

**2019 / 2020 Rules and Regulations  
of the  
Maclay National Championship for the ASPCA Horsemanship Classes**

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: Membership in the National Horse Show Association (NHSA) is required for all riders competing in the ASPCA Maclay and all trainers who have riders competing in the ASPCA Maclay. The membership/qualifying year is September 1 – August 31. \*\***

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 Maclay Regional Championship (“Regionals”) and Maclay National Championship (“Finals”) Classes. To ensure the selection of appropriate sites, judges and course designers, the NHSAA communicates with the Joint 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”). USEF rules govern these competitions and the Maclay National Championship Qualifying Classes (“Maclay”). In case of any conflict between these Rules and USEF rules, USEF rules shall govern.

**Courses for all Maclay, Regionals and Finals Classes**

- 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 3’6”
- Maximum width of oxers 4’
- Maximum width of triple bars and hogs backs 5’
- Liverpools, water jumps or water used as decoration are prohibited

**Specifications for all Maclay, Regionals and Finals Classes**

The Maclay is open to junior members of USEF or Equine Canada who have not reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR127. Riders must be current members of the National Horse Show Association (“NHSA”) in order to compete in all Maclay, Regionals and Finals Classes. Trainers (or coaches when applicable [see USEF GR108]) of riders competing in all Maclay, Regionals and Finals Classes must also be members of the NHSA. The NHSA Membership year is September 1 through August 31. Junior rider annual contributions shall be \$35. Trainer (or coach) annual contributions shall be \$50. A rider may enter any Maclay anywhere in the United States according to the conditions published in the current Rule book of the USEF. 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. Previous winners of the Finals are ineligible to compete in any Maclay Class, Regionals or Finals.

**MACLAY CLASSES**

**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 1-16.

### **Conditions for Maclay Classes:**

- Only competitions recognized by the USEF are eligible to hold the Maclay class.
- All competitions must apply to hold the Maclay class 30 days in advance using the forms found on [www.nhs.org](http://www.nhs.org).
- Only one rider per horse.
- To fill a Maclay class three (3) competitors must complete the course.
- If there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of a Maclay 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 Maclay class, it **must** be divided by every other number and run as two separate classes.
- A Maclay class may not be run using a California split.

### **Qualifying Criteria**

#### **INCREMENT SYSTEM and NUMBER OF ENTRANTS**

**In light of the COVID-19 pandemic the National Horse Show is revising the Qualifying Criteria for the 2020 ASPCA Maclay Finals and the 2020 ASPCA Maclay Regional Championship Classes.**

#### **2020 ASPCA Maclay Finals**

Qualifying for the 2020 ASPCA Maclay Finals will be based on points accrued in ASPCA Maclay Classes only.

**Competing in an ASPCA Maclay Regional Championship Class will not be required.** In order to qualify for the 2020 ASPCA Maclay Finals conducted by the NHSAA, contestants must win the following based upon the point requirements of their own official point state of residence with the USEF in ASPCA Maclay classes:

<b>Points Required to Qualify for the ASPCA Maclay Finals by State</b> <b>Per Rider's Official State of Residence per USEF Records</b> <b>(For 2020 Qualifying Year, Required Points adjusted due to COVID-19) Effective August 31, 2020**</b>							
<b>State</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Points</b>
Alabama	5	Illinois	15	Nebraska	15	South Carolina	15
Alaska	5	Indiana	5	Nevada	5	South Dakota	10
Arizona	5	Iowa	15	New Hampshire	5	Tennessee	14
Arkansas	5	Kansas	5	New Jersey	27	Texas	7
California	13	Kentucky	7	New Mexico	5	Utah	5
Canada	5	Louisiana	5	New York	30	Vermont	5
Colorado	7	Maine	5	North Carolina	15	Virginia	13
Connecticut	28	Maryland	12	North Dakota	5	Washington	6
D.C.	5	Massachusetts	20	Ohio	14	West Virginia	5
Delaware	10	Michigan	7	Oklahoma	5	Wisconsin	5
Florida	22	Minnesota	7	Oregon	6	Wyoming	5
Georgia	14	Mississippi	5	Pennsylvania	22	Outside US	5
Hawaii	5	Missouri	5	Puerto Rico	5		
Idaho	5	Montana	5	Rhode Island	15		

**\*\*Point requirements will continue to be monitored and will be adjusted downward if specific states are unable to resume competition or if other unforeseen circumstances affect the 2020 qualifying period. These downward adjustments, if any, will be at the discretion of the National Horse Show and will be publicized at the time of the adjustment.**

## 2020 ASPCA Maclay Regional Championship Classes

**Competing in any 2020 ASPCA Maclay Regional Championship Classes are optional.** Riders that are qualified for the 2020 ASPCA Maclay Finals are eligible, but not required, to compete in any ASPCA Maclay Regional Championship class conducted by the NHSAA. Riders may qualify to compete in any ASPCA Maclay Regional Championship class conducted by the NHSAA based upon winning the point requirements of their own official point state of residence with the USEF in ASPCA classes as seen below:

<b>Points Required to Qualify for the ASPCA Maclay Regionals by State</b>							
<b>Per Rider's Official State of Residence per USEF Records</b>							
<i>(For 2020 Qualifying Year, Required Points adjusted due to COVID-19) Effective August 31, 2020**</i>							
<b>State</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Points</b>
Alabama	2	Illinois	7	Nebraska	7	South Carolina	7
Alaska	2	Indiana	2	Nevada	2	South Dakota	5
Arizona	2	Iowa	7	New Hampshire	2	Tennessee	7
Arkansas	2	Kansas	2	New Jersey	13	Texas	3
California	7	Kentucky	3	New Mexico	2	Utah	2
Canada	2	Louisiana	2	New York	15	Vermont	2
Colorado	3	Maine	2	North Carolina	7	Virginia	7
Connecticut	14	Maryland	6	North Dakota	2	Washington	3
D.C.	2	Massachusetts	10	Ohio	7	West Virginia	2
Delaware	5	Michigan	3	Oklahoma	2	Wisconsin	2
Florida	11	Minnesota	3	Oregon	3	Wyoming	2
Georgia	7	Mississippi	2	Pennsylvania	11	Outside US	2
Hawaii	2	Missouri	2	Puerto Rico	2		
Idaho	2	Montana	2	Rhode Island	7		

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**\*\*The top placing non-qualified rider in each of the Regional competitions will qualify to compete in the ASPCA Maclay Finals. \*\***

In the event that the number of qualified riders entered in the ASPCA Maclay Finals is less than 175 riders the NHS reserves the right to invite enough additional riders to fill the vacant slots. These riders will be invited based upon ASPCA Regional Championship class results.

Riders may compete in a total of fourteen (14) Maclay classes in a single qualifying period. Any rider who continues to compete after they have competed in fourteen (14) Maclay classes will no longer be eligible to compete in the Finals (Exception: If a rider is not yet qualified for the Finals based on their official rider point state of residence with the USEF after fourteen (14) Maclay classes, that rider may continue to compete until qualified for the Finals.) For the 2020 qualifying period riders may compete in the Regionals of their choice provided they are qualified for either the Finals or Regional Competition based on their official rider point state of residence with the USEF. Riders planning to compete in a Regional other than that of their home state must fill out a Regional Declaration form (forms may be downloaded from NHS.org website) to declare in which Region they will compete.

***It is the rider's responsibility to calculate and know their points as well as the number of classes in which they have competed.***

The qualifying period for each year's Regionals 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.

## **REGIONALS**

### **Course**

The course for each Regionals shall be designed by a USEF Course Designer who must be selected and/or approved by the NHSAA. Any Regionals course must adhere to the above stated specifications and be of sufficient difficulty to typify the Finals and reflect the importance of the class. While the courses at all Regionals need not be identical, they should reflect equal difficulty and challenge.

### **Judging**

Each Regionals shall have two (2) "R" Judges. One of these judges must be selected from the approved list of judges supplied by the NHSAA. The second judge is not required to be selected from this list, but must be approved by the NHSAA. Judges for the Finals are ineligible to judge any Regionals in the same year.

Riders are to be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of horse.

Two refusals will eliminate a rider from Regionals competition.

After completion of the jumping phase, if available, a minimum of ten (10) more riders than one-half the number of riders competing in the Regionals are required to show at a walk, trot and canter. 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. No more than twenty (20) riders at a time may be asked to work together in a group at the same time. The flat performance of those riders selected to show in the flat phase shall count 50%.

After the flat phase the Judges may request further testing using USEF tests 1-16. Riders may only be selected for further testing if after the flat phase they are already assured an invitation (based on percentages) to compete in the Finals.

The Judges will select a Champion, Reserve Champion, and Third through Tenth place finishers at each Regionals. In addition, the judges will determine a stand-by list of all the additional entrants who returned for the flat phase. This stand-by list will be announced publicly, made available to all competitors and emailed to the NHSAA office.

When the Regionals are completed and the riders qualified for the Finals have been selected the judge's cards will be immediately sealed. The judge's cards and a detailed copy of the course diagram will be emailed directly to the NHSAA office.

### **Selecting or Changing a Region**

For the 2020 qualifying period riders may compete in the Regionals of their choice provided they are qualified for either the Finals or Regional Competition based on their official rider point state of residence with the USEF. Riders planning to compete in a Regional other than that of their home state must fill out a Regional Declaration form (forms may be downloaded from NHS.org website) to declare in which Region they will compete.

### **Residents from any non-USEF Zone Area**

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 Regionals so long as he or she meets the minimum qualifying requirement of 7 points for the Finals, or 3 points for the Regionals. These riders must fill out a Regional Declaration form (forms may be downloaded from NHS.org website) to declare in which Region they will compete.

### **Entries and Entry Closing Dates for Regionals**

Closing date for entries for the Regional Maclay Championships have been extended to September 7, 2020 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. 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 Regionals competition.

Entry and class lists for Regionals shall be provided by the NHSAA to competitions hosting Regionals 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 Regionals.

### **Selection of Riders for Finals**

In the event that the number of qualified riders entered in the ASPCA Maclay Finals is less than 175 riders the NHS reserves the right to invite enough additional riders to fill the vacant slots. These riders will be invited based upon ASPCA Regional Championship class results.

Riders who have not otherwise qualified for the Maclay Finals may qualify to compete at the Finals if they place in the top ten at the US Medal Finals, Pennsylvania National Horse Show; the top ten at the WIHS Equitation Classic, Washington International Horse Show and the four-top placed junior riders at the USEF Talent Search Medal Finals West and USEF Talent Search Medal Finals East.

### **Conditions Governing Regionals**

The NHSAA shall select any and all appropriate sites, competitions, and dates for Regionals. 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 Regionals may publish class specifications, entry closing dates, judges, or entry fees without the express written permission of the NHSAA.

Each show requesting to hold a Regionals must be willing to run the class in accordance with the following requirements:

- a) Regionals should be held at an indoor or covered indoor venue whenever possible.
- b) Regionals must have two "R" judges.
  - a. One from the NHSAA approved list
  - b. A second to be approved by the NHSAA
- c) Regionals must have a USEF licensed Course Designer to be approved by the NHSAA.
- d) Regionals must display two (2) National Horse Show Banners

All Regionals must realize that the purpose of this class is to select the top riders from around the country to compete at the 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 Finals as well.

A Regionals must have at minimum 3 competitors for the class to be held.

The following Regionals will be held in 2020. Please contact the appropriate regional horse show for a prize list.  
**Locations for the Regionals 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](mailto:mary.silcox@stadiumjumping.com)

Region 2, East (NJ,NY,PA)

Old Salem Farm, North Salem, NY – 914-669-5610 [mary.silcox@stadiumjumping.com](mailto: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](mailto:devita124@aol.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 (IA, KS, LA,MO,MN,ND,NE,OK,SD,TX,WI)  
St. Louis National Charity, Lake St. Louis, MO – 314-308-1162 [stlnchorseshow@aol.com](mailto:stlnchorseshow@aol.com)

Region 6, Mountain (AZ,CO,NM,UT)  
Colorado Horse Park, 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)

## **FINALS**

### **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 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 (24) riders, if available, are required to show at a walk, trot and canter. 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. No more than twenty (20) riders at a time may be asked to work together in a group at the same time. The flat performance of those riders selected to show in the flat phase shall count 50%.

### **Final Round**

A minimum of fifteen (24) riders will be asked to return for a final round over a second course following the above stated specifications. The second round course may include tests.

### **Testing**

Testing of up to six riders is optional using USEF Tests 1-16.

### **Conditions Governing Finals**

Finals are open to junior members of USEF or Equine Canada who have not reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR127, who have qualified through one of the eight Regionals. Previous winners of the Finals are ineligible to compete in the Finals.

Only one rider per horse.

Riders that show in the Hamel Foundation National Horse Show 3'3" Equitation Championship are ineligible to compete in the Maclay National Championship Class (ASPCA Maclay Finals) in the same competition year.

Two refusals will eliminate a rider from Finals competition.

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 NHSAA.

**Awards**

The Judges will select a Champion and a Reserve Champion.

Ribbons through tenth place

Trophy to the Trainer of the winning rider.

**Questions and Disputes**

Any questions or disputes relating to the Regionals or the Finals, 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.