

Selection of Riders for Maclay Finals

The riders finishing in the top positions, apportioned by the Regional Finals, will qualify to compete at the National Finals. Riders who do not finish in the top positions, apportioned by the Regional Finals, may qualify to compete at the National Finals provided they competed in the Regional Finals and placed in the top ten at the USEF Medal Final, Pennsylvania National Horse Show; the top ten at the WIHS Equitation Classic, Washington International Horse Show and the top four juniors placing in the top ten at the USET Talent Search Medal Final West and USET Talent Search Medal Final East.

A Regional competition must have at minimum 6 competitors for the class to be held.

A rider in any Regional competition must complete the course to be eligible for acceptance to the National Finals. Two refusals will eliminate a rider from Regional competition.

In the interest of fairness, the number of final positions as announced by the National Horse Show in its Prize List will be proportionally allocated strictly in accordance with the number of entries that actually show in each Regional final. Once that percentage is established, the number of accepted riders will further be calculated from each Regional based upon the number of riders over or under 40 participants. For every 10 ten competitors over 40, 1 more rider will be accepted. For every 10 competitors under 40, 1 less rider will be accepted. Example: if a Region has 55 riders, 2 more competitors will be accepted above the established percentage. If a Region has 25 riders, 2 less riders will be accepted below the established percentage. (If any Region has less than 10 riders, the only formula that will be used to determine number of accepted riders will be 35% of the highest placing riders). The National Horse Show Association will calculate the proportional numbers, by region, and publish them, no later than 48 hours after the last Regional Final is held.

If a qualified rider declines to compete in the finals, the rider with the next highest placing will receive an invitation to compete and said invitation will be provided to the next highest placing riders until the invitation is accepted and the spot filled. However, after the first qualified rider declines to compete in the finals, there shall only be one invitation provided for every ten competitors from a regional. Example: if Region Q has 38 riders competing, then the invitation to compete at the national finals shall be provided to all those determined by the percentage formula and if any one of them declines, there shall be no more than two additional invitations provided in order to fill the spot which has been declined. Subsequent to one invitation being provided for every ten riders in the region, the invitation shall then go to the next rider from the regional which has the highest percentage of competitors. The final closing for entries will be 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the first Friday of October, at the office of the National Horse Show, under such conditions as are specified in the prize list. The standby list for accepting Maclay Finalists will close on the Sunday of the WIHS which is the Sunday before the Finals.