

**2016 / 2017 Rules and Regulations
of the
Maclay National Championship for the ASPCA Horsemanship Classes**

The ASPCA Maclay Membership year is September 1 through August 31. The ASPCA Maclay is open to junior members of USEF or Equine Canada who have not reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR127. Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year. Rider and trainer (or coach when applicable [see USEF GR108]) must be current members of the ASPCA Maclay. Junior rider annual contributions shall be \$35. Trainer (or coach) annual contributions shall be \$50.

Only competitions recognized by the USEF are eligible to hold the Maclay. If there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of a class, 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 class, it must be divided by every other number and run as two or more separate sections. USEF rules govern these competitions and the Maclay classes. In case of any conflict between these Rules and USEF rules, USEF rules shall govern.

A rider may enter any Maclay National Championship Qualifying Class ("Maclay") anywhere in the United States according to the conditions published in the current Rule book of the United States Equestrian Federation ("USEF").

The National Horse Show Association of America, Limited ("NHSAA") is responsible for the organization, presentation and administration of the Maclay Trophy and the associated competitions, including the Regional and Final Championship classes. To ensure the selection of appropriate sites, judges and course designers, the NHSAA communicates with the Hunter Seat Equitation Task Force of the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA), the National Horse Show Association Equitation Committee and on other matters with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("ASPCA").

Conditions Governing Final Competition

The number of riders to be qualified to compete at the Maclay Finals, shall be decided by the NHSAA, and announced as soon as practicable each competition year, but not later than the publication date of the Prize List; that decision to be final. It shall be at the sole discretion of the NHSAA to increase the number of final riders, for any reason, once the Prize List has been published, but in no event may the number be decreased for any year once the Prize List has been published.

The class conditions for the final competition produced by the National Horse Show Association shall be published in the Prize List and shall govern the competition.

Conditions Governing Regional Final Competition

The NHSAA shall select any and all appropriate sites, competitions, and dates for Regional Finals. All competitions shall be held beginning no earlier than the first weekend in September of each year and shall conclude no later than the last weekend of September of each year. No Regional Final competition may publish class specifications, entry closing dates, judges, or entry fees without the express written permission of the NHSAA. No judge may judge a Regional Final if he or she judges the National Finals in the same year.

Each show requesting to hold an ASPCA Maclay Regional Finals must be willing to run the class in accordance with the following requirements. All shows must realize that this class is a Regional Final and the purpose of this class is to select the top riders from around the country to compete at the ASPCA Maclay Finals held in November each year. With this in mind, it is of the utmost importance that each of the 8 Regions are held within the closest similar standards possible, not only to each other but also to the ASPCA Finals Class as well.

- a) Regional Finals should be held at an indoor or covered indoor venue if possible.
- b) Regional Finals need to have two "R" judges.
- c) Regional Finals need to have a USEF licensed Course Designer.
- d) Display 2 NHS Banners

Riders have the option to compete in either their home region based upon the point requirements of their own official USEF state of residence, or any other region based upon the highest point requirements of any state within that chosen region, whichever is greater.

Example: If a rider from Florida, which requires 38 points, chooses to compete in the Regional Finals in Region 1 "Northeast" (CT,MA,ME,NH,RI,VT), he or she would have to have obtained 50 points which is the requirement of the state (CT) within the chosen region.

A rider may only change Regions one time per qualifying year. Once a rider completes the paperwork to compete in another Regional Final other than his or her own home region, no other Region changes can be made and that rider may not revert back to their home region.

In case of a permanent residence in any non-USEF zone area, such as Canada and Puerto Rico, a rider may choose to compete in any Regional Finals so long as he or she meets the minimum qualifying requirement of 13 points. These riders must fill out a Change of Region form (forms may be downloaded from NHS.org website) to declare in which Region they will compete.

The qualifying period for each year's Regional Championship ends August 31. If a horse show starts on or before August 31, Maclay points acquired at that show will count towards the current year.

****NEW SEPTEMBER 1, 2016****

Riders may compete in a total of fourteen (14) ASPCA Maclay classes in a single qualifying period. Any rider who continues to compete after they have competed in fourteen (14) qualifying classes will no longer be eligible to compete in the ASPCA Maclay Regional Finals. (Exception: If a rider is not yet qualified for the ASPCA Maclay Regional Final of their official USEF state of residence after fourteen (14) classes, that rider may continue to compete until qualified for that Region. If a rider submits a Change of Region form requesting to compete in a Region that requires a higher number of points to qualify, that rider may continue to compete until qualified for the newly declared ASPCA Maclay Regional Finals. Any rider that has already competed in their fourteen (14) Maclay classes must stop competing in Maclay classes as soon as they are qualified or they will no longer be eligible to compete in any ASPCA Maclay Regional Finals.). ***It is the rider's responsibility to calculate and know their points as well as the number of classes in which they have competed.***

Notification Deadlines and Change of Region

Each rider wishing to compete in a different region than their home region must notify and declare to the National Horse Show by August 15 in writing on the form provided to competitors (forms may be downloaded from NHS.org website) of his or her intention to compete in the Regional Championships, and in which Regional Championships, whether or not they are yet qualified, in compliance with the conditions expressed above regarding residences**. Forms must be received by the National Horse Show Association no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on August 15, except if that date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, in which case they must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday following August 15.

****NEW JANUARY 1, 2016: Riders whose home regions are either in Region 1 or Region 2 may change into Regions 3 through 8, however, those riders may not alternate between Regions 1 or 2.****

Absent compelling circumstances, no changes can be made to the declared Regional Championships after this deadline. Should a rider or trainer claim such compelling circumstances, such a claim must be made in writing to the National Horse Show Association prior to 5 p.m. Eastern Time on August 25, regardless of its day of the week.

A panel of 3 individuals shall be selected to decide any such claim, drawn by lot: one member from the Executive Committee of the National Horse Show Association, one member from the Executive Committee of the USEF, and one member from the USHJA Hunter Seat Equitation Task Force. Any panel member drawn by lot who shall have a conflict of interest shall recuse himself or herself. Any two members of the three member panel drawn by lot shall have the authority to declare that a member has such a conflict of interest, and shall cause another name to be drawn from the committee of the conflicted member. Such panel shall publish its decision, which shall be final, no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the fifth business day following August 25.

Under no circumstances whatsoever may a rider change or request to change their Region for Regional Championships after August 25.

Questions and Disputes

Any questions or disputes relating to the Regional Championships or the National 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.

Entries and Entry Closing Dates

Entries for Regional Championship classes close, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, August 15, at the NHSAA's office. Entries must be on the Official Entry Form, signed and submitted with the \$150.00 per class Entry Fee made payable to the NHSAA. Riders who qualify for Regional Championship classes at any time between August 15 and the final qualifying date of August 31 shall be required to submit entries by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 1, except if that date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, in which case they must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the following Monday. The NHSAA reserves the right to reject any late or unsigned entries or entries not submitted with all entry fees.

Entries may not be accepted directly by any Regional Finals competition.

Entry and class lists for Regional Finals shall be provided by the NHSAA to competitions hosting Regional Finals no later than 48 hours preceding the commencement of the class. Stall reservations and all other entry and class fees, including competition and processing fees for other classes which might be held during the same competition, must be provided directly to the competition hosting the Regional Finals.

Class Conditions for Regional Competitions

Only one rider per horse.

The course for each Maclay Regional Championship shall be designed by a USEF Course Designer who must be selected and/or approved by the National Horse Show Association. The course for each Maclay Regional Championship should be of sufficient difficulty, typifying the Maclay National Championship Finals and thereby reflecting the importance of the class. While the courses must not be identical, they should reflect equal difficulty and challenge. The course must be 3'6" with or without wings and include at least one change of lead, a combination including an oxer and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following: a. bending line b. narrow jump (6'-8') c. roll-back turn d. end fence e. long approach to a single jump.

A Regional competition must have at minimum 6 competitors for the class to be held.

A rider in any Regional competition must complete the course to be eligible for acceptance to the National Finals. Two refusals will eliminate a rider from Regional competition.

A minimum of ten (10) more riders than one-half the number of riders competing in the Regional (not more than twenty (20) at a time), if available, are required to show at a walk, trot and canter. In addition, at the sole discretion of the judges, additional flat work may be called for, but all groups must be asked to perform the same tests. After the under saddle phase, if additional workouts are required, the call-back must be limited to only the best ten (10) riders if available. Riders are to be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of horse. The under saddle performance of those riders selected to show under saddle shall count 50%.

Judging Conditions

Each Maclay Regional Championship shall have two (2) Judges who must be approved by the National Horse Show. A Maclay Regional Championship's Judge is not eligible to judge the Maclay National Championship Final in the same year.

The Judges will select a Champion, Reserve Champion, and Third through Tenth places at each Maclay Regional Championship. Judges will also determine a stand-by list of the additional entrants in order of placing. The list will

be announced publicly, made available to all competitors at the conclusion of the Regional Final, and sent to the National Horse Show Association office.

Judges' cards will be sealed immediately upon selection by judges of the Maclay National Finalists and, along with a detailed copy of the course diagram, will be turned over to the official representative of the National Horse Show Association in attendance, or mailed directly to the National Horse Show Association office.

Selection of Riders for Maclay Finals

The riders finishing in the top positions, apportioned by the Regional Finals, will qualify to compete at the National Finals. Riders who do not finish in the top positions, apportioned by the Regional Finals, may qualify to compete at the National Finals provided they competed in the Regional Finals and placed in the top ten at the USEF Medal Final, Pennsylvania National Horse Show; the top ten at the WIHS Equitation Classic, Washington International Horse Show and the top four juniors placing in the top ten at the USET Talent Search Medal Final West and USET Talent Search Medal Final East.

In the interest of fairness, the number of final positions as announced by the National Horse Show in its Prize List will be proportionally allocated strictly in accordance with the number of entries that actually show in each Regional final. The National Horse Show Association will calculate the proportional numbers, by region, and publish them, no later than 48 hours after the last Regional Final is held.

If a qualified rider declines to compete in the finals, the rider with the next highest placing will receive an invitation to compete and said invitation will be provided to the next highest placing riders until the invitation is accepted and the spot filled. However, after the first qualified rider declines to compete in the finals, there shall only be one invitation provided for every ten competitors from a regional. Example: if Region Q has 38 riders competing, then the invitation to compete at the national finals shall be provided to all those determined by the percentage formula and if any one of them declines, there shall be no more than two additional invitations provided in order to fill the spot which has been declined. Subsequent to one invitation being provided for every ten riders in the region, the invitation shall then go to the next rider from the regional which has the highest percentage of competitors. The final closing for entries will be 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the first Friday of October, at the office of the National Horse Show, under such conditions as are specified in the prize list. The standby list for accepting Maclay Finalists will close on the Sunday of the WIHS which is the Sunday before the Finals.

The following Regional Finals will be included in the percentage formula: Please contact the appropriate regional horse show for a prize list.

Locations for the Regional Finals are subject to change.

Region 1, Northeast (CT,MA,ME,NH,RI,VT)

Old Salem Farm, North Salem, NY – 914-669-5610 mary.silcox@stadiumjumping.com

Region 2, East (NJ,NY,PA)

Old Salem Farm, North Salem, NY – 914-669-5610 mary.silcox@stadiumjumping.com

Region 3, Southeast (AL,DC,DE,FL,GA,MD,MS,NC,SC,TN,VA,WV)

South East Fall Classic, Tampa FL – 407-619-0891 devita124@aol.com

Region 4, Midwest (IL,IN,KY,MI,OH)

Kentucky National, Lexington, KY – 615-838-7560 wldwoo@aol.com

Region 5, Central (IA, KS, LA,MO,MN,ND,NE,OK,SD,TX,WI)

St. Louis National Charity, Lake St. Louis, MO – 314-308-1162 stlnhorseshow@aol.com

Region 6, Mountain (AZ,CO,NM,UT)

Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO – 303-841-7461 ceskinner@earthlink.net

Region 7, Northwest (AK,ID,MT,OR,WA,WY)

NorthWest Autumn Finals, Monroe, WA – 360-805-6711 DIANJNSN@aol.com

Region 8, West (CA,HI,NV)

Oaks Blenheim Fall Tournament, San Juan Capistrano, CA – 949-443-1841 showpark@aol.com

In order to qualify for the Regional Finals conducted by the National Horse Show Association, contestants must win the following: in CT,NJ,NY a rider must win 50 pts: in FL,MA,PA,RI 38 pts: in AL,CA,DE,GA,IA,IL,MD,MN,NC,NE,ND,NV,OH,OK,SC,SD,TN,VA and WI 25 pts: in all other states, Canada and Puerto Rico 13 pts.

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INCREMENT SYSTEM and NUMBER OF ENTRANTS

Placings	Number of Exhibitors Who Complete the Course			
	3-5 Exhibitors	6-15 Exhibitors	16-30 Exhibitors	31+ Exhibitors
1st	5	10	20	40
2nd	4	8	16	32
3rd	3	6	12	24
4th		4	8	16
5th			4	8
6th			2	4
7th				2
8th				1