

**2022 / 2023 Rules and Regulations
of the
ASPCA Maclay National Championship
and all
Maclay Horsemanship Classes and Regional Competitions**

**** PLEASE NOTE: Membership in the National Horse Show Association (NHSA) is required for all riders competing in the ASPCA Maclay and all trainers who have riders competing in the ASPCA Maclay. The membership/qualifying year is September 1 – August 31. ****

The National Horse Show Association of America, Limited (“NHSAA”) is responsible for the organization, presentation and administration of the Maclay Trophy and the associated competitions, including the Maclay Regional Championship (“Regionals”) and Maclay National Championship (“Finals”) Classes. To ensure the selection of appropriate sites, judges, and course designers for the Regionals and the Finals, the NHSAA communicates with the National Horse Show Equitation Committee. USEF rules govern these competitions and the Maclay National Championship Qualifying Classes (“Maclay”). In case of any conflict between these Rules and USEF rules, USEF rules shall govern.

Courses for all Maclay, Regionals and Finals Classes

- To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles.
- Course must include:
 - One combination (including an oxer)
 - At least two changes of direction after the first obstacle
 - At least three of the following
 - Bending Line
 - Narrow Jump (5’6”-8’)
 - Roll back turn
 - Fence at the end of the ring
 - Long approach to a single jump
- 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers
- Obstacle height to be set at 3’6”
- Maximum width of oxers 4’
- Maximum width of triple bars and hogs backs 5’
- Liverpools, water jumps, or water used as decoration are prohibited
- Banks, ditches, grobs and other natural obstacles are prohibited.

Specifications for all Maclay, Regionals and Finals Classes

The Maclay is open to junior members of USEF or Equine Canada who have not reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR127. Riders must be current members of the National Horse Show Association (“NHSA”) to compete in all Maclay, Regionals and Finals Classes. Trainers (or coaches when applicable [see USEF GR108]) of riders competing in all Maclay, Regionals and Finals Classes must also be members of the NHSA. The NHSA Membership year is September 1 through August 31. Junior rider annual contributions shall be \$35. Trainer (or coach) annual contributions shall be \$50. A rider may enter any Maclay anywhere in the United States according to the conditions published in the current Rule book of the USEF. Maclay points can be earned at any USEF licensed competition. Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year. Previous winners of the Finals are ineligible to compete in any Maclay Class, Regionals or Finals.

MACLAY CLASSES

Judging

To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the horse. After completion of the jumping phase a minimum of twelve (12) riders, if available, are required to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The flat performance of those riders selected to show in the flat phase shall count 50%. Changing of bit/bridle between phases is permissible. Only riders who have completed the course and competed in the flat phase may receive ribbons or points. Use of the open numerical system of judging not to be used. USEF Tests 1-16.

Conditions for Maclay Classes:

- Only competitions recognized by the USEF are eligible to hold the Maclay class.
- All competitions must apply to hold the Maclay class 30 days in advance using the forms found on www.nhs.org.
- Only one rider per horse.
- To fill a Maclay class three (3) competitors must complete the course.
- If there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of a Maclay class, it **may** be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections.
- If there are 50 or more entries at the beginning of a Maclay class, it **must** be divided by every other number and run as two separate classes.
- A Maclay class may not be run using a California split.

QUALIFYING

All Qualifying is based on the increment point chart below:

INCREMENT SYSTEM and NUMBER OF ENTRANTS

| Placings | Number of Exhibitors Who Complete the Course | | | |
|----------|--|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | 3-5 Exhibitors | 6-15 Exhibitors | 16-30 Exhibitors | 31+ Exhibitors |
| 1st | 5 | 10 | 20 | 40 |
| 2nd | 4 | 8 | 16 | 32 |
| 3rd | 3 | 6 | 12 | 24 |
| 4th | | 4 | 8 | 16 |
| 5th | | | 4 | 8 |
| 6th | | | 2 | 4 |
| 7th | | | | 2 |
| 8th | | | | 1 |

● **REGIONALS**

- Competing in Regionals is optional for the 2022/2023 competition year
- All riders who have fulfilled the point requirements of their own official point state of residence with the USEF to qualify for Regionals may enter and compete in any Regionals.
 - Points required to qualify for Regionals are based on one half the point requirements needed to qualify for the Finals based on their own official point state of residence with the USEF.
 - Please refer to chart below.
- Riders qualified for the Hamel Foundation NHS 3’3” Equitation Championships may also enter and compete in any Regionals regardless of Maclay points.
 - Riders who are qualified for the Regionals based solely on qualifying for the Hamel Foundation NHS 3’3” Equitation Championships who are Champion, Reserve Champion, or place in the top positions at any Regionals, based on percentages, will be invited to compete in the Preliminary Round of the Finals, provided they have points from competing in Maclay classes in the same competition year.
 - Riders who show in the Hamel Foundation National Horse Show 3’3” Equitation Championship are ineligible to compete in the Maclay National Championship Class (ASPCA Maclay Finals) in the same competition year.
 - Please refer to Hamel Foundation NHS 3’3” Equitation Championship specs at nhs.org for qualifying criteria.

Point requirements to qualify for the 2023 Regionals are based on the criteria used by the USEF that utilizes membership numbers in proportion to competition opportunities.

***Point requirements below are the final calculations for the current competition year.**

| 2023 Points Required to Qualify for the Regionals by State | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| State | Points | State | Points | State | Points | State | Points |
| Alabama | 6 | Illinois | 15 | Nebraska | 10 | South Carolina | 10 |
| Alaska | 6 | Indiana | 6 | Nevada | 6 | South Dakota | 6 |
| Arizona | 10 | Iowa | 10 | New Hampshire | 10 | Tennessee | 10 |
| Arkansas | 6 | Kansas | 6 | New Jersey | 20 | Texas | 10 |
| California | 15 | Kentucky | 10 | New Mexico | 6 | Utah | 6 |
| Canada | 6 | Louisiana | 6 | New York | 20 | Vermont | 10 |
| Colorado | 10 | Maine | 6 | North Carolina | 15 | Virginia | 15 |
| Connecticut | 20 | Maryland | 15 | North Dakota | 6 | Washington | 6 |
| DC | 6 | Massachusetts | 20 | Ohio | 15 | West Virginia | 6 |
| Delaware | 15 | Michigan | 15 | Oklahoma | 6 | Wisconsin | 6 |
| Florida | 20 | Minnesota | 6 | Oregon | 10 | Wyoming | 6 |
| Georgia | 10 | Mississippi | 10 | Pennsylvania | 15 | Outside US | 6 |
| Hawaii | 6 | Missouri | 6 | Puerto Rico | 6 | | |
| Idaho | 6 | Montana | 6 | Rhode Island | 20 | | |

● **FINALS**

○ **Preliminary Round**

- Riders who have fulfilled the point requirements of their own official state of residence with the USEF to qualify for the Finals may enter and compete in the Preliminary Round to be held at the NHS on Saturday, November 5, 2023.
 - Please refer to the chart below.
- Riders who are qualified for the Hamel Foundation NHS 3'3" Equitation Championships that are Champion, Reserve Champion, or finish in the top positions at any Regionals, based on percentages, will be invited to compete in the Preliminary Round of the Finals, provided they have points from competing in Maclay classes in the same competition year.
- Competing in a Regionals is not required to enter and compete in the Finals.

Point requirements to qualify for the 2023 Finals are based on the criteria used by the USEF that utilizes membership numbers in proportion to competition opportunities.

***Point requirements below are the final calculations for the current competition year.**

| 2023 Points Required to Qualify for the Finals by State | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|---------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| State | Points | State | Points | State | Points | State | Points |
| Alabama | 13 | Illinois | 31 | Nebraska | 21 | South Carolina | 21 |
| Alaska | 13 | Indiana | 13 | Nevada | 13 | South Dakota | 13 |
| Arizona | 21 | Iowa | 21 | New Hampshire | 21 | Tennessee | 21 |
| Arkansas | 13 | Kansas | 13 | New Jersey | 41 | Texas | 21 |
| California | 31 | Kentucky | 21 | New Mexico | 13 | Utah | 13 |
| Canada | 13 | Louisiana | 13 | New York | 41 | Vermont | 21 |
| Colorado | 21 | Maine | 13 | North Carolina | 31 | Virginia | 31 |
| Connecticut | 41 | Maryland | 31 | North Dakota | 13 | Washington | 13 |
| DC | 13 | Massachusetts | 41 | Ohio | 31 | West Virginia | 13 |
| Delaware | 31 | Michigan | 31 | Oklahoma | 13 | Wisconsin | 13 |
| Florida | 41 | Minnesota | 13 | Oregon | 21 | Wyoming | 13 |
| Georgia | 21 | Mississippi | 21 | Pennsylvania | 31 | Outside US | 13 |
| Hawaii | 13 | Missouri | 13 | Puerto Rico | 13 | | |
| Idaho | 13 | Montana | 13 | Rhode Island | 41 | | |

○ **Second Round**

- A **minimum** of 125 riders will be invited to compete in the Second Round at the NHS on Sunday, November 6, 2023
 - The final number of riders invited to compete in the Second Round to be determined by the NHSAA with input from the Finals Judges.
 - The final number of riders invited to compete in the Second Round will not be announced until after the completion of the Preliminary Round and the NHSAA and the Finals Judges have made their decision.
- The Champion and Reserve Champion at each Regionals will be invited to compete in the Second Round provided they complete the course in the Preliminary Round of the Finals.

- Riders finishing in additional top positions at each Regionals, based on percentages, will also be invited to compete in the Second Round provided they complete the course in the Preliminary Round of the Finals.
 - The number of riders from the Regionals to be invited to compete in the Second Round shall be decided by the NHSAA.
 - The percentage of riders invited to compete in the Second Round from each Region will be determined based on the total number of entries that compete in the Regionals.
 - The office of the NHSAA will calculate this percentage and the number of riders to be invited to show in the Second Round from each Region. These numbers will be published no later than 48 hours after the last Regionals is completed.
 - Riders invited to compete in the Second Round from the Regionals must still compete in the Preliminary Round and complete the course to be eligible to compete in the Second Round
- The balance of the riders invited to compete in the Second Round will be based on rider placement in the Preliminary Round.
- Any riders who have qualified for the Maclay Finals and have placed in the top twelve at the US Medal Finals, Pennsylvania National Horse Show; the top ten at the WIHS Equitation Classic, Washington International Horse Show and any junior riders placing in the top ten at the USEF Talent Search Medal Finals West and USEF Talent Search Medal Finals East will receive an automatic invitation to compete in the Second Round. These riders must still compete in the Preliminary Round of the Finals.

- **Flat Phase**
 - At the judge's discretion, a minimum of twenty-four (24) riders from the Second Round will be asked to return for the Flat Phase
- **Third Round**
 - All riders who competed in the Flat Phase will be asked to return for the Third Round
- **Finals-Optional Testing**
 - Following the Third Round up to six (6) riders may be asked to return for further testing at the Judge's discretion

- **General**
 - **Number of Shows**
 - Riders may compete in a total of fourteen (14) Maclay classes in a single qualifying period. Any rider who continues to compete after they have competed in fourteen (14) Maclay classes will no longer be eligible to compete in the Regionals or the Finals. (Exception: If a rider is not yet qualified for the Finals based on the point requirements of their official rider point state of residence with the USEF after fourteen (14) Maclay classes, that rider may continue to compete until qualified for the Finals. Any rider that has already competed in their fourteen (14) Maclay classes must stop competing in Maclay classes as soon as they are qualified for the Finals, or they will no longer be eligible to compete in any Regionals or the Finals.)
 - ***It is the rider's responsibility to calculate and know their points as well as the number of classes in which they have competed.***
 - **Qualifying Period**
 - The qualifying period for each year's Regionals and Finals ends August 31. If a horse show starts on or before August 31, Maclay points acquired at that show will count towards the current year.

REGIONALS

COMPETING IN REGIONALS FOR THE 2023 COMPETITION YEAR IS OPTIONAL

Course

The course for each Regionals shall be designed by a USEF Course Designer who must be selected and/or approved by the NHSAA. Any Regionals course must adhere to the above stated specifications and be of sufficient difficulty to typify the Finals and reflect the importance of the class. While the courses at all Regionals need not be identical, they should reflect equal difficulty and challenge.

Judging

Each Regionals shall have two (2) "R" Judges. One of these judges must be selected from the approved list of judges supplied by the NHSAA. The second judge is not required to be selected from this list but must be approved by the NHSAA. Judges for the Finals are ineligible to judge any Regionals in the same year.

Riders are to be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of horse.

Two refusals will eliminate a rider from Regional competition.

Use of the open numerical system of judging not to be used.

After completion of the jumping phase, if available, a minimum of ten (10) more riders than one-half the number of riders competing in the Regionals are required to show at a walk, trot, and canter. At the sole discretion of the judges, additional flat work may be called for, but all groups must be asked to perform the same tests. No more than twenty (20) riders at a time may be asked to work together in a group. The flat performance of those riders selected to show in the flat phase shall count 50%. Changing of bit/bridle between phases is permissible.

After the flat phase the Judges may request further testing using USEF tests 1-16. Riders may only be selected for further testing if after the flat phase they are already assured an invitation to compete in the Second Round of the Finals.

The Judges will select a Champion, Reserve Champion, and Third through Tenth place finishers at each Regionals. In addition, the judges will determine a stand-by list of all the additional entrants who returned for the flat phase. This stand-by list will be announced publicly, made available to all competitors, and emailed to the NHSAA office.

When the Regionals are completed, and the riders qualified for the Second Round of the Finals have been selected, the judge's cards will be immediately sealed. The judge's cards and a detailed copy of the course diagram will be emailed directly to the NHSAA office.

Selecting or Changing a Region

Once qualified for either the Regionals or the Finals, riders have the option to compete in any Regionals based upon the point requirements of their own official rider point state of residence with the USEF. Riders may choose to show at either their own home region or any other region. If a rider chooses to compete in a regional other than that of their home region, then a change of region form must be submitted.

Any rider wishing to compete in a different region than their home region must notify the NHS in writing by August 15 using the official form provided by the NHSAA (forms may be downloaded from NHS.org website). On this form the rider will be asked to state his or her intention to compete in the Regionals and in which Region. Forms must be received by the NHSAA no later than 5:00 PM Eastern Time on August 15. Absent compelling circumstances, no changes can be made to the declared Regionals after this deadline. Should a rider or trainer claim such compelling

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circumstances, such a claim must be made in writing to the NHSAA prior to 5 p.m. Eastern Time on August 25, regardless of its day of the week. The NHSAA shall publish its decision no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the fifth business day following August 25. The decision of the NHSAA will be final. Under no circumstances whatsoever may a rider request to change their Region after August 25.

A rider may only change Regions one time per qualifying year. Once a rider completes the paperwork to compete in another Regionals other than his or her own home region, no other Region changes can be made, and that rider may not revert to their home Region.

Residents from any non-USEF Zone Area

In case of a permanent residence in any non-USEF zone area, such as Canada and Puerto Rico, a rider may choose to compete in any Regionals so long as he or she meets the minimum qualifying requirement of the lowest point requirement of any state. These riders must fill out a Change of Region form (forms may be downloaded from NHS.org website) to declare in which Region they will compete.

Entries and Entry Closing Dates for Regionals

Entries for Regional Maclay Championship classes close, and must be received by, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, September 1, at the NHSAA's office, except if that date should fall on a Sunday, in which case they must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the following Monday. Entries must be on the Official Entry Form, signed, and submitted with the \$150.00 per class Entry Fee made payable to the NHSAA. The NHSAA reserves the right to reject any late or unsigned entries or entries not submitted with all entry fees.

Entries may not be accepted directly by any Regionals competition.

Entry and class lists for Regionals shall be provided by the NHSAA to competitions hosting Regionals no later than 48 hours preceding the commencement of the class. Stall reservations and all other entry and class fees, including competition and processing fees for other classes which might be held during the same competition, must be provided directly to the competition hosting the Regionals.

Conditions Governing Regionals

The NHSAA shall select any and all appropriate sites, competitions, and dates for Regionals. All competitions shall be held beginning no earlier than the first weekend in September of each year and shall conclude no later than the last weekend of September of each year. No Regionals may publish class specifications, entry closing dates, judges, or entry fees without the express written permission of the NHSAA.

Each show requesting to hold a Regionals must be willing to run the class in accordance with the following requirements:

- a) Regionals may be held either indoors or out but should be held in an indoor or covered indoor arena whenever possible.
- b) Regionals must have two "R" judges.
 - One from the NHSAA approved list
 - A second to be approved by the NHSAA
- c) Regionals must have a USEF licensed Course Designer to be approved by the NHSAA.
- d) Regionals must display two (2) National Horse Show Banners

All Regionals must realize that the purpose of this class is to select and prepare the top riders from around the country to compete in the Finals held in November each year. It is of the utmost importance that each of the 11 Regionals are held within the closest similar standards possible, not only to each other but also to the Finals as well.

A Regional competition must have at minimum 6 competitors for the class to be held. A Regional competition may not be split.

The following Regionals will be included in the percentage formula. Please contact the appropriate regional horse show for a prize list. **Locations for the Regionals are subject to change.**

Region 1 September 11, 2022 - Northeast (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)
Fieldstone, Halifax, MA – 781 910-6793 kingswayeventmgt@gmail.com

Region 2 September TBA, 2022, East (DE, NJ, NY, PA)
Old Salem Farm, North Salem, NY – 914-669-5610 johnsenl@oldsalemfarm.net

Region 3 September TBA, 2022, Southeast (DC, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV)
Maryland Horse & Pony

Region 4 September 24, 2022, Midwest (IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, TN)
Kentucky National, Lexington, KY – 615-838-7560 wldwoo@aol.com

Region 4 September 17, 2022, Midwest (IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, TN)
American Gold Cup, Williamsburg, MI – 941-527-6602 susie@mmg.management

Region 5 September 18, 2022, Central (IA, KS, MO, MN, ND, NE, SD, WI)
St. Louis National Charity, Lake St. Louis, MO – 314-308-1162 stlnhorseshow@aol.com

Region 6 September 17, 2022, Mountain (AZ, CO, NM, UT)
Autumn in the Rockies II, Parker, CO – 818-563-3250 x 2 charrobson@outlook.com

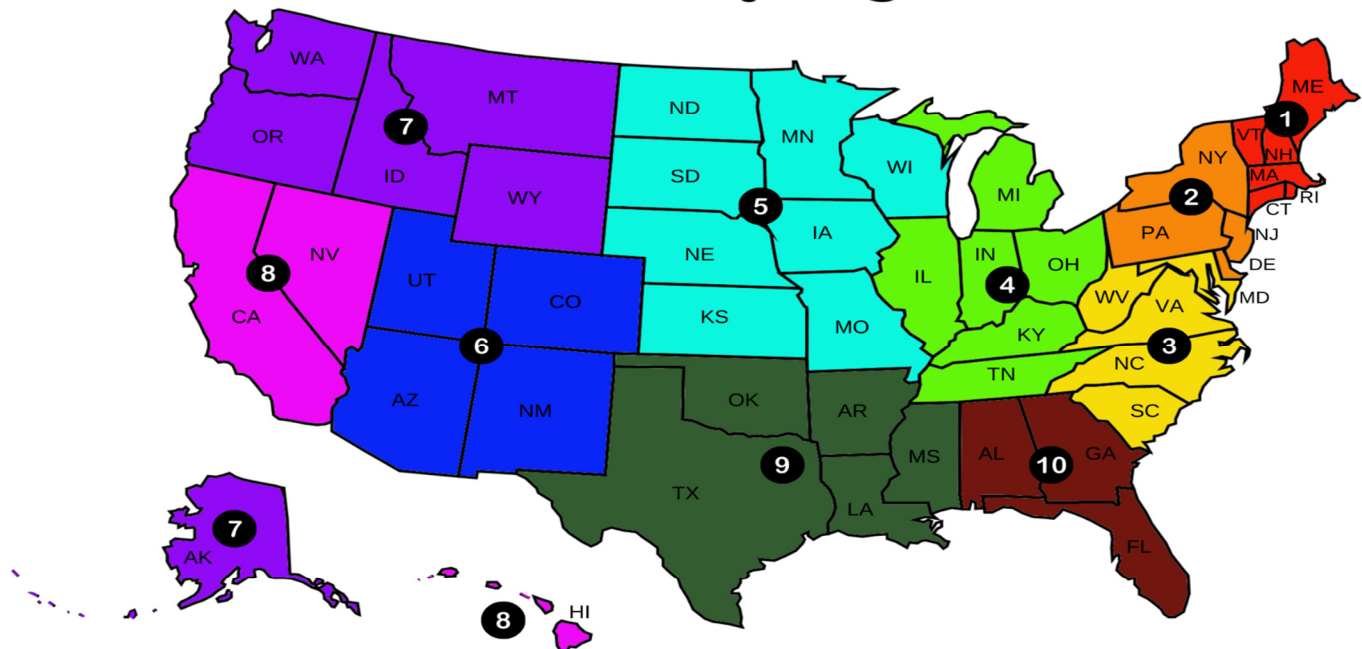
Region 7 September 18, 2022, Northwest (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY)
NorthWest Autumn Classic, Monroe, WA – 541-954-5312 triplerise@earthlink.net

Region 8 September 17, 2022, West (CA, HI, NV)
Blenheim Fall Tournament, San Juan Capistrano, CA – 949-443-1841 showpark@aol.com

Region 9 September 23, 2022, Central (AR, LA, MS, OK, TX)
Southwest Showdown, Katy, TX – 940-367-1217 pdrntx@aol.com

Region 10 September 25, 2022, Southeast (AL, FL, GA,)
Equestrian Sport Production. Wellington, FL – 561-239-5270 davidburton4@mac.com

ASPCA Maclay Regions



FINALS

Judging

To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the horse. Use of the open numerical system of judging not to be used.

Preliminary Round

To be shown over a special course of jumps set to the above stated specifications and posted one hour before the start of the class. The course for the Preliminary Round shall be designed by a USEF Course Designer who must be selected and/or approved by the NHSSA. The Judges for the Finals will have input and give approval on the course design.

Second Round

Judging of the Finals will commence with a “clean slate” at the beginning of the Second Round. Scores from the Preliminary Rounds will not be carried forward. To be shown over a special course of jumps set to the above stated specifications and posted one hour before the start of the class. The course for the Second Round shall be designed by a USEF Course Designer who must be selected and/or approved by the NHSSA. The Judges for the Finals will have input and give approval on the course design.

Flat Phase

A minimum of twenty-four (24) riders, if available, are required to show at a walk, trot, and canter. At the sole discretion of the judges, additional flat work may be called for, but all groups must be asked to perform the same tests. No more than twenty (20) riders at a time may be asked to work together in a group. The flat performance of those riders selected to show in the flat phase shall count 50%. Changing of bit/bridle between phases is permissible.

Third Round

All riders who competed in the Flat Phase will be asked to return for a final round over a second course following the above stated specifications. The Third Round course may include tests.

Testing

Testing of up to six riders is optional using USEF Tests 1-16.

Conditions Governing Finals

The Finals are open to junior members of USEF or Equine Canada who have not reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR127, who have qualified by winning the point requirements of their own official point state of residence with the USEF, by being Champion or Reserve Champion at any of the eleven (11) Regionals, or by placing in the top positions, based on percentages, of any of the eleven (11) Regionals. Previous winners of the Finals are ineligible to compete in the Finals.

Riders that show in the Hamel Foundation National Horse Show 3'3" Equitation Championship are ineligible to compete in the Maclay National Championship Class (ASPCA Maclay Finals) in the same competition year.

Horses that compete in the Hamel Foundation National Horse show 3'3" Equitation Championship or the THIS National Horse Show Adult Equitation Championship are eligible to compete in the Maclay National Championship Class.

Only one rider per horse.

The same horse must be used for all Rounds/Phases of the Finals.

Two refusals will eliminate a rider from Finals competition.

Conventional tack per USEF EQ 105.5a. Martingales not permitted for the flat phase.

Trainers/Coaches permitted to ride and school competitors' horses.

Trainers/Coaches permitted to walk any and all courses with competitors.

In the event a horse becomes incapacitated in any phase of competition, upon examination of the Horse show's veterinarian and a judge or steward, the substitution of a horse that has been previously entered and checked in may be permitted by the NHSAA.

Awards

The Judges will select a Champion and a Reserve Champion.

Ribbons through tenth place

Trophy to the Trainer of the winning rider.

Questions and Disputes

Any questions or disputes relating to the Regionals or the Finals, other than that specifically described above, shall be decided according to the rules of the USEF, if applicable, or according to the Prize List if such question is not covered by the rules of the USEF.