



The Athletic Equestrian League invites you to the 2021 AEL Virtual National Collegiate Championships. The Virtual National Championships will run according to the rules and regulations of the AEL.

Registration Deadline: April 9th, 2021

Entry Period: April 9th-16th **Awards:** April 27th

Judge: Marnye Langer, Burbank, CA, USEF R

Entry fee: \$45.00/Athlete, payable by check to AEL, PO Box 595, Plymouth, NH 03264 or Venmo @athleticequestrian

Practicum Phase: Practicum Test #5, available at www.athleticequestrian.com

Fences Tests: Fences Test #3, available at www.athleticequestrian.com

Athletes are qualified if they are registered for the 2020-21 season and competed in at least 1 competition.

Competition Organizer: Sally Batton, 603-359-0008, athleticequestrian@gmail.com

Virtual Nationals Procedure:

- The team coach will send the entry form and payment by 4/9/21
- Please refer to AEL Virtual Competition Rules at: www.athleticequestrian.com
- Team coach will assign a helper to video the athlete's rounds on the flat and over fences
- Team coach assigns a practicum judge to conduct the practicum who will ensure that no outside help is provided.
- Coach will keep track of all practicum scores for their team on the Practicum Page and will scan and email to competition organizer
- Coach will email the YouTube link videos to nationals@athleticequestrian.com
- Athlete tests and all awards will be emailed/mailed to team coach for distribution

Rules

1. You must set the selected AEL course and put fence height at the appropriate level for that rider. Be sure to include ground lines in front of every fence.
2. You must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet and appear in AEL showing apparel with your arm band.
3. Coaching during the test is allowed on the edge of the arena like at normal competition. You must have separate individual recording. The mini division can be on lead line and/or assist from the coach.
4. Riders can not ride their own personal horse. They must use the same horse for flat and fences.
5. The normal background sound for the test must be audible. Please do not mute the video or add music.
6. Videos of rounds must be one continuous filming; unedited from start to finish.
7. You must submit your video via a YouTube link to nationals@athleticequestrian.com
8. We will make every effort to judge this class fairly with the knowledge that there are inherent challenges to judging online shows that make it different from the real-life experience.
9. Filming must be completed within a 30 minute time frame. No filming flat round in the morning then filming your fences later in the day or on a different day.
10. Violation of any of these rules may result in the refusal to accept the entry or non-refundable scratch.

Record Your Round

Step 1

Using a phone or video camera, have a helper video your round: Your helper will stand outside the arena, midway down the long side, in an outdoor or indoor arena during the daytime. For best results, the camera should not be facing into the sun.

Step 2

Prior to your opening circle, your videographer must show a card or cell phone displaying the date and time with you in the background, mounted on your horse. With the video still recording, have the videographer or rider state their name, number and AEL Level. Proceed directly (no stopping and starting the video camera) to the rail and have the videographer announce “You are now being judged at the walk.” Please see below for further instructions for the flat class. The sound must be turned on throughout the entire video. From the time your round begins, make sure that you and your horse are in the video frame at all times. When jumping the fence, the entire fence is in the video frame.

Step 3

Upload your video to YouTube, (set to private if you want), label the video rider level/number/first and last name/team, and email the YouTube link to **nationals@athleticequestrian.com**

Please email questions to athleticequestrian@gmail.com

