



USHJA 3'3" JUMPING SEAT MEDAL CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Effective for the qualifying period August 2, 2025 to August 1, 2026

I. Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- A. A USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal may only be offered at USEF Licensed competitions.
- B. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the \$10 per competing entrant fee within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the competition. The competing entrant fee may be added to the entry fee.
- C. Competition management will remit complete results to USHJA and USEF within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the competition.
- D. Any Junior rider that has jumped 1.30m or above or competed in any 3* USEF Show Jumping Talent Search class is no longer eligible to compete in a USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class or Finals.
- E. Riders are prohibited from competing in a USEF Show Jumping Talent Search 2* class and a USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class at the same competition.
- F. Riders are allowed to compete in a 1* USEF Show Jumping Talent Search class and a USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class at the same competition.
- G. Past winners of the USHJA 3'3" Junior Jumping Seat Medal Final are no longer eligible to compete in the class or finals.
- H. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in either the Adult 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class or the Junior 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class, the classes may be combined.
- I. If the Adult 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class is combined with the Junior 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class:
 1. A rider's competition record as a junior will not affect their eligibility.
 2. Any Adult rider 18 and over that has competed above 1.35m is prohibited from competing in a USHJA 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal class or Finals within that competition year.
 3. Any Adult rider aged 18-21 that has competed in a 3* USEF Show Jumping Talent Search class and/or Finals in the same competition year is no longer eligible to compete in a USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class or Finals. The rider is automatically reinstated the following competition year.
- J. This class must first be offered on its own, however, if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either the Junior 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class or the Adult 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class, the classes may be combined.

II. Membership and Participation Requirements

- A. USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal is open to Junior Active Members of USEF and USHJA who have not reached their 18th birthday (per USEF rules).
- B. Adult USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal is open to Amateur Active Members of the Federation and USHJA who are 18 years of age or older (per USEF rules).
- C. Riders must be current Active members of USEF and USHJA prior to the start of the class (see GR202).
- D. Foreign residents who are also members of USEF and USHJA will be eligible to compete.

III. Judging Requirements and Judging System

- A. See GR1304 for Judging restrictions.
- B. The USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal is a two phase competition with the Jumping Phase to count as 70% and the Flat Phase to count as 30% and shall be judged on the rider's equitation style, technical merit, judgment and execution of an efficient, time saving pace and track.
- C. Two cumulative refusals will incur elimination.
- D. One (1) point will be subtracted from the rider's score for each commenced second over the time allowed and four (4) points will be deducted for each knockdown on course. JP137 (The competition round) and JP138 (Timing) will apply.
- E. Judges are asked to walk the course when possible. **If as a result of a disobedience a competitor displaces or knocks down any obstacle or a flag marking the limits of the water jump, of a natural obstacle or in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down the flag, the tone is sounded and the time is stopped until the obstacle has been rebuilt. When the obstacle has been rebuilt, the tone is sounded to indicate that the course is ready and that the competitor can continue the round. The competitor is penalized for a refusal and a time correction of 6 seconds is added to the time taken by the competitor to complete their round. The time is restarted at the moment when the horse leaves the ground at the obstacle where the refusal occurred.**
- F. Twelve (12) riders (if available) **must** return for a flat phase. Riders to be judged on position, seat and the correctness and effectiveness of the aids. Excellence and effectiveness on the flat will be rewarded. The performance begins when the class is called to order. Riders will show in both directions as a group at the working walk, the working trot sitting, and the working trot rising, as well as showing a lengthening of stride; the working canter, and the working canter showing a lengthening of stride. All riders shall be required to show at the working canter on the counter lead in each direction. Judges may require any additional tests on the flat (see EQ113). In addition, basic dressage movements may be tested including but not limited to Shoulder-in, Shoulder-out, Haunches-in, and Haunches-out.
- G. Riders must compete on the same horse for all phases; no horse substitutions allowed.

IV. **Course Requirements**

- A. The Jumping phase of the class shall be held prior to the Flat phase over a Jumper style course with a minimum of ten numbered fences at the respective height and spread.
- B. Course must include a dry Liverpool.
- C. **Both the course materials and equipment used and the conduct of the class will be in accordance with the rules and procedures delineated in the Jumper (JP) chapter of the USEF Rule Book unless specifically noted herein. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, rails, planks, gates, jump cups, safety cups, lath or plasticine, numbers, and flags.**

V. **Tack and Saddlery Restrictions**

- A. Running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted. Standing martingales, draw reins or restricted running martingales are prohibited.
- B. See EQ106.5b for tack and saddlery restrictions.

VI. **Award Presentation**

- A. Judges are required to pin to eighth place should eight (8) or more riders complete both phases. Should a rider choose not to return for the Flat Phase, they will not be placed and will not receive points.
- B. A minimum of three (3) riders must complete **both phases** for points to count for this class.
- C. If 50 or more entries are received, the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class must be divided equally and run as two (2) separate classes.

VII. **Points**

- A. Points will be awarded on a scale based on the number of riders completing the course. Riders must complete both phases to be eligible for points.

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

VIII. **USHJA Contact Information**

Please contact USHJA with questions pertaining to the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal that cannot be answered by the Show Steward or Management based on the class specifications provided.

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