

## USEF Medal Finals Format 2026

- First Round
  - Number Scores
    - For scores of 80 or above, whole or one half points only.
    - For scores from 60 to 79, whole points only.
    - No scores below 60.
    - Scores will not be announced after each round.
    - Scores will be made available with each stand by.
  - Ties in the First Round are acceptable and will stand.
- Second Round
  - All Riders in the Second Round will receive a number score for their Second Round.
    - Second Round number scores for those receiving ribbons will be announced during presentations.
    - Second Round number scores for those not receiving ribbons will be made available after the class has been pinned.
  - Ties in the Second Round are acceptable and will stand.
- Test
  - A minimum of four riders are required to test.
  - Riders to be tested will be determined by the Judges based on their Average Scores from the First and Second Round.
  - Riders competing in the test will have their Score from the Second Round and their Average Score from the First and Second Rounds announced prior to testing.
  - The order in which riders will test will be determined by their Average Score from their First and Second Rounds.
  - Riders will test in order from Low Average Score to High Average Score.
  - Riders competing in the Test will receive a number score for their Test.
- Final Results
  - Riders from the Second Round receiving ribbons that **were** involved in the Test:
    - The Final Results for those riders involved in the Test will be based on their Final Average Score from **three rounds**: First Round, Second Round and the Test.
    - Each Rider's Test Score and Final Average Score will be announced while pinning the class.
  - Riders from the Second Round receiving ribbons that **were not** involved in the Test:

- The Final Results for those riders receiving ribbons who were not involved in the Test will be based on their Final Average Score from ***two rounds***: First Round and Second Round.
- Each Rider's Second Round Score and Final Average Score from the First Round and Second Round will be announced while pinning the class.
- Scores, Average Scores and Total Scores for all riders with scores of 60 or above from the First Round will be made available after the class has been pinned.

## USEF Medal Finals Testing Protocol

### Order of Events for the Test:

- Riders involved in the test will be announced along with their second-round cumulative score, and their First and Second Round Average score. The riders announced to test will be invited to the Ingate Area.
- Riders and Trainers involved in the Test will be provided with a clearly legible printed copy of the test and a course chart from the Second Round. (Exception: Judges, at their discretion, may choose that Trainers may not be allowed to help their Riders in the Testing process.)
- Trainers and Spectators not involved with riders in the Test will not be permitted in the schooling area adjacent to the Show Arena, the walkway to Show Arena and holding areas, or the Ingate once the Riders involved in the Test have been announced.
- Competition Management, USEF Officials (Judges, Stewards, etc) and Personnel directly involved with the Competition will be permitted in the schooling area adjacent to the Show Arena, the walkway to Show Arena and holding areas, or the Ingate once the Riders involved in the Test have been announced.
- The Test will be announced in the Show Arena.
- ***After the Test has been announced and the riders involved in the Test have had an opportunity to look at the course in the ring there will be a 15 minute break for the riders involved in the Test to prepare for the Test.***
- The Schooling Area adjacent to the Show Arena will remain open for riders involved in the Test only.
- The Schooling Area adjacent to the Show Arena will be the only Schooling Area open to riders involved in the Test.
- The schooling area adjacent to the Show Arena will remain available to the riders involved in the test until the class is complete and the Judges have called in the final class results.
- Riders are not limited in their warmup routine unless specifically instructed otherwise by the Judges.
- Riders may watch the other competitors perform the Test unless specifically instructed otherwise by the Judges.

