

USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Class Specifications

Effective August 2, 2019 to August 1, 2020

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

I. Competition requirements

- A. A USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal class may be offered at USEF Licensed competitions. Competitions wishing to hold a USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal class at their competition must list the class in their prize list and notify USEF.
- B. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA \$5 per competing entrant fee for riders in all USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal classes. The competing entrant fee may be added to the entry fee and payment must be submitted to USHJA within ten days of the conclusion of the competition.
- C. Competition management must remit the complete results to USHJA and USEF within ten days of the conclusion of the competition.

II. Eligibility requirements

- A. The USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal is open to Junior Active Members of the USEF and USHJA. Foreign residents who are also members of USEF and USHJA will be eligible to compete. Eligible riders are those who have not competed in any of the following National Equitation Finals with fences at 3'6" within the same competition year including: ASPCA Maclay Finals, USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals (East or West), WIHS Equitation Classic Finals, Jump Canada Medal Finals or the North American Equitation Championship.
- B. Once a rider has won the USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals, she/he is not eligible to compete again.
- C. **Once a rider has competed in any of the aforementioned finals they remain ineligible to compete in the 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal.**

III. Courses requirements

- A. To be shown over a course of no less than eight obstacles with fence heights of 3'3" and spreads to 3'6" (exception: triple bar obstacles may have a maximum spread of 4').
- B. One third of the obstacles must be oxers.
- C. Courses must include at least **two** changes of direction after the first obstacle.
- D. All courses must include at least three of the following:
 - 1. Bending Line
 - 2. Narrow Jump (5'6"-8')
 - 3. Roll back turn
 - 4. Fence at the end of the ring
 - 5. Long approach to a single jump
- E. Liverpools, water jumps or water used as decoration are prohibited.
- F. Testing: **Two or more tests of the following number of competitors are required. In classes with three (3) who complete the course, three (3) competitors must be called back for testing. In classes with four (4) to thirty (30) who complete the course, at least the top four (4) competitors must be called back for testing. In classes with thirty-one (31) or more who complete the course, at least the top six (6) competitors must be called back for testing. Eight places must be awarded in classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries. Tests 1-17. Any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those exhibitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. Only one rider per horse (EQ-2.110 5.B)**

IV. Judging procedures

- A. To be judged on the seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse.
- B. **Three** refusals will result in elimination from the class.
- C. To fill a USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal class, a minimum of three competitors must complete the course.
- D. If there are forty or more entries at the beginning of a USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal class, it may be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections.
- E. If there are fifty or more entries at the beginning of a USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal class, it must be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections.
- F. Only one rider may compete per horse entered in an USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal class ~~or Finals~~.

V. Tack

Refer to EQ105.5a in the USEF Rulebook.

VI. Points

- A. Full points will be awarded in qualifying classes provided at least eight or more riders complete the course.
- B. Fewer than eight riders will result in points being awarded on a reduced scale based on the maximum number of ribbon winners.

Point scale:

8 or more riders: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

7 riders: 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

6 riders: 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

5 riders: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

4 riders: 4, 3, 2, 1

3 riders: 3, 2, 1

VII. Awards

- A. For USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal classes, judges are required to pin to eighth place should eight or more riders complete the course.

VIII. Contacts

If questions arise pertaining to the USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal 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

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For any rules not specified above, please refer to the current USEF Rule Book.

