

2017 CHJA MEDAL FINALS RULES & REGULATIONS

Equine Health Requirement

In order to participate in the 2017 CHJA Medal Finals or the Fairfield County Hunt Club Horse Show from 8/17 – 8/20 you must comply with USEF rules (GR 845 Equine Vaccination Rule). Horses entering the competition grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpesvirus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months of the show. In the case that Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpesvirus vaccines are administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor must provide the following: receipt of vaccine purchase signed by owner; name, serial number and expiration date of vaccine; date of vaccine administration. Please plan ahead and have proof of vaccination readily available when you check in with the Fairfield Show Secretary or the CHJA Show Secretary.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES

In order to reserve your place in the 2017 CHJA Medal Finals, your completed entry form and check must be mailed and received or postmarked by August 3rd, 2017. There are no post entries. Entries received after August 3 will be returned. There will be no exceptions.

COMPLETED APPLICATION

Applications must be completely filled out before they are mailed, including all signatures and membership numbers. Numbers will not be issued for incomplete applications.

TRAINERS MUST BE MEMBERS

In order to submit entries, participate in the CHJA Medal Finals or Hunter Classics, or receive trainer's awards; all trainers must be Active Professional Members of the CHJA with a current 2017 membership.

UNDER 18

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

MAIL ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT

Full payment must accompany all entries. Send to CHJA Medal Finals c/o 14 Cedar Ridge Road, East Granby, CT 06026 by August 3rd.

DELIVERY CONFIRMATION

If you want confirmation that Entry Forms were delivered, send them "Delivery Confirmation". Please do not send Entry Forms "Signature Required" as it could delay the entry's receipt. Do not send CHJA Medal Finals Entries to the Fairfield Horse Show.

VERIFICATION OF ENTRY 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 2017 and you can confirm that your entry form has been received.

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.

NUMBERS

Assigned back 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. You will not be permitted to enter the ring for the Warm Up or any of the Medal Finals Classes without the red CHJA issued number.

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.

WARM-UP CLASS

Unjudged warm ups will be held on Thursday. There will be a 2'6" and 3' warm up from 9am to 1pm. A 2' and 3' warm up will be held from 1 to 3pm. The fence heights will not be changed during the time slots. For each time slot, two courses will be set up in the ring and both courses will be posted. You may select one course but not both. This class is only open to CHJA members competing in the Hunter Classics, Trainer's Team Hunter Classic and Medal Finals. Every qualified horse rider combination that pre-enters the warm-up will be allowed one warm-up trip. The single warm-up trip may be taken by the rider or their trainer, but not both. There is no training allowed in the ring during the warm up class. Like the medal classes, you must pre-enter for the warm-up. There will be no warm-up post entries. Entering the warm-up without pre entering, or entering more than once (same horse/rider combination) is grounds for disqualification from participating in the CHJA Hunter Classics or Medal Finals and/or the imposition of a \$100 bandit fee which must be paid before you will be allowed to enter any Medal Class or Hunter Classic.

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.

PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

Only active CHJA members with a current 2017 membership are eligible to participate. Additionally, past winners of the CHJA Junior Medal Final, CHJA Pre-Children's Medal, CHJA Modified Adult Medal, CHJA Adult Medal Final 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.

A Junior who has won the CHJA Master's Medal Final is eligible to compete in the CHJA Adult Medal Final once they become Amateur members. A Junior who has won the CHJA Master's Medal Final is eligible to compete in the CHJA Modified Adult Medal Final once they become Amateur members, as long as they meet all requirements for eligibility for the CHJA Modified Adult Equitation Division and CHJA Modified Adult Medal qualifying classes. An Amateur who has won the CHJA Master's Medal Final may compete in the CHJA Adult Medal Final in subsequent years after a two show year waiting period. An Amateur who has won the CHJA Master's Medal Final may compete in the CHJA Modified Adult Medal Final in subsequent years as long as they meet all the requirements for eligibility for the CHJA Modified Adult Equitation Division and CHJA Modified Adult Medal qualifying classes.

ENTRY DECLINATION

The qualifying criteria will be verified for all entries received. 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.

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 one hour before the start of the class without exception.

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.

PRE-CHILDREN'S MEDAL ELIGIBILITY

If a rider has ever qualified for or shown in any 2'6" Equitation Final including the CHJA Children's Medal, they are no longer eligible to compete in the Pre-Children's Medal.

JUNIOR MEDAL ELIGIBILITY

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 or competed in any 3'6" (or higher) final prior to the end of the qualifying period such as Pessoa/USEF National Hunt Seat Medal, Platinum Performance/USEF Talent Search, ASPCA Maclay, FWPHA Junior Medal, FWPHA/National PHA Medal, Marshall & Sterling Central Equine Junior Medal then they must ride in the Master's Medal.

MODIFIED ADULT MEDAL ELIGIBILITY

A rider who, as of December 1 of the current show year, has shown in classes with fences 3' or higher at more than three recognized (USEF, CHJA, CHSA, NEHC) horse shows or qualified for or entered a 3' Equitation Final including the CHJA Junior or Adult Medals is no longer eligible to compete in the Modified Adult Medal.

MASTER'S MEDAL ELIGIBILITY

All past CHJA Medal Finals Champions and Reserves are qualified to compete in the CHJA Master's Medal Finals with the restriction that they be current juniors or amateurs. 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 then they must ride in the Master's Medal. See Junior Medal Eligibility. The Champion of the CHJA Master's Medal Final is eligible to compete in the class in subsequent years with the restriction that they be current juniors or amateurs.

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 Pony Division, the Children's Hunter Horse Division or the Adult Amateur Hunter Division (Over and Under 35 combined).

CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY CLASSIC

The top 25 ponies in Children's Hunter Pony Division will be invited to participate in the CHJA Children's Hunter Pony Classic providing they have a minimum of 50 points accrued as of the end of the qualifying period. Points for the Children's Hunter Pony 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, 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.

CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE CLASSIC

The top 25 horses in Children's Hunter Horse Division will be invited to participate in the CHJA Children's Hunter Horse Classic providing they have a minimum of 50 points accrued as of the end of the qualifying period. Points for the Children's Hunter Horse 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.

ADULT HUNTER CLASSIC

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.

TRAINER'S TEAM HUNTER CLASSIC

Do not enter the Trainer's Team Hunter Classic unless you have been asked by your trainer to do so. This is not an open class. Every qualified horse trainer combination that pre-enters the warm-up will be allowed one warm-up trip.

ORDER OF GO

The "Order of Go" for the CHJA Hunter Classics and the CHJA Medal Classes will be posted on the CHJA web site www.CHJA.net on Wednesday so 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.

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. 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. All questions not covered in these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the CHJA Equitation Committee Co-Chairmen, their decision to be final.

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. Entering the warm up without pre-entering or entering more than once is also grounds for disqualification and/or the imposition of a \$100 bandit fee. All entry fees will be forfeited in the case of disqualification.

DISCOURTEOUS BEHAVIOR

Unsportsmanlike conduct or discourteous behavior by any owner, parent, groom, rider or trainer will result in eviction or disqualification from the CHJA Medal Finals. All entry fees will be forfeited in the case of disqualification.

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.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

Protective headgear must be worn at all times while riding on the premises. Professionals, Adult Amateurs 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.

AWARDS

The presentation of awards will take place upon the completion of each Final. Medals and ribbons will be presented in the ring. The rest of the awards will be presented in the CHJA Winner's Circle.

CELEBRATION BUFFET

A complimentary buffet will be served in the CHJA tent on Saturday afternoon at 1pm for the qualifiers, their immediate families and the trainers only.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY HUNT CLUB

Fairfield County Hunt Club is a private club with services for its members only. The facility's dining room, lounge, porch etc., are not available to the general public or participants in the CHJA Medal Finals unless they are Fairfield County Hunt Club members.

FCHC AUGUST PRIZE LIST

You will find the Fairfield County Hunt Club August Prize List on the CHJA web site at www.CHJA.net as soon as it becomes available.

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.

STALLS

Stalls are available at \$250 each and \$20 for night watch. Stalls must be prepaid. Trainers should send in (1) one reservation form including payment in full (checks payable to Fairfield County Hunt Club) for the entire barn to eliminate any duplicate requests or discrepancies. Do not send in an individual stall reservation. Please send the stall reservations with full payment to BHC Management, 146 Branca Court, Milford, CT 06461. Do NOT send stall reservation forms to the CHJA Office. The closing date to reserve stalls is August 3, 2017. Any questions, contact Naomi at bhchorseshow@gmail.com.

NIGHT WATCH

Night watch is available for a fee of \$20. You may sign up for night watch on the stall reservations form (see above).

HAY & BEDDING

Please place your initial order by 12 pm on August 14 by contacting Jillian at Agriventures Agway (Fax: 203-743-1331, Phone: 203-743-7500, Equine@agwayct.com). Shavings, hay and grain orders must be placed with Agriventures Agway and may not be ordered through the show office or with your entries.

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. The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. 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 USEF Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.