

## THE KHJA MEDAL

- A. Riders **MUST** be members of the KHJA prior to accumulating any points towards the Medal Finals.
- B. Riders may compete in age group equitation at Rated shows, or KHJA qualifying classes at local shows, to accumulate points toward the Medal Finals.
  1. At Rated shows, any Equitation class that accumulates points towards year-end totals will be counted towards qualifying for the finals. Examples include but are not limited to: Short Stirrup Equitation, 11 and under, 12-14 Equitation, 15-17 Equitation, Adult Equitation, Open Equitation.
  2. Local shows may choose to hold KHJA Medal Qualifying Classes, in which riders may qualify for the Finals. Shows may hold any or all of the following heights: 2', 2'6", 3', 3'6", **but riders may only compete in the finals at the height at which they qualified.** Classes should be held and judged separately, but may be combined if entries warrant. Judges are **strongly encouraged** to test the top 4 riders in each class if entries warrant.

### B. The KHJA Medal Finals

1. Riders may qualify for the Medal finals by one of the following:
  - a. Accumulating 10 points in the riders' respective age group equitation at Rated shows.
  - b. Accumulating 10 points at KHJA qualifying classes at Local shows.
  - c. **Riders must show at the height at which they qualified.**
2. The Medal Finals will be held at 4 heights:
  - a. 2', for riders who qualified in Short Stirrup Equitation, Long Stirrup Equitation, 11 and under Equitation, and the 2' section of qualifying classes.
  - b. 2'6", for riders who qualified in the 2'6" section of qualifying classes.
  - c. 3', for riders who qualified in the 12-14 Equitation, Adult Equitation, or the 3' section of qualifying classes.
  - d. 3'6", for riders who qualified in the 15-17 Equitation or the 3'6" section of qualifying classes.
3. Each height section will be shown over a minimum of 10 fences with at least 2 changes of direction after the first fence.
4. All riders will also compete in a flat phase at the completion of each height section, with each phase of competition counting 50%. Riders will show at the walk, trot, and canter, and will be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of horse. USEF tests 1-19. A Medal and eight ribbons will be awarded in each class.
5. A ride-off with the first and second placed riders of each Medal section will be held. Testing will be at the judge's discretion. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 4 riders. Winner will receive a perpetual trophy.