



2026 Qualifying Criteria

Qualifying Period: September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026. Points from qualifying classes will count based on the start date of the competition.

**All horses competing in USEF Hunter Seat Medal classes must be properly identified and must obtain a Registration Number from USHJA as well as a compliant microchip per EQ103 in order for points to count.**

EQ111.3.a.3: In the USEF Hunter Seat Medal, exhibitors must qualify by the minimum number of points required by their state. Riders may compete in a total of fourteen (14) USEF Hunter Seat Medal Qualifying classes in a single qualifying period. Any rider who continues to compete after they have competed in fourteen (14) qualifying classes will no longer be eligible to compete in the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final. (Exception: If a rider is not yet qualified for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final after fourteen (14) classes, that rider may continue to compete until qualified. That rider must stop competing in USEF Hunter Seat Medal Qualifying classes as soon as he or she is qualified for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final or he/she will no longer be eligible to compete in the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final.) **It is the rider's responsibility to calculate and know their points as well as the number of classes they have competed in.**

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.

The number of points required to qualify for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final by state considers the number of junior hunter/jumper members in each state in the previous qualifying period, the area of the state, and the number of USEF Hunter Seat Medal qualifying classes per state that occurred in the previous qualifying period.

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Points Required to Qualify for the Medal Finals (by State Groups) Per Rider's Official State of Residence per USEF Records				
*States that change groups are in red*				
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
13	21	31	41	50
Alabama	Colorado	California	Connecticut	
Alaska	Georgia	Delaware	Florida	
Arizona	Illinois	Maryland	Massachusetts	
Arkansas	Kentucky	North Carolina	New Jersey	
Canada	Michigan	Ohio	New York	
D.C.	Missouri	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	
Hawaii	New Hampshire	Virginia		
Idaho	Oregon			
Indiana	South Carolina			
Iowa	Tennessee			
Kansas	Texas			
Louisiana	Vermont			
Maine	Washington			
Minnesota				
Mississippi				
Montana				
Nebraska				
Nevada				
New Mexico				
North Dakota				
Oklahoma				
Puerto Rico				
South Dakota				
Utah				
West Virginia				
Wisconsin				
Wyoming				

\*Any countries or provinces not listed will require 13 points to qualify for 2026

Placings	Number of Exhibitors who complete the course			
	3-5 Exhibitors	6-15 Exhibitors	16-30 Exhibitors	31+ Exhibitors
1 <sup>st</sup>	5	10	20	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	8	16	32
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	6	12	24
4 <sup>th</sup>		4	8	16
5 <sup>th</sup>			4	8
6 <sup>th</sup>			2	4
7 <sup>th</sup>				2
8 <sup>th</sup>				1