

**2018 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 (Championship). 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. In case of any conflict between these Rules and USEF rules, USEF rules shall govern.

Courses for the NHS Adult Medal Championship

- 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 NHS Adult Medal Championship

The THIS NHS Adult Championship is 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.

Judging

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

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 Championship shall be designed by a USEF Course Designer who must be selected and/or approved by the NHSSA. The Judges for the Championship 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 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.