



Virginia Horse Shows Association, Inc.

VHSA/EMO MEDAL RULES - QUICK LOOK FOR THE REGULAR SHOW PROGRAM

VHSA/EMO HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS:

- Open to Junior Members of the VHSA.
- Three exhibitors are required to fill the class and three exhibitors must complete the course.
- Courses must have no less than six obstacles at 3'6", must include a combination, two changes of direction and must have at least two of the following inside the course: A roll back turn, a broken or bending line, an end jump, a narrow jump, or a long ride to a single jump.
- Judges **may at their discretion** test the top four riders.
- Jumping faults of mount not to count.
- Judges may use any of the VHSA Tests 1-15.
- This VHSA/EMO Hunter Seat Medal Class **cannot** be combined with any other VHSA/EMO Medal or any other Division/Class.
- Six ribbons.

VHSA/EMO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EQUITATION ON THE FLAT CLASS:

- Open to Junior Members of the VHSA.
- Three exhibitors are required to fill the class and three exhibitors must complete the class.
- Show all working gaits in both directions as well as lengthening of stride at all working gaits in each direction.
- Sitting trot should be a working sitting trot.
- Counter canter in both directions is required and no more than 12 riders may counter canter at one time.
- The judge **may** request additional tests on the flat as a group or individually.
- Martingales are prohibited
- The VHSA/EMO Junior Championship Equitation on the Flat Class **can** be combined with the VHSA/EMO Amateur Equitation on the Flat Class and **may be** combined with the MHSA Junior Equitation on the Flat Medal Class.
- Six ribbons.

VHSA/EMO AMATEUR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT CLASS:

- Open to Senior Members of the VHSA.
- Three exhibitors required to fill the class and three exhibitors must complete the class.
- Show all working gaits in both directions as well as lengthening of stride at all working gaits in each direction.
- Sitting trot should be a working sitting trot.
- Counter canter in both directions is required and no more than 12 riders may counter canter at one time.
- The judge **may** request additional tests on the flat as a group or individually.
- Martingales are prohibited.
- The VHSA/EMO Amateur Equitation on the Flat Class **can** be combined with the VHSA/EMO Junior Equitation on the Flat Class and **may be** combined with the MHSA Amateur Equitation on the Flat Medal Class.
- Six ribbons.

VHSA/EMO CHILDREN'S MEDAL CLASS:

- Open to Junior Members of the VHSA.
- Three exhibitors are required to fill the class and three exhibitors must complete the course.
- Course must have no less than six obstacles at 3', must include a combination, two changes of direction and must have at least two of the following inside the course: A roll back turn, a broken or bending line, an end jump, a narrow jump, or a long ride to a single jumps.
- Riders **may not** compete in any class where the fence height exceeds 3'3" (1.0m) with the exception of the Childrens/Adult Jumper division, at the same show, where a rider may not jump higher than 3'9" (1.15m).
- The Judge **must** call back at least four exhibitors for further testing over fences.
- This VHSA/EMO Children's Medal Class **can** be combined with the VHSA/EMO Adult Amateur Medal Class.
- Six Ribbons.

VHSA/EMO ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL CLASSES:

- Open to Senior Members of the VHSA.
- Three exhibitors are required to fill the class and three exhibitors must complete the course.
- Course must have no less than six obstacles at 3', must include a combination, two changes of direction and must have at least two of the following inside the course: A roll back turn, a broken or bending line, an end jump, a narrow jump, or a long ride to a single jump.
- Riders **may not** compete in any class where the fence height exceeds 3'3" (1.0m) with the exception of the Childrens/Adult Jumper division, at the same show, where a rider may not jump higher than 3'9" (1.15m).

- Judge **must** call back at least four exhibitors for further testing over fences.
- This VHSA/EMO Adult Amateur Medal Class **can** be combined with the VHSA/EMO Children's Medal Class.
- Six Ribbons.

VHSA/EMO PONY EQUITATION MEDAL CLASS:

- Open to Junior Members of the VHSA.
- Three exhibitors are required to fill the class and three exhibitors must complete the course.
- Course must have no less than six obstacles and must have at least two of the following inside the course: A roll back turn, a broken or bending line, an end jump, a narrow jump, or a long ride to a single jump.
- Test **must** be included in the original course.
- Jump height for ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands must be 2'3"; jump height for ponies over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands must be 2'6", and jump height for ponies over 13.2 hands not exceeding 14.2 hands must jump 2'9"-3'.
- Jumping faults of mount not to count.
- Entrants in this class **may not** compete in the VHSA/EMO Hunter Seat Medal Class at the same show.
- The VHSA/EMO Pony Equitation Medal Class **may run concurrently** with the Small, Medium and Large Pony Division, and **may be** combined with the MHSA Pony Medal Class.
- Six Ribbons.

VHSA/EMO PONY EQUITATION ON THE FLAT:

- Open to Junior Members of the VHSA.
- Three exhibitors are required to fill the class and three exhibitors must complete the class.
- Show all working gates (walk, trot and canter), sitting trot, as well as a lengthening of stride in at least one gait in each direction.
- Counter canter in both directions **is optional** and no more than 12 riders may counter canter at one time.
- The Judge **may** request additional tests on the flat as a group or individually.
- Martingales are prohibited.
- The VHSA/EMO Pony Equitation on the Flat **may be** combined with the MHSA Pony Equitation on the Flat, however, **cannot** be combined with any other VHSA/EMO Medal or any other Division/Class.
- Six Ribbons.

VHSA/EMO CHILDREN'S PONY MEDAL CLASS:

- Open to Junior Members of the VHSA.
- Three exhibitors are required to fill the class and three exhibitors must complete the class.
- Course must have no less than six obstacles and must have at least two of the following inside the course: A roll back turn, a broken or bending line, an end jump, a narrow jump, or a long ride to a single jump.
- Test **must** be included in the original course.
- Small and Medium ponies must jump 2'0" and Large Ponies must jump 2'6".
- Riders may not compete in any class where the fence height exceeds 2'6" at the same show.
- The VHSA/EMO Children's Pony Medal **may run concurrently** with the Small, Medium and Large Children's Pony Division, and **may be** combined with the MHSA Children's Pony Medal Class.
- Six Ribbons.

TESTS FROM WHICH JUDGE MUST CHOOSE

NO OTHER TESTS MAY BE USED

(TESTS MAY BE PERFORMED EITHER COLLECTIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY. INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.)

- (1) Work collectively at a walk, trot or canter.
- (2) Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
- (3) Jump low fences at a trot as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a trotting fence is 3' for horses and 2' for ponies.
- (4) Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. (This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or trot and restarted into a canter on the opposite lead.)
Figures to be commenced in the center of two circles so that one change of lead is shown.
- (5) Counter canter a jump
- (6) Ride without stirrups, irons may be crossed.
- (7) Change leads on a line demonstrating simple or flying change of lead.
- (8) Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack and equipment and conformation.
- (9) Execute serpentine at trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead.
- (10) Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
- (11) Hand gallop a jump
- (12) Hand gallop.
- (13) Change horses. (Note: This test is the equivalent of two tests).
- (14) Halt (four to six seconds) and/or back.
- (15) Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. At left diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when left front leg is on the ground; at right diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when right front leg is on the ground; when circling clockwise at a trot, rider should be on left diagonal, when circling counter-clockwise, rider should be on right diagonal.
- (16) Sitting trot.