



2023 USHJA 3'3" JUMPING SEAT MEDAL FINALS SPECIFICATIONS

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. The USHJA at its discretion can open up qualifying procedures to allow for additional entries to fill this championship, should insufficient entries be received by the deadline. Additional riders will be invited based on their points earned.
- 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 Marshall & Sterling/USHJA National Championships.
- D. Any Junior rider that has jumped 1.30m or above or competed in a 3* USEF Show Jumping Talent Search class and/or Final 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 Finals and a USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals in the same competition year.
- F. **Riders must remain eligible through the completion of the finals.**

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 twelve (12) riders at one time with all groups performing the same test. To be judged on rider's 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 both directions. 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. The starting order of Phase I shall be assigned by a random draw.
- B. Phase II (Gymnastics Phase):
 - 1. Fences shall be set between .85-.95m.
 - 2. Phase II exercises may include trot fences, not to exceed .85m. Placing rails, trotting rails and cavalettis are prohibited.
 - 3. Rails knocked down will be treated more leniently than in the Phase III (Jumping Phase). Phase II will have a multiplier of 1.5.
 - 4. 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.
 - 1. 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).
 - 2. To include: one (1) double combination and one (1) triple combination, or three (3) double combinations.
 - 3. The course must also include a dry, above-ground Liverpool.
 - 4. Time allowed will be calculated at 350 meters per minute.
 - 5. The course will be posted and open thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the competition.
 - 6. Two cumulative refusals will incur elimination.
 - 7. Rails down will result in a deduction of four (4) points from the riders' score, time faults in a deduction of one (1) point for each second commenced over the time allowed.

8. If as a result of a disobedience a competitor displaces or knocks down any obstacle or in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down, 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, the time is restarted at the moment when the horse leaves the ground at the obstacle where the refusal occurred.
9. 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. **Ties will be broken by the score from Phase 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 time allowed calculated at 375m/minute. Scores will not be announced for this phase. Ties will be broken by the score from Phase III (Jumping 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. USEF Jumper Schooling Rules will apply at the Finals. Schooling fences will be flagged and must be jumped in the correct direction.
- C. Trainers/Coaches are permitted to ride and school competitors horses.
- D. Trainers/Coaches are permitted to walk Phases II and III 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) "R" or Registered Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division judges.
- 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.
- C. Open numeric scoring will be used in Phases I-III, and not in the work off phase.
- D. Riders must compete on the same horse in all phases; no substitution of horse is allowed. **(Exception: In the event a horse becomes incapacitated after having competed in the first phase of competition, upon examination by the Horse show veterinarian and a judge or steward employed by the horse show, the substitution of a horse that has been previously entered and checked in may be permitted.)**

VII. **Awards**

- A. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st -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. This shall 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, Technical Delegate, or Competition Management based on the class specifications provided, please contact one of the following USHJA representatives:

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