



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential Competitors- USEF/NCEA Hunter Seat Medal Final (East & West) **Date:** August 20, 2025
From: Ashley Hudson, Hunter Equitation Program Manager **Copy:** Karen Homer-Brown, Emily McSweeney, Jen Day
Re: Beginning of the 2026 Qualifying Period for the USEF/NCEA Junior Hunter Seat Medal Final

This preliminary information is being provided to assist you with your competition planning and may be subject to change. Please remember that this information is based upon the recommendations of the National Hunter Committee and the final qualifying requirements are subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors.

**Full specifications for the 2026 USEF/NCEA Junior Hunter Seat Medal ("Medal") are forthcoming and will be available upon approval [here](#).*

Dates and Locations: The anticipated dates and locations for the 2026 Medal are as follows:

- East Coast Medal Final: October 18, 2026, Pennsylvania National Horse Show- Harrisburg, PA
- West Coast Medal Final: November 8, 2026, Sunshine Series II- Thermal, CA

Qualifying Period: The qualifying period for the 2026 Medal will begin on August 21, 2025, and end on August 20, 2026. Points from qualifying classes will count based on the start date of the competition.

Medal Applications: The application portal for the 2026 qualifying period is now open. Applications must be submitted online through your USEF member dashboard. Applications must be submitted within 10 calendar days of the conclusion of the qualifying competition in order for points to count. No exceptions. Riders must indicate on their USEF/NCEA Medal Program Application which ranking list they wish to accumulate points for (East or West).

Qualifying Classes: Points towards the Medal can be accumulated by competing in qualifying USEF/NCEA Junior Hunter Seat Medal classes held at USEF licensed competitions. A list of these competitions is available on the USEF website [here](#).

Ranking List Score Calculation:

- The top **100** riders from each ranking list (East and West) will be invited to compete in the Medal.
- Points will be awarded using the following chart as base points and multiplying each placing by the number of riders that completed the course.

Placings	Base Points
1 st	10
2 nd	6
3 rd	4
4 th	2
5 th	1
6 th	1/2



These Qualifying Requirements are based on the USEF rules as presently known and understood. Any change in the Qualifying Requirements caused by a change in USEF rules will be distributed to the effected athletes as soon as practicable. The Qualifying Requirements are based on the latest information available to USEF. However, the Qualifying Requirements are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency. Changes in Qualifying Requirements are subject to approval by USEF.

Questions: If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Ashley Hudson at ahudson@usef.org.