

Chelan-Douglas County Medal Program – Seniors

1. Medals Divisions

There shall be three (3) divisions of Medal Competition:

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

Each division shall offer:

- Stock Seat Equitation
- English Equitation

Within each division the grade group will be:

- Senior
- Intermediate

(There will be no Medals program for juniors)

2. Qualifying Classes

Regular equitation classes at the Chelan-Douglas 4-H shows, NCW Fair, and Chelan County Fair.

3. Class Size

Medal participants will ride against a “standard” with no minimum number of riders required.

4. Medals Awarded

There will be no maximum number of medals awarded; however, no medals need be given.

5. Judges

Judges will be approved by the Chelan-Douglas show committee.

6. Eligibility for participation in the Medals Competition

Must be currently enrolled as an intermediate or senior in the Chelan-Douglas 4-H Horse Program.

All members competing in the Medals Classes for a medal must have a current Horse Certificate on file at the Extension Office and must ride only his/her project horse to be eligible for a medal.

The horse committee chairs and 4-H agent will make a decision, following county guidelines regarding the use of a replacement animal, if the member must complete the 4-H year with a different horse.

7. Qualifications for participation in Medals Competition

To be eligible for Bronze Medal Competition, a 4-H member must earn three (3) Danish Blue ribbons in the corresponding seat in an approved qualifying equitation class.

Silver Medal competition is open only to Bronze Medal winners.

Gold Medal competition is open only to Silver Medal winners.

A member may win only one (1) Bronze and one (1) Silver medal in each seat and in each age division. A contestant may continue to ride in the Gold Medal class and win as many Gold Medals as he/she is capable as long as the member remains in the same age group.

When an Intermediate contestant graduates to the Senior division he/she will begin again to earn the required three (3) Danish Blue ribbons to be eligible for the Senior Bronze Medal class.

8. Class Procedures

Individual performance shall be required in all Medal Classes.

A contestant who is "Off Course" will not receive a Medal. Definition of "Off Course" – Failure to complete any or all elements of a pattern in proper sequence (i.e. a simple lead change where a flying lead change is required) or leaving the designated boundaries of the arena.

9. The patterns to be used will be announced at the beginning of the show for each division. Participants will pay a one time fee of \$5.00 per medal division, to be paid prior to competing. They may try as many times as necessary to pass on to the next level. When trying for multiple Gold Medals in a specific seat and age group, there will be an additional \$5.00 fee for each medal earned.

10. A member must sign up by the morning of the show if planning on riding in a Medals class. The exception will be for those who qualify with their third (3rd) blue ribbon at the show.

11. Goals

English Bronze – posting without irons
English Silver – interrupted changes, counter canter
English Gold – flying lead changes

Stock Seat Bronze – jog without stirrups, pivots
Stock Seat Silver – interrupted changes, counter leads
Stock Seat Gold – flying lead changes