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For 2020 only, the top 130 riders on the East Coast and top 100 riders on the West Coast will be accepted to compete at the 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals. Riders may choose to compete at the East or West coast Finals.

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## **2020 USHJA 3'3" JUMPING SEAT MEDAL FINALS SPECIFICATIONS**

*Changes from the previous year are in bold, italics and underlined.*

### **I. Qualifications to Compete**

- A. Riders must be a current active USEF and USHJA Junior member in good standing at the time of the competition.
- B. A rider is qualified to compete in the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals when they have accumulated a minimum of ***fifteen (15)*** points in any USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal classes held from August 2 of the previous competition year through August 1 of the current competition year.
- C. Any rider in his or her final Junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 1 of that competition year. Exception: riders in their final Junior year may compete in the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class held at the AON/USHJA National Championships.
- D. Any rider that has jumped 1.30m or above, competed in a USEF Show Jumping Talent Search 2\* or 3\* class is prohibited from competing in a USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class or Finals within the same competition year.
- E. Riders are prohibited from competing in a USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals and a USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals at the same competition.

### **II. Competition Format**

The 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals will be composed of three (3) phases: Phase I (Flat Phase), Phase II (Gymnastics Phase) and Phase III (Jumping Phase).

- A. Phase I (Flat Phase): Flatwork with no more than ten (10) riders at one time with all groups performing the same test. Riders are to show at a working walk, collected trot sitting, working trot rising, working trot demonstrating a lengthening of stride, working canter, collected canter, working canter demonstrating a lengthening of stride and counter canter. Riders may be asked to perform advanced flatwork including but not limited to, turn on the haunches, shoulder-in and leg yielding. The starting order of Phase I will be assigned by a random draw.
- B. Phase II (Gymnastics Phase): Riders will be asked to perform three (3) of the Standard Gymnastics Exercises similar to those found in the specifications for the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals. Phase II exercises may include trot fences. ***Placing rails, trotting rails and cavaletti are prohibited.*** Rails knocked down will be treated more leniently than in the Phase III (Jumping Phase). Phase II will have a multiplier of 1.5. The start order of Phase II will go in order of scores received in Phase I from lowest to highest.
- C. Phase III (Jumping Phase): Must be held in a jumper ring utilizing jumper style fences. To be shown over a course of ten (10) to twelve (12) numbered obstacles set at a height of 1.0m with spreads up to 1.10m (triple bar up to 1.15m). To include one (1) double combination and one (1) triple combination, or three (3) double combinations. The course must also include a dry, above-ground Liverpool. Time allowed will be calculated at 350 meters per minute. The course will be posted and open thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the competition. Rails down will result in a deduction of four (4) points from the riders' score and time faults in a

deduction of one (1) point for each second commenced over the time allowed. Phase III will have a multiplier of two (2). The start order of Phase III will be the reverse order of standings after Phases I and II.

- D. A work off is required for all riders within three (3) points of the leader following the completion of Phase III. The work off will consist of a shortened course with a tight time allowed. Scores will not be announced for this phase.

### **III. Competition Schedule**

- A. Schedule
1. Phase I (Flat)
  2. Phase II (Gymnastics)
  3. Phase III (Jumping)
  4. Work off (if needed)
- B. If needed, Competition Management is permitted to schedule the 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals over two (2) days.

### **IV. Tack**

- A. Refer to rule EQ106.5b.
- B. In Phase I, martingales are prohibited.
- C. In Phases II and III, only running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted.

### **V. Schooling**

- A. **Horses must be present on the competition grounds for a minimum of twelve (12) hours before the start of the competition.**
- B. FEI Schooling Rules will apply at the Finals, (e.g., there will be no poling or use of offsets). Schooling fences will be flagged and must be jumped in the correct direction.
- C. Trainers/Coaches will be permitted to ride and school competitors horses.
- D. Trainers/Coaches will be permitted to walk any and all courses with the competitors.

### **VI. Judges and Judging Procedures**

- A. The USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals will be judged by a panel of two (2) judges. At least one (1) of these judges must hold a "R" or Registered status in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division. The second judge may be either a "R" Registered judge, a "r" recorded judge or a High Performance athlete as defined by USHJA (refer to [USHJA Bylaw Policy & Procedure Manual](#), Section V. USHJA Athlete Definition) with a guest card.
- B. Both judges will sit together for the duration of the class and provide one (1) numerical score for each competitor in each phase. A qualified scribe must be provided by the competition.

### **VII. Awards**

- A. Ribbons will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> -**12th** place for each phase and for overall placings. The presentation of awards is to be given in reverse order.
- B. The Overall Champion will be presented with a rider sash, horse cooler, and a sponsor award if available.
- C. Recognition shall be given for the Best Horse. To be awarded to the horse deemed by the judges to be the best and most suitable 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals horse.

### **VIII. USHJA Contact Information**

If questions arise pertaining to the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals that cannot be answered by the Show Steward or Competition Management based on the class specifications provided, please contact one of the following USHJA representatives:

USHJA Equitation - (859)225-6700

Robin Rost Brown, Chair of the USHJA Joint Equitation Task Force - (973)222-8523

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