

## **National Medal Series**

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**THE THIS NATIONAL CHILDRENS MEDAL & ARIAT NATIONAL ADULT MEDAL  
DO NOT REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS TO EARN POINTS.  
RIDERS ONLY NEED TO BE CURRENT WITH USEF & USHJA**

Thank you for your support of the National Medal Series. Attached are an application and current specifications – ***please note new specs for Ariat NAM.***

### **SPONSORS**

- **Please make sure to reference in ALL places the current sponsors:**

**TAYLOR HARRIS INSURANCE SERVICES (THIS) National Children's Medal**

**ARIAT National Adult Medal**

Remember applications **MUST** be received in this office at least thirty (30) days prior to the requested show. It is to your benefit to apply for all shows early and notify us of any changes or cancellations.

Best of luck with your upcoming shows!

# **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 \$7.00 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. Only points from an exhibitor's top 15 shows will count.

## **Class Conditions**

- 1). Class to be judged in accordance with current USEF standards for equitation.
- 2). Conventional tack per USEF EQ106.5
- 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/or 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; North American Equitation Championship, Gladstone Cup (East or West), WIHS 3'6" Equitation Final. Riders may not compete at the same horse show in any hunter or equitation class in which the jumps are set at 3'9" or higher, the International Hunter Derby or jumpers set above 1.20m, a jr classic set at 1.25m is permitted. (effective 9/1/23).

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. A minimum of four (4) riders, if available, are required to perform at least two individual tests from USEF Tests 1-19 at the conclusion of the first round. **(Exception - classes with less than 12 riders may have the test included in the original course)**. 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.

***Additional restrictions for Finals only: WIHS 3'6" Equitation Final - any rider in the top 50 of the East Standings or top 20 in the West Standings are not eligible for the THIS NCM Final in the same year. Riders that have placed in Gladstone Cup in the current year are no longer eligible for THIS National Children's Medal Classes or Finals. Riders that showed in the Gladstone Cup, may show in the THIS Finals, but may no longer show in THIS NCM classes in the next qualifying year. (effective 9/1/23)***

## ARIAT NATIONAL ADULT MEDAL

## Class Specifications

Open to all Amateur members of USEF and/or 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 show in any jumpers set above 1.20m, an amateur classic set at 1.25m is permitted. (effective 9/1/21). 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. A minimum of four (4) riders, if available, are required to perform at least two individual tests from USEF Tests 1-19 at the conclusion of the first round. **(Exception - classes with less than 12 riders may have the test included in the original course)** 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 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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