

At a recent National Hunter & Jumper Association conference call, a situation which requires attention was described to our members.

Due to a clerical error by the judge at a horse show this past fall, the winner of a local medal class was inadvertently omitted from the results. The error was discovered because there were eight in the class but only seven ribbons. When the eventual winner of the class asked the show secretary why she was eliminated, the error was discovered. The announced winner had checked out and left the showgrounds by the time the error was discovered but the actual winner was still on site. The original winner was informed by phone sometime later.

This incident brought to light the fact that there does not appear to be anything in the USEF rule book that states when a hunter or hunter seat equitation class is final. It is specific for jumper classes (JP 142.3), but not for the other divisions. In effect these classes are never final, and could theoretically be changed days, weeks or even months later.

With this in mind, the committee agreed that an equitable solution which would leave time to make an adjustment for this type of clerical error yet afford a point when a class is final, would be a rule stating that a hunter or equitation class is final one hour after the completion of the show day on which the class is held. This would allow time for the judge, along with the steward and/or the show secretary, to make the necessary correction, but not leave the results of the class open ended. The National Hunter & Jumper Association members were unanimous in the opinion that this proposal would be in the best interest of all concerned.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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