

CDHJC Horsemastership Award

The CDHJC presents this award in order to promote the education of our Junior and Amateur members as well-rounded horsepeople. The program will be comprised of three parts: a written exam, a practicum, and riding phase. Those who are unable or do not wish to participate in the riding phase may still participate in the written and practicum exams. Each phase will be scored out 100 possible points, which will be added together for a final score. Final awards will be given at the Annual Awards Banquet. The program will be comprised of:

Phase 1: Written Exam

A written exam, comprised of multiple choice and true/false questions, will be administered by the education committee. At the discretion of the committee, the exam may be administered in person in conjunction with Equitation Finals, or administered online via email. Participants are expected to complete the exam honestly and without outside assistance.

Phase 2: Riding

The riding phase will take place at the CDHJC Equitation/Jumper finals. The score from the first round of any equitation medal class taking place at the CDHJC Equitation Final except the Masters class will count as the score for this phase. Competitors must declare on their entry blank in what medal they will compete. Individuals MAY participate in the program without participating in the riding phase.

Phase 3: Practicum

All entrants will complete a hands-on practicum exam, which will take place at the Equitation/Jumper Finals. The exam will be administered and judged by (an) official(s) appointed by the Outreach and Education Committee. Equipment will be supplied as needed. Competitors will be assigned a practicum time that will not conflict with their rides in the Equitation Finals. Contents of the practicum will be determined by the Education and Outreach Committee, in collaboration with the judge. Competitors should be appropriately dressed to work with horses.

Entries and Fees

Entry fee is \$50. Entry form must be accompanied by a check, made payable to CDHJC. Entries may be made up to the morning of Equitation Finals. Entries made after the participant's Medal Final has started will not be accepted. Pre-entries are encouraged to facilitate the scheduling of the practicum.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet. The top three junior contestants will be awarded prize money as follows: 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$250, 3rd place \$100. Competitors must complete all three phases to be eligible for prize money. Prize money is intended to be used either for an academic institution of choice, clinic fees, or horse show fees. Amateur participants are not eligible to receive prize money. At the discretion of the Education Committee, additional recognition may be awarded for highest score in each separate phase, and for the highest scoring Adult.

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