

LAHJA Medal Finals



SCHOOLING:

1. Schooling will be allowed only in the designated schooling area.
2. For safety reasons schooling jumps may be restricted; these restrictions will be posted at the entrance to the schooling area.
3. The LAHJA may designate a schooling supervisor who will have authority in the schooling area during the finals.

WARM-UP CLASS

1. A warm-up class must be offered for each final and held in the same arena and under the same conditions as the scheduled final.
2. It is recommended that the warm-up class immediately precede the first round of the Medal Final.
3. The warm-up class is open only to those riders qualified for and entered in the final that the warm-up class corresponds to. A guest rider is not eligible for the warm-up class.
4. Riders may ride any horse of their choosing, but in no case may a rider participate on more than one horse.
5. The warm-up class will not be judged, but a posted order will be adhered to.
6. The warm-up class will be presided over by a USEF judge and riders must follow the posted course. Although the class is not judged, riders will be eliminated for the same things that constitute elimination in an equitation class.
7. The course will be set according to the same specifications as the first round of the corresponding medal final.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

There must be a Technical Delegate (TD). The TD will be recommended by the Hunter/Jumper/Equitation Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The TD will be responsible for interfacing with the Horse Show Management, officials, and exhibitors. The Association will be responsible for lodging (if needed) and a fee of \$275 per day.

1. The TD will meet with the Executive Administrator and management in a timely fashion before the event to go over the class schedule and class specifications, and to make sure the judges are given copies of the class format prior to the competition. The TD should go over lighting and time schedule to ensure that as many problems as possible are foreseen and avoided. The TD should also plan to be present at the presentation of awards.
2. The TD should be present at the drawing for the order of go. At this time he should be available to answer any questions posed by exhibitors. The TD should also be present and available to exhibitors at any social functions.
3. The TD should set up daily meetings, if necessary, with the Executive Administrator and officials to go over details such as:
 - a. The course plan (making sure each judge has a copy, and that one copy is posted in a timely manner)
 - b. Scoring
 - c. Score keeping and announcing
 - d. Preceding the work-off the TD will meet with the judges and have work-off courses pre-planned, should they be necessary.
4. The TD will collect copies of judge's cards, course plans, score sheets, and official printed results from each round and send them to the association.
5. The TD will ensure that each judge has the opportunity to walk the course prior to the beginning of the competition.

STEWARD and APPEALS COMMITTEE:

A USEF Steward must be present. The Appeals Committee will consist of the LAHJA appointed Technical Delegate, one USEF Steward, the LAHJA Executive Administrator and the horse show manager. Any protest must be filed within one hour of the conclusion of the class. No money need be given with the protest, but it must be written, signed and handed to a member of the Appeals Committee. Except for what is specified above, USEF rules regarding equitation classes will be followed. Additional specifications and/or clarification may be sent out by the LAHJA prior to the Finals and will take precedence over the listed specifications.

In cases of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances the format for the medal finals may be modified. The Appeals Committee must approve the method of modification.

HORSE:

The same horse or pony must be ridden through all phases of competition. However, due to illness or injury of the horse, a rider may petition the Appeals Committee to ride a substitute horse.

COURSE DESIGNER:

The course designer designated by the horse show management hosting the medal finals will design the medal finals courses. The same course designer will be used throughout the finals.

AWARDS

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LAHJA to provide all awards. Winners of each round will receive a trophy and ribbons through 10th. At the completion of the final, championship awards will be presented to the Overall top ten riders. Riders must complete all rounds (work-off not included) to be eligible for an Overall award.

LAHJA GOLD MEDAL FINAL: JUNIOR & AMATEUR

FORMAT:

The finals will be held over two days.

- Day one – Warm-up and Round 1
- Day two – Round 2, Round 3 and work-off (if any)

JUDGING PROCEDURES:

The Medal Finals will consist of two over fences rounds and a flat phase. All riders will return for the second round. The top ten riders plus any rider with total score of 160 or above from rounds 1 and 2 will return for the flat phase. Scores will be announced in the first three rounds; work-off scores (if any) will not be announced. The first two rounds will be judged by two judges sitting apart. Each judge will provide one score per rider. The judges will sit together for round three (the flat phase).

Following round 3 (the flat phase), any riders with a three round score of 240 or better will be required to work off. The score from the work-off will be added to the three round total to determine the winner. The judges will sit together for the work-off. The same judges must be used for all rounds.

SCORING: Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and added to the scores from round 1 to determine the top ten that will return for the flat phase. To obtain a final score after the flat phase the scores from rounds 1, 2 and 3 will be added. The score for the work-off (if any) will be added to the three round total to determine the winner.

Ties in rounds 1 and 2 will be broken by the call judge who will be determined and announced prior to the start of the class. In the event of a tie following round 3 for the overall placing the rider with the highest score in round 3 will receive the higher placing.

ORDER OF GO:

Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of Round 1. If a work-off is necessary, riders will work in reverse order of the three round total score (low score working first).

COURSES: The courses for the two qualifying rounds will consist of one straight-forward hunter/equitation-type round (Round 1) held in the main hunter ring and one jumper/equitation-type course (Round 2) held in the main jumper ring. Water and liver pools are not allowed. Fences not to exceed 3'3".

LAHJA SILVER MEDAL FINAL: JUNIOR & AMATEUR

FORMAT:

The finals will be held over two days.

- Day one – Warm-up and Round 1
- Day two – Round 2, Round 3 and work-off (if any)

JUDGING PROCEDURES:

The Medal Finals will consist of two over fences rounds. All riders will return for the second round. The top ten riders plus any rider with total score of 160 or above from rounds 1 and 2 will return for round three. Scores will be announced in the first three rounds; work-off scores (if any) will not be announced. The first two rounds will be judged by two judges sitting apart. Each judge will provide one score per rider. The judges will sit together for the third round and work-off (if any). Following round 3, any riders with a three round score of 240 or better will be required to work off. The score from the work-off will be added to the three round total to determine the winner. The judges will sit together for the work-off. The same judges must be used for all rounds.

COMBINING: Should there be less than ten (10) entries in either section, the Junior and Amateur sections will be combined.

SCORING: Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and added to the scores from round 1 to determine the top ten that will return for round three. To obtain a final score after round 3 the scores from rounds 1, 2 and 3 will be added. The score for the work-off (if any) will be added to the three round total to determine the winner.

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Ties in rounds 1 and 2 will be broken by the call judge who will be determined and announced prior to the start of the class. In the event of a tie following round 3 for the overall placing the rider with the highest score in round 3 will receive the higher placing.

ORDER OF GO:

Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of Round 1. Round 3 will ride low score to high score from the total score of the first two rounds. The top ten scores and any ties for 10th place will return for Round 3. If a work-off is necessary, riders will work in reverse order of the three round total score (low score working first).

COURSES: All three rounds will be hunter seat equitation courses. The first round will be a straight forward hunter seat equitation course. The second and third rounds will be of increasing difficulty for intermediate level riders. Fences not to exceed 3'.

LAHJA BRONZE MEDAL FINAL: JUNIOR & AMATEUR

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to junior and amateur riders who have not shown above 3' in the current qualifying season.

FORMAT:

The final will be held over two days.

- Day one – Warm-up and Round 1
- Day two – Round 2, and work-off

The final will be held at two heights (2'6" and 2'9"). Qualified riders may compete at the height of their choice but may only compete at one height for all rounds of the final. In all rounds, including the work-off, the riders competing at 2'9" will compete first followed by the riders competing at 2'6". Riders in both height sections will be judged together.

JUDGING PROCEDURES:

The Medal Finals will consist of two over fences rounds and a work-off. All riders will return for the second round. Following the second round, the top four plus any rider within three points of the leader will return for the work-off. Scores will be announced in the first two rounds; work-off scores will not be announced. The first two rounds will be judged by two judges sitting apart. Each judge will provide one score per rider. The judges will sit together for the work-off. The same judges must be used for all rounds.

SCORING: Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and added to the score from round 1 to determine the riders that will return for the work-off. The score for the work-off will be added to the two round total to determine the winner.

Ties in rounds 1 and 2 will be broken by the call judge who will be determined and announced prior to the start of the class.

ORDER OF GO:

Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of Round 1. In the work-off riders will work in reverse order of the two round total score (low score working first). In all rounds, including the work-off, all riders competing at 2'9" will compete first followed by the riders competing at 2'6".

COURSES: Both rounds will be hunter seat equitation courses for the novice rider. Fences not to exceed 2'9". Each round will be set at two heights, the 2'9" height will be first followed by 2'6".

LAHJA COPPER MEDAL FINAL: JUNIOR & AMATEUR

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to junior and amateur riders who have not shown above 2'6" in the current qualifying season.

FORMAT:

The final will be held over one day.

- Day one – Warm-up, Round 1 and flat phase

The final will be held at two heights (2' and 2'3"). Qualified riders may compete at the height of their choice. The riders competing at 2'3" will compete first followed by the riders competing at 2'. Riders in both height sections will be judged together.

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JUDGING PROCEDURES:

The Medal Final will consist of one over fences rounds and a flat phase. All riders will return for the flat phase. Scores will be announced in the first round; flat phase scores will not be announced. The final will be judged by two judges sitting together. The same judges must be used for both the over fences and the flat phase.

SCORING: Scores from round 1 and the flat phase will be added together to determine the winner

ORDER OF GO:

Round 1 will be drawn. all riders competing at 2'3" will compete first followed by the riders competing at 2'.

COURSES: The course will include one test (USEF 1-8). Fences not to exceed 2'3". The course will be set at two heights, the 2'3" height will be first followed by 2'.