NCHJA ‘C’ Finals Horse Show

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Carolina Horse Park
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Judges:		Starters:	
Gwen Titus	Indian Trail, NC	Lauren Liles	Raleigh, NC
Colin Savaria	Ocala, FL	Brooke Tew	Southern Pines, NC
Stephanie Crosby	New Bern, NC	Jordan Rigsbee	Raleigh, NC
Lynn Forgione	Mooresville, NC		
Amy Ripple	Ocala, FL		
Randy Neumann	Raleigh, NC		

Course Designer:
Tom Urban Elkhorn, NE

Steward:
TBD Southern Pines, NC

Fees:

Stalls	$110
Hunter & Jumper Final	$200
Medal Final	$ 75
Office Fee	$ 30
Medic Fee	$ 25
Crossrail Warm Up	$ 25
Ticket Warm Up	$ 20 (Saturday & Sunday Ring 5)
Non-stabled Horse	$ 50
Camper Hook Up	$100

All stall and shavings reservations MUST be made by email at nchjacfinals@gmail.com. Camper Reservations https://forms.gle/1dU6kVHhqgQq2huS6

Hunter Finals

1. Membership Requirements
   a. The horse/pony must be actively recorded with the NCHJA at the time of qualification and on or before the first day of the Finals.
   b. Riders must be an active member, in good standing, of the NCHJA.
   c. Trainers must be an active member, in good standing, of the NCHJA.

2. Qualifying
    a. A horse/pony qualifies by winning a Championship or Reserve Championship at a NCHJA C show, between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026, in one of the following divisions: Junior/Amateur Hunter, Adult Hunter, Childrens Hunter, Large Pony Hunter, Small/Medium Pony Hunter, Low Adult Hunter, Low Children's Hunter, Children's Pony Hunter, Short Stirrup Hunter, Long Stirrup Hunter, Beginner Crossrail Hunter.
    b. Horses/Ponies that are Champion or Reserve Champion in their respective divisions at the previous year's Finals may return without qualifying.

3. Entry Restrictions
    a. Each rider may only compete one horse/pony in any division.
    b. All NCHJA division cross entry and eligibility restrictions apply.
    c. Divisions will be run under NCHJA C Specifications.

4. Phases
    a. The Finals will be conducted in three separate phases: Under Saddle to count 20%, Handy Hunter to count 40% and a single Classic Round to count 40%.
    b. To determine the winner, scores must be calculated based on the total of the combination of all three phases after the percentages of each phase have been calculated.
        1. Under Saddle. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's/pony's mouth is required. Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability to be emphasized.
            a. In the Under Saddle phase, horses/ponies will be judged in groups of about 12 or less. Each horse/pony shall be judged and given a score based on its performance in the group.
        2. Handy Hunter. Obstacles should simulate those found in trappy hunt country. The course must have at least two changes of direction, an in and out, in the Junior/Amateur Hunter, Adult Hunter, Children's Hunter, sections, and three of the following: hand gallop to a jump, bending line, rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring or trot over one obstacle. Judges must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence given in that order. Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style. Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style. Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style.
            a. In the Handy Hunter each entry will be given a numerical score based on its performance.
        3. Classic Round. The course must include at least 10 obstacles, have two changes of direction and at least one combination in the Junior/Amateur Hunter, Adult Hunter, Children's Hunter Sections. Emphasis shall be placed on "brilliance" for this round.
            a. In the Classic Round each entry will be given a numerical score based on its performance.
        4. The same rider is required to show an entry in all phases of the Finals.
        5. Exhibitors will be eliminated after two cumulative refusals.

6. If a horse/pony/rider combination does not complete a phase or is eliminated from phase, the horse/pony will receive a score of “0” for the phase but may continue on to compete in the remaining phases of the Finals. A horse with a total score of “0” for a phase is not eligible for an award for that phase but is eligible for an overall award.

5. Judging
   a. Two judges will judge each phase simultaneously but independently of each other. Each judge will give every entry a score for each phase. Prior to the Under Saddle and Handy Hunter, each entry’s score in the previous phase shall be totaled and announced. During the over fences phases, the Open Numerical Scoring System is used. After each entry completes the course each judge’s score for the round is immediately shown or announced. The total overall score for each entry is calculated as soon as it has completed the last phase.
      1. Ties will be broken based on the score of the judge that is designated as judge number one for each phase of the Finals. If a tie still exists for the overall standings, the score from the Classic Round will break such a tie.

6. Sections with fewer than 10 entries may be combined.

Junior/Amateur Hunter Finals
Fences 3’ and 3’3”
1. Classic Round 2. Handy Round 3. Under Saddle

Adult Hunter Finals
Fences 2’9”
4. Classic Round 5. Handy Round 6. Under Saddle

Children’s Hunter Finals
Fences 2’9”
7. Classic Round 8. Handy Round 9. Under Saddle

Low Adult Hunter Finals
Fences 2’6”
10. Classic Round 11. Handy Round 12. Under Saddle

Low Children’s Hunter Finals
Fences 2’6”
13. Classic Round 14. Handy Round 15. Under Saddle

Large Pony Hunter Finals
Fences 2’6”
16. Classic Round 17. Handy Round 18. Under Saddle

Small/Medium Pony Hunter Finals
Fences 2’ & 2’3”
19. Classic Round 20. Handy Round 21. Under Saddle

Children’s Pony Hunter Finals
Fences 2’ & 2’3”
22. Classic Round 23. Handy Round 24. Under Saddle

Long Stirrup Hunter Finals
Fences 2'
25. Classic Round 26. Handy Round 27. Under Saddle

Short Stirrup Hunter Finals
Fences 2'
28. Classic Round 29. Handy Round 30. Under Saddle

Beginner Cross Rail Hunter Finals
Fences 18"
31. Classic Round 32. Handy Round 33. Under Saddle

Medal Finals

To be shown over an equitation type course of at least 10 fences. Masters, Children's and Adult medal finals must include a combination. All that complete the first round will return for a flat phase. Flat phase to be conducted in groups of about 12. The flat phase will count 25%. Top 10 to return to jump a

second round. Additional testing at judge's discretion (USEF tests 1-23). Ribbons to 10th place. Riders may only compete in one Medal Final. Only riders in the "C" Masters Medal may have competed in any NCHJA "A" Medal Final (Bryan Jones or Children's Medal) in 2026. Finals that have fewer than 10 entries may be combined. Trainers must be a member of the NCHJA. Entry Fee $75

100. Masters Medal Final – Junior and Amateur members of the NCHJA that have earned 8 points in the NCHJA C Masters Medal at C shows between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. Riders in this final may also compete in the "A" NCHJA Children's Medal Final or the Bryan Jones Medal Final in the same year. Fences 3' and 3'3"

101. Adult Medal Final – Amateur members of the NCHJA who have earned 10 points in the NCHJA C Adult Medal at C Shows between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. Riders in this Final may not have competed in the Bryan Jones Medal Final in 2025. Fences 2'9"

102. Children's Medal Final – Junior members of the NCHJA who have earned 15 points in the NCHJA C Children's Medal at C shows between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. Riders in this Final may not have competed in the NCHJA "A" Children's Medal Final in 2025. Fences 2'9"

103. Low Adult Medal Final - Amateur members of the NCHJA who have earned 10 points in the NCHJA C Low Adult Medal at C Shows between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. Fences 2'6" no combinations

104. Low Children's Medal Final - Junior members of the NCHJA who have earned 15 points in the NCHJA C Low Children's Medal at C Shows between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. Fences 2'6" no combinations

105. Pony Medal Final - Junior members of the NCHJA who have earned eight (8) points in the NCHJA C Pony Medal or in Children's Pony Eq over fences at C shows between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. Riders in this Final may not have competed in the NCHJA "A" Children's Medal Final or NCHJA "A" Pony Medal Final in 2026. Fences 2' for smalls, 2'3" for mediums, 2'6" for Larges.

106. Long Stirrup Medal Final – Junior and Amateur members of the NCHJA who have earned 15 points in Long Stirrup Equitation over fences classes at NCHJA C shows between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. Fences 2' no oxers or combinations.

107. Short Stirrup Medal Final – Junior members of the NCHJA who have earned 20 points in Short Stirrup Equitation over fences classes at NCHJA C shows between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. Fences 2' no oxers or combinations.

NCHJA C JUMPER FINALS

To be eligible to compete at the 2026 Jumper Finals horses must be Champion or Reserve in their respective division or by showing at three NCHJA C shows in jumper classes at the height of the Final they enter. Horse must be recorded with NCHJA and rider and trainer must be members of NCHJA.

Entry Restrictions

a. Each rider may only compete one horse/pony in any division.
b. All NCHJA division cross entry and eligibility restrictions apply.
c. Divisions will be run under NCHJA C Specifications.

Phases

a. The Finals will be conducted in three separate phases: A Two Phase Competition (Table II, Sec. 2(d)), Time First Round Competition and a Time First Jump-off Competition (Table II, Sec 2(a/b)). Athletes eliminated or retiring from the course, for any reason, shall receive 20 faults more than the highest penalized competitor in that round who completed the course and received a score.
b. ***Faults will carry forward from the previous rounds and be added to any faults from the final round (not the jump off) to determine the final overall placings, in each division. Ties will be determined by the second phase time from round one (first phase/class).***

Tack/ Equipment

a. USEF Rules: USEF rules will govern these Championships. (JP111). Additionally, please pay particular attention to the specifics listed below:
b. The use of draw reins, German Martingales, Chambons, or any other unconventional equipment are not allowed at any time during the championships, including schooling. Exception: The use of draw reins is permissible during awards presentations and victory gallops.

Attire (JP111.9)

a. First and Second Phases/Classes, Proper Jumper Attire is required (JP111.9b)
b. Final Phase/Class, Formal Attire required. (JP111.9a)

<u>.90m/1.0m Junior/Amateur Jumpers</u>

201. Two Phase Table II, Sec. 2(d)
202. Time First Round Table II Sec.1
203. Time First Jump-off Table II Sec. 2(a/b)

<u>.80m Junior/Amateur Jumpers</u>

204. Two Phase Table II, Sec. 2(d)
205. Optimum Time First Round Table IV Sec.1
206. Time First Jump-off Table II Sec. 2(a/b)

<u>.70m Junior/Amateur Jumpers</u>

207. Two Phase Table II, Sec. 2(d)
208. Optimum Time First Round Table IV Sec.1
209. Time First Jump-off Table II Sec. 2(a/b)

NCHJA C Jumping Seat Medal Finals

This final is open to junior and amateur members of the NCHJA.
The Jumping Seat Final will be composed of three phases: the Flat Phase, The Gymnastic Phase and the Jumping Phase.

A. Flat Phase: Flatwork with no more than twelve (12) riders at one time with all groups performing the same test. To be judged on rider's position, seat and the correctness and effectiveness of the aids. Excellence and effectiveness on the flat will be rewarded. The performance begins when the class is called to order. Riders will show in both directions as a group at the working walk, the working trot sitting, and the working trot rising, as well as showing a lengthening of stride; the working canter, and the working canter showing a lengthening of stride. Judges may require any additional tests on the flat (see EQ113). In addition, basic

dressage movements may be tested including but not limited to Shoulder-in, Shoulder-out, Haunches-in, and Haunches-out.
B. Gymnastic Phase: Fences shall be set between .65-.75m.
Phase exercises may include trot fences, not to exceed .65m. Placing rails, trotting rails and cavalettis are prohibited.
Rails knocked down will be treated more leniently than in the Jumping Phase. Gymnastic Phase will have a multiplier of 1.5.

C. Jumping Phase: To be shown over a course of ten (10) to twelve (12) numbered obstacles set at a height of .75-.85m with spreads up to .95m. To include at least one (1) double combination Time allowed will be calculated at 350 meters per minute. Two cumulative refusals will incur elimination. Rails down will result in a deduction of four (4) points from the riders' score, time faults in a deduction of one (1) point for each second commenced over the time allowed.
If as a result of a disobedience a competitor displaces or knocks down any obstacle or in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down, the tone is sounded and the time is stopped until the obstacle has been rebuilt. When the obstacle has been rebuilt, the tone is sounded to indicate that the course is ready and that the competitor can continue the round. The competitor is penalized for a refusal, the time is restarted at the moment when the horse leaves the ground at the obstacle where the refusal occurred. Jumping Phase will have a multiplier of two (2). The start order of Jumping Phase will be the reverse order of standings after Phases I and II. Ties will be broken by the score from Phase II.

Tack: **Refer to rule EQ106.5b.** In the Flat Phase, martingales are prohibited. In Gymnastic and Jumping Phases, only running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted.

RIDERS MUST RIDE FOR RIBBONS IN A FINAL

Tentative Schedule

Saturday

Ring 1

1. Junior/Amateur Hunter Classic Round
4. Adult Hunter Classic Round
7. Children's Hunter Classic Round
10. Low Adult Hunter Classic Round
13. Low Children's Hunter Classic Round
100. Masters Medal Final First Round & Flat Phase
101. Adult Medal Final First Round & Flat Phase
102. Children's Medal Final 1st Round & Flat
103. Low Adult Medal Final 1st Round & Flat
104. Low Children's Medal Final 1st Round & Flat

Sunday

Ring 1

100. Masters Medal Final Top 10
101. Adult Medal FInal Top 10
102. Children's Medal Final Top 10
103. Low Adult Medal Final Top 10
104. Low Children's Medal Final Top 10
3. Junior/Amateur Under Saddle
6. Adult Hunter Under Saddle
9. Children's Hunter Under Saddle
12. Low Adult Hunter Under Saddle
15. Low Children's Hunter Under Saddle
2. Junior/Amateur Hunter Handy
5. Adult Hunter Handy
8. Children's Hunter Handy
11. Low Adult Hunter Handy
14. Low Children's Hunter Handy

Ring 2

16. Large Pony Hunter Classic Round
19. Sm/Med Pony Hunter Classic Round
22. Children's Pony Hunter Classic Round
25. Long Stirrup Hunter Classic Round

Ring 2

105. Pony Medal Final Top 10
106. Long Stirrup Medal FInal Top 10
107. Short Stirrup Medal Final Top 10
18. Large Pony Hunter Under Saddle

28. Short Stirrup Hunter Classic Round 17. Large Pony Hunter Handy

NCHJA C Finals Prize List

107. Short Stirrup Medal Final 1st Round & Flat Phase 25. Children's Pony Hunter Handy

27. Long Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle

105. Pony Medal Final 1st Round & Flat Phase 26. Long Stirrup Hunter Handy

30. Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle

29, Short Stirrup Hunter Handy

Jumper Ring

201. .90m/1.0m Junior Amateur Jumpers II.2d
202. 90m/1.0m Junior Amateur Jumpers II.1 (unjudged)
204. .80m Junior Amateur Jumpers II.2d
205. .80m Junior Amateur Jumpers IV.1
207. .70m Junior Amateur Jumpers II.2d
208. .70m Junior Amateur Jumpers IV.1
301a. Jumping Seat Medal Final Flat Phase
301b. Jumping Seat Medal Final Gymnastics Phase
34. Cross Rail Hunter Warm Up (unjudged)
31. Cross Rail Hunter Classic Round

Jumper Ring

33. Cross Rail Hunter Under Saddle
35. Cross Rail Hunter Warm Up
32. Cross Rail Hunter Handy
203. .95m/1.05m Junior Amateur Jumpers II.2a/b
206. .85m Junior Amateur Jumpers II.2a/b
209. .75m Junior Amateur Jumpers II.2a/b
301c. Jumping Seat Medal Final Jumping Phase

Ring 5

Ticketed Warm up

Ring 5

Ticketed Warm up

RINGS WILL BE OPEN FOR HACKING ONLY ON SHOW MORNINGS

General Information

1. Condition of Entry: Participants realize and accept the inherent risks of equine activities. Every horse entered for competition or on the grounds will be in the control of the Horse Show Management, but the Horse Show Management will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Horse Show, it's Directors and Employees, the Management and the Facility harmless for any loss or accident to his horse, horses or equipment which may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise.
2. The Carolina Horse Park, its owners and the NCHJA and its management will not be responsible for injury to horses or riders or any individual, nor will they be responsible for loss or damage to personal property.
3. Management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to or arising out of an incident at the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these rules and regulations or the NCHJA Rule Book shall be decided by Management, and their decision is final. Management reserves, to itself, the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or cancel entries; disqualify riders or exhibitors; prohibit exhibition or entries; cancel or combine classes, or to reschedule classes; change rings or rotate judges.
4. Measurement. Ponies must present a USEF or NCHJA measurement card or be measured before showing.
5. Order. Management may designate a posted order of go, use the One Minute Rule, use a "Dotted Line" and/or change the ring schedule.
6. Discourtesy to an official by any owner, rider, trainer or groom will disqualify horses with which they are associated, and all fees will be forfeited.
7. EVERYONE MUST WEAR APPROVED PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WHEN MOUNTED
8. Owners and exhibitors are responsible for all horses and fees entered by them or their agents.
9. RETURNED CHECKS WILL BE ASSESSED $30 PLUS ALL COLLECTION FEES.
10. MINOR EXHIBITORS: Parents or guardians of minor exhibitors shall not hold the Show Management and/or the Facility and its owners liable for any injury to such minor. No minor's entry

will be accepted unless it is signed by a parent, guardian, or agent.

11. Stabling is available for $100. All horses must either have a stall or pay a $40 non-stabled horse fee.

12. ALL EXHIBITORS will be charged a $30 office fee and a $25 schooling fee per horse to cover office, medical and other services.

13. All entries must be made on Horsespot.net and be accompanied by a valid credit card.

14. Any horse show bills not checked out at the conclusion of the show will be charged a $25 fee for check out.

15. All horses on the showgrounds must be registered at the show office and have a current negative Coggins test.