

LAHJA LA SADDLERY Hunter Seat Medal Finals: JR & SR

GENERAL:

Open to riders who have accrued at least ten points in LAHJA Junior and Senior Medal classes since the previous year's finals. For eligibility requirements contact the association office.

1. A warm up round must be offered that is judged under USEF specifications over a hunter type course, and this class should be presided over by a judge not judging the medal finals. Juniors and amateurs will be pinned separately.
2. LAHJA to provide all awards
3. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists, the reception will be held during the final round and work-off

JUDGING PROCEDURES:

The Medal Finals will consist of two qualifying rounds judged by two teams of two judges each throughout the entire competition. Each team of judges will provide one score per rider. Scores will be announced in the first three rounds; work off scores will not be announced. All participants will return for the second round. There will be a third round of the top ten riders plus any rider with an average score of 80 or above from rounds 1 and 2. A work-off is required of the top four plus any rider within 3 percentage points of the leader. Work off: All of the judges will sit together and give one score. If there is a tie after the work-off, another work-off of just the tied riders will be required. Different work-offs will be required for juniors and seniors.

In cases of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances the format for the medal finals may be modified. The Appeals Committee must approve the method of modification.

SCORING:

Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and added to the scores from round 1 to determine the top ten that will return for round 3. To obtain a final score after round 3, the scores from rounds 1, 2 and 3 will be averaged. The score for the work-off will be added to the overall average to determine the winner.

ORDER OF GO:

Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of Round 1. Round 3 will ride low score to high score from the average score of the first two rounds. The top ten scores, ties for 10th place and any riders with an average of 80 or above will return for Round 3. At the completion of Round 3, the designated riders will perform the required work-off, after which awards will be presented

COURSES:

The courses for the two qualifying rounds will consist of one straight-forward hunter/equitation-type round (Round 1) and one jumper/equitation-type course (Round 2). The course for the final round will be of greater difficulty than the first two rounds. Water and liver pools are not allowed. Fences are not to exceed 3'3".

SCHOOLING:

1. Schooling will be allowed only in the designated schooling area.
2. For safety reasons schooling jumps will be restricted; these restrictions will be posted at the entrance to the schooling area.
3. The LAHJA will designate a schooling supervisor who will have authority in the schooling area during the finals.

STEWARD and APPEALS COMMITTEE:

A USEF Steward must be present. The Appeals Committee will consist of the LAHJA appointed technical delegate, two appointed members of the LAHJA Board of Directors (who do not have riders in the finals), one USEF Steward and the horse show manager. Any protest must be filed within one hour of the conclusion of the class. No money need be given with the protest, but it must be written, signed and

handed to a member of the Appeals Committee. Except for what is specified above, USEF rules regarding equitation classes will be followed. Additional specifications and/or clarification may be sent out by the LAHJA prior to the Finals and will take precedence over the above listed specifications.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

There must be a Technical Delegate (TD). The TD will be recommended by the Hunter/Jumper/Equitation Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The TD will be responsible for interfacing with the Horse Show Management, officials, and exhibitors. Management will be responsible for lodging and a fee of \$100.00 per day to defray expenses.

1. The TD will meet with the Executive Director and management in a timely fashion before the event to go over the class schedule and class specifications, and to make sure the judges are given copies of the class format prior to the competition. The TD should go over lighting and time schedule to ensure that as many problems as possible are foreseen and avoided. The TD should also plan to be present at and to assist with the presentation of awards.
2. The TD should be present at the drawing for the order of go. At this time he/she should be available to answer any questions posed by exhibitors. The TD should also be present and available to exhibitors at any social functions.
3. The TD should set up daily meetings, if necessary, with the Executive Director and officials to go over details such as:
 - a. The course plan (making sure each judge has a copy, and that one copy is posted in a timely manner)
 - b. Scoring
 - c. Score keeping and announcing
 - d. Preceding Round 3 the TD will meet with the judges and have work-off courses pre-planned
4. The TD will collect copies of judge's cards, course comments and score sheets, and send them to the association.
5. The TD will ensure that each judge has the opportunity to walk the course prior to the beginning of the competition.

HORSE:

The same horse must be ridden through all phases of competition. However, due to illness or injury of the horse, a rider may petition the Appeals Committee to ride a substitute horse.

COURSE DESIGNER:

The course designer designated by the horse show management hosting the medal finals will design the medal finals courses. The same course designer will be used throughout the finals.

AWARDS

Winners of each of the first two rounds will receive a trophy and ribbons through 8th. At the completion of the work-off, championship awards will be presented to the top ten riders. Awards will consist of at a minimum: ribbons through tenth, coolers through tenth, perpetual trophy to the winner for possession for one year.