

**2018-2019 Rules and Regulations
of the
Taylor Harris Insurance Services
National Horse Show Adult Equitation Championship**

The National Horse Show Association of America, Limited (“NHSAA”) is responsible for the organization, presentation and administration of the Taylor Harris Insurance Services (THIS) National Horse Show Adult Equitation Championship (Finals). To ensure the selection of appropriate judges and course designers for the Championship, the NHSAA communicates with the National Horse Show Association Equitation Committee. USEF rules govern this competition and the Taylor Harris Insurance Services National Horse Show Adult Medal qualifying classes (THIS NHS Adult Medal). In case of any conflict between these Rules and USEF rules, USEF rules shall govern.

Courses for the THIS NHS Adult Medal and Finals

- To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles.
- Course must include:
 - One combination (including an oxer)
 - At least two changes of direction after the first obstacle
 - At least three of the following
 - Bending Line
 - Narrow Jump (5’6”-8’)
 - Roll back turn
 - Fence at the end of the ring
 - Long approach to a single jump
- 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers
- Obstacle height to be set at 3’
- Maximum width of oxers 3’3”
- Maximum width of triple bars and hogs backs 3’6”
- Liverpools, water jumps or water used as decoration are prohibited

Specifications for the THIS NHS Adult Medal and Finals

The THIS NHS Adult Medal and Finals are open only to senior members of the USEF or Equine Canada who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the current competition year in accordance with GR101. Previous winners of the Finals are ineligible to compete in any THIS NHS Adult Medal or the Finals.

Rider and trainer (or coach when applicable [see USEF GR108]) must be current members of the National Horse Show Association (“NHSAA”). The NHSAA Membership year is September 1 through August 31. Adult rider annual contributions shall be \$35. Trainer (or coach) annual contributions shall be \$50. A rider may enter any NHS Adult Medal anywhere in the United States according to the conditions published in the current Rule book of the USEF.

THIS NHS Adult Medal

Judging

To be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse. After completion of the jumping phase a minimum of twelve (12) riders, if available, are required to show at a walk, trot and canter. The flat performance of those riders selected to show in the flat phase shall count 50%. USEF Tests 1-18.

Conditions for holding the THIS NHS Adult Medal:

- Only competitions recognized by the USEF are eligible to hold the THIS NHS Adult Medal.
- All competitions must apply to hold the THIS NHS Adult Medal 30 days in advance using the forms found on www.nhs.org.
- Only one rider per horse.
- To fill a THIS NHS Medal three (3) competitors must complete the course.
- If there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of a THIS NHS Adult Medal, it **may** be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections.
- If there are 50 or more entries at the beginning of a THIS NHS Adult Medal, it **must** be divided by every other number and run as two separate classes.

Qualifying Criteria

In order to qualify for the Finals conducted by the NHSAA, contestants must win a total of ten points from THIS NHS Adult Medals. Points to be based on the scale of 10, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and ½ points for first through eight place in any THIS NHS Adult Medal.

Finals

The number of riders to be invited to compete in the Finals shall be decided by the NHSAA. This decision will be final, and the number will be announced as soon as practical each competition year, but not later than the publication date of its Prize List.

Judging

To be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse.

Two refusals will eliminate a rider from competition.

Preliminary Round

To be shown over a special course of jumps set to the above stated specifications and posted one hour before the start of the class. The course for the Finals shall be designed by a USEF Course Designer who must be selected and/or approved by the NHSSA. The Judges for the Finals will have input and give approval on the course design.

Flat Phase

A minimum of fifteen (15) riders, if available, are required to show at a walk, trot and canter. The under saddle performance of those riders selected to show under saddle shall count 50%.

Final Round

A minimum of fifteen (15) riders will be asked to return for a final round over a second course following the above listed specifications.

Testing

Testing of up to six riders is optional using USEF Tests 1-18

Class Conditions

Horses that compete in the Taylor Harris Insurance Services National Horse Show Adult Equitation Championship are ineligible to compete in the Maclay National Championship Class (ASPCA Maclay Finals) in the same competition year.

Only one rider per horse.

Conventional tack per USEF EQ 105.5a. Martingales not permitted for the flat phase.

Trainers/Coaches permitted to ride and school competitors horses.

Trainers/Coaches permitted to walk any and all courses with competitors.

In the event a horse becomes incapacitated in any phase of competition, upon examination of the Horse show's veterinarian and a judge or steward, a substitution may be permitted by the National Horse Show.

Awards

The Judges will select a Champion and a Reserve Champion.

Ribbons through tenth place.

Trophy to the Trainer of the winning rider.

Entries and Entry Closing Dates

Entries for the THIS National Horse Show Adult Equitation Championship close, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the last Friday in September at the NHSAA's office. Entries must be on the Official Entry Form, signed and submitted with the class entry fee made payable to the NHSAA. The NHSAA reserves the right to reject any late or unsigned entries or entries not submitted with all entry fees.

Questions and Disputes

Any questions or disputes relating to the Championship, other than that specifically described above, shall be decided according to the rules of the USEF, if applicable, or according to the Prize List if such question is not covered by the rules of the USEF.