

# VHJA Sarah Hadley Memorial Horsemanship Challenge

Winners receive credit toward entry fees at a VHJA affiliated show for the 2024 or 2025 show season.

1st place receives \$500.00 credit  
2nd place receives \$250.00 credit  
3rd Place receives \$150.00 credit  
4th Place receives \$100.00 credit

The Sarah Hadley Memorial Horsemanship Challenge is the celebration of a wonderful young horsewoman. Sarah was an impressive rider whose love and care for the animals she rode strengthened their teamwork and performance. While Sarah was lost to us many years ago, her example lives on. This program encourages riders to gather the knowledge needed to care for their equine partners, and to keep their well being at the forefront of all that they do.

- ❖ Who can compete? VHJA Junior members show ages 17 and under, jumping 2' - 3'6"
- ❖ When? September 19th, 21-22nd, 2024
- ❖ Where? Stryker Stables Horse Show, Charlotte, VT

\*Please note riders who have previously won the Sarah Hadley will be eligible to participate. The written portion will take place on Thursday evening at 5:30pm September 19th at locations TBA.

The Riding Phase will be offered on Saturday, September 21nd and the Practicum Phase will be on Sunday, September 22nd at the Stryker Stables Fall Classic Horse Show.

WRITTEN PHASE: The written exam is 50 multiple choice questions which tests a variety of areas of horse knowledge including current events in the general and Hunter/Jumper horse world. This test takes approximately 30 minutes. You do not have to register in advance of the test, but you need to come with the entry form (no fee) and a pencil/pen. Scores will not be made public. Only the top competitors will advance to the Practicum and Riding Phases.

**\*New for 2024! Competitors may enter just the written phase for the Sarah Hadley Challenge. Please contact Halley Stryker to enter the written phase and organize your test location. Entry for written phase riders will be \$25 directly to VHJA through written check!**

PRACTICUM PHASE: This phase is a hands-on portion of the competition where competitors are tested on the ability to demonstrate their knowledge of practical horse skills. This phase will take place with a horse, some common equipment and 1 or more judges. Each competitor will be assigned a 30-minute appointment time with the judge(s). Each competitor must bring their own grooming box containing items they would take to the show ring with them. Practicum times will be assigned once the results of the written exam are determined.

RIDING PHASE: Each competitor will perform over a course of jumps. The rider must be eligible and willing to compete in the Sarah Hadley class. Riders jumping at the 2' height must be eligible for the Hopeful Equitation level or above.

Scores from all three events will be added together to determine the placing. The results will be announced at the end of the show holding the event.

To Register, please provide the following information via email to: [Ckr.rohan@gmail.com](mailto:Ckr.rohan@gmail.com)

1. Address, 2. Home phone and cell phone, 3. E-mail address, 4. Horse show age
5. List divisions/classes you will be showing in at this show (Stryker Stables Horse Show)