

The ANRC National Equitation Championships are an invitational competition for collegiate, junior, adult amateur, and ANRC alumni teams that pay an annual ANRC team membership fee. There is no need to qualify. Everyone is welcome to join us for the 2020 championships April 9-11, 2020. Membership opens September 1, 2019.

The championship for each group is held on the same weekend and judged separately. In each championship, teams may compete in a 3' National Division or a 2'6" Novice Division. Participants may compete on a school-owned horse, a leased horse, or a privately-owned horse.

The competition is judged and scored on equitation skills and sound horsemanship practices in four phases:

Written Phase (5% of total score) – Each competitor takes a written test based on Forward Riding Theory and selected stable management topics.

Flat Phase (35% of total score) - Each competitor performs a flat phase provided by ANRC composed of hunter seat equitation movements.

Equitation Derby Phase (30% of total score) - Each competitor performs over a hunter trials-type course that consists of approximately 10–12 natural fences. The course may include ditches and banks over rolling terrain.

Hunter Seat Equitation Medal Phase (30% of total score) - Each competitor performs over a USEF Medal-type course that consists of approximately 8–10 fences with at least two changes of direction and one combination.

The highest score in each phase will be awarded to the rider who demonstrates excellence in equitation and produces a smooth, cooperative, performance with their horse that exemplifies quality hunter movement on the flat and over fences. The scores are added to produce both individual and team standings.