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42ND ANNUAL

MEDAL FINALS



CONNECTICUT
HUNTER & JUMPER
ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 13 – 16, 2026

FAIRFIELD COUNTY HUNT CLUB
WESTPORT, CT

Presenting the 42nd Annual Connecticut Hunter & Jumper Association Medal Finals

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

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2026 CHJA MEDAL FINALS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 13th

7:00 am — CHJA Secretary Available

7:30 am – 1:30 pm

Unjudged Warm Up, 2'6" or 3'
(*must pre-enter*)

1:30 – 5:00 pm

Unjudged Warm Up, 2' or 18" Vertical
(*must pre-enter*)

4:00 pm (CHJA Tent)

CLASS #1: CHJA Horsemanship Challenge

Written Test for All Active CHJA Members (Junior and Adult Amateur) Who Would Like to Participate
(*must pre-enter*)

Two age groups with appropriate tests:
(1) Ages 12 & Under; (2) Ages 13 & Over

*There will be no admittance after 4:30 pm
or leaving the testing area before 4:30 pm.*

Friday, August 14th

6:30 – 7:30 am — Hand Walking Permitted

7:00 am — CHJA Secretary Available

7:30 am — Course Walk: Class #2
Additional Course Walks Before Each Class
(*Qualifiers & Trainers Only*)

8:00 am

CLASS #2: CHJA 3' Children's Hunter Horse Classic

CLASS #3: CHJA 3' Adult Hunter Classic

CLASS #5: CHJA 2'6" Hunter Classic

CLASS #4: CHJA Children's Hunter Pony Classic
(*S/M not to exceed 2', L not to exceed 2'6"*)

CLASS #6: CHJA 2' Hunter Classic

CLASS #10: CHJA 18" Short Stirrup Hunter Classic

CHJA Hunter Classics High Score Award Presentation
(*Immediately After the CHJA 2' Hunter Classic*)

Saturday, August 15th

6:30 – 7:30 am — Hand Walking Permitted

7:00 am — CHJA Secretary Available

7:30 am — Course Walk: Class #7
Additional Course Walks Before Each Class
(*Qualifiers & Trainers Only*)

8:00 am — Opening Ceremony

CLASS #7: CHJA 3'3" Master's Medal Final

CLASS #8: CHJA 3' Junior Medal Final

CLASS #9: CHJA 3' Adult Medal Final

CLASS #11: CHJA 18" Short Stirrup Medal Final

2:00 – 4:00 pm — Ice Cream
(*Free for All Medal Finals Qualifiers & Trainers*)

Sunday, August 16th

6:30 – 7:30 am — Hand Walking Permitted

7:00 am — CHJA Secretary Available

7:30 am — Course Walk: Class #12
Additional Course Walks Before Each Class
(*Qualifiers & Trainers Only*)

8:00 am

Junior & Adult Sportsmanship Awards Presentation
Horsemanship Challenge Awards Presentation

CLASS #12: CHJA 2'6" Children's Medal Final

CLASS #13: CHJA 2'6" Modified Adult Medal Final

CLASS #14: CHJA Pony Medal Final
(*S/M not to exceed 2', L not to exceed 2'6"*)

CLASS #15: CHJA 2' Pre-Children's Medal Final

CHJA Medal Finals High Score Award Presentation
(*Immediately After the CHJA Pre-Children's Medal Final*)

1:30 pm — Silent Auction Closes

2026 CHJA MEDAL FINALS

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Unjudged Warm Up

Thursday, 7:30 am – 1:30 pm: 2'6" and 3'
Thursday, 1:30 – 5:00 pm: 2' and 18"

There will be two equitation courses set up in the ring, one for each height. Each course will have six fences, a dotted line, enter at "in gate", and exit at back of ring in front of clubhouse. Both courses will be posted at the ingate. A rider may select one course as their warmup. Training is not allowed in the ring.

CLASS #1

CHJA Horsemanship Challenge

There are two age appropriate tests, one for Ages 12 and Under, and one for Ages 13 and Over. Open to all active CHJA members (Junior and Adult Amateur) who would like to participate. This award will identify from among our many members, the competitor who not only rides well, but whose knowledge expands beyond their riding ability to include all things related to quality horse care. The written test is based on general knowledge of horse, tack and animal care. An individual may only win once.

Tests will be administered at 4:00 pm on Thursday. There will be no admittance after 4:30 pm. Those taking the test will not be able to leave the testing area before 4:30 pm. Cell phones are not allowed. Anyone entering the testing area with a cell phone will be asked to leave it with the test proctor.

The CHJA Horsemanship Challenge Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the individual in each age group with the highest score on the written test. The winners will be posted at the Secretary's booth on Saturday August 19th. The Awards Presentation will take place on Sunday August 20th immediately before the Children's Medal Final. Award recipients must be present at the ingate in show clothes no later than 7:45. The 13 and Over group will be pinned first. You must attend the presentation to receive your awards and prizes.

Ribbons to 10th Place for each age group

CLASS #2

CHJA 3' Children's Hunter Horse Classic

To be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round Hunt and Go format.

To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. This is a two round class to be shown over a hunter type course of a minimum of ten fences not to exceed 3'0" in height, with spreads to 3'0". The first round to be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line, one unrelated distance, and one long approach. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used.

All riders will be eligible for the second round, a handy hunter round of at least eight fences which must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, pen type obstacles, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 2'6" in height, halt and/or back. The second round shall be judged on performance, jumping style, quality and substance, movement, handiness, and brilliance of pace.

The exhibitor will be allowed to ride the first round, leave the ring, and then return for the handy round. Or both rounds can be ridden back to back.

Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second handy 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.

Note: Does not include higher option fences for bonus points in the second round. There are many Children's Medal entrants that also do the Children's Hunter Classic and jumping over 3'0" would disqualify them from the Children's Medal.

Ribbons to 10th Place

CLASS #3

CHJA 3' Adult Hunter Classic

To be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round Hunt and Go format.

To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. This is a two round class to be shown over a hunter type course of a minimum of ten fences at 3'0" in height, with spreads to 3'0". Higher options will be offered for the second (handy) round. Riders to be Adult Amateur members of the CHJA. Adults may show horses or ponies. The first round to be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line, one unrelated distance, and one long approach. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used.

All riders will be eligible for the second round, a handy hunter round of at least eight fences which must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, pen type obstacles, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 2'6" in height, halt and/or back. A maximum of four high option fences set at 3'3" will be offered. After a base score is given for the handy round, one point will be added (for a maximum of four points) for each high option fence jumped. The second round shall be judged on performance, jumping style, quality and substance, movement, handiness, and brilliance of pace.

The exhibitor will be allowed to ride the first round, leave the ring, and then return for the handy round. Or both rounds can be ridden back to back.

Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second handy 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/ponies in any one classic.

Ribbons to 10th Place

CLASS #4

CHJA Children's Hunter Pony Classic S/M not to exceed 2', L not to exceed 2'6"

To be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round Hunt and Go format.

To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. This is a two round class to be shown over a hunter type course consisting of a minimum of ten fences. Small and medium ponies (S/M) will jump fences not to exceed 2' and large (L) ponies will jump fences not to exceed 2'6". The first round to be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line, one unrelated distance, and one long approach. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used.

All riders will be eligible for the second round, a handy hunter round of at least eight fences (S/M ponies not to exceed 2', L ponies not to exceed 2'6") which must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, pen type obstacles, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle (not to exceed 18" for S/M ponies, and not to exceed 2' for L ponies), halt and/or back. The second round shall be judged on performance, jumping style, quality and substance, movement, handiness, and brilliance of pace.

The exhibitor will be allowed to ride the first round, leave the ring, and then return for the handy round. Or both rounds can be ridden back to back.

Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second handy 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 ponies in any one classic.

Note: Does not include higher option fences in the second round.

Ribbons to 10th Place





CLASS #5

CHJA 2'6" Hunter Classic

To be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round Hunt and Go format.

To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. This is a two round class to be shown over a hunter type course of a minimum of ten fences not to exceed 2'6" in height, with spreads to 2'6". Riders may show horses or ponies. The first round to be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include one bending line, one unrelated distance, and one long approach. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used.

All riders will be eligible for the second round, a handy hunter round of at least eight fences which must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 2'0" in height, halt and/or back. The second round shall be judged on performance, jumping style, quality and substance, movement, handiness, and brilliance of pace.

The exhibitor will be allowed to ride the first round, leave the ring, and then return for the handy round. Or both rounds can be ridden back to back.

Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second handy 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/ponies in any one classic.

Note: Does not include pen type obstacles or higher option fences in the second round.

Ribbons to 10th Place

CLASS #6

CHJA 2' Hunter Classic

To be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round Hunt and Go format.

To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. This is a two round class to be shown over a hunter type course of a minimum of ten fences not to exceed 2'0" in height, with spreads to 2'0". Riders may show horses or ponies. The first round to be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include one bending line, one unrelated distance, and one long approach. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used.

All riders will be eligible for the second round, a handy hunter round of at least eight fences which must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 18" in height, halt and/or back. The second round shall be judged on performance, jumping style, quality and substance, movement, handiness, and brilliance of pace.

The exhibitor will be allowed to ride the first round, leave the ring, and then return for the handy round. Or both rounds can be ridden back to back.

Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second handy 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/ponies in any one classic.

Note: Does not include pen type obstacles or higher option fences in the second round.

Ribbons to 10th Place

CLASS #10

CHJA 18" Short Stirrup Hunter Classic

To be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round Hunt and Go format.

To be eligible for the CHJA Short Stirrup Hunter Classic, riders must be aged 12 or under, and have never competed over fences exceeding 18" at a CHJA or USEF Recognized Show.

To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. The class will be held in an enclosed area in a two-round format. Riders may show horses or ponies. Both rounds shall be judged on suitability as a short stirrup hunter; equitation does not count.

In the first round, all riders will jump a hunter-type course consisting of no more than eight vertical fences not to exceed 18" in height with spreads up to 12". The course must include at least one change of direction after the first fence and no combinations.

All riders will be eligible for the second round, which also consists of no more than eight vertical fences with the same height and spread limitations, including at least one change of direction after the first fence, and may require trotting an obstacle not exceeding 12" in height, or a halt and/or back.

The exhibitor will be allowed to ride the first round, leave the ring, and then return for the second round. Or both rounds can be ridden back to back.

Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second round to determine the placings. If there is a tie for first place after the second round, a third round will be held to determine the winner; all other ties remain. No rider may show more than two horses/ponies in any one classic.

Ribbons to 10th Place



CLASS #7

CHJA 3'3" Master's Medal Final

Rider to be a Junior or Adult Amateur Member of the CHJA who has 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. The class consists of two phases. The first phase is shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles 3'3" 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 12 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 1-23.

Ribbons to 12th Place

CLASS #8

CHJA 3' Junior Medal Final

Rider to be a Junior 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 12 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 1-23.

Ribbons to 12th Place

CLASS #9

CHJA 3' Adult Medal Final

Rider to be an Adult Amateur 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 12 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 1-23.

Ribbons to 12th Place

CLASS #11

CHJA 18" Short Stirrup Medal Final

Rider to be a Junior Member of the CHJA who is 12 years of age or under and has not shown over fences exceeding 18" at a CHJA or USEF Recognized Show. Riders may ride horses or ponies.

Riders will be judged on position and the ability to control their mount. Diagonals and leads considered. The class will be held in an enclosed area and consists of two phases. The first phase to be shown over a course of not less than six and no more than eight vertical fences not to exceed 18". The course may contain at least one change of direction after the first fence and no combinations are permitted. Judges will select 12 contestants (if available) to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%. Judges may require additional testing, using current US EQUESTRIAN Tests 1-3.

Ribbons to 12th Place



CLASS #12

CHJA 2'6" Children's Medal Final

Rider to be a Junior Member of the 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 12 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 1-5.

Ribbons to 12th Place

CLASS #13

CHJA 2'6" Modified Adult Medal Final

Rider to be an Adult Amateur Member of the CHJA who is eligible for Modified Adult Equitation. If the rider has qualified or shown in a 3' equitation Finals within the last two years including the CHJA Medal Finals, she/he is not eligible for the CHJA Modified Adult Medal. The class consists of two phases. The first phase is shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles 2'6" in height, which must include two changes of direction after the first fence and no combinations. Judges will select 12 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 1-5.

Ribbons to 12th Place

CLASS #14

CHJA Pony Medal Final *2' for S/M ponies, and 2'6" for L ponies*

Rider to be a Junior Member of the CHJA. The class consists of two phases. The first phase is to be shown over a course of not less than six obstacles. Small and Medium ponies to jump obstacles 2' in height. Large ponies to jump obstacles 2'6" in height. A combination is optional and must be adjusted according to fence height. If the distance between obstacles is less than 72' then the distance must be adjusted for each height section. Judges will select 12 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 1-10.

Ribbons to 12th Place

CLASS #15

CHJA 2' Pre-Children's Medal Final

Rider to be a Junior Member of the CHJA who has not shown over fences exceeding 2'6" at a Recognized Show. If a rider has ever qualified for or shown in a 2'6" Equitation Final including the CHJA Children's Medal, they are no longer eligible for the Pre-Children's Medal. The class consists of two phases. The first phase is over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 2' in height, which must contain two changes of direction after the first fence with no combinations permitted. Judges will select 12 contestants (if available) to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%. Riders may show horses or ponies. The same horse/pony to be shown by the same rider in both phases. Judges may require additional testing, using current US EQUESTRIAN Tests 1-3.

Ribbons to 12th Place



2026 CHJA MEDAL FINALS ENTRY FORM

ENTRIES CLOSE ON AUGUST 1, 2026 AND MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OF THAT DAY. THERE ARE NO POST ENTRIES.

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ AGE AS OF 12/01/2025: _____

BARN: _____ TRAINER: _____ TRAINER CHJA #: _____

HORSE / PONY NAME: _____ PONY SIZE: S M L OWNER: _____

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

____ Unjudged Warm-Up: 2', 2'6" & 3' @ \$35
(*must pre-enter*)
____ CLASS #1: CHJA Horsemanship Challenge @ \$35
Written test for Junior & Adult Amateur qualifiers
____ Test for Ages 12 & Under (*must pre-enter*)
____ Test for Ages 13 & Over (*must pre-enter*)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

____ HUNTER CLASSICS @ \$150
____ CLASS #2: CHJA 3' Children's Hunter Horse Classic
____ CLASS #3: CHJA 3' Adult Hunter Classic
____ CLASS #4: CHJA Children's Hunter Pony Classic
(*S/M not to exceed 2', L not to exceed 2'6"*)
____ CLASS #5: CHJA 2'6" Hunter Classic
____ CLASS #6: CHJA 2' Hunter Classic
____ CLASS #10: CHJA 18" Short Stirrup Hunter Classic

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

____ MEDAL CLASSES @ \$150
____ CLASS #7: CHJA 3'3" Master's Medal Final
____ CLASS #8: CHJA 3' Junior Medal Final
____ CLASS #9: CHJA 3' Adult Medal Final
____ CLASS #11: CHJA 18" Short Stirrup Medal Final

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

____ MEDAL CLASSES @ \$150
____ CLASS #12: CHJA 2'6" Children's Medal Final
____ CLASS #13: CHJA 2'6" Modified Adult Medal Final
____ CLASS #14: CHJA Pony Medal Final
(*S/M not to exceed 2', L not to exceed 2'6"*)
____ CLASS #15: CHJA 2' Pre-Children's Medal Final

ENTRY FEES @ \$150 EACH:

WARM UP @ \$35 EACH, MAXIMUM OF 2:

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE @ \$65: **\$65**

HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE @ \$35:

TOTAL DUE:

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

CHECK NUMBER:

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS REVERSE SIDE IS COMPLETED INCLUDING ALL SIGNATURES, AND THE TRAINER IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER.
One entry form for each rider. There is a \$100 fine for entering the warm up class without pre-entering on this form.

Send entry form with check payable to CHJA to: CHJA Medal Finals, c/o 78 Strawberry Hill Road, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Questions? mrtmatoe@verizon.net or 413-575-7095

CHJA MEDAL FINALS ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering The CHJA Medal Finals and/or Hunter Classics and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Rider, Handler or as the parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of The Connecticut Hunter & Jumper Association (the "C.H.J.A. INC") and the rules of the Fairfield County Hunt Club Horse Show (FCHC). I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the C.H.J.A. INC and of the FCHC. I will accept as final the decision of the Equitation Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the C.H.J.A. INC, the FCHC, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the C.H.J.A. INC and/or the FCHC may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable-casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the C.H.J.A. INC. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of C.H.J.A. INC rules are governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut, and any action instituted against the C.H.J.A. INC must be filed in Connecticut.

RIDER SIGNATURE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF RIDER UNDER 18) _____

STREET: _____

TOWN / CITY: _____

STATE / ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

RIDER CHJA#: _____

RIDER EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: () _____

Assumption of Risk, Waiver & Indemnification (This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.)
 I AGREE in consideration for my participation in the CHJA Medal Finals and/or Hunter Classics to the following:

- I AGREE that the "C.H.J.A. INC" and the "FCHC" as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and C.H.J.A. INC affiliates.
- I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the CHJA Medal Finals and/or Hunter Classics with my horse, as a rider, handler, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer or as the parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the CHJA Medal Finals and/or Hunter Classics involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm").
- I AGREE to hold harmless and release the C.H.J.A. INC and the FCHC from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.
- I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the C.H.J.A. INC or the FCHC.
- I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the C.H.J.A. INC and the FCHC and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any harm caused by me or my horse while at the CHJA Medal Finals and/or Hunter Classics.
- I have read the C.H.J.A. INC Rules about protective equipment, and I AGREE that protective headgear passing or surpassing current ASTM/SEI standards must be worn at all times while riding in the CHJA Medal Finals and/or Hunter Classics or anywhere on the FCHC premises. I acknowledge that the C.H.J.A. INC and FCHC Warn that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries.
- If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf.
- I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.
- I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the C.H.J.A. INC or FCHC on an official USEF accident/injury report form.

TRAINERS MUST BE CHJA MEMBERS TO SUBMIT MEDAL FINALS ENTRIES

By signing this entry form, the Trainer certifies that the Rider meets the eligibility requirements for the Classes entered and understands that entering a class that a Rider is not eligible for will result in disqualification.

TRAINER SIGNATURE _____	OWNER / AGENT SIGNATURE _____
PRINT TRAINER NAME _____	PRINT OWNER / AGENT NAME _____
STREET: _____	STREET: _____
TOWN / CITY: _____	TOWN / CITY: _____
STATE / ZIP: _____	STATE / ZIP: _____
PHONE: () _____	PHONE: () _____
TRAINER CHJA#: _____	OWNER CHJA#: _____
TRAINER EMAIL: _____	OWNER EMAIL: _____

Back numbers will not be issued at the CHJA Medal Finals unless all of the required information above is provided.

DO NOT SEND ENTRY AS "SIGNATURE REQUIRED" OR WE MAY NOT RECEIVE IT. FOR VERIFICATION, SELECT "DELIVERY CONFIRMATION" INSTEAD.

2026 CHJA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Julia Cotter Memorial Trophy

Donated by the Farmington Polo Club  in Loving Memory of Hugh Kerrigan

This award is presented annually to a Professional, Amateur or Junior active CHJA Member



whose character best exemplifies the qualities of decency, fair play, and graciousness in victory or defeat.

The Junior & Adult (Amateur or Professional) Sportsmanship Awards will be presented during the 2026 CHJA Medal Finals Opening Ceremony!

If your barn has someone you want to recognize, make sure you nominate them!

Nominations can be emailed to Melanie Conley at stormhillfarm@gmail.com.

All nominations must be received by August 1, 2026

Name of nominee: _____

Barn Name: _____

Describe how their character best exemplifies the qualities of decency, fair play and graciousness in victory or defeat. Be sure to give examples. Use the back of this form or attach another sheet if you need more space.

2026 CHJA MEDAL FINALS RULES & REGULATIONS

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES

In order to reserve your place in the 2026 CHJA Medal Finals, your completed entry form and check must be mailed and received or postmarked by August 1, 2026. There are no post entries. Entries received after the deadline will be returned. There will be no exceptions.

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms must be completely filled out before they are mailed, including all signatures and membership numbers. Numbers will not be issued if the entry form is incomplete. This includes trainer signatures.

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 78 Strawberry Hill Road, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 by August 1st.

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 FORM RECEIPT

As entry forms are received by the Show Secretary, confirmation of receipt will be posted on the CHJA website at www.CHJA.net. Click on Medal Finals 2026 and you can confirm that your entry form has been received. Incomplete entries will not be posted as 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.

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 2026 membership. Entries received from a trainer that is not an Active Professional Member will not be entered in the Order of Go until the membership is activated.

EQUINE HEALTH REQUIREMENT

All horses entering the Fairfield County Hunt Club grounds must be accompanied by proof of a negative Coggins and a health statement from the veterinarian listing proof of vaccinations. You must check in at the Fairfield office before going to the CHJA Tent. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Back numbers will not be issued by the Fairfield or CHJA Secretaries without providing the proper documentation.

NUMBERS

Assigned red 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 10 or more points in CHJA Medal Classes held at Recognized Shows during the qualifying period. The qualifying period runs from August 1 of the previous year's competition to July 31 of the current year's 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.

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 \$200 administrative fee, will be made within 30 days of the completion of the show.

WARM-UP CLASS

Unjudged warm-ups will be held on Thursday. There will be a 2'6" and 3' warm-up from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. A 2' and 18" warm-up will be held from 1:30 to 5:00 pm. 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 and Medal Finals. Every qualified horse and rider combination that pre-enters the warm-up will be allowed two warm-up trips. The two warm-up trips may be taken by the rider or their trainer. 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. Entering the warm-up without pre-entering is basis 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.

If you pre-entered for a warm-up trip(s) you may purchase one additional trip (\$50) on a first come first serve basis. This warm up trip may be taken by the rider or their trainer. If you didn't pre-enter for a warm-up trip, you may purchase only one trip at the show at a price of \$100 to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

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.

MEDAL CLASSES ELIGIBILITY

Only active CHJA members with a current 2026 membership are eligible to participate. Additionally, past winners of the CHJA Short Stirrup Medal Final, CHJA Pre-Children's Medal Final, CHJA Children's Medal Final, CHJA Junior Medal Final, CHJA Modified Adult Medal Final, and CHJA Adult Medal Final are not eligible to compete in their respective Medal classes in subsequent years. Past winners of the CHJA Master's Medal may compete in the class 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 eligible and 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. 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.

SHORT STIRRUP MEDAL ELIGIBILITY

If you have ever shown over a course where fences exceeded 18" at a Recognized Show, you are no longer eligible to compete in the Short Stirrup Medal. Qualification will be verified.

PRE-CHILDREN'S MEDAL ELIGIBILITY

If you have ever shown over a course where fences exceeded 2'6" at a Recognized Show, or if you have ever qualified for or shown in any 2'6" Equitation Final including the CHJA Children's Medal, you are no longer eligible to compete in the Pre-Children's Medal. Qualification will be verified.

CHILDREN'S MEDAL ELIGIBILITY

If you have ever shown over a course where fences exceeded 3' at a Recognized Show, or if you have ever qualified for or shown in any 3' Equitation Final including the CHJA Junior Medal, you are no longer eligible to compete in the Children's Medal. Qualification will be verified.

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" 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. Qualification will be verified.

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 active Junior or Amateur members of the CHJA. A rider qualifying for the CHJA Junior Medal Final may choose to ride in either the 3' Junior Medal Final or the 3'3" 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. Qualification will be verified.

MODIFIED ADULT MEDAL ELIGIBILITY

If you have shown in classes with fences 3' or higher at more than three Recognized Shows within the past two show years or if you qualified for or entered a 3' Equitation Finals in 2025 or 2026 you are no longer eligible to compete in the Modified Adult Medal. Qualification will be verified.

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.

HUNTER CLASSICS QUALIFYING PERIOD

Do not enter the Hunter Classics unless you have qualified. You must meet the eligibility requirements for the Hunter Classic you are entering. You may only enter one Hunter Classic but may enter that classic with two different horse/ponies if the eligibility requirements are met.

CHJA CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY CLASSIC

Open to any Pony that has accumulated 30 or more points in the CHJA Children's Hunter Pony Division during the qualifying period of August 1 of the previous year to July 31 of the current year's Hunter Classics or any pony/rider combination entered in the CHJA Pony Medal or Children's Medal Final. Eligibility will be verified.

CHJA CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE CLASSIC

Open to any Horse that has accumulated 30 or more points during the qualifying period of August 1 of the previous year to July 31 of the current year's Hunter Classics or any horse/rider combination entered in the CHJA Children's Medal or Junior Medal Finals. A horse entered in the Master's Medal with a junior rider is also eligible. Eligibility will be verified.

CHJA ADULT HUNTER CLASSIC

Open to any Horse that has accumulated 30 or more points in the CHJA Adult Amateur Hunter Division (combined ages) during the qualifying period of August 1 of the previous year to July 31 of the current year's Hunter Classics, or any horse/rider combination entered in the CHJA Adult Medal Final. A horse entered in the Master's Medal with an adult amateur rider is also eligible. Eligibility will be verified.

CHJA 2'6" HUNTER CLASSIC

Open to any Horse/Pony that has accumulated 30 or more points in the CHJA Modified Children's Hunter, CHJA Modified Adult Hunter, Low Children's Hunter or Low Adult Hunter Divisions during the qualifying period of August 1 of the previous year to July 31 of the current year's Hunter Classics or any horse/rider combination entered in the CHJA Modified Adult Medal Final. Horse/rider combinations entered in the CHJA Children's Medal Final are also eligible to enter this class if they have not competed in any class with fences set at 3' or higher. This includes the CHJA Children's Hunter Horse division and any Equitation Medal Finals with fences set at 3' including the CHJA Junior Medal. Eligibility will be verified.

CHJA 2' HUNTER CLASSIC

Open to any Horse/Pony that has accumulated 30 or more points in the CHJA Pre-Children's Hunter division during the qualifying period, or any horse/rider combination entered in the CHJA Pre-Children's Medal Final. Eligibility will be verified.

CHJA 18" SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER CLASSIC

Open to any Horse/Pony that has accumulated 30 or more points in the Short Stirrup Hunter Division during the qualifying period or any horse rider combination entered in the CHJA Short Stirrup Medal. Eligibility will be verified.

ORDER OF GO

The "Order of Go" for the CHJA Hunter Classics and the CHJA Medal Classes will be available at the CHJA Secretary's booth on Thursday morning at 7:00 am. 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. 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. If entries warrant, the decision to combine any classes (i.e., Adult and Children's Hunter Classics) will be made by the President of the C.H.J.A, INC. no later than Wednesday at noon. Her/his decision will be final. 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 are 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 purchasing a ticket from the Show Secretary is 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.

STALLS

Stall reservations must be made directly through Fairfield County Hunt Club at www.horseshowsonline.com. The closing date to reserve stalls is July 29th. Contact Michelle Schmerzler at michelleschmerz@gmail.com with questions. Horses will be permitted to arrive on the grounds after 10:00 am on Wednesday, August 12th. Arriving before that time may result in an additional charge.

HAY & BEDDING

Please place your initial order by 12:00 pm on August 8th by emailing Agriventures Agway at danbury@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.

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. You will be charged a \$150 fine for loose dogs. Dogs or other pets are not allowed in the CHJA tent whether leashed or not.

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.





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