



## 2024 USEF Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal Specifications Document

### 1. Rider Eligibility:

- a. The USEF Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal (“Medal”) is open to riders who have reached the age of eighteen (18) or older prior to December 1 of the competition year of the Medal. Riders must be USEF Senior 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 two previous Medals, riders will no longer be eligible to participate in subsequent Medals.

### 2. Qualifying Criteria:

- a. The qualifying period of the Medal will begin the day of the previous year’s Medal and end the day before 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 AMHA Saddle Seat Silver Medal class;
  - ii. Saddle Seat Equitation 15-18 at the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show;
  - iii. Saddle Seat Equitation 15-18 at the Ohio Buckeye Sweepstakes & NSHR District Championships;
  - iv. Purebred Saddle Seat Equitation at the Arabian & Half Arabian Youth National Championship; or
  - v. Half Arabian/Angle Arabian Saddle Seat Equitation 15-18 at the Arabian & Half Arabian Youth National Championship.
- c. Eligible riders may also qualify by competing in any USEF Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal qualifying classes.

### 3. Entry:

- a. By no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> 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.