

SCHSA MEDAL CLASSES



Section 1 - MEDAL CLASSES – GENERAL RULES & SPECIFICATIONS

The SCHSA offers six medal classes. A show manager may determine to hold a minimum of three of the six, SCHSA medal classes which must be offered at all SCHSA approved events. Medal classes may not be run on an open card with other classes, except for the 3' Junior Hunt Seat Medal class with the 3' Amateur Hunt Seat Medal class or the 2'6" Junior Horsemanship Medal class with the 2'6" Amateur Horsemanship Medal class.

- a. To participate in a medal class, a rider must be eligible by age on the day the rider competes in the medal class, as well as the date on which the medal finals are held. Age of rider is determined according to USEF Rules.
- b. Following the current year Medal Finals, riders must compete in the age division they wish to qualify for the next competition year. For example, when competing at shows held after the 3' Junior Hunt Seat Medal, a rider who would become 18 (show age) the following year would compete in the 3' Amateur Hunt Seat medal classes. (Note: this rule applies to medal classes only and not divisions, such as hunters or equitation.)
- c. At least three (3) exhibitors must compete, complete, and be placed for the points to count.
- d. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st/6, 2nd/4 3rd/3, 4th/2, 5th/1.
- e. Three (3) points qualifies a rider for the medal finals. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying, except for the last chance qualifying class held at the medal final events.
- f. Riders must maintain eligibility through the finals.
- g. SCHSA medal classes may run concurrently and be judged on the same card as other organizations with the same specifications at management's discretion.

Section 2 - SCHSA FUTURES MEDAL CLASS

This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Classes Section 1

- a. This class will consist of one round over a course of at least 8 fences not to exceed two feet three inches in height (2'3"), with a minimum of one change of direction and a built-in work off. There shall be no combinations or oxers on course. No two fences will be set fewer than three strides (approximately 48') apart in the SCHSA Futures Medal Class.
- b. This class is restricted to junior and amateur members who have not competed in a class where fences are listed in the prize list to be set higher than two feet six inches (2'6") in height, with the exception of .80m jumpers and 2'6" hunter derbies with option fences.

Section 3 - SCHSA 3' JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Classes Section 1

- a. This class shall consist of one round over fences (which counts for 60% of the score) and a flat phase (which counts for 40% of the score).
- b. The course will consist of at least eight fences set at three feet (3') in height, with two changes of direction. At least one combination, including an oxer, is optional.

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- c. To be eligible to compete in the SCHSA 3' Junior Hunt Seat Medal class, a rider must be a junior member (see Section 1a above) and may not have competed in any class with fences exceeding three feet three inches (3'3") or 1.0m in height. To be eligible to compete in that year's medal finals, a rider may not compete in classes above the restricted height. After a period of five years has elapsed from the time a rider has competed in a class exceeding 3'3" or 1.0m, that rider regains eligibility to compete in the SCHSA 3' Junior Hunt Seat Medal.
- d. The same horse and equipment must be used in both phases, except for martingales, which must not be used in the flat phase.
- e. All riders must ride in both phases to be placed.

Section 4 - SCHSA 3' AMATEUR HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Classes Section 1.

- a. This class shall consist of one round over fences (which counts for 60% of the score) and a flat phase (which counts for 40% of the score).
- b. The course will consist of at least eight fences set at three feet (3') in height, with two changes of direction. At least one combination, including an oxer, is optional.
- c. To be eligible to compete in the SCHSA 3' Amateur Hunt Seat Medal class, a rider must be a senior member (see Section 1(a) above) and may not have competed in any class with fences exceeding three feet three inches (3'3") or 1.0m in height. To be eligible to compete in that year's medal finals, a rider may not compete in classes above the restricted height. After a period of five years has elapsed from the time a rider has competed in a class exceeding 3'3" or 1.0m, that rider regains eligibility to compete in the SCHSA 3' Amateur Hunt Seat Medal.
- d. The same horse and equipment must be used in both phases, except for martingales, which may not be used in the flat phase.
- e. All riders must ride in both phases to be placed.

Section 5 - SCHSA 2'6" JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL CLASS

This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Classes Section 1

- a. This class shall consist of one round over fences (which counts for 60% of the score) and a flat phase (which counts for 40% of the score).
- b. The course will consist of at least eight fences set at two feet six inches (2'6") in height, with two changes of direction. No combinations may be used, and no two fences will be set fewer than three strides (approximately 48') apart.
- c. To be eligible to compete in the SCHSA 2'6" Junior Horsemanship Medal class, a rider must be a junior member (see Section 1a above) and may not have shown in any class where fence heights are posted at three feet (3') or higher, except for the .95M jumper classes.
- d. After qualifying, a rider may compete and/or win classes above the restricted height, including, but not exceeding 3' and still be eligible for that year's medal finals; however, that rider is not eligible for SCHSA 2'6" medal class the following year.

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- e. After a period of five years has elapsed since a rider has competed at three feet (3') or higher, with exceptions as indicated above, that rider regains eligibility to compete in the SCHSA 2'6" Junior Horsemanship Medal classes.
- f. The same horse and equipment must be used in both phases, except for martingales, which must not be used in the flat phase.
- g. All riders must ride in both phases to be placed.

Section 6 – SCHSA 2'6" AMATEUR HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL

This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Classes Section 1

- a. This class shall consist of one round over fences (which counts for 60% of the score) and a flat phase (which counts for 40% of the score).
- b. The course will consist of at least eight fences set at two feet six inches (2'6") in height, with two changes of direction. No combinations may be used, and no two fences will be set fewer than three strides (approximately 48') apart.
- c. To be eligible to compete in the SCHSA 2'6" Junior Horsemanship Medal class, a rider must be a senior member (see Section 1(a) above) and may not have shown in any class where fence heights are posted at three feet (3') or higher, except for the .95M jumper classes.
- d. After qualifying, a rider may compete and/or win classes above the restricted height, including, but not exceeding 3' and still be eligible for that year's medal finals; however, that rider is not eligible for SCHSA 2'6" medal class the following year.
- e. After a period of five years has elapsed since a rider has competed at three feet (3') or higher, with exceptions as indicated above, that rider regains eligibility to compete in the SCHSA 2'6" Amateur Horsemanship Medal classes.
- f. The same horse and equipment must be used in both phases, except for martingales, which must not be used in the flat phase.
- g. All riders must ride in both phases to be placed.

Section 7 --SCHSA 3'3" CHALLENGE MEDAL CLASS

This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Classes Section 1

- a. Open to junior and amateur SCHSA members who have not won a 3'6" medal finals.
- b. The course will consist of at least eight fences, three feet three inches (3'3") in height, with at least two changes of direction and at least one combination including an oxer. A work-off of the top three riders is mandatory with up to five at the judge's discretion. A work-off may be on the flat or over fences, and riders cannot be asked to switch horses.
- c. Jumper type fences may be used; however, banks and liver pools are not allowed.
- d. A minimum of three riders will work off using USEF tests 1-20. [p](#)