

# LAHJA MEDAL FINALS

## 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.

## WARM-UP CLASS

1. A warm-up class must be offered for each final, and held in the same arena and under the same conditions as the scheduled final.
2. The warm-up class is open only to those riders qualified for and entered in the final that the warm-up class corresponds to. A guest rider is not eligible for the warm-up class.
3. Riders may ride any horse of their choosing, but in no case may a rider participate on more than one horse.
4. The warm-up class will not be judged, but a posted order will be adhered to.
5. The warm-up class will be presided over by a USEF judge and riders must follow the posted course. Although the class is not judged, riders will be eliminated for the same things that constitute elimination in an equitation class.
6. The course will be set according to the same specifications as the first round of the corresponding medal final.

## 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 a rider 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 listed specifications.

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.

## 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~~ The Association will be responsible for lodging (if needed) and a fee of ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.00 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 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 or pony 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.

## **LAHJA LA SADDLERY Hunter Seat Medal Finals: JUNIOR & SENIOR**

### **GENERAL:**

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

1. LAHJA to provide all awards
2. 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.

### **SCORING:**

Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and averaged with 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 rider 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".

## **LAHJA Rosewood Medal Finals: Presented by Damoor's Feed & Tack**

### **GENERAL**

Open to riders who have accrued at least ten points in Rosewood Medal classes since the final the previous year, **and must have competed in at least three LAHJA shows since the final the previous year.** For eligibility requirements contact the association office.

1. LAHJA to provide all awards and has the option of providing a third judge if it wishes.
2. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists.

### **JUDGING PROCEDURES**

Round 1 will be held over a course of fences 3' to 3'3" in height. All eligible riders will compete in this round. A numerical score will be given after each round. Scores from Round 1 will be averaged and carried into Round 2.

After Round 1 trophy and ribbons through 8th will be awarded. Round 2 will be of increasing difficulty for the intermediate level rider. A numerical score will be given after each round. The scores from Round 2 will be averaged with the average scored from Round 1. After the completion of Round 2 trophy and ribbons through 8th will be awarded to the riders with the top eight scores of Round 2.

#### **SCORING:**

Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and averaged with the scores from round 1 to determine the riders that will return for the work-off. Immediately following Round 2 there will be a work-off of the top four riders from Rounds 1 and 2, plus any rider whose average score is within three points of the leader and any rider with an average score of 80% or better. In the work-off the score will be added to the average score carried into the work-off. The judges will sit together for the work-off. Scores for the work-off will not be announced.

#### **ORDER OF GO**

The order of go for Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of Round 1. The work-off order will be from low score to high score based on the average score of the first two rounds.

### **LAHJA Horsemanship Finals**

#### **GENERAL**

The Horsemanship finals will be run under the same specifications as the Rosewood finals with the exception of fence heights and the description below. All competitors in the finals and their trainers will be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility stating that they understand the eligibility requirements for the LAHJA Horsemanship finals.

#### **COURSES:**

The courses to be set at 2'9", spreads not to exceed 3', with a minimum of 10 jumping efforts in each round. The first Round will be a hunter/equitation type course. The second Round will be of increasing difficulty for intermediate level riders.

### **LAHJA Pony Medal Finals**

#### **GENERAL**

Open to riders who have accrued at least six points in LAHJA Pony Medal classes since the final the previous year, **and must have competed in at least three LAHJA shows since the final the previous year.** For eligibility requirements contact the association office.

1. LAHJA to provide all awards.
2. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists.

#### **JUDGING PROCEDURE**

Both Round 1 and Round 2 will be shown over a course of fences applicable to the height of the pony (Sm. - 2'3", Med. - 2'6", Lg. - 2'9") with at least one change of direction. All eligible riders will compete in both Round 1 and Round 2. A numerical score will be given after each round. Scores from Round 1 will be carried into Round 2. After Round 1 trophy and ribbons through 8th will be awarded. After the completion of Round 2 trophy and ribbons through 8th will be awarded to the riders with the top eight scores in Round 2. The score from Round 2 will be added to the score from Round 1.

Immediately following Round 2 there will be a work-off of the top four riders from Rounds 1 and 2, plus any rider whose score is within three points of the leader. The work-off score will be added to the score going into the work-off. Scores for the work-off will not be announced.

To be judged by two judges sitting together and giving one score.

#### **ORDER OF GO**

The order of go for Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of Round 1. The work-off order will be from low score to high score based on the total score of the first two rounds.