2025 USEF Saddle Seat Medal
Specifications Document

1. **Rider Eligibility**:
    a. The USEF Saddle Seat Medal ("Medal") Final 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)
    b. Riders, Owners, and Trainers must be USEF Junior Active members in good standing in order to earn qualifying scores and compete in the Medal Final.
    c. Riders must be U.S. citizens in order to compete in the Medal Final.
    d. Upon winning a Medal Final, riders will no longer be eligible to participate in subsequent Medal Finals.

2. **Qualifying Criteria:**
    a. The qualifying period of the Medal Final will begin November 1, 2024 and run until October 31, 2025.
    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 Final.
    b. Post-entries will be accepted (See GR909).

4. **Class Conduct** (See EQ118):
    a. The Medal Final will consist of two rounds, rail and posted pattern work.
        a. The Medal Final 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 Final will be determined by weighing the scores earned in on the rail and pattern equally.
            b. If the Medal Final is conducted over **two phases**, final placement in the Medal Final 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.