



MHSA Medallion Equitation Program

Saddle Seat and Stock Seat

Saddle Seat and Stock Seat Medallion Program, Junior Exhibitor:

******Please note that as of the 2024 Competition Year, due to lack of participation, the MHSA STOCK SEAT Medallion classes and Final have been suspended. At such time as Stock Seat Equitation and/or Western Equitation classes are added and filled at MHSA Member shows, the MHSA Stock Seat Medallion qualifiers and Finals may be -re-started, at exhibitors' and show managers' requests.**

The MHSA Junior Medallion classes are open to all current MHSA members who are 17 years of age and younger, and are nominated in MHSA Equitation. Online membership (PayPal account required), or membership applications are available at www.missourihorseshowsassociation.org.

A first place win in an MHSA Medallion class shall NOT prohibit the rider from competing in the class for the rest of the show season. A class is considered filled, even with just one rider. However, show management may combine the Junior and Senior *Stock* Seat Medallion classes if there are not two riders in each division.

Exhibitors may ride a mare or gelding of any breed. Riders will be judged on the rail at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope both ways of the ring. A workout, approved by MHSA must be given to the top riders in the class, and be posted one hour before show begins. At least four exhibitors will be asked to do the pattern. However, all riders may be asked to perform the pattern.

An MHSA Medallion will be presented to the winner of each class.

Saddle Seat and Stock Seat Medallion Junior Exhibitor Finals:

The MHSA Finals Competitions are held at the end of the show year at designated horse shows. Riders must have shown and received a ribbon during the current show year in at least one qualifying class. Finals will be held if there are three riders qualified. Should less than three riders qualify, no finals will be held and points will revert to year end equitation awards at the Celebration of Champions.

Exhibitors may ride a mare or gelding of any breed. In the Saddle Seat Medallion Finals, no preference should be shown between a clipped mane and tail horse, or a pleasure horse. Riders will be judged on the rail at the walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope both directions of the ring. A workout will be required of all riders, and the pattern will be of Judge's Choice.

The winner of the Junior Saddle Seat Medallion Finals will receive the Scott Haines Perpetual Trophy. The winner of the Junior Stock Seat Medallion Finals will receive the Sir Love A Lot Perpetual Trophy. Ribbons through Top Ten will be awarded.

MHSA Hunter Jumper Medallion

The MHSA Hunt Seat Medallion classes are open to all current MHSA members who are nominated in MHSA Equitation. Online membership (PayPal account required), or membership applications are available at



www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org. Applications are also available in the horse show office. Exhibitors may join at the show in which they are competing.

A first place win in an MHSA Medallion class shall NOT prohibit the rider from competing in the class for the rest of the show season. Show management may combine the Junior and Senior Hunt Seat Medallion classes if there are not 2 riders in each division.

MHSA Junior Hunt Seat Medallion class is open to Junior members of MHSA. In order to qualify for the year end award, the rider must be eligible to participate that year. Contestants must be members of MHSA prior to the class, and may join MHSA at the show if not already a member. Only one competitor may ride a horse. In order to consider a class filled, at least 2 competitors must complete the course. Points will be awarded on a 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, ½, ½ basis. All classes are to be judged according to the USEF rulebook, Equitation Specifications. Medallions will be presented to the winner of each class that is completed.

Course and Judging Specifications: To be shown over a course of not less than 8 obstacles at 2'6" with spreads not to exceed 2'9". The course must include at least one combination, one oxer, and two changes of direction (changes of lead) after the first fence. A test of the top four competitors, if available, are required and will be assigned at the judge's discretion. Classes are judged on seat and hands, guidance and control throughout. Jumping faults of the mount do not count. A fall of horse or rider or three disobediences shall eliminate a contender.

The year-end High Point winner of the MHSA Junior Hunt Seat Medallion class will be awarded the MHSA Scott Haines Memorial Perpetual Trophy.

MHSA Adult Hunt Seat Medallion class is open to Adult members of MHSA. Contestants must be members of MHSA prior to the class, and may join at the show if not already a member. In order to qualify for the year end award, the rider must be eligible to participate that year. A horse can be ridden only once. In order to consider a class filled, at least 2 competitors must complete the course. Points will be awarded on a 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1/2, 1/2 basis. All classes are to be judged according to the USEF rulebook

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The winner of the MHSA Adult Hunt Seat Medallion class will be awarded the MHSA Otis & Bee Brown Memorial Perpetual Trophy.