



# North American League News

## Summer 2023

The North American League (NAL) offers year-long series in six divisions – Children’s Hunter Presented by Charles Ancona, Adult Hunter Presented by LAURACEA, Adult Jumper Presented by SmartPak, Children’s Jumper Presented by EquiFit, Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Presented by Parlanti, and Low Junior/Amateur Jumper. 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 20-24, and the National Finals at the Capital Challenge Horse Show at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, September 28-October 8.

New this year, NAL Children’s and Adult Hunter Finals at the Capital Challenge will take place over the weekend of September 30-October 1. NAL has also added a Welcome class for both Hunter divisions, with the Children’s Welcome running on Friday and the Adult Welcome on Saturday. Jumper Finals will remain during the week of October 2. Entries will open on ShowManagementSystem.com on August 1 and close on September 4.

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 \$45 per rider. Further information on the NAL series is available by calling 717-867-5643, emailing [NAL@Ryegate.com](mailto:NAL@Ryegate.com) or online at [www.ryegate.com](http://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:



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# Children's Hunter

## Presented by Charles Ancona

### National Standings

#### Peyson Parker and *Dubai*, 4,212 points

Twelve-year-old Peyson has been officially riding for nine years, but her first time on a horse wasn't her first lesson. Her mother Lanie has also ridden her whole life and even rode while pregnant with Peyson. The Virginia Beach, VA, resident rides with local trainers Chris Wynne and Sarah Tyndall, who have taken her up from the pony divisions to the Juniors. "My ponies and horses have always done so much for me, so I feel like I should give kindness, patience and my best riding back to them," she said. "Chris has the best way of explaining things so I can do just that."

Peyson got her first horse, the 15-year-old Warmblood gelding Dubai, in November 2022, and she can't imagine having a better first horse. "Doobie always gives his very best effort, and I appreciate him so much," she said. "Because of him, we've earned champion at almost every show we've been to. Around the barn, he's extremely silly, very personable, and so gentle and kind. When he sees anyone coming, he stretches his neck out, tilts his head, and starts wagging his tongue! So of course, whatever treats Doobie wants, Doobie gets!"

Peyson has had a wonderful season with "Doobie" and looks forward to showing at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show and Washington International Horse Show. She wants to enjoy every stride with him as well as her Junior horse, Lewis, and hopes to make her way to the Maclay Finals and eventually the grand prix someday.



# Adult Hunter

## Presented by LAURACEA



### National Standings

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#### Sara Ladley and *Merci Balou*, 2,220 points

After Sara visited a farm with her childhood best friend who rode horses, the rest was history; the resident of Allison Park, PA, started riding at 16 years old and never looked back. Her Belgian Warmblood gelding *Merci Balou* joined her in November 2021 as an unshown 5-year-old, and over the last two years, Sara has brought him along with guidance from Barbara Bancroft and the team at BarGee Farms. Even as a 7-year-old, *Balou* is known more as the barn grandpa than the barn baby, with a super sweet and confident personality that loves to jump just as much as hitting the trails.

“I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to bring *Balou* along from his very first show!” Sara said. “Because he’s still young, we are taking the season one show at a time and enjoying every one. I get excited every time I’m able to step into the ring with him, so the future definitely looks bright! He’s really taken to the Adult Hunters, and I can’t wait to expose him to some new venues. We hope to be able to make our first appearance at NAL Finals in the fall.”



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Cara McFadden (L)  
Lily McFadden (R)

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# Adult Jumper Presented by SmartPak



## National Standings

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### Kimberly Coyle and *Dartani*, 5,666 points

From an equestrian family, Kimberly has always had horses in her life, but she didn't ride competitively until she met her husband, Jordan Coyle, in 2017. She owns her own Falkirk Farm based in Central Valley, NY, and Wellington, FL, where she focuses on keeping her horses fit, spoiled and ready to give their riders their best.

Kimberly first rode the 12-year-old Holsteiner mare *Dartani* during the summer of 2020 without owning her. "We ended up parting ways that year, but as the old saying goes – if you love something, set it free. If it comes back, it's yours forever," she said. "*Dartani* came back to us in 2021, and this time it's for good! She's a bit strange in her own way. She loves getting attention but only on her own time, and in the ring, she mostly wants to be left alone. She loves to be in charge, knows her job, and aims to win, so being more of a passenger is fine by me. I trust her 110 percent! I think we have a strong bond and understanding for each other, and I love her all the more for it."

While her sights are on winning this year's NAL Finals, Kimberly looks forward to meeting her most important goal of all: keeping everyone on her team safe and happy around the farm.



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# Children's Jumper Presented by EquiFit

## National Standings

### Hailey Guidry and Colina SN, 4,781 points

The first time Hailey rode a pony about seven years ago, she was at a birthday party and immediately fell in love. She started taking lessons at a barn local to her Metairie, LA, home before her family got their own private barn and trainer. She now trains with Abby Blankenship of Three Ships LLC, riding her partner of 2.5 years, Colina SN, along with several other horses.

“Lena and I have really gotten to know each other well,” Hailey said of Taylor Landstrom’s 12-year-old Warmblood mare. “She always has the best expression, is so sweet, and just loves her job. There’s not one time I’ve walked into the ring thinking she was going to do something bad. I’m so thankful to have her and the whole team at Three Ships; everyone is so nice, and Abby is just the best! This season has been so much fun. I’ve completed a lot of my goals, and one of my new ones is to be among the Top 10-20 at Maclay and Medal finals. I’m really looking forward to competing with Lena and the others!”



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# Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper

## Presented by Parlanti

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### National Standings

#### Sophie Gochman and Gabbie BH, 6,579 points

Sophie, of New York, NY, has been around horses her whole life. Her mother, also a lifelong equestrian, introduced her to the sport at just 18 months old. Over the last 19 years, Sophie has earned several prestigious awards at the top of the sport, including the 2019 Maxine Beard Show Jumping Developing Rider Award and individual gold at the FEI North American Youth Championships. Now, she focuses on maintaining a nice balance between riding and school and making sure she and her horses continue to have fun in the ring.

Currently a student of Ken Berkeley and Scott Stewart, Sophie has ridden Gabbie BH, SMG Sport Horse LLC's 12-year-old Selle Français mare, for about 2.5 years. "She has a super unique jumping style, but she is so game and always tries so hard," Sophie said. "She's one of the most fun horses I've ever ridden! She's also really sweet and calm at home – everyone loves her. I've had a lot of fun so far this season."



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# Low Junior/Amateur Jumper

## National Standings

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### Allison Orth and Chabada D'Ysieux Z, 7,122 points

Although Allison started riding eight years ago, her passion for horses started at a young age. Her grandfather owned Thoroughbred racehorses, and she loved going to the track with her family to cheer them on. She started taking lessons at a barn local to her Lincolnshire, IL, home as soon as she was 5.5 years old and has ridden six days a week ever since. For the last three years, she has been a student of Thomas and Chari Cerra at Blue Mountain Farm, and she is grateful for all their training and support in becoming a better rider.

Allison started riding her 11-year-old Zangersheide mare Chabada D 'Ysieux Z in the 2021 WEF Children's Jumper 14 & Under divisions. "It was a challenge trying to learn on her while competing on the circuit, but by the end of those 12 weeks, we claimed several top spots in the Classics and earned Reserve Circuit Champion," Allison said. "I am so incredibly thankful for her; she's a once-in-a-lifetime horse! She is the perfect mix of careful yet brave, has a need for speed, and even though she's a firecracker in the ring, she's such a sweet, loving horse back at the barn."

Following another successful winter in 2022, this time competing in the Low Junior Jumpers and winning several of the NAL Classics, Allison is really looking forward to her future with Chabada. The pair recently moved up to the Medium Junior Jumpers and are enjoying the challenge of competing at a new height.



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# Children's Hunter

## Presented by Charles Ancona

CHARLES ANCONA  
NEW YORK

### West Coast Standings

#### Presley Wade and *Juno*, 2,019 points

Presley started riding competitively six years ago while living in Santa Barbara, CA, and is currently training under John Bragg at Bridgeport Farms in San Juan Capistrano, CA. She saw great success in the 2022 NAL season with a horse that was fairly new to her, Clyde 97, which culminated in their victory at the West Coast Finals. She has put a lot of work into repeating that success this year with Juno, the 16-year-old Hanoverian gelding she and her family have owned for the last three years.

“Juno is a very special horse with an amazing ride,” Presley said. “He has such a funny and sweet personality. I feel great about the season we’ve had so far and the work we’ve put in together, and I’m very excited for our upcoming shows! I really hope to have a win at indoors this year and then make Junior Hunter Finals next year.”





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# Adult Hunter Presented by LAURACEA

## West Coast Standings

### Margaret Snyder and *Marseille*, 2,170 points

Under her trainer Adrienne Gamboa at Elite Sporthorse, Margaret has gained a lot of confidence as a rider this season. She started riding about 20 years ago and first competed on the Paint and Quarter Horse circuits before switching to the hunters five years ago. Since then, Margaret, of Houston, Texas, has competed at the Great Southwest show series, Gulf Coast Azalea Classic, WEC Ocala and more.

“I’ve ridden Marseille for a year now,” she said of her 8-year-old Warmblood gelding who is always looking for attention and treats. “He’s a funny horse to be around! I’ve learned I can always count on him to try his hardest when we walk into the show ring. We just did our first National Hunter Derby together in June, and my goals for the future are to do more derbies and work on perfecting our Handy rounds. I feel very lucky to have him as my teammate.”



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# Adult Jumper Presented by SmartPak

## West Coast Standings

### Alexandra Gonzalez and *MTM Mrs. Yowza*, 878 points

Alexandra, of Austin, TX, has been a rider all her life, much like her mother. She currently trains with Natalee Haggan at MTM Farm in Flower Mound, TX, and has been partnered with her MTM Mrs. Yowza for 4.5 years. The 12-year-old Oldenburg mare is very sweet and loves to spend time with Alexandra both in and out of the arena. Together, the pair has earned several championships and competed through the Mini Prix level, but Alexandra doesn't focus on the ribbons. With every moment in the saddle, she looks forward to becoming a more consistent rider and continuing to be an honest teammate for her horse.



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## West Coast Standings

### Megan Holliday and Revelation, 1,505 points

Megan, of Littleton, CO, was introduced to the sport almost 12 years ago by her aunt and cousins, who also grew up riding. She competed in the hunters and equitation for ten years but was always drawn to the jumpers because of the thrill of the speed. She switched divisions when she was 15 years old and hasn't looked back, most recently competing in the 1.10m and 1.20m under the guidance of Michael Dennehy and his team at Bridlewood Farm in Parker, CO.

"I've had Revelation a.k.a. GoGo for a year and a half now," Megan said of her 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding. "He's an energetic horse with a genuine passion for his job and constantly shows his love for the competition ring. So far this season, I've felt very fortunate to be his partner, and I'm excited to continue showing and advancing in my riding. I hope to continue competing in the 1.20m with him until I'm ready to move up to the Mediums and higher before I leave for college in the fall of 2024."



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# Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Presented by Parlanti

West Coast Standings

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## Emily Ryan and *Carousel*, 163 points

Emily, of Westminster, CO, has been in the sport for almost 20 years. When she begged for riding lessons from her non-horsey parents, who likely thought it was just a phase, they were wonderful enough to let her train under Lorelei Cudney for her journey from the walk/trot through the junior hunters and medals. Now, she trains with Stephanie Peterson in Fort Collins, CO, who has been a huge role model in her riding career since college.

Emily has had her 10-year-old Slovakian Warmblood gelding *Carousel* for almost a year. Known as “Olaf” around the barn, he has been a huge confidence builder and acts just like the Frozen movie character – sweet, lovable and willing to please. “I’ve had to learn to trust going faster for the jumpers, and Olaf has been a huge help with that,” Emily said. “He’s such a wonderful addition to the team, and this season has been going really well! My goals for the future are to keep at it and hopefully compete in some national prix soon.”



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# Low Junior/Amateur Jumper

## West Coast Standings

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### Jacquie Cheikha and *Quinarita*, 575 points

Jacquie, of Coto De Caza, CA, only met the “pocket rocket” Quinarita a few months before their victory at the 2022 NAL West Coast Finals. The pair continued building their relationship into the 2023 season, successfully competing at venues such as the Del Mar Seaside Tour and Blenheim Spring Classic. Since then, Jacquie has moved up to the Medium Junior Jumpers with Noteworthy Horses’ 12-year-old Oldenburg mare, and she looks forward to challenging more jumper classics and speed derbies.



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