

The Finals Clarified

This document was created as a quick guide to summarize both qualification requirements and judging specifications and procedures for the majority of equitation finals for the show horse breeds. Please note more detail can be found by referring to the specific rules and specifications of each final. These specific rules supersede anything in this document.

JUDGING SPECIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

USEF SADDLE SEAT MEDAL FINAL

Phase 1

1. Tests 1-16 may be used.
2. Riders must be worked in groups of 15 or less.
3. Rail work constitutes 50%, posted workout constitutes 50%.
4. This class will serve as elimination for Phase 2.
5. Number of riders chosen for Phase 2 shall be at the judge's discretion.

Phase 2

1. This phase is worked in the same manner as Phase 1 except a different posted pattern must be used.
2. A rider's performance in the preliminary phase has equal consideration as his performance in the final phase.
3. The judges' evaluation consists of the following analysis; Phase 1 rail work equals 25%, Phase 1 workout equals 25%, Phase 2 rail work equals 25% and Phase 2 workout equals 25%.

USEF ADULT MEDAL FINAL

1. Riders must be worked on the rail and are required to perform a posted pattern.
2. If there are two phases, they are run the same as the USEF Medal with the judges' evaluation consisting of 25% rail, 25% workout in Phase 1 and 25% rail and 25% workout in Phase 2. If only a single phase is held, final judging is 50% rail work and 50% workout.
3. Tests 1-13 and 15-16 only.

AMHA SADDLE SEAT GOLD MEDAL FINAL

1. The Finals class must be worked on the rail in groups of 20 or less.
2. All contestants are required to perform an individual workout. If necessary, preliminary classes will be held with ALL riders performing an individual work-out.
3. A minimum of 12 riders (with a maximum of 15 riders) will be chosen to compete in the final ride-off. All riders in the final ride-off will be required to perform an individual workout.
4. Scores/placings from the preliminary class will not be carried over to the final ride-off.

THE GOOD HANDS EVENT

Phase 1

1. All riders work on rail both ways of the ring and line up.
2. All riders will perform a mandatory work out which shall be, to execute a figure eight at the canter, trot back to the judge, stop and back.
3. Judging is based on a 40% rail work, 60% workout analysis.

Phase 2

1. Judges shall select 10-15 contestants to compete in the Championship class.
2. The riders perform on the rail both ways of the ring and line up.
3. All contestants shall individually execute a prescribed workout. Further testing of any contestants may be requested at the judges' discretion.
4. As in Phase 1, judging is based on a 40% rail work, 60% workout analysis.
5. A rider's performance in the preliminary has equal consideration as the performance in the final phase.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR SADDLE AND BRIDLE MEDALLION CHAMPIONSHIP

Phase 1

1. Senior riders use tests 1-14. Junior riders use tests 1-12.
2. All riders work on the rail in groups of 20 or less. All riders perform a posted workout.
3. Judges select 12-14 riders for the second phase. Scoring will be 50% rail work and 50% workout.

Phase 2

1. Phase 2 will be judged in the same manner with 50% on the rail work and 50% on a different posted pattern.
2. Final tabulation for this championship will be 25% rail, 25% workout in Phase 1 and 25% rail, 25% workout in Phase 2.

UPHA CHALLENGE CUP FINALS

The qualifying season for all UPHA Challenge Cup National Finals closes seven (7) days prior to the beginning of the competition at which the Championship will be held. At that time, the qualifying season for the following year will begin.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR UPHA CHALLENGE CUP FINALS

Phase 1

1. Senior riders use tests 1-14. Junior riders use tests 1-12.
2. All riders perform on the rail both ways of the ring and perform a posted individual workout.
3. A minimum of 12 riders and a maximum of 14 will be selected by the judges to compete in Phase 2.

Phase 2

1. In Phase 2 only rail work is performed. Judges may ask selected riders to do additional rail work as a group. They may not be asked to exchange horses or ride without irons in this phase.

UPHA PLEASURE CHALLENGE CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

All rules governing the judging of this championship shall be the same as the previous section, however, pleasure riders are required to walk.

UPHA MORGAN, ARABIAN BREEDS AND NATIONAL SHOW HORSE CHALLENGE CUP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Judging specifications and procedures for the UPHA Breed Challenge Cup National Finals will be governed by the same rules as the open UPHA Challenge Cup Finals or the UPHA Junior Challenge Cup Finals, except that In the UPHA Morgan, Arabian Breeds, and National Show Horse Challenge Cup National Finals, a minimum of four (4) riders must perform an individual workout.

Morgan, Arabian Breeds, and National Show Horse riders have the option of competing in the open UPHA Challenge Cup National Final or the UPHA Junior Challenge Cup Final at the American Royal, Kansas City, Mo and in their respective UPHA Breed Challenge Cup Final, however, they must have separate qualifications for both National Finals. Riders showing in breed restricted UPHA Challenge Cup qualifying classes do not qualify for the open finals.

UPHA ADULT CHALLENGE CUP NATIONAL FINALS

1. All riders must perform on the rail and a minimum of 4 riders must perform a posted workout. The judge may use any of the recognized tests 1-13.
2. Since there is not a Phase 1 preliminary in this class, judging specifications shall be 60% on the rail and 40% on the workout.
3. Winners of the UPHA Adult Challenge Cup National Final will be eliminated from further competition in UPHA Adult Challenge Cup classes after two (2) consecutive or non-consecutive wins of the UPHA Adult Challenge Cup National Final.

UPHA 10 & UNDER WALK/TROT CHALLENGE CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Riders work in groups of 12 or less.
2. Riders judged 50% on Phase 1 and 50% on Phase 2.
3. Riders are asked to walk and trot both ways of the ring and to line up.
4. Ten riders shall be chosen to return for Phase 2.
5. All other judging specifications shall be governed by the same rules as the above sections.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FINALS

FINAL	What placing(s) qualify a rider for the Finals	Number of riders needed to make a qualifying class	notes	Is a rider eliminated after receiving a qualifying 1st place ?
AMHA Saddle Seat Medal Final	1st or 2nd	no minimum		If there was more than 1 rider, yes. If single entry, can compete in 1 other qualifier
Pleasure Equitation Olympics	Before the opening performance of the designated horse show hosting the Olympics each year, the participant must have accumulated a minimum of 15 points from American Saddlebred Pleasure Equitation classes.	n/a	any Pleasure Equitation class will count from any show	n/a
Saddle & Bridle Medallion	1st or 2nd	2	All horses must be American Saddlebreds	yes
The Good Hands Finals	1st or 2nd	2		yes
UPHA 10 & Under Walk & Trot Challenge Cup Finals	Ribbon winner	no minimum	can continue to show after a win	no
UPHA Adult Challenge Cup	Ribbon winner	no minimum		no
UPHA Challenge Cup	1st through 4th	no minimum		yes
UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup	1st through 4th	no minimum		yes
USEF Adult Medal Finals	Shown and judged	no minimum	can win Final only 2 times	no
USEF Medal Finals	1st or 2nd	2		yes