

J.C. ANDERSON ATHLETE BURSARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



OVERVIEW

Project Background and Description

Founded in partnership with the 11 Provincial/Territorial Canadian Equestrian Sport Organizations (P/TSO's), the J.C. Anderson Athlete Bursary Development Program is an initiative generously supported by J.C. Anderson and the Anderson Family Foundation. This program was founded in November 2017.

Project Scope

This project ensures alignment with a continued pathway for athlete progression in the discipline of Equestrian Show Jumping and overall long-term equestrian development. As this program is essential in the athlete development pathway, bursaries will be awarded for athletes to use toward furthering their development throughout the following year. The Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF) will manage bursary distribution and ensure reporting protocol in accordance with program guidelines. Only Canadian residents and P/TSO members are eligible for Athlete Development Bursaries.

Travel Bursaries obtained by athletes may be used to help pay for the following:

- Equine Transportation
- Equine Stabling (*only for the day of medal or championship competition*)
- Airline Tickets
- Vehicle Gas Receipts
- Accommodation

Athlete Development Bursaries obtained by athletes may be used to help pay for the following:

- Riding Lessons
- Coaching Fees
- Competition Entry Fees
- Equine Transportation Fees
- Show/Clinic Stabling Fees
- Continuing Education (Clinics, Symposiums, etc.)
- Other activities that will assist athletes to achieve their equestrian development objectives





J.C. ANDERSON LEGACY MEDAL

The J.C. Anderson Legacy Medal is a **skills-based** jumper medal series with the intent to identify athletes who have the potential to become Canada's next high performance athletes.

Technical

The format of the J.C. Anderson Legacy Medal will be consistent across the country and may be held at any sanctioned competition that offers the height of 1.20m for competitors. This class is designed as a jumper equitation class, to be held in the main jumper ring, at the 1.20m - 1.25m level with spreads to a maximum of 1.30m. The class will run as a Table A with two rounds, the second round, being a jump-off style round under Equestrian Canada (EC) rules. There will be a time allowed and time faults reflected in the judge's overall score as subtracting one (1) point for each second over the time allowed. Each rail will incur four (4) points taken off the overall score. Two refusals will be cause for elimination.

The course may have natural fences, a Liverpool, or a small water jump at the course designer's discretion. No work off is required but it remains at the judge's discretion. Start and finish markers must be provided and an audible tone will be used.

Stallions are allowed per EC jumper division rules. A jumper type horse with jumper equipment is allowed and will not be penalized.

Eligibility

The class will be open to current Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO) and EC member riders age 25 and under as of December 31 of each year. Athletes shall declare their intent to compete in the J.C. Anderson Legacy Medal class to their respective PTSO by their first qualifying competition. A \$25.00 fee per horse/athlete combination must accompany the declaration. PTSO's will manage respective athlete declarations.

Any athlete meeting the qualifications may participate in any number of PTSO level J.C Anderson Legacy Medal classes. Athletes wishing to compete in the Regional Finals (see below) must have competed **in at least two** PTSO level designated J.C. Anderson Legacy Medal classes (at any competition) between January 1st, 2018 and August 19, 2018. The top ten athletes from the Eastern Regional Final (ERF) and the top ten athletes from the Western Regional Final (WRF) will be eligible and encouraged to compete at the National J.C. Anderson Legacy Medal Final. If one region does not send 10 competitors, the other region may make up the number for a maximum total of 20 final competitors.

Competition & Bursaries

Phase One – Provincial/Territorial Level Competition

There is no limit to the number of athletes who can compete at the provincial/territorial level competitions, but a minimum of 3 athletes must compete in order for the class to run. Ribbons for place 1 through 8 will be awarded at each competition. Prizes may be awarded at the show organizer's discretion.

Phase Two – Regional Finals (West & East)

One competition will be held in Western Canada and one competition will be held in Eastern Canada. The location of yearly Regional Finals should rotate between province/territory. For the purpose of this initiative, **Western Canada** is considered British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon and Northwest Territories. **Eastern Canada** is considered Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador.

The top five (5) athletes from Phase One shall advance to their respective regional final as labeled below:

Eastern Regional Final	Western Regional Final
Atlantic (Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia)	Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory
Quebec	Alberta
Ontario	British Columbia
Maximum total at ERF - 15	Maximum Total at WRF - 15

Locations for the Eastern (ERF) and Western Regional Finals (WRF) shall be determined by January 30 of each year. Regional finals must be completed by Labour Day weekend.

The Regional Finals for the 2018 season will be held as follows:

- **Eastern Final:** *Angelstone Tournaments* August 30 (Round 1), September 1 (Round 2), 2018
- **Western Final:** *Rocky Mountain Show Jumping* August 15 – 19, 2018

Travel bursaries and ribbons will be awarded to 10th place at each Regional Level Final. Travel bursaries to the Regional Finals will be provided as outlined below. A maximum of \$1,500 will be awarded per athlete/horse.

Ranking at Regional Final	Bursary
1 st place overall	\$1,500 (bursary for travel to Regional Finals)
2 nd place overall	\$1,500 (bursary for travel to Regional Finals)
3 rd place overall	\$1,500 (bursary for travel to Regional Finals)
4 th place overall	\$1,500 (bursary for travel to Regional Finals)
5 th place overall	\$1,500 (bursary for travel to Regional Finals)
6 th place overall	\$1,500 (bursary for travel to Regional Finals)
7 th place overall	\$1,500 (bursary for travel to Regional Finals)
8 th place overall	\$1,500 (bursary for travel to Regional Finals)
9 th place overall	\$1,500 (bursary for travel to Regional Finals)
10 th place overall	\$1,500 (bursary for travel to Regional Finals)
Total	\$15,000 (maximum bursary per Regional Final)
Total East & West	\$30,000 (maximum bursary total)

Stage Three – National Final

The J.C. Anderson Legacy National Medal Final will be held at the Royal West in Calgary, Alberta, late October. A maximum of twenty (20) athletes will compete for the prestigious J.C. Anderson Legacy Medal. The location of the yearly National Final will rotate within Canada (East/West).

Each athlete traveling to National Finals will be eligible for a \$2,500 travel bursary.

Ranking at Regional Final (20 total)	Bursary
Top 10 from ERF & WRF	Each \$2,500 (bursary for travel to National Finals)
Total East & West	\$50,000 (maximum bursary total)

Athlete development bursaries and ribbons will be awarded to 10th place at the National Final. Athlete development bursaries will be administered through the AEF to respective PTSO's of recipients. Bursaries are to be used by the end of year following in which they were awarded; any remaining balance will not transfer to future years. For example, if an athlete placed 4th at National Finals in 2018, the rider must use the \$2,500 athlete development bursary in what remains of 2018 up to the end of 2019, expenses are not accepted for 2020.

Final	Bursary
1 st place overall	\$5,000 (athlete development)
2 nd place overall	\$4,000 (athlete development)
3 rd place overall	\$3,000 (athlete development)
4 th place overall	\$2,500 (athlete development)
5 th place overall	\$2,000 (athlete development)
6 th place overall	\$1,500 (athlete development)
7 th place overall	\$1,000 (athlete development)
8 th place overall	\$1,000 (athlete development)
9 th place overall	\$1,000 (athlete development)
10 th place overall	\$1,000 (athlete development)
Total	\$22,000 (maximum bursary total)