

2026 Qualifying Criteria

Qualifying Period: September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026. Points from qualifying classes will count based on the start date of the competition.

All horses competing in USEF Hunter Seat Medal classes must be properly identified and must obtain a Registration Number from USHJA as well as a compliant microchip per EQ103 in order for points to count.

EQ111.3.a.3: In the USEF Hunter Seat Medal, exhibitors must qualify by the minimum number of points required by their state. Riders may compete in a total of fourteen (14) USEF Hunter Seat Medal Qualifying classes in a single qualifying period. Any rider who continues to compete after they have competed in fourteen (14) qualifying classes will no longer be eligible to compete in the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final. (Exception: If a rider is not yet qualified for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final after fourteen (14) classes, that rider may continue to compete until qualified. That rider must stop competing in USEF Hunter Seat Medal Qualifying classes as soon as he or she is qualified for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final or he/she will no longer be eligible to compete in the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final.) It is the rider's responsibility to calculate and know their points as well as the number of classes they have competed in.

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.

The number of points required to qualify for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final by state considers the number of junior hunter/jumper members in each state in the previous qualifying period, the area of the state, and the number of USEF Hunter Seat Medal qualifying classes per state that occurred in the previous qualifying period.

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Points Required to Qualify for the Medal Finals (by State Groups) Per Rider's Official State of Residence per USEF Records *States that change groups are in red*							
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5			
13	21	31	41	50			
Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas Canada D.C. Hawaii Idaho Indiana Iowa Kansas Louisiana Maine Minnesota Mississippi Montana Nebraska Nevada New Mexico North Dakota Oklahoma Puerto Rico South Dakota Utah West Virginia Wisconsin	Colorado Georgia Illinois Kentucky Michigan Missouri New Hampshire Oregon South Carolina Tennessee Texas Vermont Washington	California Delaware Maryland North Carolina Ohio Pennsylvania Virginia	Connecticut Florida Massachusetts New Jersey New York Rhode Island *Any countries or properties of the countries of the coun	rovinces not			

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