



The Capital Challenge Hybrid Entry System

Entries must be submitted electronically: The Capital Challenge Horse Show will be using the Show Management System™ Electronic Entries Platform to process entries and communicate with hopeful competitors about their acceptance status. Electronic entries for the 2023 show will open Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 10 AM Eastern Standard Time. Entries close September 3, 2023. A non-refundable processing fee of \$150 per horse and all stall fees (\$375 per stall) must accompany all entries.

To submit entries or learn more about the electronic entry process please visit:

<https://entries.showmanagementsystem.com>

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

Top 10 Riders in the WCHR National Standings in each category using points earned at shows ending on or before 9/3/23. Each of the Top 10 Riders in the WCHR National Standings will be guaranteed 1 horse accepted. The horse must be entered by close of entries 9/3/23.

The 8 WCHR Regional Champion Riders in each category will be guaranteed 1 horse accepted. The horse must be entered by close of entries 9/3/23. If a rider is in both the Top 10 in the WCHR National Standings and a WCHR Regional Champion they are only guaranteed 1 horse accepted (Not one horse for each National and Regional). The remaining spots in each division will be filled on a first come first served basis.

The Capital Challenge will accept Credit Cards (Visa, Mastercard, Amex and Discover) for all payments. All payments must be made in US funds.

Each entry must complete the electronic entry form via the Show Management System including all required USEF numbers and signatures (one horse per entry blank) and USEF Waiver. Please specify to whom the prize money checks are to be made payable, include the complete address and Social Security or Federal ID numbers provided on a mandatory W9. NO prize money checks will be mailed without this information.

In the event an entry is **NOT ACCEPTED**, the TRAINER of record will be contacted. If the trainer cannot be reached or no trainer is listed then the owner of record will be contacted.

Post entries will be accepted at the show if space allows and will be charged a \$100 post entry fee.

Exhibitors shall be responsible for the entry fees of all horses entered by them or their agents even though the payment of those fees are not submitted with the entry blanks.

The Committee reserves the right to decline any entry and to return any entry fee and/or stabling fee before or during the show without being liable for compensation.

All entry blanks must be signed in accordance with GR908.2.

Unpaid entries will be forwarded to USEF per GR913.

A fee of \$50 or 10%, whichever is greater, will be charged for any returned checks.

Entry Process for the following classes:

- **THIS National Children's Medal Finals** – Approximately forty riders will be invited to compete in the finals and will be chosen as follows; the high point rider in each of the regional series (regions include the 12 USHJA Zones and Canada) will be invited, along with additional riders working from the top down on the National Standings list for the qualifying period. Any unfilled slots will be chosen by continuing down the National Standings list. Invitations will be mailed and emailed to riders. Upon receipt of the invitation riders must respond by the deadline stated on the invitation. Further invitations will then be extended to the next qualifiers to attain the desired number of competitors. After Wednesday, 9/27/23 no further Invitations will be extended.
- **Ariat National Adult Medal Finals** - Approximately thirty riders will be invited to compete in the finals and will be chosen as follows; the high point rider in each of the regional series (regions include the 12 USHJA Zones and Canada) will be invited, along with additional riders working from the top down on the National Standings list for the qualifying period. Any unfilled slots will be chosen by continuing down the National Standings list. Invitations will be mailed and emailed to riders. Upon receipt of the invitation riders must respond by the deadline stated on the invitation. Further invitations will then be extended to the next qualifiers to attain the desired number of competitors. After Monday, 10/2/23 no further Invitations will be extended

THIS NCM and Ariat NAM Qualifying Period

All classes held at shows starting on or after August 21st of the previous year, through shows starting on or before August 20th of the current year will be counted toward this year's finals. Only points from an exhibitor's top 15 shows will count.

NAL Hunter and Jumper Finals

Finals for all sections will be held during the Capital Challenge Horse Show in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Horse/rider combinations will be accepted to the finals in the following manner: Exhibitors must have entered the Capital Challenge Horse Show by the closing date of entries and have paid all necessary fees to the show. From those entered, the top combinations will be accepted.

NAL Qualifying Period

Classes held at shows starting on or after September 1st through shows starting on or before August 31st.

NAL Entry Procedures

Entries must be submitted and all necessary fees paid to the Capital Challenge by September 3, 2023 to be considered on time. Horse/rider combinations will be accepted based on the final standings published after all shows are processed. Accepted lists will be published on Ryegate.com and accepted emails will be sent by September 15, 2023 to the contact on the entry blank. A waitlist will be established for those entered, but not accepted in descending point order. All late entries will be placed at the bottom of the wait list regardless of any points earned. For any horse that enters only the NAL and is not accepted, will have the stall fee portion of the deposit refunded after the show.

EMO USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals

Riders must be entered and required fees paid by the Close of Entries on September 3, 2023. Riders must be a current active USEF and USHJA Junior member in good standing at the time of the competition. A rider is qualified to compete in The Finals when they have accumulated a minimum of fifteen (15) points in classes held from August 2 of the previous competition year through August 1 of the current competition year. Any rider that has jumped 1.30m or above or competed in a 3* USEF Show Jumping Talent Search class and/or Final is no longer eligible to compete in a USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal class or Finals. Finals entry eligibility or disputes will be determined by the USHJA.

WCHR Challenge Classes and Finals

WCHR National and Regional Standings Prior to the Show

- Riders will be invited to compete in their respective Challenge class based on their standings in the WCHR National & Regional Standings. The top six riders (top eight for the Amateur Owner 3'3" and 3'6") in each of the Regional Standings will be invited to compete in their respective Challenge class. The top ten riders in the National Standings will be invited to compete in their respective Challenge class.
- Riders qualifying from the WCHR National & Regional Standings must notify the competition of their intent to show upon receipt of the invitation to compete. Should a rider who qualified for a Challenge from the WCHR National Standings elect not to compete, the next rider on the National standings list WILL become eligible to compete. In this case, invitations to compete may be extended through 14th place in the National Standings. Should a rider who qualified for a Challenge from the WCHR Regional Standings elect not to compete, the next rider on the Regional standings list WILL become eligible to compete. In this case, invitations to compete may be extended through 10th place (12th place for the Amateur Owner 3'3" and 3'6") in the Regional Standings.
- Rider's who receive an invitation to compete in a WCHR Challenge class and were not entered in the Capital Challenge by the Close of Entries will be accepted into the WCHR Challenge class Only, based on the availability of stalls on a first come first served basis.

Qualifying for the WCHR Challenge Classes and Finals thru the Capital Challenge

- Riders who qualify for a WCHR Challenge from the Capital Challenge Horse Show may compete in that Challenge regardless of their WCHR category, provided they are otherwise eligible. Riders may compete in all Challenges that they qualify for, provided they are otherwise eligible.
- Riders not already qualified for the WCHR Challenges prior to the start of the 2023 Capital Challenge Horse Show will have points from their eligible hunter sections at CCHS applied toward qualifying for the Challenges in the following manner (except WCHR Developing Pro Challenge): 1st - 20, 2nd - 12, 3rd - 8, 4th - 4, 5th - 2, 6th - 1, 7th - 1/2, 8th - 1/4. Under saddle classes not to count. Developing Pro Rider's not already qualified for the WCHR Developing Pro Challenge must notify the show office that they would like to have their scores tracked by Monday, October 2nd at 4pm. The tracked riders will qualify based on the highest score over fences the rider earns competing in a professional division at the Capital Challenge. The 5 riders with the highest scores or all riders tied for 5th, will be qualified for the WCHR Developing Pro Challenge (as long as the score is 80 or above).

ENTRIES OPEN: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 10 AM EST
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Sunday, September 3, 2023