

**2017/ 2018 Rules and Regulations  
of the  
National Horse Show KHJA Equitation Championship**

The National Horse Show Association of America, Limited (“NHSAA”) is responsible for the organization, presentation and administration of the National Horse Show KHJA 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.

**Course:**

- 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:**

The NHS KHJA Equitation Championship is open to junior and senior members of the USEF or Equine Canada and the KHJA. The following will be invited to compete in the Championship:

- The top two riders in the year end standings of the KHJA as of the last Friday in September each year from each of the following divisions:
  - 12-14 Equitation
  - 15-17 Equitation
  - Adult Equitation
  - USEF Medal
  - ASPCA Maclay
  - THIS Children’s Medal/Ariat Adult Medal (combined)
  - Local KHJA 3’, 3’3”/3’6” Medals
  - Local KHJA Adult (3’ riders) Medal.

Additional invitations will be issued to the top Open Rider in IHSA Zone 6 Region 3 and the top Upper Level Rider in IEA Zone 5 that are KHJA Members as of the last Friday in September each year.

## **Championship**

The number of riders to be invited to compete in the Championship each year 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.

## **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%.

## **Testing**

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

## **Class Conditions**

Riders may not show in both the National Horse Show KHJA Equitation Championship and the ASPCA Maclay Finals in the same competition year.

Horses that compete in the National Horse Show KHJA Equitation Championship are ineligible to compete in the Maclay National Championship Class (ASPCA Maclay Finals) in the same competition year.

Horses and Riders that compete in the National Horse Show KHJA Equitation Championship may also compete in the Hamel NHS 3'3" Equitation Championship and the NHS Adult Equitation Championship in the same year, if otherwise eligible.

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 National Horse Show KHJA Equitation Championship must be received by 5:00PM Eastern on the last Friday in September each year 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.