

*For 2020 only, the qualifying criteria is as follows: "Junior riders may qualify by placing in an equitation class at the same height the rider will be competing in at the Championship. Classes will count from any state or zone between August 21, 2019 and July 22, 2020." The 3' section will remain limited to riders who have not competed three (3) or more times in any class or division at 3'6" or higher.*



**2020 L.M. "Sandy" Gerald**  
**USHJA Zone 3 Equitation Championship Specifications**  
**Effective for the 2020 Championship**

The L.M. "Sandy" Gerald USHJA Zone 3 Equitation Championship wishes to honor the late Sandy Gerald, who passed away unexpectedly in the spring of 2016. Sandy was an exceptional horseman, coach, course designer and judge, whose legacy lives on in Zone 3. This class is open to junior members residing in Zone 3 who have won a state, USEF, Maclay, or WIHS Medal class throughout the qualifying period. The course is a medal-type course consisting of a minimum of 10 fences with at least one combination and two changes of direction. The top 12 riders from the jumping phase (3' and 3'6" combined) will return for a flat phase.

**I. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

- A. The Zone 3 Equitation Championship is open to junior members of the USHJA who reside in Zone 3.
- B. Junior riders may qualify by winning any of the Zone 3 state equitation medals including VHSA Junior and Children's Medal, NCHJA Children's Medal, EJ Haun Memorial Medal, MHSA Hunt Seat Medal Horse, Gittings Horsemanship Medal, etc. or by winning the USEF, ASPCA Maclay, or WIHS Medal classes in any state or zone between August 21, 2019 and July 22, 2020.
- C. An eligible rider must be a current Active USEF and USHJA member in good standing (seeEQ103). The burden of proof of eligibility to compete will rest with and be the sole responsibility of the rider, and not of the USHJA. USHJA staff is not available to determine each rider's eligibility.

**II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The course shall consist of at least ten (10) fences with at least one (1) combination and two (2) changes of direction. The top 12 competitors will return for a flat phase. Further testing may be required at the judge's discretion.
- B. The class will be divided into two (2) height sections: 3' and 3'6". However, the two (2) height sections will be judged as one (1) class. The 3' section is limited to riders who have not competed three (3) or more times in any class or division at 3'6" or higher.

**III. SCORING**

- A. An open scoring system will be used.

**IV. AWARDS**

- A. The Uptown Award shall be awarded by the judges to the horse most suited to the class.

*The USHJA Zone 3 Equitation Championship and the related format and specifications are the sole properties of the USHJA and may only be held, conducted or used upon the terms and conditions specified by the USHJA. USHJA reserves the right to change language in documents related to the conduct of the Zone 3 Equitation Championship as necessary for the purposes of consistency and clarity. Any deviations from the class specifications for the Zone 3 Equitation Championship are not permitted without the express written permission from USHJA prior to the printing of the prize list.*

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



*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all USHJA programs, properties, events and related specifications are subject to change in accordance with federal, state and local laws and regulations.*