



2024 USEF Saddle Seat Medal Specifications Document

1. Rider Eligibility:

- a. The USEF Saddle Amateur Medal (“Medal”) is open to riders who have not yet reached the age of eighteen (18) prior to December 1 of the competition year of the Medal (See GR128). Riders must be USEF Junior Active members in good standing in order to earn qualifying scores and compete in the Medal.
- b. Riders must be U.S. citizens in order to compete in the Medal.
- c. Upon winning a Medal, riders will no longer be eligible to participate in subsequent Medals.

2. Qualifying Criteria:

- a. The qualifying period of the Medal will begin fifteen days prior to the previous year’s Medal and end fifteen days prior to the Medal.
- b. Eligible riders, must qualify by finishing in the top four placings in any of the following classes, held at USEF licensed competitions:
 - i. Any USEF Saddle Seat Medal Qualifying class;
 - ii. Any AMHA Saddle Seat Silver Medal class;
 - iii. Saddle Seat Equitation 15-18 at the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show;
 - iv. Saddle Seat Equitation 15-18 at the Ohio Buckeye Sweepstakes & NSHR District Championships;
 - v. Purebred Saddle Seat Equitation at the Arabian & Half Arabian Youth National Championship; or
 - vi. Half Arabian/Angle Arabian Saddle Seat Equitation 15-18 at the Arabian & Half Arabian Youth National Championship.

3. Entry:

- a. By no later than March 1st of each year, USEF will announce the date and location of the Medal.
- b. Post-entries will be accepted (See GR909).

4. Class Conduct (See EQ118):

- a. The Medal will consist of two rounds, rail and posted pattern work.
 - a. The Medal may either be conducted in a single phase or two phases.
 - a. If only a **single phase** is held, the final placement in the Medal will be determined by weighing the scores earned in on the rail and pattern equally.
 - b. If the Medal is conducted over **two phases**, final placement in the Medal will be determined by weighing each of the four scores equally (i.e. 25% on the first rail work, 25% on the first pattern work, 25% on the second rail work, and 25% on the second pattern work).
 - i. The number of riders to be selected for the second phase will be at the judge’s discretion based on the scores obtained in the first rail and pattern work.
 - ii. If a second phase is conducted, different tests must be used.