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Proposed Change

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

6. USEF PONY MEDAL CLASS.

For full specifications and qualifying criteria see www.usef.org.

a. **Eligibility.** Open to Junior Active Members of the Federation who have not yet reached their 18th birthday, on ponies 14.2 hands and under. No Junior over 12 years of age may compete on a small pony. No Junior over 14 years of age may compete on a medium pony. ~~Application for membership can be made directly to the Federation, or the exhibitor can join prior to the class through the Federation steward. Riders entered in this class cannot cross enter into a USEF Hunter Seat Medal Class at the same competition. Suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized.~~

b. **Course requirements.**

1. To be shown over a course of not less than six obstacles 2'3" for ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands; 2'6" for ponies over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands; and 2'9" - 3' for ponies over 13.2 hands.
2. If distances between related fences are less than 100' (including in and outs), the distances must be adjusted for each height section. The course must include at least two changes of direction and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers.
3. In addition, USEF Pony Medal classes may include any of the following: bending line, narrow jump (5'6"-8'), rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump, a combination. Two tests (1-18, excluding test 15) are required during the first round.

c. **Class conditions.**

1. Only one rider per pony.
2. To fill a class three competitors must complete the course. ~~Two cumulative refusals in the USEF Pony Medal Finals will result in elimination, see EQ107.1.~~
3. **Suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized.**
4. This class may be judged as one class, with all height sections run consecutively; or management may elect to divide and pin this class in three separate sections, small, medium and large or to divide into two sections, small-medium and large or small and medium-large. In no case may sections be divided into small-large and medium. When classes are divided as outlined above an exhibitor may only ride in one section per competition. ~~Ribbon winners in each section will receive qualifying points.~~
5. The USEF Pony Medal may be run concurrently with the small, medium, and large pony division. The green pony division cannot be run with the USEF Pony Medal card open as the fence heights are not consistent. However, green ponies may jump in the USEF Pony Medal when the card is held open during the regular pony division if they so choose. ~~A rider who accumulates 30 pts. will receive a silver medal from the Federation and will qualify for the Finals which is held in conjunction with the USEF Pony Competition. For classes with six or more entries 1st place = 30 pts.; 2nd place = 15 pts.; 3rd place = 10 pts. For classes with three to five entries 1st place=15 points.; 2nd place=8pts.; 3rd place=5 pts.~~
6. **If there are 50 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it must be divided by every other number and run as two separate classes.**
7. **Classes held at competitions with a start date after July 1 will count toward the next year's Final.**

d. **Rider eligibility.**

1. A rider that has qualified for the Finals can continue to compete in qualifying classes.
2. **Riders entered in this class cannot cross enter into a USEF Hunter Seat Medal Class at the same competition.** The winner of the Finals may no longer ride in the Finals or in qualifying classes. ~~Classes held at competitions with a start date after July 1 will count toward the next year's Final.~~
3. Riders cannot enter both the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals and the USEF Pony Medal Finals in the same year. ~~If there are 50 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it must be divided by every other number and run as two separate classes.~~

e. Certificate of Compliance - At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

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Rule Change Intent

To remove language that is not necessary in the USEF rule book based on recent efforts to reduce the size of the rulebook. Full qualifying criteria and specifications for the USEF Pony Medal Class will be posted on the USEF website.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: USEF Pony Medal - specs to website

Committee Actions

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