

QUICK REFERENCE:

SFHJA MEDAL CLASSES

Section 1 - MEDAL CLASSES - GENERAL

The SFHJA offers six Medal classes. These classes must be offered in addition to fifty percent (50%) of the classes required, for SFHJA approval. Medal Classes may not be run as an open card with other classes, except 17-Under with 18-Over or 12-Under with 13-Over when it is determined that the required number of exhibitors may not be met for points to count unless classes are combined. **In combined Medal Classes, the highest placing rider accruing points, in the alternate age group of the winner, will also qualify for the finals.**

a. Eligibility: RIDERS AND TRAINERS MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS BEFORE ENTERING MEDAL CLASSES. It is the responsibility of riders, parents, and trainers to understand eligibility rules for each medal class and to maintain eligibility through the finals.

b. Qualified riders may not show in final qualifying class at show hosting the medal finals.

A non-SFHJA sanctioned show may apply for a "Medals Only" rating provided that the following conditions are met:

a. The show is recognized by another horseshow association.

b. If the show falls on the same weekend as a SFHJA sanctioned show, and the approval of the show manager with full sanctioning is obtained in writing. Medals Only shows outside a 50 mile radius of any "A" or "B" sanctioned show will not require the other manager's approval.

c. Managers with medals only sanctioning must offer all six medal classes, unless one would be inappropriate in the context of the show.

Section 2 - SFHJA FUTURES MEDAL

a. This class shall consist of one round over a course of at least 8 fences not to exceed two feet three inches in height (2'3"), there shall be no combinations on course, only one change of direction is required, a work-off must be built into the course.

b. This class is restricted to junior and amateur members who have not competed in a class where fences may be set over two foot six inches (2'6") in height.

c. At least three exhibitors must complete the course.

d. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1.

e. 10 points qualifies a rider for the finals. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying.

f. Riders must maintain eligibility through the finals.

g. Qualified riders may not ride in final qualifying class at the show hosting the medal finals

Section 3 - SFHJA 17 & UNDER HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

- a. This class shall consist of one round over fences counted (60%) and a flat phase (40%).
 - b. The course will consist of at least eight fences set at three feet (3') in height, with two changes of direction, and at least one combination including an oxer.
 - c. All riders must ride in both phases.
 - d. The same horse and equipment must be used in both phases, with the exception of martingales, which may not be used in the flat phase. Three riders must complete both phases for the class to count.
 - e. 10 points are needed to qualify for the finals. Points are awarded 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1. Riders may continue to compete until they win a class on an A day.
 - f. In order to compete in a medal class riders and their trainers must be SFHJA members before entering the medal class.
 - g. To be eligible to compete in the SFHJA 17 & Under Medal class a rider may not have won a medal class with fences exceeding three foot three inches (3'3") in height, as of the date of winning the SFHJA medal class. After qualifying, a rider may compete and/or win classes above the height and still be eligible for that year's finals. However, that rider is not eligible for SFHJA Medal classes the following year. After a period of five years has elapsed since a rider has won a medal class at three foot six inches (3'6") or higher, that rider regains his eligibility to compete in SFHJA 17&Under and/or 18 & Over Medal classes.
 - h. In order 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.
 - j. One rider per horse.
 - k. Qualified riders may not ride in the final qualifying class at show hosting the medal finals
- May be combined with 18 & Over Medal for points to count when less than 3 entries*

Section 4 - SFHJA 18 & OVER HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

Class shall have the same specifications as the SFHJA 17 & Under Medal.

May be combined with 17-Under Medal, for points to count when less than 3 entries

Section 5 – SFHJA 13 & OVER HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL

This class shall have the same specifications as the 17 & Under Medal EXCEPT:

- a. Fences shall be set at 2'6"
- b. Riders may not have shown in a class where fences are 3' or higher.
- c. Riders must remain eligible through the finals.

May be combined with 12 & Under Medal for points to count when less than 3 entries

Section 6 - SFHJA 12 & UNDER HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

This class shall have the same specification as the SFHJA 17 & Under Medal class except:

- a. Fences shall be set at two foot six Inches (2'6") in height.
- b. No combinations.
- c. Riders may not show in any class where fences may be set at three foot three inches (3'3") or higher.
- d. Riders must remain eligible through the finals.

May be combined with 13 & Over Medal for points to count when less than 3 entries

Section 7 – EQUINE INSURANCE / SFHJA CHALLENGE MEDAL CLASS

Open to Junior and Amateur members who have not won a 3'6" Medal Finals.

- b. The course will consist of at least 8 fences, three foot three inches (3'3") in height, with at least two changes of direction.
- c. Jumper type fences may be used, however banks and liverpools are not allowed.
- d. A minimum of two riders will work off using USEF tests 1-19.
- e. Three riders must complete the course for the class to count. Riders must accrue 10 points to qualify for the finals. Points are awarded: 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying for the finals. Riders with the most points (Champion & Reserve) at the end of the qualifying season will receive a special award presented by Equine Insurance at the SFHJA Banquet.. All riders with 20 or more points will also receive a year-end award.
- f. Qualified riders may not ride in final qualifying class at the show hosting the medal finals.

Section 8 - COMBINED CLASSES

- a. In the event of insufficient entries, the 17 & Under and 18 & Over Medal classes may be combined.
- b. In the event of insufficient entries, the 12 & Under and 13 & Over Horsemanship Medal classes may be combined.