

2023 LAHJA Year-End Awards and Medal Finals



Year-End Award Categories: Hunters & Equitation

For all hunter and equitation categories, a maximum of three classes will count at one day shows; up to five classes at multiple day shows. Hunter sections must offer one under saddle and equitation sections must offer one flat class.

- Walk/Trot Equitation (flat and poles) – riders cannot show in classes requiring jumping.
- Intro Rider Child/Adult Equitation (cross rails, 12", and 18")
Riders cannot jump 2'0" or higher.

- 2'0" Child/Adult Hunters (shows may call these "Stirrup" classes providing ages are used)
- 2'0" Child/Adult Equitation

Riders cannot jump higher than 2'3".

- 2'3" Child/Adult Hunters
- 2'3" Child/Adult Equitation

Riders cannot jump higher than 2'6".

- 2'6" Child Hunters
- 2'6" Child Equitation
- 2'6" Adult Hunters
- 2'6" Adult Equitation

Follow Zone 10 specifications.

- Child Pony Hunters
- Child Pony Equitation
- Pony Hunters
- Pony Equitation

Follow Zone 10 & USEF specifications.

- 2'9" Child/Adult Hunters
- 2'9" Child/Adult Equitation

Follow PCHA specifications.

- 3'0" Child Hunter
- 3'0" Child Equitation
- 3'0" Adult Hunter
- 3'0" Adult Equitation

Follow Zone 10 specifications.

- Junior/AO Hunters (3'3" & 3'6" one award)
- Open Hunters (3'0" & 3'3" one award)

Follow USEF specifications.

Open Hunters showing in both heights at the same show, only higher fence height will count. The USHJA National Hunter Derby or equivalent will not affect the section height a horse competes in at the same show. E.g. If a horse shows in the 3'0" Hunters and the National Hunter Derby, the horse will be awarded points in the 3'0" although the Derby may have option fences set up to 3'5".

Year-End Award Categories: Jumpers

For all jumper categories a maximum of two classes will count at one day shows and a maximum of four classes will count at multiple day shows. If a horse/rider combination shows in more than one height jumper class at a show, LAHJA will count the points earned in the highest fence height classes. The classic or special class fence height is included. E.g. A rider shows in the .65m and .70m jumpers. LAHJA will count the .70m classes. However, if the rider elects to show in the .80m Jumper Stake, then the .70m classes will not count.

- .65m & .70m Child/Adult Jumpers
- .80m & .90m Child/Adult Jumpers
- 1.0 - 1.05m Child/Adult Jumpers Follow Zone 10 specifications.
- 1.10 – 1.15m Child/Adult Jumpers Follow Zone 10 specifications.

Overall Awards

LAHJA will offer overall championship awards in the following categories. All existing overall related rules will apply.

- Overall Level 1 Rider
Equitation and hunter classes at 2'0" and 2'3" and jumper classes at .65 & .70m will count.
- Overall Level 2 Child Rider
Equitation and hunter classes at 2'6" and 2'9" and .80m & .90m jumpers will count.
- Overall Level 2 Adult Rider
Equitation and hunter classes at 2'6" and 2'9" and .80m & .90m jumpers will count.
- Overall Level 3 Child Rider
Equitation classes from 2'9" – 3'3", hunter classes at 2'9" and 3'0", and 1.0-1.05m jumpers.
- Overall Level 3 Adult Rider
Equitation classes from 2'9" – 3'3", hunter classes at 2'9" and 3'0", and 1.0-1.05m jumpers.
- Overall Level 4 Junior Rider
Equitation classes (min. 3'0"), hunter classes at 3'3" and 3'6", and 1.10-1.15m jumpers.
- Overall Level 4 Amateur Rider
Equitation classes (min. 3'0"), hunter classes at 3'3" and 3'6", and 1.10-1.15m.

Medal Classes

We have restructured our medal program for 2022. To qualify for the finals, a rider needs to earn ten points in the qualifying classes. Qualifying classes will be pointed as follows: A class of five or more riders gets full points (10-6-4-2-1). Classes with four or three will have points adjusted accordingly: 6-4-2-1 and 4-2-1. Any fence height restrictions listed includes the corresponding jumper height in meters.

LAHJA Gold Medal Class & Finals

- Fences 3'3"
- Open to junior and amateur riders – no restrictions. Shows may elect to offer separate junior and amateur qualifying classes.
- Qualifying class may be held in the hunter ring or the jumper ring. If jumper ring, no Liverpool or water and no time. Work off of top four. Any rider in the top four with a score below 70 will not work off.
- Finals are open to all current year qualifiers and any winner of a past LAHJA Junior or Senior Medal Final.
- Finals: Round 1 – hunter seat equitation in the main hunter arena; Round 2 – jumping seat equitation (using USHJA Jumping Seat specs) in the main jumper arena; Round 3 – flat phase of top ten; Round 4 – any riders with a score of 80 or higher, unless only one rider.

LAHJA Silver Junior Rider Medal Class & Final

LAHJA Silver Amateur Rider Medal Class & Final

- Fences 3'0"
- Open to junior and amateur riders – no restrictions
- Qualifying class held over a hunter seat equitation course. Multiple day shows must offer each qualifying class by age and may combine if there are fewer than three riders in one class. One day shows may offer the class combined.
- Finals are open to all current year qualifiers. Winners of the final are no longer eligible to ride in the class. Riders with points in either the LAHJA Junior or Senior after the 2021 finals will carry those points toward this final.
- Finals: Two rounds over a hunter seat equitation course. Top ten compete over a third course. Work off any riders with a score of 80 or higher, unless only one rider.

LAHJA Bronze Medal Class & Final

- Fences 2'6" and 2'9". Both the qualifying classes and the finals are run at a split height, yet as one judged class. Show organizers may elect to offer and run two qualifying classes at each height. However, if one class has fewer than three entries the class must be combined.
- Open to junior and amateur riders who have not jumped higher than 2'9" in the current show season.
- Hunter seat equitation style courses.
- Qualifying classes must have two USEF equitation tests as part of the course.
- Riders who have earned points in any LAHJA medal class conducted at either 2'6" or 2'9" since the corresponding 2021 medal finals will carry those points toward qualifying for this final, providing they do not jump higher than 2'9" in the current show season.
- Finals: two rounds over fences; top four work off plus any rider within three points of the leader.
- If a rider wins a final at the 2'6" height, they may compete in class and final again only in the 2'9" height.

LAHJA Copper Medal Class & Final

- Fences 2'0" and 2'3". Both the qualifying classes and the finals are run at a split height. See the Bronze medal for offering separate height qualifying classes.
- Open to junior and amateur riders who have not jumped higher than 2'6" in the current show season.
- Riders who have earned points in any LAHJA medal class conducted at either 2'0" or 2'3" since the corresponding 2021 medal finals will carry those points toward qualifying for this final.
- Hunter seat equitation style courses.
- Qualifying classes must have one USEF equitation test as part of the course.
- Finals: one round over fences and one flat phase (group). A work off is at the judges' discretion.