

2012 CPHA Jr/Am Medal Class Specifications

The CPHA Medal Class must be offered as two separate classes (one for juniors 17 and under, and one for Amateurs 18 and over). For these classes to fill five competitors must compete in each age group and three must complete the course. If there are less than five competitors in either group, the CPHA medal class will be combined into a single junior/amateur class. For the purpose of the CPHA Hunter Seat Medal qualifying points, when age groups are combined, the highest placed junior and senior will both receive first place points. Only those Juniors and Amateurs who placed first through fifth in the combined class will receive points toward Finals eligibility. Any junior who has qualified with 6 pts. may continue to ride in the CPHA Hunter Seat Medal Class until they receive a total of 10 points. After 10 points, any junior is ineligible to compete in any other CPHA Junior Hunter Seat Medal Class until after the Finals have been held. Any **Amateur** who has qualified to ride in the CPHA Amateur Hunter Seat Medal **may continue to compete** in the CPHA medal classes during the qualifying period.

The Course must be posted at least thirty minutes before the class.

CPHA JUNIOR HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS - 17 AND UNDER

QUALIFICATIONS: Open to junior riders, seventeen (17) years of age and under, who are current registered members of the California Professional Horsemen's Association and the PCHA. (Trainers of riders in this class must be professional members of the CPHA and PCHA.) To be shown over either a hunter or jumper equitation type course of fences 3'6" in height with at least two (2) changes of direction and at least (1) combination with a spread fence. A minimum of three (3) riders will be required to work off using (USEF Eq. Tests 1-18).

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS: This class will be judged on seat, hands, control of the horse and over-all general appearance to be given consideration. Unconventional equipment may be penalized at the discretion of the judges. To compete in the Finals, a rider must have received **six (6) points to qualify**. Points will be awarded as follows:

1st – 6 points
2nd – 4 points
3rd – 3 points
4th – 2 points
5th – 1 point

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The winner of the CPHA Junior Hunter Seat Medal Finals is ineligible to participate in any future CPHA Junior Hunter Seat Medal Class, however he or she may return to the CPHA Amateur Medal as a participant when he or she has reached his or her 18th birthday.

ANY QUALIFIED JUNIOR RIDER THAT RIDES IN ANY CPHA MEDAL CLASS AFTER QUALIFYING WILL BE NOTIFIED AND DISQUALIFIED FROM THE FINALS.

All junior riders who compete in a Junior CPHA Medal Class after the Finals but before the end of the show year will compete in the following year's Finals in the section that represents the current show year age.

CPHA AMATEUR HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS - 18 AND OVER

QUALIFICATIONS: Open to Amateur riders 18 and over who are current members of the CPHA and PCHA

SPECIFICATIONS: Same specs as the CPHA Junior Hunt Seat Medal Class 17 and under. Any **Amateur** who has qualified to ride in the CPHA Amateur Hunter Seat Medal **may continue to compete in** the CPHA medal classes during the qualifying period. The winner of the CPHA Amateur Hunt Seat Medal finals is ineligible to participate at any future CPHA Hunt Seat Medal Class.

CPHA HUNTER SEAT FINALS JUDGING AND SCORING SYSTEM

The CPHA will host a Junior and Amateur Finals. There will be a two round competition with a third round of the top ten in each section. The first round will be held over an equitation type course, using primarily hunter type fences, the second round over a jumper type course and the third over an advanced equitation type course. Each round will progress with increased difficulty. A warm-up class will be held (non-judged) after which the rider will draw for the first round order of go. The 2nd order of go will be a jumper rotation. Three judges, who at no time will sit together, will score the finals. The announcer will announce the score that is the total of the three judge's scores at the completion of the rider's Round One and Round Two.

The announcement of the carry-over scores during the second and third round will be announced after the completion of the competitor's ride. The third round will consist of the top ten total scores after the first two qualifying rounds. Those scores, with lowest going first, will determine the order of go. Only during the Third Round will individual judge's scores be announced. In the event that any rider is within three points of the top score, those riders along with the top score rider will be considered tied equally. **Juniors** will then be required to

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drop their stirrups and re-ride the Third Round course. **Amateurs** will be required to work off using tests 1-18 with no dismount. Riders will not be asked to dismount, mount or jump without stirrups. The rider with the highest score in this work-off round will be determined the winner. Ties in round 1 and 2 will be broken by the call judge who will be determined prior to the start of the class. In the event of a tie in the final round the rider with the highest score in the 3rd round will receive the higher placing. At no time will judges sit together to confer during or between the respective rounds. They will also be asked not to discuss their scores with anyone until after the event. Judge's scores will be posted one hour after each round. Judges will not be on the same communication channel. Ribbons will be awarded in all rounds. Awards to top ten finalists and their trainers.

The top rider 36 and over will be recognized by receiving a special award .

Schooling Rules:

- Follow USEF Jumper schooling rules EXCEPT: Swedish Oxers (max 12" difference), tarps, coolers, and liverpools are acceptable.
- Riders will school in the designated schooling area one hour prior to the beginning of the class. The jumps will be flagged to show the direction of the jumps: red on right, white on left. These flags may be changed.

Verticals can be made into oxers; oxers can be made into verticals. The jumps may be raised or lowered, widened or narrowed.

Substitutions. Due to illness or injury of the horse a rider may petition to ride a substitute horse. This substitution must be approved by the Appeals Committee consisting of the Show Manager, the Chief Steward and the Official Veterinarian, who has in fact examined the horse and determined it's unsuitability to continue.

Cross Entry Restriction: The same horse must be ridden through all phases of the competition and may not be used in both age groups.

There is to be no contact between exhibitor or trainer to either judges or course designer prior to or at the conclusion of any round without the specified technical delegate or show steward present.

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