



USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Class and Finals Specifications

Effective August 2 to August 1 of the current competition year

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 prizelist and notify USEF. Competitions interested in hosting a USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals event may apply via a host application which is available on the USHJA website.
- 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.

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 three 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. A maximum of 25 riders will return for round II of the event.
- G. Testing: two or more tests of a minimum of the top four competitors are required using USEF tests 1-17. In classes with 31 or more entries, at least the top six competitors must return for testing.

IV. Judging procedures

- A. To be judged on the seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse.
- B. Two 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

- C. Riders accumulating a minimum of ten points in any USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal classes between August 2 of the previous competition year and August 1 of the current competition year will be eligible to compete in the USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals.

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.
- B. For USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals, ribbons will be awarded first through twelfth place for overall placings. The presentation of awards is to be given in reverse order.

VIII. Schooling requirements for the USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals

- A. Horses are required to be stabled on the competition grounds a minimum of twelve hours before the start of the competition.
- B. Commencing twelve hours before the start of the competition and continuing until finished competing, only the competition rider may ride his/her entry. These riders must wear their competition number whenever mounted. Riders may change horses for only in the case of illness or injury to the declared horse, with verification from the horse show veterinarian and approval from the horse show committee.

IX. Judging requirements for USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals

The USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals will be judged by a panel of two judges. At least one judge 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.

X. 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 - (859) 225-6700

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

