

**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 1-23.

### 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](http://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. Riders who have fulfilled the point requirements of their own official point state of residence with the USEF to qualify for the Finals may enter and compete in any Regionals.
- The Champion, Reserve Champion and Third place finisher from each Regional competition will be awarded National Horse Show Scholarships as follows: Champion \$1000, Reserve \$750, Third \$500.
- The Champion, Reserve Champion and Third place finisher from each Regional competition, if not otherwise qualified, will receive invitations to compete in the ASPCA Maclay Finals. Only riders who have met the Maclay point requirements to compete in the Regionals are eligible.
  - 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 provided they have points from competing in Maclay classes in the same competition year. This opportunity is offered for riders to gain valuable experience but does not offer the ability to qualify for the Maclay Finals unless these riders have met the Maclay point requirements to compete in Regionals. Please refer to "Finals" on the following page for more information.

**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.**

2023 Points Required to Qualify for the <b>Regionals</b> 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**

- 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 Maclay Finals.
  - Please refer to the chart below.
- 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.**

2023 Points Required to Qualify for the <b>Finals</b> 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		

● **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. It is requested that one of these judges be selected from the approved list of judges supplied by the NHSAA. The second judge is not required to be selected from this list. 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, a minimum of twelve (12) 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.

After the flat phase the Judges may request further testing using USEF tests 1-23.

The Judges will select a Champion, Reserve Champion, and Third through Tenth place finishers at each Regionals.

When the Regionals are completed, 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 31 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 31. Once a rider completes the paperwork to compete in another Regionals other than his or her own home region, any further changes must be requested in writing to NHSAA by emailing cindy@nhs.org.

#### **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**

**\*NEW 2023\*** Entries for the Regional Maclay Championship classes should be sent to each host competition on their official entry form. Entries are not to be sent to NHSAA. Check each host competition prize list for their closing date of entries.

### **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 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 10, 2023** - Northeast (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)  
Fieldstone, Halifax, MA – 781 910-6793 [kingswayeventmgt@gmail.com](mailto:kingswayeventmgt@gmail.com)

**Region 2 September TBA, 2023**, East (DE, NJ, NY, PA)  
Old Salem Farm, North Salem, NY – 914-669-5610 [johnsenl@oldsalemfarm.net](mailto:johnsenl@oldsalemfarm.net)

**Region 3 September 17, 2023**, Southeast (DC, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV)  
Maryland Horse & Pony

**Region 4 September 23, 2023**, Midwest (IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, TN)  
Kentucky National, Lexington, KY – 615-838-7560 [wldwoo@aol.com](mailto:wldwoo@aol.com)

**Region 4 September 16, 2023**, Midwest (IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, TN)  
American Gold Cup, Williamsburg, MI – 941-527-6602 [susie@mmg.management](mailto:susie@mmg.management)

**Region 5 September 17, 2023**, Central (IA, KS, MO, MN, ND, NE, SD, WI)  
St. Louis National Charity, Lake St. Louis, MO – 314-308-1162 [stlnhorseshow@aol.com](mailto:stlnhorseshow@aol.com)

**Region 6 September 16, 2023**, Mountain (AZ, CO, NM, UT)  
Autumn in the Rockies II, Parker, CO – 818-563-3250 x 2 [charrobson@outlook.com](mailto:charrobson@outlook.com)

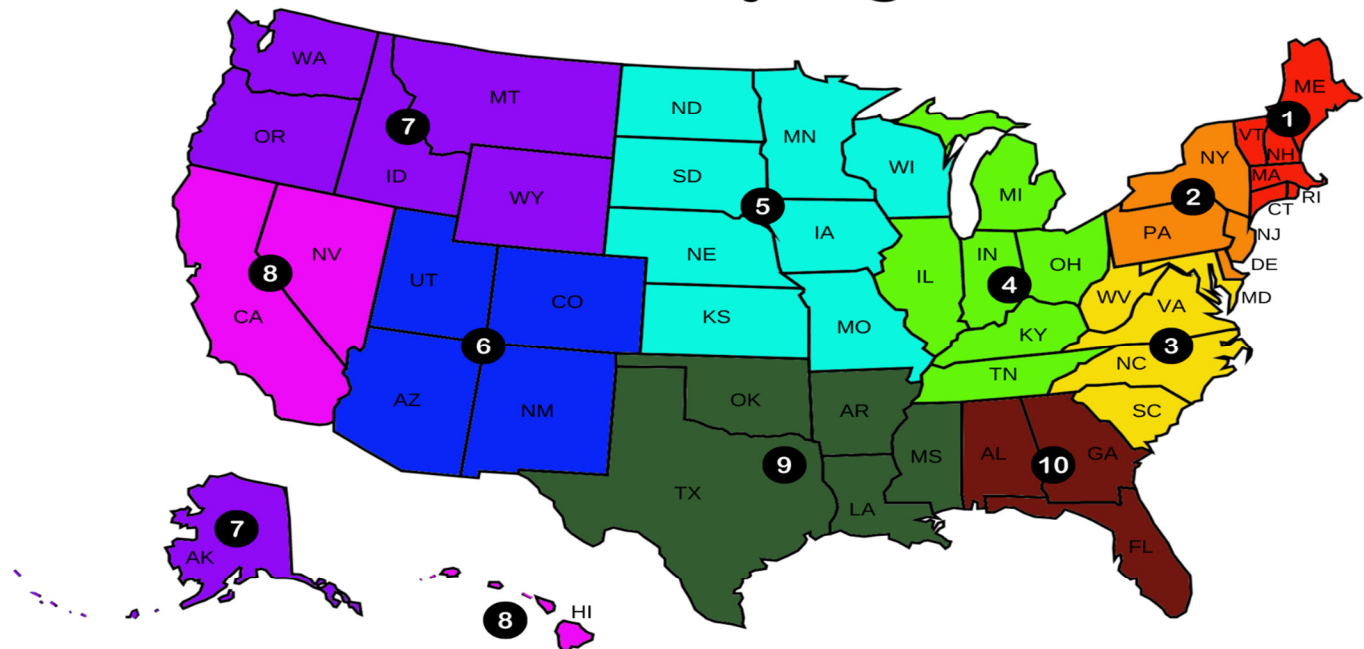
**Region 7 September 18, 2023**, Northwest (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY)  
NorthWest Autumn Classic, Monroe, WA – 541-954-5312 [triplerise@earthlink.net](mailto:triplerise@earthlink.net)

**Region 8 September 16, 2023**, West (CA, HI, NV)  
Blenheim Fall Tournament, San Juan Capistrano, CA – 949-443-1841 [showpark@aol.com](mailto:showpark@aol.com)

**Region 9 September 23, 2023**, Central (AR, LA, MS, OK, TX)  
Southwest Showdown, Katy, TX – 940-367-1217 [pdrntx@aol.com](mailto:pdrntx@aol.com)

**Region 10 September 24, 2023**, Southeast (AL, FL, GA,)  
Equestrian Sport Production. Wellington, FL – 561-239-5270 [davidburton4@mac.com](mailto:davidburton4@mac.com)

## ASPCA Maclay Regions



## FINALS

### **Judging**

To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the horse.

### **First 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 Finals 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 at the same time. The flat performance of those riders selected to show in the flat phase shall count 50%. Changing of bit/bridle between phases is permissible.

### **Final Round**

A minimum of twenty four (24) riders will be asked to return for a final round over a second course following the above stated specifications. The second round course may include tests.

### **Testing**

Testing of up to six riders is optional using USEF Tests 1-23.

### **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. 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.

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**Awards**

The Judges will select a Champion and a Reserve Champion.

Ribbons through twelfth 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.