

# NCHJA 'C' Finals Horse Show

September 27-28, 2025



Featuring:

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**Judges:**

Justine Betzler	Greenville, NC
John Colon	Wilton Manners, FL
Stephanie Crosby	New Bern, NC
Suzanne Feagan	Columbus, NC
Phillip Long	Raleigh, NC
Randy Neumann	Raleigh, NC

**Starters:**

Lauren Liles	Raleigh, NC
Brooke Tew	Southern Pines, NC
Cheryl Davis	Aberdeen, NC

**Course Designer:**

Tom Urban	Elkhorn, NE
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**Steward:**

Susan Gaines	Southern Pines, NC
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**Fees:**

Stalls	\$100
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 spot	\$100

All stall and MUST be made by email at [nchjacfinals@gmail.com](mailto:nchjacfinals@gmail.com) Camper Reservations  
<https://forms.gle/1dU6kVHhggQq2huS6>

# 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, 2024, and August 31, 2025, 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,

Large Pony Hunter and Small/Medium Pony 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, Small/Medium Pony and Large Pony 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2025. 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 10 points in the NCHJA C Masters Medal at C shows between September 1, 2024, and August 31, 2025. 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, 2024, and August 31, 2025. 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, 2024, and August 31, 2025. 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, 2024, and August 31, 2025. Fences 2'6" no combinations

**104. Low Children's Medal Final** - Junior members of the NCHJA who have earned 20 points in the NCHJA C Low Children's Medal at C Shows between September 1, 2024, and August 31, 2025. 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, 2024, and August 31, 2025. Riders in this Final may not have competed in the NCHJA "A" Children's Medal Final or NCHJA "A" Pony Medal Final in 2025. 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 20 points in Long Stirrup Equitation over fences classes at NCHJA C shows between September 1, 2024, and August 31, 2025. Fences 2' no oxers or combinations.

**107. Short Stirrup Medal Final** – Junior members of the NCHJA who have earned 25 points in Short Stirrup Equitation over fences classes at NCHJA C shows between September 1, 2024, and August 31, 2025. Fences 2' no oxers or combinations.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Round & Flat
103. Low Adult Medal Final 1<sup>st</sup> Round & Flat
104. Low Children's Medal Final 1<sup>st</sup> Round & Flat

#### Ring 2

16. Large Pony Hunter Finals Classic Round
19. Small/Medium Pony Hunter Finals Classic Round
22. Children's Pony Hunter Finals Classic Round
25. Long Stirrup Hunter Finals Classic Round
28. Short Stirrup Hunter Finals Classic Round
34. Cross Rails Warm Up (unjudged)
31. Beginner Cross Rails Hunter Final Classic Rnd

107. Short Stirrup Medal Final First Round and Flat Phase
106. Long Stirrup Medal Final 1<sup>st</sup> Round & Flat
105. Pony Medal Final First Round Round & Flat Phase

### 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 Hunter Final Under Saddle
6. Adult Hunter Final Under Saddle
9. Children's Hunter Final Under Saddle
12. Low Adult Hunter Final Under Saddle
15. Low Children's Hunter Final Under Saddle

2. Junior/Amateur Hunter Final Handy Round
5. Adult Hunter Final Handy Round
8. Children's Hunter Final Handy Round
11. Low Adult Hunter Final Handy Round
14. Low Children's Hunter Final Handy 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 Final Under Saddle
21. Small/Medium Hunter Final Under Saddle
24. Children's Pony Hunter Final Under Saddle
27. Long Stirrup Hunter Final Under Saddle
30. Short Stirrup Hunter Final Under Saddle
33. Beginner Cross Rail Hunter Finals Under Saddle

17. Large Pony Hunter Finals Handy Round
20. Small/Medium Pony Hunter Final Handy Round
23. Children's Pony Hunter Final Handy Round
26. Long Stirrup Hunter Final Handy Round
29. Short Stirrup Hunter Final Handy Round
35. Cross Rails Warm Up (unjudged)
32. Beginner Cross Rail Hunter Final Handy Round

#### Ring 5 Saturday and Sunday

Ticked Warm up 7:30am - Finish

**RIDERS MUST RIDE FOR RIBBONS!!!**

**2025 NCHJA C JUMPER FINALS**

To be eligible to compete at the 2025 Jumper Finals all horses must be recorded with the NCHJA and all riders and trainers must be members in good standing of the 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)). 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 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)

#### Low/High Child/Adult Jumpers .90m/1.0m (3'/3'3")

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)



Modified Child/Adult Jumpers .85m (2'9")

- 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)

Pre Child/Adult Jumpers .75m (2'6")

- 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)

## **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: Must be held in a jumper ring utilizing jumper style fences. 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.  
8.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.

## SCHEDULE

### Saturday

- 201. Low/High Child/Adult II.2d
- 202. Low/High Child/Adult II.1
- 204. Modified Child/Adult II.2d
- 205. Modified Child/Adult IV.1
- 207. Pre Child/Adult II.2d
- 208. Pre Child/Adult IV.1

301a. NCHJA C Jumping Seat Medal Finals Flat Phase

301b. NCHJA C Jumping Seat Medal Final Gymnastics Phase

### Sunday

- 203. Low/High Child/Adult II.2a
- 206. Modified Child/Adult II.2a
- 209. Pre Child/Adult II.2a

301c. NCHJA C Jumping Seat Medal Finals Jumping Phase

## **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, its 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 [Horseshowsonline.com](http://Horseshowsonline.com) 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.