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Rule Change Intent

In September of 2025, the Professional Horseman's Association leadership informed the Federation that its National PHA Medal Class program is no longer active and the classes are no longer being held. This proposal seeks to accommodate PHA's request to remove all references to the class from the USEF Rule Book.

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Linked Rules

Comments

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Member Comments

EQ111 Requirements for Specific Classes

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11. NATIONAL PHA MEDAL CLASS
    a. Host Requirements
        1. Only USEF licensed horse shows may offer this class.
        2. Competitions must submit the appropriate application, available at nationalpha.com at least 30 days prior to the competition date to: Scott Tarter at scott@twinlakesfarm.com.
        3. Class results must be submitted electronically within ten (10) days after the competition ends, using the same file as is submitted to the Federation, and must be submitted to: Scott Tarter at scott@twinlakesfarm.com.
    b. Eligibility
        1. Open to young riders ages 21 and under. Only one rider per horse.
        2. Riders do not have to be PHA members to compete in this class.
        3. Trainers need to be either PHA Professional or Associate members in good standing for rider's points to count for year-end finals class.

    c. Qualifying Period begins on September 1st of the current competition year and concludes July 15th of the following year.
    d. Course Requirements
        1. To be shown over a course of eight (8) or more fences and offered at 3'3" or 3'6" in height.
            i. Heights to be judged concurrently as one class.
        2. Course shall include a minimum of three (3) oxers with at least one combination. Combination may include one oxer.
        3. There shall be at least two changes of direction after the first fence.

    e. Testing
        1. The course designer/judge shall insert a minimum of two tests into the course selected from the following options: trot jump, hand gallop jump, counter canter jump, halt.
        2. Further testing is optional at judge's discretion. If further testing is requested, those choosing not to return either over fences or on the flat will be placed after those that do return.
    f. Scoring
        1. To fill a class three (3) riders must complete the course.
        2. The top eight (8) riders will be pinned in the order of the judge's choosing.
        3. Classes with up to 15 riders, points will count 10-6-4-2-1-1/2
        4. Classes with 16 to 30 riders, points will be doubled.
        5. Classes with 31 riders and above points will be tripled.
        6. All classes with 50 or more entries at the beginning of the class must be split and run as two separate classes with separate ribbons and trophies.
    g. Year End Championship Class
        1. There will be a championship class for the top 40 riders based upon points accumulated throughout the season.
        2. The winner of the championship class is no longer eligible to compete in that championship class.
        3. The year- end championship class will include a work-off of at least the top four (4) riders of the judge(s)'s choosing.