WEST COAST/ CALIFORNIA MEDAL CLASSES

ONONDARKA MEDAL CLASS

Open to junior riders, 12 & Under who are current members of the PCHA, who will not be older than 12 (USEF horse show age) when the Final is held. **Three (3) riders must complete the course in order for points to count.** Points will be awarded to the top 3 riders as follows: # of Entries

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Twelve (12) points or more qualify a rider for the Onondarka Finals. To be judged over a course of fences 3’ in height. Combinations are permitted. Work off is required of at least 4 (if available) without a major fault (tests 1-18). Major faults include trotting, loss of stirrup, loss of reins, refusal or a numerical score of less than 60. Only one rider per horse. Conventional equipment recommended. Unconventional equipment penalized at the judge’s discretion. Riders may continue to ride in the qualifying classes regardless of how many points he/she accumulates. The official Onondarka Medal will be presented only to those who win a class with 5 or more riders completing the course. Winner of the Finals is ineligible to compete in future Onondarka classes.

FOXFIELD MEDAL CLASS

Open to adult amateur riders who are current senior members of the PCHA. If a class has 40 riders, it must be split: 18 thru 30 and 31 & over. Foxfield encourages the 31 & over division; so if there are 15 riders in this age division, please split the class. The class is to be judged over a figure eight course of 3'3" fences. Two or more tests of the top three or four riders are required. Only one rider per horse. Points will be awarded in qualifying classes as follows: 10, 6, 4, 2, 1 providing there are at least five who complete the course. If there are less than five eligible ribbon winners, points will be awarded by the same scale using the lowest numbers. For example, if there are four ribbons awarded, the points will be 6, 4, 2, 1. If there are three, they will receive 4, 2, 1 points respectively. Three riders must enter to fill the class and three riders must complete the course for points to count. Ten points qualifies a rider for the Foxfield Medal Finals in Westlake Village in the fall of the year. Qualified riders may continue to compete in the class until they have earned 20 points.

P.C.H.A. HORSEMANSHIP CLASS

This class is open to riders 14 & under who are current members of the PCHA. A rider who will not be 14 years old (horse show age) or under on the date of the Finals may not compete in the class. To be held over a course of at least 8 fences about 3'3" in height. Hunter-type fences are encouraged. One combination must be included and at least 2 changes of direction with 2 tests (USEF Tests 1-18) included as part of the original course. No work off is required; but further testing is at the judge’s discretion. **To fill a class, three (3) riders must complete the course.** Conventional equipment recommended – unconventional equipment penalized at the judge’s discretion. Riders may qualify by achieving the necessary 12 points or by winning a class of five (5) or more entries. Qualified riders will receive a medal. Regardless of how many points he/she accumulates, a rider can continue to compete in qualifying classes until he/she has won a class of five (5) or more entries. The winner of the Finals may NOT compete in future qualifying classes.

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P.C.H.A. VICTOR HUGO-VIDAL ADULT HORSEMANSHIP CLASS

This class is open to amateur riders 35 years of age and over (horse show age) who are current PCHA members. The class is to be held over a course of at least eight fences which are not to exceed 33" in height. One combination and at least two changes of direction must be included in the course. Two tests (USEF 1-18) will be part of the original course. Riders will not be asked to mount, dismount, change horses, or jump without stirrups. Conventional equipment recommended – unconventional equipment penalized at the judge’s discretion. Riders may qualify by achieving the necessary 12 points or by winning a class of five or more entries. Qualified riders will receive a medal. Qualified riders may continue to compete in the qualifying classes until the Final. **Three riders must complete the course.**

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C.P.H.A. JUNIOR & AMATEUR HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS

The CPHA Medal Class must be offered as two separate classes (one for juniors, 17 & under and one for Amateurs, 18 & Over). For these classes to fill, five riders must compete in each age group and three must complete the course. If there are less than five riders in either group, the CPHA Medal classes will be combined into a single junior-amateur class. For the purpose of the CPHA Hunter Seat Medal qualifying points, when age groups are combined, the highest placed junior and amateur riders will both receive first place points. Only those Juniors and Amateurs who placed first through fifth in the combined class will receive points toward Finals eligibility. Any Junior who has qualified with 6 points MAY continue to ride the CPHA Hunter Seat Medal until they receive a total of 10 points. After 10 points, any junior is ineligible to compete in any other CPHA Junior class until after the Finals have been held. Any Amateur who has qualified to ride in the CPHA Amateur class may continue to compete in the CPHA Medal Classes during the qualifying period.

The course must be posted at least thirty minutes before the class.

CPHA Junior Hunter Seat Medal Class, 17 & Under –
Open to junior riders, 17 & under who are current registered members with the CPHA and PCHA (trainers of riders in this class must be professional members of the CPHA and must be current members of the PCHA). To be shown over either a hunter or jumper/equitation type course. Fences will be 3'6" in height with at least two changes of direction and at least one combination with a spread fence. A minimum of three riders will be required to work off (USEF Tests 1-18). This class will be judged on seat, hands, control of the horse and over-all general appearance to be given consideration. Unconventional equipment may be penalized at the discretion of the judges. To complete in the Finals, a rider must have received six (6) points to qualify. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st – 6; 2nd – 4; 3rd – 3; 4th – 2; 5th – 1.

The winner of the CPHA Junior Finals is ineligible to participate in any future CPHA Junior classes, however he/she may return to the CPHA Amateur Medal as a participant when he/she has reached his/her 18th birthday.

Any qualified junior rider that rides in any CPHA MEDAL CLASS AFTER QUALIFYING WILL BE NOTIFIED AND DISQUALIFIED FROM THE FINALS.

All junior riders who compete in a Junior CPHA Medal class after the Finals but before the end of the show year will compete in the following year’s Finals in the section that represents the current show year age.

CPHA Amateur Hunter Seat Medal Class, 18 & Over –
Open to amateur riders, 18 & over who are current members of the CPHA and PCHA (trainers of riders in this class must be professional members of the CPHA and must be current members of the PCHA). Same specifications as the CPHA Junior Hunter Seat Medal Class, 17 & under. Any Amateur who has qualified to ride in the Finals may continue to ride in the CPHA medal classes during the qualifying period. The winner of the CPHA Amateur Hunt Seat Medal Finals is ineligible to participate in any future CPHA Hunter Seat Medal Class.

CPHA FOUNDATION EQUITATION CLASS (Formerly the PHA/West)

Open to junior and amateur riders current members of the CPHA and the PCHA (trainers of riders in this class must be professional members of the CPHA). To be shown over an equitation-type course of at least 8 fences 3'3" in height with at least two USEF Tests (1-18) included as part of the course.

21 & Under riders must earn 6 points during the qualifying season. They may continue to ride in the class for year-end high point awards. Amateurs 22 & Over and Juniors 14 & Under must ride in one class prior to the 2006 championships to qualify. They may continue to ride for their division for year-end high point awards. The high-point divisions leaders and their trainers will receive special awards as the CPHA may bestow at its annual awards presentation held at the PCHA Convention.

Points are awarded: 6-4-3-2-1. To fill a class, three (3) must compete. Unconventional equipment may be penalized at the judge’s discretion. Qualifying period will be from the first weekend after the finals to the last weekend before the finals.

WEST COAST EQUESTRIANS JUNIOR-AMATEUR MEDAL CLASS

Open to current CPHA & PCHA Junior and Amateur members whose trainers are current members of the California Professional Horsemen’s Association. Riders who show in a non-restricted jumper class with fence heights above level 7 may NOT enter this class at the same show (except Zone 10 Young Rider Trials). Stallions are allowed per USEF jumper division rules.

This class is designed as a jumper type equitation class, which will be held in the jumper ring over a jumper course at Level 4. The class will have a time allowed based upon a speed of 375 meters/per minute. Time allowed is a definite factor in this class and may only be changed by the course designer after the round of one of the first three competitors and only if he/she thinks a gross error was made in the original calculation.

Natural fences, liverpools, and a small water jump may be included at the course designer’s discretion. No work-off is required. At least two competitors must complete the course for the class to be counted and points to be awarded. Start and finish markers will be provided and an audible tone will be used.

A jumper type horse with jumper equipment is allowed and will not be penalized. The class will be judged under the current rules and standards of the USEF equitation division for jumper oriented medal classes. Although this class is judged on the rider’s equitation style, the manner in which the horse and the course is ridden should reflect the qualities necessary for an efficient (time saving) pace and tract with the horse in a frame to minimize knockdowns. One point (1) will be subtracted from the rider’s score for each commenced second taken over the time allowed and a minimum of four (4) points will be deducted for each knockdown on course. Judges are asked to walk the course when possible and where there are striding options, the judges are asked not to penalize any option that might be used to achieve the best result appropriate to the individual horse/rider combination.

Points will be awarded in qualifying classes as follows: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 providing that there are at least 8 that complete the course. If there are less than 8 eligible ribbon winners, points will be awarded by the same scale using the lowest numbers. For example, if there are five ribbons awarded, the points will be 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. If there are two, they will receive 2 and 1 points respectively. Accumulating 10 points during the qualifying year allows a rider to compete in the finals. Riders may accumulate points until the Sunday preceding the Finals. All riders including
past WCE Final Winners may continue to ride in qualifying classes to accrue points towards the Year-End High Point award given at the CPHA luncheon held during the PCHA convention.

C.P.H.A. HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL
(Updated 02.06)

This class is open to Junior or Amateur riders who have never won any PCHA or USEF or National Medal Class with fences 3’ or higher at an ‘A’ rated show. Riders may not compete if they have won any association medal finals where fences exceed 3’. Riders need not be members of the CPHA to compete in a qualifying class. Trainers of riders must be members of CPHA.

This class will be held over a 2’6” course with a minimum of eight fences, no combinations and at least two changes of direction. One test of either a halt or trot fence must be included in the course. At least two riders must complete the course. Three (3) points qualifies for the finals. Must have two entries to fill the class and two to complete the course.

Points are awarded:
- 5 or more riders: 6-4-3-2-1
- 4 riders: 4-3-2-1
- 3 riders: 3-2-1
- 2 riders: 2-1

C.P.H.A. CHILD/ADULT MEDAL
(Updated 02.06)

This class is open to Children and Adult riders who have never won any PCHA, USEF or National Medal Class with fences 3’3” or higher at an ‘A’ rated horse show. Riders may not compete if they have won any association medal finals with fences exceed 3’3” or higher. Riders need not be members of the CPHA to compete in a qualifying class. Trainers of qualified riders must be members of CPHA.

This class will be held over a 3’ course with a minimum of 8 fences with at least two changes of direction. Combinations may not consist of an oxer. At least two riders shall work off using USEF Tests 1-9. A minimum of two riders must complete the course. Three (3) points qualifies for the finals. Two entries to fill the class and two to complete the course.

Points are awarded:
- 5 or more riders: 6-4-3-2-1
- 4 riders: 4-3-2-1
- 3 riders: 3-2-1
- 2 riders: 2-1

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