership is \$35. Membership entitles riders to earn points in the ranking as marked on the application. Membership (application and fee) must be received at the League Office within 10 days of the completion of an event for points from that event to count. Riders may join at a show; however, riders are strongly encouraged to mail the application themselves. Riders may contact Ryegate Show Services, 1298 Royal Rd, Annville, PA 17003; 717-867-5643. Applications may be downloaded from the website, www.ryegate.com.

Points

Points will be awarded to sixth place using the following chart. This number will then be multiplied by the number of riders competing in the class to determine the number of points received:

1 st	10
2 nd	6
3 rd	4
4 th	2
5 th	1
6 th	1/2

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. (i.e., 99 total riders, 2 sets of ribbons, both sets of results will use 50 riders as the # of exhibitors)

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. **Winners of the Finals are no longer eligible to compete in qualifying classes or the Final again.** Any rider who will not be eligible to compete in the next year as a junior may not compete in qualifying classes after August 20th.

Class Conditions

- 1). Class to be judged in accordance with current USEF standards for equitation.
- 2). Conventional tack per USEF EQ105.5.
- 3). Splitting of classes: Classes with greater than 50 entries must be split using the California Split. No other method of splitting is allowed.

Class Specifications

Open to all Junior members of the USEF or Equine Canada. Riders need not be members of the NCEA Medal to compete in the class, but only riders who possess a current NCEA Medal membership number will accrue points and be put on the NCEA Medal ranking list. Riders will compete in the NCEA Medal ranking list (East Coast, Midwest, West Coast) based on their address submitted to the NCEA Medal membership office, unless at the time of application for membership they elect in writing to compete in the other coast final. Class is pinned based on combined performance over two phases, fences and flat. Competitors must use the same horse in both phases.

Fences Phase: To be shown over a minimum of eight fences 3' 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 and liverpools are not permitted. An open numerical scoring system must be used in the first phase, with each rider's score announced at the completion of their round.

Flat Phase: The top 10 will be asked to return to the arena for a flat phase performing at a walk, trot and canter. From USEF Tests 1-19. In addition, riders are required to perform 2 of 3 basic dressage movements of a shoulder-in, haunches-in or leg yield both directions of the ring at the discretion of the judge. The Under Saddle performance of those riders selected to participate in this phase shall count 50% of the overall two phase performance.

There is no minimum requirement to fill the class. Riders who do not return for the flat phase are not eligible for a ribbon overall per EQ107.6

FINALS

The top 50 riders from each ranking list (East Coast, Midwest, West Coast) will be invited to compete in the Finals. HITS will host all finals for the medal class, the first on the East Coast in conjunction with HITS Championship, September 5 to 9, 2018. The second in the Midwest in conjunction with Showplace Fall Classic II, September 12-16, 2018. The last on the West Coast in conjunction with the National Sunshine Series, November 7 to 11, 2018. Order of go for each phase will be drawn the day before the competition.

The finals will be a three-phase competition: fences phase, flat phase, bracket phase. The Over Fences portion will be conducted over a course of at least 10 fences at 3'3" including a double and a triple combination. The course must include at least two changes of direction. Hunter style fences and jumper style fences are allowed, or a combination of the two. Water obstacles and liverpools are not permitted. An open numerical system of scoring must be used for the fences phase.

The top 20% or top ten scoring riders, whichever is greater, will return for the flat phase. An open numerical system of scoring must be used for the flat phase. The riders will be asked to perform any of USEF Tests 1-19 as well as 2 out of 3 movements of shoulder in, haunches in, or leg yield both directions of the ring.

The top four riders, as determined by the combination of the fences and flat phase (each counting equally), will return for the bracket phase. The fourth and first place rider will compete over a course of at least 8 fences on the same horse. The second and third place rider will compete over a course of at least 8 fences on the same horse. The winners of each head to head will compete for the championship and reserve and the other two riders will compete head to head for third and fourth place. Fifth through tenth place will be awarded based on scores from the fences and flat

phases.

For more information about the NCEA, please visit <http://www.collegiateequestrian.com>

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