

**2008 Rules and Regulations  
of the  
Maclay National Championship for the ASPCA Horsemanship Classes**

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"). Only competitions recognized by the USEF are eligible to hold the Maclay. USEF rules govern these competitions and the Maclay classes. In case of any conflict between these Rules and the USEF rules, USEF rules shall govern.

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 Committee of the United States Equestrian Federation ("USEF") 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 Competitions**

The NHSAA shall select appropriate sites, competitions, and dates for Regional Finals, provided that such competitions must be held beginning no earlier than the first weekend in September each year and must conclude no later than the last weekend of September. No Regional Final competition may publish class specifications, entry closing dates, judges, or entry fees without the express permission of the NHSAA. No judge may judge a Regional Final in the same year as judging the National Finals.

Riders must compete in either the Regional Finals of their own official USEF residence, or the official USEF residence of their trainers. Riders showing in the Regional Finals of their resident states must meet the qualifying requirements of their resident states.

If a rider wishes to show in the Regional Finals of his or her trainer's resident state, he or she must meet the qualifying requirements of whichever is greater -- the rider's resident state or that of the trainer.

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.

The qualifying period for each year's Regional Championships ends August 31. Riders who have won the required number of qualifying points for their declared region in any one qualifying period are not eligible to compete in further qualifying classes during that qualifying period unless they are in a region which requires less than 60 points in which case they may continue to compete until they reach their 60 points. Wins within any calendar year following August 31 count toward the next year's Regional Championships. Riders who lose their Junior status at the end of the earlier year are ineligible to compete the next year.

**Notification Deadlines and Change of Region**

Each rider must notify and declare to the National Horse Show by July 15, 2008, in writing on the forms 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 July 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 July 15. 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 10, 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 USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Committee. 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 10.

Under no circumstances whatsoever may a rider change or request to change their Regions for Regional Championships after August 10.

**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 \$100.00 per class Entry Fee made payable to the NHSAA. Riders who qualify for Regional Championship classes at any time between August 15, 2008 and the final qualifying date of August 31, 2008, shall be required to submit entries by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 1, 2008, 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

Only one rider per horse.

All riders are required to perform over at least eight (8) fences at 3'6" in height with or without wings. The course for each Maclay Regional Championship shall be designed by the Judges and/or by a 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.

A minimum of ten (10) more riders than one-half the number of riders competing in the Regional (not more than twenty-four (24) at a time), if available, are required to show at a walk, trot and canter.

In addition, one or more riders, at the judges' sole discretion, may be required to perform any number of USEF Tests 1-19. 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 selected and/or approved by the National Horse Show. A 2008 Maclay Regional Championship's Judge is not eligible to judge the 2008 Maclay National Championship.

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 10 additional entrants in order of placing, if available, which list will be announced publicly, made available to all competitors, and sent to the National Horse Show Association office.

Judges cards will be sealed immediately upon selection by the 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 and Finalists

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, will 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 four at the WIHS Equitation Classic, Washington International Horse Show and the top four juniors placing in the top ten at the USET Medal Final West and USET Medal Final East.

In the interest of fairness, the number of final positions as announced by the National Finals 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.

There will be 10 ribbons presented at each of the Regional Finals. In each Regional, the judges will determine a stand-by list of 10 additional riders, if available, which list will be announced publicly and made available to all riders immediately following the competition, and provided to the National Horse Show Association office.

Any of the top 10, or lesser number as determined by the percentage formula, in any region who decline to compete at the National Finals must notify the office of the National Horse Show Association within 48 hours following the completion of their competition, in order that other possible competitors be notified of the possible opening. If a qualified rider declines to compete in the finals, the next rider in line from that region will be invited to compete. If that rider declines to compete then the next rider from the regional which had the highest percentage of competitors will be invited to compete. The final closing will be at 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the first Friday of October, at the offices of the Show Secretary of the National Horse Show, under such conditions as are specified in the Prize List.

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

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

Grand Fall Classic, Westbrook, CT - 860-399-6317 [whc@westbrookclub.com](mailto:whc@westbrookclub.com)

Region 2, East (NJ, NY, PA)

Old Salem Farm, North Salem, NY- 914-669-5610

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

North Florida Hunter Jumper Assoc., Jacksonville, FL - 904-993-2053 [alexisgs@bellsouth.net](mailto:alexisgs@bellsouth.net) or [info@classiccompany.com](mailto:info@classiccompany.com)

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

Kentucky National, Lexington, KY - 615-838-7560 [wldwoo@aol.com](mailto:wldwoo@aol.com)

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

St. Louis National Charity, Lake St. Louis, MO - 636-561-8080 [stlnatlcharityhs@aol.com](mailto:stlnatlcharityhs@aol.com)

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

High Prairie Fall Classic, Parker, CO - 303-841-7461 [ceskinner@earthlink.net](mailto:ceskinner@earthlink.net)

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

NorthWest Autumn Finals, Monroe, WA - 360-805-6711 [DIANJNSN@aol.com](mailto:DIANJNSN@aol.com)

Region 8, West (CA, HI, NV)

Oaks Blenheim Fall Tournament, San Juan Capistrano, CA - 949-443-1841 [showpark@aol.com](mailto: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 60 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 andWI 25 pts; in all other states, Canada and Puerto Rico 13 pts.

**POINT SYSTEM: PLACING**

**NUMBER OF ENTRANTS**

	<u>6-15</u>	<u>16-30</u>	<u>31+</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	20	30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6	12	18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	8	12
4 <sup>th</sup>	2	4	6