



North American League News

Summer 2022

The North American League (NAL) offers year-long series in five divisions – Adult Jumper Presented by SmartPak, Children’s Jumper Presented by EquiFit, Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Presented by Horseflight, Children’s Hunter Presented by Charles Ancona, and Adult Hunter. The series includes classes held at hundreds of horse shows across the United States and Canada, giving riders in these divisions a chance to ride in year-end finals at two major shows – the West Coast Finals at the International Jumping Festival hosted by Blenheim EquiSports in San Juan Capistrano, CA, September 21-25, and the National Finals at the Capital Challenge Horse Show at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, September 29-October 9.

The NAL qualifying season runs from September 1 through August 31. NAL qualifying classes are open to all competitors, but only current members are awarded points. Annual memberships are only \$40 per rider. Further information on the NAL series is available by calling 717-867-5643, emailing NAL@Ryegate.com or online at www.ryegate.com. Follow the NAL on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NALFinals>.

Good luck to all competitors through the final weeks of the NAL qualifying period, and congratulations to the division leaders as follows:



Adult Jumper Presented by SmartPak



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National Standings

Britta Stoeckel and *Everest De Muze*, 6,255 points

With many successes during the winter and spring show circuits, Britta Stoeckel of Chicago, IL, and *Everest De Muze* top the leaderboard in the Adult Jumper Presented by SmartPak National Standings. The three-year partnership between Stoeckel and Evergate Stables LLC's 18-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding became evident as they swept several of the \$10,000 NAL/WIHS Adult Amateur Jumper Classics and Adult Amateur Jumper 18-35 Championships during the Winter Equestrian Festival, ultimately earning the WEF Circuit Championship at the end of the competition. The pair trains with Ken Berkley and Scott Stewart.



Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Presented by Horseflight

National Standings

Britta Stoeckel and *Billy Galleon*, 5,490 points

Alongside her Adult Jumper horse *Everest De Muze*, Britta Stoeckel tops a second leaderboard with *Billy Galleon*, an 8-year-old Anglo-European gelding owned by EHS, LLC. The pair started their competitive year with the Low Amateur Jumper Championship at WEF 5, sweeping the division that week including the \$10,000 NAL Low Amateur Jumper Classic. Under the watchful eyes of trainers Ken Berkley and Scott Stewart, they continued their winning ways through the Kentucky Spring Classic circuit, claiming a Reserve Championship at both WEF 11 and Kentucky Spring 1.

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Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Presented by Horseflight



West Coast Standings

Campbell Brown and *Diamond*, 3,435 points

After claiming several Champion and Reserve Champion titles in the Low Junior Jumper divisions at WEF, Campbell Brown and *Diamond* started the spring show circuit at the Split Rock Hunter Jumper Classic and the Traverse City Spring Horse Shows. Brown, of Fayetteville, AR, rides MMK Equestrian LLC's 11-year-old Holsteiner gelding at Ashwood Farm. The pair has earned top honors in multiple \$10,000 NAL Low Junior Jumper Classics this year, which allowed them to climb the leaderboard in the Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Presented by Horseflight West Coast Standings.





Adult Jumper Presented by SmartPak

West Coast Standings

Riley Rinn and *La Vie En Rose*, 1,676 points

Riley Rinn of Granger, TX, has taken over the top spot in the West Cost Standings with her 13-year-old Warmblood mare *La Vie En Rose* as of July. The pair trains at Still Point Farm with Lindsey Kite Smith, a protégée of Aaron Vale, and compete in shows such as the Fort Worth International and the Split Rock Hunter Jumper Classic. Among their successes so far this year are their wins in several \$2,500 NAL/WIHS 1.10m Child/Adult Classics at the Great Southwest Winter Series and top honors in the Equestrian Closet 1.10m Jumper at Split Rock 1.



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Children's Jumper Presented by EquiFit

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National Standings

Olivia Sweetnam and *Just Noble*, 5,405 points

Olivia Sweetnam claimed an early lead in the Children's Jumper Presented by EquiFit National Standings with *Just Noble* and continues to hold that top spot as of July. Sweetnam, of Wellington, FL, rode Sweet Oak Farm's 9-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare to multiple wins in the \$2,500 NAL/WIHS Children's Jumper 14 & Under Classics at WEF, claiming several division championships along the way, before sweeping all three classes in the Children's Jumper division at Devon. The two have only been partners for one year, but their partnership quickly became a winning one under the tutelage of her mother Ali and Danny Arendt.





Children's Jumper Presented by EquiFit

West Coast Standings

Hailey Guidry and Colina SN, 2,893 points

After her final indoors season with owner Taylor Landstrom last year, including a win in the \$10,000 NAL Children's Jumper Final Presented by EquiFit, the 12-year-old Warmblood mare *Colina SN* has returned to the top of the leaderboard with rider Hailey Guidry of Metairie, LA. The pair spent their time on the 2022 WEF circuit getting to know each other before claiming top finishes in several NAL Child/Adult Jumper Classics, including wins at WEF 11 and the Kentucky Spring Classic and second-place honors at the first two weeks of the Lamplight Spring Spectacular. Guidry and "Lina" ride with Honor Hill Farms.





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Children's Hunter Presented by Charles Ancona

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National and West Coast Standings

Lauren Padilla and *Way Maker*, 2,927 points

Following their win in the \$5,000 Children's Hunter West Coast Finals at the International Jumping Festival last year, 13-year-old Lareun Padilla and *Way Maker* climbed to the top of both the Children's Hunter National and West Coast Standings early in the 2022 show season. Padilla, of Palos Verdes Estates, CA, shares the sport with her mother, and they both train with Mike and Christa Endicott at Pegasus Show Stables. She and Highland Farm LLC's 8-year-old Zangersheide gelding claimed several top placings in the Children's Hunters at the Temecula Valley and Blenheim June Classic series, including the division Championship at each in June.



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Adult Hunter

National Standings

Robin Schwartz and *Back in the Game*, 3,206 points

Robin Schwartz and *Back in the Game* topped the Adult Hunter National Standings early in the 2022 winter circuit, competing successfully at the WEF Premier before moving to the Ocala Winter Festival. Schwartz, of Brentwood, TN, claimed several Adult Amateur Hunter 50 & Over Championships with her 11-year-old Warmblood gelding at the Brownland Farm Spring Horse Shows, including a win in the Smartpak M&S/NAL/WIHS Adult Hunter Classic at Week 1. Training under Matthew Piccolo of Arrow Hill, the pair rounded out their successful spring at the Nashville Classic.



Adult Hunter

West Coast Standings

Cathy Morris-Schmitt and *Andover*, 2,196 points

Under her trainers Joie Gatlin and Morley Abey, Cathy Morris-Schmitt of Bainbridge Island, WA, once again claimed an early lead in the West Coast Standings with her 14-year-old Oldenburg gelding *Andover*, riding to many successes in the Desert Circuit horse shows. The pair took top honors in multiple NAL Adult Amateur Hunter Classics and Championship titles in the Adult Amateur Hunter 50 & Over division, as well as several top-ten finishes in the USHJA National Hunter Derbies. They were also top contenders in the Temecula Valley and Blenheim Ranch & Coast horse shows in the spring.

The lifelong rider now gets saddle time only when she meets up with *Andover* at shows. “When you are sitting on a horse like him, there’s no cause to be nervous. All you have to do is stay out of his way!” *Andover*, who is notably her favorite horse, is reminiscent of her first AO Hunter, *Cactus Jack*. She noted, “They both have given me confidence in the show ring when I returned to riding after a long hiatus.”



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