

The Camden Hunt to Host the JNAFHC Finals, March 5-6, 2027

The finals for the 2026-2027 Junior Field Hunter Championship will be hosted by The Camden Hunt in Camden, South Carolina.

Mark your calendars for March 5 & 6, 2027, as the Camden Hunt in Camden, South Carolina, prepares to host one of the most anticipated events in the equestrian calendar—the Junior North American Field Hunter Championship (JNAFHC).

In its 23rd season, this prestigious championship offers a unique platform for junior foxhunters to showcase their skills and passion for the sport, while also promoting camaraderie, sportsmanship, and land stewardship among the next generation.

Field hunting is a time-honored equestrian tradition, rooted in adventure, teamwork, and an appreciation for the countryside. The Junior North American Field Hunter Championship invites juniors ages 18 and under to qualify during the hunt season and come prepared to demonstrate their skills in various challenges inspired by the sport.

The Camden Hunt is rolling out a weekend of Southern hospitality surely not to be missed. Plans include a welcome dinner for juniors and their families with traditional Lowcountry fare, guest hunting, a hunter pace, an evening of dessert and shopping at the renowned Tack Room, and tailgating ringside for the final tests. These are all wrapped around two days of junior competition in field hunting, horn blowing, whip cracking, and hound judging.

The Saturday evening Awards Dinner will be set against the backdrop of the National Steeplechase Museum with its priceless library, artwork, silver, and history. Stabling will be located at the South Carolina Equine Park.

As we look forward to the 2026-27 season, hunts around the US and Canada are submitting dates for their Qualifiers and encouraging juniors to participate in kennel and hound activities as well. Website updates are in progress, and there will be announcements on the FB page soon.

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An official "Rules & Guidelines" of the JNAFHC will be available September 1st. If you are new to the JNAFHC and want more info, check out the web site — JNAFHC .com — or contact Carla Babcock carla.babcock09@gmail.com or Lea Blanco at leablanc01964@a01.com. You can also contact The Camden Hunt by emailing Charla Draper at charla.draper.dvm@gmail.com. She will have local details available for the competition.

The list of requirements for eligibility, which juniors work on during the season, include:

Age — 18 & younger as of August 1 , 2026.

Be a junior member of a Hunt or Pony Club affiliated with a Hunt.

Successfully complete a junior log including: 1 Qualifier, 5 hunts, 3 hound/kennel activities (mounted or unmounted).

"Junior Log" may be found on the website and FB .

Complete the requirements on the horse or pony you plan to ride in the Championship, with the initials of your joint master or DC, and attach to the entry form for the Championship.

Important Deadlines:

All Qualifiers to be held by December 31 , 2026.

The championship entry form will be available January 1 , 2027 _

Completed entry forms by February 14, 2027.

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