

2010 CONNECTICUT HUNTER & JUMPER ASSOCIATION MEDAL FINALS RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRY FORM

In order to reserve your place in the 2010 CHJA Medal Finals, your completed entry form and check must be mailed and received or postmarked by August 2nd, 2010. There are no post entries. Entries received after August 2 will be returned. Do not send CHJA Medal Finals Entries to the Fairfield Horse Show!

COMPLETED APPLICATION

Applications must be completely filled out before they are mailed, including all signatures and membership numbers. If the application is not complete, a number will not be given.

PAYMENT Full payment must accompany all entries

MAIL ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT to CHJA Medal Finals c/o 88 Briarwood Ave., Springfield, MA 01118.

UNDER 18 An entry for an exhibitor under the age of 18 must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

POST ENTRIES Entry forms will not be accepted after the August 2 deadline or at the show. There will be no exceptions.

ENTRY FORM RECEIPT

As entry forms are received by the CHJA Administrator, confirmation of receipt will be posted on the CHJA website at www.chja.net. Click on Medal Finals 2010 and you can confirm that your entry form has been received.

ORDER OF GO

There will be a posted "Order of Go" for the CHJA Hunter Classics and the CHJA Medal Classes. It will be posted on the CHJA web site www.chja.net on Wednesday so that trainers and riders can better coordinate their arrival times. It will also be available at the CHJA Secretary's booth and posted at the in gate. As the CHJA Medal Finals ring is the "Priority Ring", there will be no changes to the Order of Go. Medal Class or Hunter Classic entrants must check in with the gatekeeper before their time slot. If an entrant is not ready to enter the ring in their posted order of go, they will be given a two minute call. An entrant not ready to show at the end of this two minute call may be eliminated. Any change to the Order of Go requires the approval of the Equitation Committee Co-Chairmen and their decision is final.

QUALIFICATION

Riders qualify by accumulating 12 or more points in CHJA Medal Classes held at Recognized Shows during the qualifying period. The qualifying period runs from 20 days before the previous year's Medal Finals competition to 20 days prior to the current year's Medal Finals competition. In determining the date of a competition, the day the show begins is used. The Equitation Committee may, at its discretion, designate a lower minimum number of qualifying points for any given year.

ELIGIBILITY

Only active CHJA members with a current 2010 membership are eligible to participate. Additionally, past winners of the CHJA Master's Medal Finals, CHJA Junior Medal Finals, the CHJA Adult Medal Finals and the CHJA Children's Medal Finals are not eligible to compete in their respective Medal classes in subsequent years. Past winners of the CHJA Pony Medal Finals may compete in subsequent years, but only on a pony of larger height than the pony ridden in the winning year. Pony Finals winners may also compete in Children's, Junior, Master's or Adult Medals in subsequent years if they are active CHJA Members. If an entry is declined based on the qualifying criteria, the exhibitor shall be notified in writing, and full refund of all fees paid, less a \$100 administrative fee, will be made within 30 days of the completion of the show.

DISQUALIFICATION

Any riders, horses or their trainers entering the main CHJA show ring while the ring is officially closed will be automatically disqualified and not allowed to compete in the finals. In addition, any rider going into a class that they have not qualified for, or officially entered including the Warm-Up, will be disqualified from any further participation in the CHJA Medal Finals. Discourteous behavior by any owner, groom, or rider will also result in disqualification. All entry fees will be forfeited in the case of disqualification.

EQUITATION MEDAL CLASSES

Even if they have qualified for multiple Medal Finals, competitors may only compete in one Equitation Medal Final in a given year. For example, if a rider qualifies for both the CHJA Children's Medal and the CHJA Pony Medal, they must choose to do one or the other.

CHILDREN'S MEDAL ELIGIBILITY

If a rider has ever qualified for or shown in any 3' Equitation Final including the CHJA Junior Medal, they are no longer eligible to compete in the Children's Medal. Visit the CHJA web site at www.chja.net and click on Medal Finals 2010 for more information.

MASTERS MEDAL CLASS

A rider qualifying for the CHJA Junior Medal Final may choose to ride in either the 3' Junior Medal Final or the 3' 3"- 3'6" Master's Medal

Final. If a rider has ever qualified for any 3'6" (or higher) final prior to the end of the qualifying period (August 1, 2010) such as Pessoa/USEF National Hunt Seat Medal, Platinum Performance/USEF Talent Search, ASPCA Maclay, FWPCHA Junior Medal, FWPCHA/National PHA Medal, Marshall & Sterling Central Equine Junior Medal then they must ride in the Master's Medal. A rider qualifying for the CHJA Adult Medal Final may choose to ride in either the Adult Medal Final or the Master's Medal Final. The Master's Medal Final will also be open to all past CHJA Medal Finals Champions and Reserves, with the restriction that they be current Junior or Senior Amateur Members of the CHJA.

WARM-UP CLASS

There will be an unjudged 2' 3" warm-up on Thursday afternoon from 11-4 P.M. This class is only open to CHJA members competing in the Hunter Classics and Medal Finals. Every qualified horse rider combination who pre-enters the warm-up, will receive one ticket for one warm-up trip. The single warm-up trip may be taken by the rider or their trainer, but not both. Like the medal classes, you must pre-enter for the warm-up. There will be no warm-up post entries.

It is possible that a horse may be qualified with a junior rider for the Junior Medal, and the same horse may be qualified with an adult for the Adult Medal. In this case, the Junior may do a warm-up and the Adult may do warm up on the same horse. Anyone going into the warm-up class twice (same horse/rider combination) or violating the conditions mentioned above will be disqualified from any further competition.

HUNTER CLASSICS BY INVITATION ONLY

Do not enter the Hunter Classics unless you have qualified and been invited. These are not open classes. You must qualify in either the Children's Hunter (horses and ponies combined) Division or the Adult Amateur Hunter Division (Over and Under 35 combined).

CHILDREN'S HUNTER CLASSIC QUALIFICATION

The top 25 horses/ponies in Children's Hunter Division (horses and ponies combined) will be invited to participate in the CHJA Children's Hunter Classic providing they have a minimum of 50 points accrued as of the end of the qualifying period. Points for the Children's Hunter Classic will accrue as of December 1 of the previous year to 20 days before the current year's Hunter Classics. In order to accumulate points, horse/ponies and their owners must be current members of the CHJA in good standing. The Equitation Committee may, at its discretion, increase or decrease the minimum point requirements for any given year or increase or decrease the number of participants invited.

ADULT HUNTER CLASSIC QUALIFICATION

The top 25 horses in the Adult Amateur Hunter Division (Over and Under 35 combined) will be invited to participate in the CHJA Adult Hunter Classic providing they have a minimum of 50 points accrued as of the end of the qualifying period. Points for the Adult Hunter Classic will accrue as of December 1 of the previous year to 20 days before the current year's Hunter Classics. In order to accumulate points, horses and their owners must be current members of the CHJA in good standing. The Equitation Committee may, at its discretion, increase or decrease the minimum point requirements for any given year or increase or decrease the number of participants invited.

HUNTER CLASSIC FORMAT

The CHJA Hunter Classic classes will be judged on an open numerical system by two registered USEF judges. All horses and ponies will jump a hunter type course consisting of at least 10 jumps. At least the top 12 riders, if available or one third of the entries will return to compete over a second round. Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second round to determine the placings. If a tie exists for first place only, after the second round, a third round will be held to determine the winner. All other ties will remain tied. No rider may show more than two horses in any one Classic.

HUNTER CLASSIC ATTIRE

Riders will be required to wear Scarlet or Dark Coats, White shirts with White Stock Choker or Tie. White, Buff or Canary Breeches. Both Juniors and Adults must wear protective headgear in accordance with USEF Rules. If you have any questions about the CHJA Hunter Classics, please contact us at chjaweb@aol.com

NUMBERS

Specially assigned numbers for the CHJA Medal Finals may be picked up from the CHJA Finals Secretary before the competition begins. See the timetable for secretary availability. Numbers must be worn for the warm-up as well.

DOGS

Absolutely no dogs or other pets are allowed on the show grounds unless on a leash and under control. **Dogs or other pets are not allowed in the CHJA tent whether leashed or not.**

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

Protective headgear must be worn at all times while riding on the premises. Adults and Juniors must wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current ASTM/SEI standards, with harness secured at all times while riding on the premises. It is the responsibility of the rider, or parent or guardian of the junior exhibitor, to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards and is properly fitted and in good condition.

USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

AWARDS

The presentation of awards will take place upon the completion of each Final.

CHJA CELEBRATION BUFFET

A complimentary buffet will be served in the CHJA tent on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 PM and Sunday afternoon at 12:00 PM for the qualifiers and their immediate families.

STALLS

If you require stalls or a Fairfield County Hunt Club Prize List, please contact the August Fairfield County Hunt Club Horse Show Secretary: Naomi Gauruder Phone: 203-650-3148, FAX: 203-882-8021, Email: naomi@bhcmangement.com We have provided the names and addresses of all CHJA Medal Finals Qualifiers to Fairfield for their prize list mailing. Closing date to reserve stalls is July 30, 2010.

HAY AND BEDDING

Please place your initial order by 12 Noon on 8/18 by contacting Kelly at Agriventures Agway.
Phone: 203-743-7500 Fax: 203-743-1331 E-Mail: Equine@agwayct.com
Or log on to www.agwayct.com and click on "Place Show Order"

SCRATCHES

Once entered, no horse may be withdrawn from the competition without permission of the Equitation Committee. Any request to scratch must be made in writing and be accompanied by a confirmation of inability to compete from a Veterinarian or Physician in the case of a rider's illness or injury. If approved, a full refund of class entry fees, less a \$100 scratch fee will be given within 30 days after the completion of the show.

PONY MEDAL CHANGES If it is necessary to change the pony you are riding in the Pony Medal, the Secretary must be notified at least 1 hour before the start of the class without exception.

NON-NEGOTIABLE CHECKS

Checks returned by the bank for any reason will be assessed a penalty of \$150. Upon notification of a bad check, accounts will be given 7 days to make full payment including penalty, which must be paid in certified funds, cashier's check or money order. An account must be brought current before Finals in order to participate.

TRAINER'S APPRECIATION GIFT To receive an appreciation gift, the trainer must be an active member of the CHJA.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

Every class offered at the CHJA Medal Finals will be conducted and judged in accordance with current CHJA rules. To show in CHJA Medal Classes, riders must be active members. The CHJA Equitation Committee reserves the right to itself to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to or arising out of, or incident to the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the CHJA Equitation Committee, its decision to be final. The CHJA Equitation Committee reserves to itself the right to limit or change the number of accepted entries in any class, to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders, horses or exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries without any claim for damages; to change any course, to add a dotted line, to cancel any unfilled classes, or to reschedule classes, after due notice to exhibitors; to change rings or judges as the competition warrants.

2010 CHJA MEDAL FINALS CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

FRIDAY Not to start before 2:00 P.M.

CLASS #2-CHILDREN'S HUNTER CLASSIC

To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability and manners to count. To be scored under the open numerical judging system using two judges. Each competitor will jump one round of approximately 10 fences. The twelve horses with the highest scores from the first round will return to jump a second round over a different course. In the event of equality affecting the selection of the top twelve, all those equal will qualify. The scores of the horses in the second round will be added to the first round scores and placed in order of their total score for the two rounds. Horses tied for first place only will jump a third round over a shortened course. Ties for all other places will remain tied. To be shown over a course of approximately 10 jumps not to exceed 3' in height with spreads to 3'. Small/medium ponies to jump 2', and large ponies to jump 2'6" with spreads to 2'6". Horses to jump first in the first round.

CLASS #3-ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER CLASSIC

To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability and manners to count. To be scored under the open numerical judging system using two judges. Each competitor will jump one round of approximately 10 fences. The twelve horses with the highest scores from the first round will return to jump a second round over a different course. In the event of equality affecting the selection of the top twelve, all those equal will qualify. The scores of the horses in the second round will be added to the first round scores and placed in order of their total score for the two rounds. Horses tied for first place only will jump a third round over a shortened course. Ties for all other places will remain tied. To be shown over a course of approximately 10 jumps not to exceed 3' in height with spreads to 3'.

SATURDAY 8:00 AM

CLASS #4-CHJA JUNIOR MEDAL: Rider to be a Junior Member of CHJA who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. The class consists of two phases. The first phase is shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles 3'0" in height, which must include one combination including an oxer, and two changes of direction (change of lead) after the first fence. Judges will select at least six contestants (if available) to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%. The same horse to be shown by the same rider in both phases. Judges may require additional testing, using current US EQUESTRIAN Tests 1-19.

A rider qualifying for the CHJA Junior Medal Final may choose to ride in either the Junior Medal Final or the Master's Medal Final. If a rider has ever qualified for any 3'6" (or higher) final prior to the end of the qualifying period for the current year's Medal Finals, (e.g. Medal/Maclar/Washington/USEF) they must ride in the Masters Medal Final.

CLASS #5-CHJA ADULT MEDAL: Rider to be an Amateur Adult Member of the CHJA. The class consists of two phases. The first phase is shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles 3' in height, which must include one combination including an oxer, and two changes of direction (change of lead) after the first fence. Judges will select at least six contestants (if available) to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%. The same horse to be shown by the same rider in both phases. Judges may require additional testing, using current US EQUESTRIAN Tests 1-19.

CLASS # 6-CHJA PONY MEDAL: Rider to be a Junior Member of CHJA who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. The class consists of two phases. The first phase is shown over a course of not less than six obstacles. Small ponies to jump obstacles 2'0" in height, Medium ponies to jump obstacles 2'3" in height, and Large ponies to jump obstacles 2'9" in height. If a combination is used, suggested distances for in and outs are 20' for small, 22' for medium, and 24' for large ponies. If the distance between obstacles is less than 72' then the distance must be adjusted for each height section. Judges will select at least six contestants (if available) to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%. The same pony to be shown by the same rider in both phases. Judges may require additional testing, using current US EQUESTRIAN Tests 1-8.

SUNDAY 8:00 AM

CLASS # 7-CHJA MASTER'S MEDAL: Rider to be a Junior or Adult Member of the CHJA who have qualified in the current year for the CHJA Adult Medal Final or the CHJA Junior Medal Final. The rider may also be a former CHJA medal Champion or Reserve Champion with the exception of the Master's Medal. The class consists of two phases. The first phase is shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles 3'3" to 3'6" in height, which must include one combination including an oxer, and two changes of direction (change of lead) after the first fence. Judges will select at least six contestants (if available) to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%. The same horse to be shown by the same rider in both phases. Judges may require additional testing, using current US EQUESTRIAN Tests 1-19.

CLASS #8-CHJA CHILDREN'S MEDAL: Rider to be a Junior Member of CHJA who is eligible for Children's Hunter, and has not shown over a course where fences exceeded 3' at a Recognized show. If rider has ever qualified or shown in a 3' Equitation final including the CHJA Junior Medal, they are no longer eligible for the Children's Medal. The class consists of two phases. The first phase is over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 2'6" in height, which must contain two changes of direction after the first fence with no combinations permitted. Judges will select at least six contestants (if available) to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%. The same horse to be shown by the same rider in both phases. Judges may require additional testing, using current US EQUESTRIAN Tests 1-8.

