



2018 LAHJA Horsemastership Competition Information

The goal of the LAHJA Horsemastership Competition is to encourage young riders to develop comprehensive knowledge and understanding of hunter/jumper sport, their equine partners, and general horsemanship. As such, we award \$5,000 worth of college scholarships to encourage and reward young riders who seek to develop horsemanship knowledge, with an ongoing desire to continue learning and improving. Participants must be **21 or under** and current members of the LAHJA. The competition will consist of three phases designed to test horsemanship knowledge. All eligible members of LAHJA are encouraged to participate.

New for 2018 – Two levels of competition

We will be offering two levels of competition. Level 1 is designed to introduce competitors to the program with an emphasis on a more introductory level and acquiring the skills required for Level 2. Scholarships will not be awarded to level 1 participants but there will be awards to the top three as well as recognition at the annual awards banquet. Level 2 competitors will be expected to have more in depth knowledge and the top three overall will receive college scholarships, with first receive \$2,500, second will receive \$1,500, and third will receive \$1,000.

Part 1: Riding Phase

Riders will submit a jumping round performed during the current show year that they feel best demonstrates their riding ability. Judge My Ride will judge the riding portion of the LAHJA Horsemastership Scholarship Competition. All participants will be featured on the Judge My Ride website, and they will receive constructive comments from the Judge My Ride judges. The round may be in a jumper class, a hunter class, or an equitation class at any level or height. **Current standards for the equitation division will apply.**

The videographer and the rider must sign a declaration stating where and when the round was performed, as well as the official class name and include the class specifications from the horse show. In addition, the rider must submit a statement listing the divisions and/or sections he or she regularly competes in. **This information should also be included in the body of the email when submitting the video.**

Instructions for Video Submission

The submission to Judge My Ride must be made by October 1, 2018.

The video submission must be posted on You Tube on or before October 1, 2018. Once the video has been posted participants **must** send a link to the posted video to jumprhigh@aol.com and to info@lahja.org. The subject line of the email containing the link should read: 2018 LAHJA Horsemastership.

The videos will be posted on the Judge My Ride website on the LAHJA page, and will be judged and scored by the Judge My Ride judging panel. The videos will be available for public view, but will not be open for comment by the public.

Part 2: Hands-on Phase

October 20, 2018

This phase of competition will test each contestant's ability to perform hands-on skills involving horse care, parts of the horse, and equipment.

Times for the hands-on phase will be assigned and the schedule will be e-mailed to each participant by Monday October 15. Additionally the schedule will be posted on the LAHJA website www.lahja.org. Participants should feel free to trade time slots amongst themselves, but all changes must be communicated to the LAHJA office no later than Friday October 19 before 4:00pm. Requests for specific times may be made to the LAHJA office **before** October 12. While specific time slots cannot be guaranteed, every attempt will be made to accommodate the participants' schedules.

All participants will report to the horse show office of the Gold Coast October horse show (Los Angeles Equestrian Center) on October 20 as a notice will be posted in the horse show office with information on the location for the hands-on phase (stalls within the horse show facility). A horse will be provided for the exam. Each exam should not last longer than 30 minutes. Please arrive on time and in appropriate attire.

Part 3: Written Exam

Deadline for completing the written portion is September 1, 2018

This year, as in 2017, we will utilize the USHJA's Horsemanship Quiz Challenge (HQC) as the Written Test for our competition. All participants will take the Level 1 test, after passing Level 1 with a score of 80 or better the competitors who are participating in the Level 2 of the LAHJA Horsemastership program will take the Level 2 test. The Level 2 score will be used for the LAHJA Horsemastership Scholarship Program. Level 1 competitors in the LAHJA Horsemastership competition only have to take the USHJA Level 1 HQC for their section of the competition. For more information on the HQC and to take the Written Test, click on the link below:

Scoring:

The Written and Hands-on phases will be worth a maximum of 100 points each. The Riding phase will be worth a maximum of 80 points. The online service Judge My Ride will score the Riding phase. At least two judges will score the Hands-on phase. The panel will consist of individuals with no conflicted relationship with any of the contestants (relative, trainer, etc.). At least two of the Judge My Ride panelists (for the Riding phase) shall be USEF "R" Judges in Hunters, Hunt Seat Equitation, or Jumpers. At least one of the panelists shall be an active professional horseman. A panelist may fill more than one of these requirements.

Any ties after the three phases will be broken by the score from the Hands On Phase.

Study Materials:

The Written Exam and the Hands On Phase will be based on material in the U.S. Pony Club "B" Manual. However, contestants are encouraged to utilize a broad range of sources and materials in order to develop comprehensive knowledge. In addition, the USHJA website has study materials, especially for the Written test. Click on the link below: http://ushja.org/programs/youth/documents/HQC_StudyGuide_Rev_01-2015.pdf

Organized Study Sessions:

Additionally, LAHJA will be offering a webinar during June or July 2018. The date will be announced and posted on the LAHJA website. The webinar will provide a comprehensive overview and focus on the Hands-On phase. Participants will be able to ask questions during the webinar. There is no charge for the webinar and it will be available online after the webinar. Make sure to sign up early so you don't miss out on this great learning opportunity. To sign up for the webinar contact the LAHJA office at 818.840.9337 or info@LAHJA.org

Awards:

The results of the competition shall be kept secret until presented at the annual awards banquet in December 2018. All contestants are strongly encouraged to attend the awards banquet. The \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to the participants in the Level 2 program as follows: 1st - \$2,500, 2nd - \$1,500, and 3rd - \$1,000. In addition, Outstanding Achievement Awards will be given to the High Score for each of the three phases as well as to the top three from the Level 1 program.

LAHJA will present a perpetual trophy to the overall winner. Certificates and/or special gifts, and participation ribbons will be given to all competitors.

LAHJA will notify the three contestants who are receiving one of the three overall awards (first, second, and third), as well as the Level 1 top three overall, however they will not be told what their exact placing is. The Level 2 overall winner will be expected to make a short acceptance speech. Each of the top three finalists are invited and encouraged to give short speeches.

The scholarship funds will be kept in a separate LAHJA account and will be distributed to the recipient upon proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university. If the recipient does not enroll in an accredited school by the age of 21, the funds will return to LAHJA to be used for future scholarships.

Fees:

The registration fee for this scholarship program is \$50.00. Please send in a check with the completed registration form and liability waiver to:

Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association
Horsemastership Competition
480 W. Riverside Drive, Suite 1
Burbank, CA 91505

The deadline for registration is August 31, 2017. All registrations must be received at the LAHJA Office with payment in full by this date. *Must be postmarked by August 31, 2017*

Important 2018 Dates

June/July	Horsemastership webinar
August 31	Registration & Fee Due
September 1	Written test (HQC) must be completed by September 1.
October 1	Riding phase submission to Judge My Ride is due
October 15	Schedule for Hands-on and Written Phases posted on the LAHJA website
October 20	Hands-on Phase
TBD	Hands-on Phase Clinic and webinar
December 16	LAHJA awards banquet – attendance is required of the top three finishers

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact info@lahja.org. or Charlotte Skinner-Robson at 818.840.9337.