



# AHJA Rulebook and Show Packet

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## 1. GENERAL RULES

The rules contained in the ALABAMA HUNTER-JUMPER ASSOCIATION (AHJA) Show Packet are to be taken as general guidelines for Show Management to consider when requesting recognition of a show by the AHJA as well **as a guideline to AHJA members in good standing**. We realize that there are several ways to provide safe and enjoyable shows for everyone. The AHJA Show Committee is empowered to make adjustments to the Show Packet relative to a specific show and issue.

**The Board of Directors reserve the right to interpret and issue rulings on any “gray area” or disputed rules contained within this document. All disputes will be heard by the Hearing Committee, and all rulings issued by the same will be final. [Dec 2011]**

Starting with the 2011 show season, the AHJA recognizes two separate circuits; Local-Rated and Regular-Rated (USEF rated). Each show must indicate which circuit their points will count for. Points can only count for one circuit or the other, and may not count for both. [Dec 2010]

### 1.1 Definitions

#### 1.1.1 Competition Year

The Alabama Hunter Jumper Association (AHJA) competition year begins December 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on November 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

#### 1.1.2 Age of Competitor

The age of an individual on December 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year will be maintained throughout the entire competition year. Persons born on December 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year will assume the greater age on that date.

#### 1.1.3 Amateur/Professional Status

The AHJA follows USEF rules regarding Amateur status. An Amateur Rider is a non-professional who is 18 years of age or older as of the start of the competition year. An Amateur Rider may not receive ANY monetary compensation for riding, training, hauling, grooming, giving lessons, or showing (even showing in-hand). An Amateur Rider may be reimbursed exact amounts for expenses. Please reference USEF-03 General Rules, Subchapter 13-B Amateurs and Professionals, sections GR1306 and GR1308 for specific requirements and definitions for Amateur and Professional status.

If a rider shows in AHJA shows as a professional, or commits any actions which the USEF would deem constitute professional behavior, that rider shall be classed as a professional and not eligible for AHJA Amateur classes. If a rider wishes to regain AHJA Amateur status, the following must be submitted to the AHJA Board **by the October meeting of that competition year**:

- A letter from the rider detailing cessation of all activities that classify said rider as a professional--those activities must have ceased at least 6 months prior to submission of letter--and stating desire to return to Amateur status
- 2 letters from senior AHJA members that corroborate that claim

The AHJA Board will meet and vote on rider's return to Amateur status. If granted, that status will become activated the following competition year. Note that the AHJA limits a return to Amateur status ONCE in the competitor's lifetime. If said rider declares as a professional, or acts in a manner that constitutes professional behavior, a SECOND time, there is no petitioning for Amateur status again. [added Feb 2010]

## 1.2 Non-Member Participation

Non-members may participate in any AHJA recognized horse show. Non-members must abide by all AHJA By-Laws and the AHJA Rulebook. Non-members are subject to the same penalties, sanctions, and eligibilities that apply to AHJA members. Non-members are not entitled to earn points toward year-end awards.

## 1.3 Disputes and Protests

In the event of a dispute over an AHJA rule at an AHJA rated, not USEF rated, recognized show, a written protest, accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee, which shall be refunded in the event the protest is valid and upheld, must be filed with the President of the AHJA or with a Show Committee member. Unresolved protests must be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration and resolution including any action it may deem appropriate. The AHJA Show Committee shall deliver a written report, signed by the Management of the Show or the AHJA Show Committee members present, and all the parties to the protest to the Board. In the event it is deemed that a fine or other action is appropriate, a meeting of the Board shall be called. The ruling of the Board shall become final. In the event information becomes known to the aggrieved party that may constitute cause to re-hear the case, the aggrieved party may present such information in writing to the full Board. In order for a rehearing to be called by the President, there must at least fifty percent (50%) of the adult Board members in favor of same. In the event such is not the case, the original decision of the Board stands and is final.

## 1.4 Conduct and Drug Use

At the discretion of Show Management, any act of discourtesy towards a Judge, show staff member, or rider on the part of any trainer, trainer's employee, owner, rider, or parent/guardian may disqualify any horse with which they are associated and all entry fees may be forfeited. Absolutely no illegal drugs or foul language will be tolerated at any time, and may also result in a disqualification and loss of entry fees.

The AHJA reserves the right to cancel an individual's AHJA membership, which will result in the forfeiture of end of year points and membership dues, for continued violations at any AHJA-sanctioned show.

The AHJA is dedicated to the health, welfare and safety of both its members and associated equine athletes. Accordingly, the Association embraces the stated policies behind, and adopts by reference as guidelines for its members, trainers, owners, exhibitors and show management, the current "USEF Drugs and Medication Rules" promulgated by the United States Equestrian Federation, including the USEF's express acknowledgement, that while some situations warrant legitimate, therapeutic treatment in connection with competition, drugs and medications should *never* be a substitute for good horsemanship. The USEF Drugs and Medication Rules herein is purposed to provide only a general guideline for voluntary compliance and helpful informational reference for AHJA members. While the AHJA strongly encourages voluntary compliance with the USEF Drugs and Medication Rules by all AHJA members, trainers, owners, exhibitors and show management, the AHJA does not perform drug tests or otherwise attempt to assure or enforce compliance with the USEF Drugs and Medication Rules.

Nothing in the foregoing stated policy of the AHJA with regard to the USEF Drugs and Medication Rules should be construed as an affirmative duty on the part of the AHJA to regulate or to enforce equine drug and medication administration by its members, or otherwise confer liability or obligation on the part of the AHJA with regard to same. In exchange for membership in the AHJA, its individual members, trainers, owners, exhibitors and show management agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Association, and each member, director, officer, agent, employee, attorney, successor or assign of the Association (collectively, the "Association Parties") from and against any and all damages, losses, claims, liabilities, injuries, costs or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which the Association Parties,

or any of them, might incur as a result of the AHJA's approval of the USEF Drugs and Medication Rules as a voluntary guideline for the Association, including without limitation, any damage or injury to any person, equine athlete, or property which may result by any compliance with, non-compliance with, or faulty compliance with, the USEF Drug Medication Rules, by any individual member, trainer, owner, exhibitor or show management, or any and all other acts and omissions in relation to the USEF Drugs and Medication Rules.

## **1.5 Compliance**

Failure to comply with AHJA rules and/or class specifications may result in disqualification of points and/or a fine.

## **1.6 Non-Payment**

Failure to make good on checks to shows will result in suspension of showing for horse and/or rider until the check is made good. Show management will notify AHJA of any such problems that occur.

## **1.7 USEF Affiliation**

The AHJA is a USEF affiliate. Local-rated shows will be governed by USEF rules and restrictions, unless superseded by AHJA rules and restrictions as defined in this show packet. Regular-rated shows will be governed by USEF rules and restrictions and will not be superseded by AHJA rules and/or restrictions. [Dec 2010]

## **1.8 Stallions**

Junior riders (under 18 years of age) are prohibited from showing stallions in any Hunter or Equitation class. Adults may show stallions only with the prior approval of the show manager.

# **2. LOCAL-RATED SHOWS**

## **2.1 Scheduling**

### **2.1.1 Sanctioning of Show Dates**

The sanctioning of show dates will be set at a meeting that will be held prior to the start of the show year and will be open to the general membership. All show management requesting the sanctioning of their shows [Dec 2011] must appear in person at that meeting. An authorized representative may appear in the show manager's place **with prior approval of the President or Show Committee Chair.**

All show management reserving a show date will be required to manage their own show in accordance with this rulebook. See paragraph 2.1.10 Show Management by Proxy for additional guidance.

Show managers who held an approved AHJA sanctioned show the previous year will be allowed to reserve the same show dates as that previous year.

All show management with reserved dates must submit their application(s), show fee(s), and their membership application during the Show Manager's meeting. [Nov 2012] Show dates not paid for during this meeting WILL NOT be reserved, and will be open for other show's consideration (see paragraph 2.1.5 Show Date Additions).

### **2.1.2 Sanctioning Eligibility**

The following requirements must be met in order for a Show Manager to request sanctioning for a show date. The Show Manager MUST:

- Be an AHJA member for the show year in which their show is held. [Nov 2012]
- Be an AHJA member in good standing for the previous two (2) consecutive years
- Be a trainer, barn owner, charitable organization, or
- Be a professional horse show management company who has been in business for the previous three (3) consecutive years.

\*NOTE: Proof of any of the above requirements may be requested, and must be shown when requested prior to show date approval. [Dec 2011]

### **2.1.3 Sanctioning Limitations**

The AHJA currently limits sanctioning per Show Manager\* to only one of the following: [Nov 1012]

- 1 Hunter/Jumper show, OR
- 1 Hunter only and 1 Jumper only show, OR
- 2 Jumper only shows

Traditional dates or weekends of older, established shows will not be awarded to another show without prior notice to the older show.

\*Note: The Show Manager encompasses all those associated with that individual, which includes: family members, employees, contractors, and clients (i.e. boarders, students, and family of students) [Dec 2011]

Show managers holding their first AHJA recognized show will be allowed one date their first year, and will be considered probationary. Once this show is held, the show committee will conduct a review of the show and upon approval, they will be allowed to hold another show the following show year and beyond.

### **2.1.4 Two-Day Shows**

One horse show can be spread over a two-day period in one weekend. During a two-day horse show, the only hunter divisions that can be repeated the second day are the Schooling Hunter, Schooling Pony Hunter and Starting Hunter Divisions. Jumper classes/divisions may be repeated. Equitation Divisions may not be repeated. Show management MUST declare during the Show Date Meeting if their show will be a one or two-day show. If show management decides after this meeting to add another day to their declared one-day show, it will be considered a show date addition and must follow the procedures in accordance with paragraph 2.1.4 Show Date Additions.

### **2.1.5 Show Date Additions**

Additional sanctioning of shows may be added to the show schedule with the prior approval of the Show Committee. Requests for additional shows must be made at least 90 days prior to the requested date, and must be in writing. Emails will be acceptable. Requests must be sent to the Show Committee Chairperson. Show Managers MUST be present at the initial Show Date Meeting in order to add an AHJA sanctioned show during the show year. No first-time barn, stable, and/or show manager will be allowed to add a date during the show year. If approved, show management will have 7 calendar days upon notification to submit their application and fee. All requests must



follow this procedure and timeline or the request will not be considered and deemed non-existent. Requestor (or requestor's organization/barn) must be an AHJA member in good standing.

### **2.1.6 Cancelled Show Dates**

Show managers who cancel their show date for reasons other than an "act of god" (i.e. weather, illness, disasters, etc.) will not be allowed to reserve the same show date for the following year. That date will go back into the pool of open dates. If other existing barns do not reserve that date, the show manager may request it. Probationary (first-time) show managers who cancel their show date for reasons other than an "act of god", will not be allowed to reserve a date for the following show year. The Show Committee will determine if the reason for cancellation is considered an "act of god."

Cancelled show dates will go back into the pool of open dates. Refunds will not be made for cancelled show dates, regardless of circumstances. Barns that have not exceeded their maximum amount of shows for that show year or barns desiring to swap their existing show date will be allowed to apply for the vacated date. Requests will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. See paragraph 2.1.5 Show Date Additions for additional guidance.

Show managers that have complied to all show packet guidelines that are forced to cancelled their show date because of an "act of God" (see 2.1.12), will be allowed to move their show date to the next available date that is no less than 4 weeks from the cancelled show date.

### **2.1.7 Swapping Show Dates**

Show management desiring to swap show dates must make a written request to the Show Committee Chairperson at least four (4) weeks prior to the earliest planned show date. Written requests may be in the form of an email. Swapping show dates may involve two or more existing dates, or one reserved date to an open date. If dates are being swapped between two or more reserved dates, each show manager affected by this swap must submit a written request.

### **2.1.8 Purchasing Show Dates**

Purchasing or taking other show management's unwanted or cancelled reserved dates is NOT allowed.

### **2.1.9 Dual Recognition**

Dual recognition of AHJA shows will be at show management's discretion and will be allowed. Shows that are dual recognized must clearly indicate on the prize list, which divisions/classes are recognized by the AHJA. AHJA recognized divisions/classes must follow AHJA specifications and rules. Outside organizations wishing to add AHJA recognition must follow the same procedures for reserving/adding show dates as defined in this section.

### **2.1.10 Show Management by Proxy**

Show management who reserved a show date will not be allowed relinquish their show management responsibilities to a different barn or stable. If a show manager is unable to fulfill their responsibilities to adequately run a horse show, their show date will be cancelled and open for other show's consideration (see paragraph 2.1.5 Show Date Additions).

### **2.1.11 Show Fee**

A non-refundable fee of **\$50.00 per day, per show**, must accompany the application. Two-day shows will be required to pay for the additional day for a total of \$100.00 for that show. The fee

must be paid **by the show manager** during the initial show date meeting. A recognized AHJA show should not exceed 12 hours. If an AHJA show does exceed 12 hours, show management will be responsible for paying for another day of showing at a cost of \$50.00.

### **2.1.12 Approval Authority**

In addition to their roles and responsibilities as defined in the AHJA By-Laws, the Show Committee will be the final approval authority for adding, changing, swapping, “act of god” determinations, and for resolving all conflicts regarding show dates. The Show Committee will also be the final approval authority for probationary show acceptance, and will determine the probationary periods for current show management that have relinquished their good standing by not following AHJA rules and guidelines. [Dec 2011]

### **2.1.13 Mileage Restrictions**

The AHJA will not recognize separate Hunter or Jumper shows within a 40 mile radius on the same date

## **2.2 Minimum Show Requirements**

Show Management is subject to fines as described in “Section 5 – Penalty Structure” of this rulebook for failing to meet Minimum Show Requirements. [Nov 2012]

### **2.2.1 General Facility Requirements**

- Show management should provide a show ring large enough for at least eight (8) fences without endangering horse or rider. Before the start of the show, courses do not need to be set exactly as they are to be jumped during the show. At least one of each type of fence to be used during the show, including an oxer and an 'in and out' if one is used, **should be presented for pre-show schooling or included in the warm-up round.**
- Show management should provide an adequate and safe schooling area, large enough for two (2) fences, to be available throughout the duration of the show.
- Drinking water suitable for human and animal consumption will be provided at all AHJA shows.
- Rest room facilities must also be furnished at all AHJA shows. Port-o-lets are acceptable.
- Provide clean water for hosing or washing horses
- Provide a telephone (may be cellular) on the show grounds.
- Provide a secretary's office or desk.
- If show is two (2) or more days in duration, adequate stabling facilities must be offered.
- Concessions are encouraged, but, not required.
- The presence of dogs during a show should be discouraged, however, if they are present, they must be kept on a leash, no exceptions. Violators will be subject to a fine as determined by show management **and/or Show Committee.** [Dec 2011]

### **2.2.2 Services**

- Appropriate medical services, as selected by the individual show management, must be available or on call for AHJA recognized shows. [Dec 2011]

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- A farrier and veterinarian must be on-call with names and phone numbers readily available and posted. [Dec 2011]

### 2.2.3 Show Staff

At a minimum, the following personnel should be available and present during the entire length of each show:

- Show Manager or Technical Representative
- Trained gate-keeper for each gate
- Announcer
- Jump Crew (at least 1 dedicated individual per ring)

Provisions should be made for adequate communication between show personnel. [Dec 2011]

### 2.2.4 Show Secretary Responsibilities

The following are the duties and responsibilities of the AHJA Show Secretary. At a minimum, the show secretary will:

- Provide the Show Manager a mailing label for each member in good standing **if requested at least 4 weeks** prior to show date, after all required fees have been paid. [Dec 2011]
- Verify that the Show Manager has a copy of the current Show Packet containing the Rules, Divisions, Judges List, and Board Members List **if requested**.
- Be present the day of the horse show, will run the secretary's desk, compute points for championships, and provide: the AHJA computer, printer and paper, membership applications, back numbers and string, class sheets for in-gate personnel and announcers, and a tally of all monies made.
- Retain complete class sheets showing all entries, including post entries, scratches, eliminations and results, signed Judges' card, and a completed Class Summary Sheet. Copies of the previously listed sheets and cards are acceptable, as long as the copies are clean, clear and legible.
- If ponies are measured at the show, the names of the ponies, owners and individuals conducting the measurement shall be filed as well.

### 2.2.5 Pony Measurement

A show Committee Member should be on call to measure ponies at all AHJA recognized shows. USEF and AHJA pony cards from that competition year, (unless the pony has been issued a permanent card with either the USEF or AHJA) will be accepted. Ponies may receive and use a permanent USEF measurement card once they turn six (6) years of age.

## 2.3 Course and Jump Requirements

Show Management is subject to fines as described in "Section 5 – Penalty Structure" of this rulebook for failing to meet Course and Jump Requirements. [Nov 2012]

### 2.3.1 General Requirements

Jumps should be sturdy and within the specifications of USEF. They should measure at least 18' wide inside single standards or have 10' minimum width fences with wings that are 30" wide and 12" higher than the highest element. Equitation and Jumper course fences should be the same but a course may have one fence as narrow as 8' if it is safely placed in the course. The goal of the AHJA will be to have

attractive, safe courses that are conducive to the best performance of the entries. All jumps should be in good repair. Stride distance should be set at approximately 12' with in-and-out distances being 24' for horses and adjusted for ponies. Combinations are restricted on courses where jumps are lower than 2'6" except in Pony divisions where distances must be adjusted.

### 2.3.2 Jump Cups

Standards should have jump cups, not pegs. Gates or planks should be held up by flat jump cups, unless covered by a rail. Cups that are not supporting a pole or other element will be removed from standards and located in a safe place. [Dec 2011]

### 2.3.3 Hunters

Natural rails or plain painted fences are acceptable. All fences should be conservative, resemble those found in the hunt field. Ground lines should be used along with fillers to enhance the appearance of the jumps. If irregular shaped standards and/or striped poles are to be a part of a hunter course, schooling must be allowed over these standards and poles.

### 2.3.4 Equitation

Striped rails or brighter painted jumps are recommended. Equitation courses, except walk/trot, crosspole, hopeful, and short and long stirrup hunter, must have at least one change of direction.

### 2.3.5 Jumpers

Fences may be bright colors, and consist of a combination of any of the following: brush; gates; oxers; post and rail; water; liverpool; ditch; wall; banks; coops. Ground lines are optional. Safety to horse and rider is of utmost importance. Courses with combinations of two or three elements are allowed, as well as angled fences.

### 2.3.6 Guidelines for Pony Distances

For classes where horses and ponies compete together: any lines measured at 72' or greater do not have to be readjusted for pony competitors; distances of combinations should be adjusted for pony competitors. In pony classes, the height of the element may not be altered by the addition of any element, such as a rail. (Explanation: If small ponies jump a coop without a rail, large ponies must also jump the same fence without the rail.) It is suggested that the Show Committee Chairperson be consulted for questions concerning course design or safety.

The following is the recommended distances for pony classes:

	<u>Stride distance</u>	<u>In and Out Footage</u>	<u>2 Stride Footage</u>
Small pony:	10' stride	20' stride	29' stride
Medium pony:	10' 6" stride	21' stride	31'6" stride
Large pony:	11'3" stride	22'6" stride	34' stride

## 2.4 Attire

Appropriate attire is required in all classes. At a minimum, appropriate attire is separately defined for each discipline. If anyone enters the show ring without proper horse show attire, the judge is at liberty to penalize or refrain from pinning the participant. **ASTM/SEI approved helmets must be worn at all times for all riders on horseback, regardless of age.** [Dec 2011]

### 2.4.1 Hunter/Equitation

- For Beginner classes (fences below 2')

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- Regular Shows: Riders must wear traditional, short or long-sleeved riding shirts with choker or tie or polo shirt, breeches or jodhpurs, belt, tall boots or paddock boots with garters. Shirts must be tucked in.
- End-Of-Year Show: Riders must wear a traditional, short or long-sleeved riding shirt with choker or tie—polo shirts will not be allowed. Show coats are optional; however, riders will NOT receive any special advantage or consideration over riders not wearing coats. Shirts must be tucked in.
- For riders showing in classes with fences 2' or higher – Show coat, show shirt (with choker or tie), breeches or jodhpurs, belt, tall boots or paddock boots with garters.

### 2.4.2 Jumpers

- Regular Shows: Traditional, short or long-sleeved riding shirts with choker or tie or polo shirt, breeches or jodhpurs, belt, tall boots or paddock boots with garters. Shirts must be tucked in.
- End-Of-Year Show: Riders must wear show coat, traditional, short or long-sleeved riding shirts with choker or tie, belt, breeches or jodhpurs, tall boots or paddock boots with garters.

The judge may waive coats for any or all divisions at their discretion. If coats are waived, riders must wear traditional, short or long-sleeved riding shirts with choker or tie. Shirts must be tucked in. [Dec 2011]

## 2.5 Judging

### 2.5.1 Judge Selection

It is recommended that judges for a hunter show be selected from the AHJA Approved Judge List, (this list may be obtained from the Chairperson on the Show Committee) or be approved by the Show Committee Chairperson at least two weeks prior to the date of the show. Judges that are "r" or "R" USEF rated judges will be approved as long as they are in good standing with USEF. New judges may be added to the list at the discretion of the Show Committee. Judges may not be asked to officiate at AHJA hunter shows more than twice a year in the upper ring (main hunter ring) and twice a year in the lower ring.

### 2.5.2 Judge's Course Discretion

The judge has full authority to approve, disapprove, change or alter any course which he/she feels does not meet generally accepted safety standards or generally accepted course design standards.

### 2.5.3 Showing Un-Judged

Showing un-judged is prohibited at any AHJA recognized show.

## 2.6 Event Insurance

### 2.6.1 Insurance Requirements

All AHJA recognized shows MUST have liability insurance for each event. Each show must have at least \$1 million in coverage. Additionally, the AHJA as an organization MUST be listed as a co-insured.

### 2.6.2 Proof of Insurance

Proof of insurance that meets the requirements as defined in paragraph 2.6.1 must be submitted to the

Show Committee Chair at least two (2) weeks prior to your show date. Shows without proof of insurance will lose AHJA sanctioning. [Nov 2012]

### **3. PRIZE LIST**

Show Management is subject to fines as described in “Section 5 – Penalty Structure” of this rulebook for failing to meet Prize List Requirements. [Nov 2012]

#### **3.1 Prize List Information**

The Prize List ~~should be mailed to all AHJA members two (2) weeks prior to the show, and~~ must contain the following information at a minimum:

- State the name of Judge, the Show Manager or Steward, farrier, and medical service.
- State that proof of a negative Coggins test within one (1) year is required before numbers are issued.
- State if schooling is available, and at what time. Schooling will be un-judged and no end-of-year points will be given.
- If applicable, AHJA recognized and non-recognized classes must be clearly marked and distinguishable.
- Specific tables and sections governing jumper classes must be stated in prize list.
- A statement that dogs must be kept on a leash.
- State whether or not food is available on grounds.
- State whether or not stabling is available. If available, state the POC’s contact information and the cost.
- State that ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required for ALL riders (including adults) at ALL times when mounted, including schooling. No exceptions!

#### **3.2 Minimum Division Requirements Per Show**

The following lists the minimum amount of divisions offered in order for a show to be recognized by AHJA:

- Hunters: Minimum of five (5) hunter divisions, each consisting of at least three (3) hunter classes, two (2) of which must be over fences and one (1) under-saddle.
- Equitation: Equitation must offer a minimum of two (2) hunt seat equitation classes (Divisions) on the flat, and two (2) equitation classes (Divisions) over fences.
- Jumpers: If jumper divisions are offered they require a minimum of two (2) classes per division.

NOTE: The prize list should be limited to 30-40 classes per ring, per day.

#### **3.3 Modifications**

Post all ~~further~~ **approved** changes and corrections to the show bill at least one hour before any schooling or classes are held. Post courses at least one (1) hour before the start of the class. Announce the name of the Manager of the Show or the Steward.

### 3.4 Class Restrictions

The AHJA Board of Directors reserves the right to limit the number of classes to be held per day, per ring, at an AHJA recognized show.

## 4. POINTS AND PLACING

### 4.1 Individual Eligibility

AHJA members in good standing may accumulate points for placing in AHJA approved shows. Points for the year-end awards begin at the time the membership dues are paid. Individuals can join before any show, up to and including the day of the horse show. No person will earn any points until registered with the AHJA. The AHJA will tabulate points for year-end awards. The year-end awards are presented at the annual awards banquet.

### 4.2 Placing

A class or division is to be pinned (including Champion and Reserve Champion) even if there are fewer than three competitors in that division. Show management may combine similar divisions, (i.e. Long and Short Stirrup, Children's and Adult Hunters) for the sake of time conservation, though the classes and division will be pinned separately.

The AHJA recognizes places 1 through 5 in all classes and divisions with the following exception: Walk/Trot Hunter classes, Walk/Trot Equitation classes, Crosspole Hunter classes and Crosspole Equitation classes must be pinned 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. Additional placing of riders is at Show Management's option. Trophies or prizes must be offered for all divisional championships. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> place are optional.

### 4.3 Point Structure

End-of-Year Points will be awarded for local-rated shows based on the total number of entries for each class as per the USEF Rulebook, paragraph GR1131 – Hunter Divisions, "C" Rated, dated 2011. [Dec 2011]

Place	Number of Entries and Points Awarded					
	1-2*	3-8	9-15	16-25	26-35	35+
1 <sup>st</sup>	8	15	20	25	30	35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	10	15	20	25	30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	5	10	15	20	25
4 <sup>th</sup>		4	5	10	15	20
5 <sup>th</sup>		3	4	5	10	15
6 <sup>th</sup>		2	3	4	5	10
<i>*Note: Not in accordance with USEF, but added for AHJA purposes</i>						

### 4.4 One Rider Per Class Rule

In the event there is only one rider participating in a given class or division, that rider's over fences, equitation and under saddle rounds will be scored and rewarded according to the following point scale: [Dec 2011]

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- 75% and up = First Place
- 60-74% = Second Place
- 59% or less = Third Place

Note: A rider will not earn any less than 3<sup>rd</sup> place, but will not automatically earn a 1<sup>st</sup> place due to the fact that they are the only rider in the class.

### 4.5 Division Champion

Championships at shows should be decided as is normal and customary for the location of the show. The AHJA only awards points in under saddle classes to those horses that have placed first through fifth in at least one over fences class of that division. In the event of a tie in the points for champion, the horse with the greatest number of points over fences will be determined the champion. If the over fences points are equal, the riders will be asked to either hack for championship or flip a coin. The time required to hack will be considered by Show Management when making this decision.

Division Champions will be determined using the following method:

- First Place 6 points
- Second Place 4 points
- Third Place 3 points
- Fourth Place 2 points
- Fifth Place 1 point

### 4.6 Splitting Classes

Show Management should use discretion for splitting under saddle or flat classes that contain a large number of riders. If a class is split for safety reasons, ~~and~~ only 1 set of ribbons (1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>, depending upon the division) will be given. One set of points will be awarded based on the total number of entries before the split, regardless of extra ribbons given by show management. [Dec 2011]

### 4.7 Hunter Under Saddle Points

In order for points to count towards both championships and end-of-year awards, a horse/rider or pony/rider combination must complete in at least one over fence class in that same division. This is not true for Equitation Flat classes—which are entities unto themselves, and any and all points won by a rider in those classes will count.

### 4.8 Exceptions

In over fences classes, at least one horse or pony must complete the course for points to count. If all entries are disqualified by three refusals, rider or horse fall, or goes off course, the class will not count for points. Hunter divisions must have at least one (1) entry in all three classes at that show for points to count for end-of-year points.

## 5. PENALTY SYSTEM

The AHJA has the responsibility to the Association to monitor all AHJA recognized shows for compliance with rules as set forth in this rulebook. As such, the AHJA Show Committee may recommend fines for rulebook infractions. The Show Committee will present their recommendations to the full AHJA Board of Directors for final approval of all penalties **that are not approved by the majority of the show committee**. Sanctioning of future shows will be suspended until all fines have been paid in full. [Entire Section 5 added in Nov 2012]



## 5.1 Penalty Types and Amounts

	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
<b>Minor:</b>	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
<b>Major:</b>	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$500.00
<b>Critical:</b>	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$500.00 + loss of future horse show sanctions.

*Note: Sanctioning of future horse shows may be suspended for repeated Minor and Major Infractions*

### 5.1.1 Critical Violations

The following rules violations may result in a Critical Fine:

- Selling or purchasing of show dates
- Show management by Proxy
- Cancellation of show date for other than an “act of god”
- Swapping show dates without approval of Show Committee

### 5.1.2 Major Violations

The following rules violations may result in a Major Fine:

- Draft of prize list not received by Show Committee Chair (2 weeks prior to show date)
- Changes to existing/posted prize list not received by Show Committee Chair (2 1 weeks prior to show date)
- Draft of prize list not received by AHJA Show Secretary one week prior to show date.
- Change of location without Notifying Show Committee Chair or President
- Dogs not on a leash. (It is the responsibility of each show manager to ensure all dogs are kept on a leash)

### 5.1.3 Minor Violations

The following rules violations may result in a Minor Fine:

- Inaccuracies/Omissions in prize list as described in Sections 2.2, 2.3 and Section 3 of this Rulebook

## 5.2 Returned Checks

A returned check to any AHJA sanctioned event will result in suspension of membership, and the individual/barn will be banned from participating in AHJA sanctioned events until restitution is made.

## 6. END OF YEAR AWARDS

### 6.1 Eligibility

AHJA members may accumulate points for placing in AHJA approved shows. The year-end awards are presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. Only those members current in their AHJA memberships at the time of competition may qualify for those awards. In order for points to count, both the rider and the owner of the horse or pony must be AHJA members. All horses or ponies pinned first through fifth in over fences classes within a division are eligible for their points in flat classes.

## 6.2 Separate Circuits

Points will be accumulated separately for each circuit (Local and Regular). Divisions offered at each show will be eligible for points in one circuit only. Local-rated show points will count for Local-rated year end awards, and Regular-rated show points will count for Regular-rated year end awards. At no time can points count for both circuits. [Dec 2010]

Awards will be given out for each AHJA recognized circuit (Local-Rated and Regular-Rated). Individuals may participate in, accumulate points, and are eligible for year-end awards in both circuits. [Dec 2010]

## 6.3 Year-End Award Calculation

### 6.3.1 Local-Rated

If there are 25 or more horse shows, not including the AHJA Kick Off Show and Year End Horse Show, the final point standings for year-end awards will be capped at and based on a horse's (hunters and jumpers) or rider's (equitation) 12 best divisional finishes at AHJA Local-Rated shows (see exceptions in paragraph 5.3.2 below). A horse and/or rider may show in more than 12 shows per year, but only their top 12 divisional finishes will count towards year end awards. [Dec 2011]

### 6.3.2 AHJA Kick-Off and Year-End Shows

Points acquired from the AHJA Kick-Off and Year-End shows are not counted towards the 12 Show cap. In other words, a rider may accumulate points from 12 shows, plus the Kick-Off and Year-End for a total of 14 shows. [Dec 2011]

### 6.3.3 Regular-Rated

Final point standings for year-end awards will be determined by the total number of points accumulated at all USEF/AHJA rated shows. [Dec 2011]

## 6.4 Perpetual Awards

Final point standings for all perpetual awards will be determined by the total number of points accumulated at all AHJA Local-Rated shows. These awards will not be capped by the amount of shows participated in. [Dec 2011]

## 6.5 Division/Class Recognition

Only the divisions listed in the Rulebook (Show Packet) are recognized for end-of-year awards. A division or class must be offered and completed in at least three AHJA recognized shows during the membership year in order for an end-of-year award to be presented. At least one entry must enter and compete for points in any class to count toward end-of-year awards. In over fences classes, at least one horse or pony must COMPLETE the course for points to count. If all entries are disqualified by three refusals, rider or horse fall, or goes off course, the class will not count for points. Hunter divisions must have all three classes filled at that show for points to count for end-of-year points.

## 6.6 Tie Break

End-of-year point ties will not be broken. In the event of a tie, awards will be administered in accordance with the following examples: [Dec 2011]

*Example 1: (There is a tie for 1st. The AHJA will award 2 champions, but no reserve)*

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Award</u>
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<b>Rider 1</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>Champion</b>
<b>Rider 2</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>Champion</b>
Rider 3	85	3rd
Rider 4	76	4th
Rider 5	65	5th
Rider 6	45	6th
Rider 7	43	No award

*Example 2: (There is a tie for second. The AHJA will award 2 reserves, but no 3<sup>rd</sup>)*

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Award</u>
Rider 1	90	Champion
<b>Rider 2</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
<b>Rider 3</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
Rider 4	76	4th
Rider 5	65	5th
Rider 6	45	6th
Rider 7	43	No award

*Example 3: (There is a tie for 6<sup>th</sup> in which case the AHJA will still award 2 6<sup>th</sup> places)*

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Award</u>
Rider 1	90	Champion
Rider 2	85	Reserve
Rider 3	76	3rd
Rider 4	65	4th
Rider 5	45	5th
<b>Rider 6</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>Rider 7</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6th</b>

*Example 4: (There is a 3-way tie for 5<sup>th</sup>. In this case the AHJA will award 3 5<sup>th</sup> places and no 6<sup>th</sup> place)*

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Award</u>
Rider 1	90	Champion
Rider 2	85	Reserve
Rider 3	80	3rd
Rider 4	76	4th
<b>Rider 5</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>Rider 6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>Rider 7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5th</b>
Rider 8	40	No 6 <sup>th</sup> place award

## 7. AHJA ADMINISTERED SHOWS

### 7.1 Kick-Off Show

If held, the Kick-Off Show will be a Local-Rated show. Therefore, points acquired during this show will only count towards Local-rated year end awards, and will not count towards the 12 show cap. [Dec 2011]

If a Kick-Off Show for the Regular-Rated circuit is held, those points acquired during this show will only count towards Regular-Rated year end awards. [Dec 2011]

### **7.1.1 Show Date**

The AHJA may host a Kick-Off Show each year and will be the first show of the AHJA show year. [Dec 2011]

### **7.1.2 Eligibility**

If held, the AHJA Kick-Off Show will be open to everyone. However, only members in good standing will earn points toward year-end awards. [Dec 2011]

## **7.2 End of Year Show**

The Year-End show will be a Local-Rated show. Therefore points acquired during this show will only count towards Local-rated year end awards, and will not count towards the 12 show cap [Dec 2011]. Individuals who participate in the Regular-rated circuit may participate in the year end show in divisions in which they are eligible. [Dec 2010]

### **7.2.1 Show Date**

The AHJA will host an End-of-Year show each year and will be the final show of the AHJA show year.

### **7.2.2 Eligibility**

The AHJA End-of-Year Show will be open to everyone. However, only members in good standing will earn points toward year-end awards.

### **7.2.3 Equitation Medal Classes**

The AHJA offers year end Medal classes for top qualifiers in certain Equitation Over Fences Divisions. The top twelve (12) riders—those with the highest point total in their class—will be invited to participate in the Medal Final for their division. If fewer than 12 riders commit to compete, additional riders may be invited to compete if they have scored points in that division in at least two shows during the competition year. Invitations shall be extended in order of year-end point standings; in no event shall more than 12 riders compete. **A rider may only compete in one Medal final**, with the following exception: a rider may compete a pony in the Pony Medal and a horse in the Pre-Children's, Children's or Junior/Amateur Medal if that rider has qualified both animals. The following are the Medal classes offered:

- AHJA Pony Medal (small: 2'3", medium: 2'6", large: 2'9")
- AHJA Children's Pony Medal (small/medium: 2', large: 2'6") [Dec 2011]
- AHJA Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Medal (2'6")
- AHJA Children's Medal (3')
- AHJA Adult Medal (3')
- AHJA Junior/Amateur Owner Medal (3'6")

All Medal classes are to be performed over a course with at least 2 changes of direction. Only one rider per horse/pony; testing at judge's discretion (USEF tests 1-19).

### **7.2.4 Additional Classes**

Additional classes, such as; Classic, Mini Prix, Derby, etc., may be added to the class list. If added, these additional classes will not count towards year-end points.

## 8. LOCAL-RATED HEIGHTS AND DEFINITIONS

The following heights are the ALABAMA HUNTER-JUMPER ASSOCIATION approved heights and are considered to be measured from the top of the top element to the ground directly below, at the center of the jump. Should a rider show at a recognized out-of-state division where fence heights exceed an AHJA maximum division height restriction, the rider will not be prevented from showing in his/her regular division at in-state shows. For example, a rider whose regular division is Long Stirrup, which has a 2'0" maximum height for AHJA, may show in Pensacola's Long Stirrup, which is 2'3", and still show in AHJA Long Stirrup.

### 8.1 Hunters and Equitation

#### 8.1.1 Hunter Divisions

1. Walk/Trot Hunter – Open to horses or ponies, to be shown only at the walk and trot. Over fence class courses shall be held over a course of four obstacles that consist of three or four poles, each spaced four to five feet apart from each other. The course shall be trotted once around. Anyone showing in this class/division is prohibited from showing in any other class, except Walk/Trot Equitation and Crosspole Hunter Divisions. Entering any other class/division other than Walk/Trot Equitation and Crosspole Hunter Divisions at any AHJA recognized show will result in the permanent loss of eligibility for the Walk/Trot Divisions. A rider may compete in this division for no more than two show years.
2. Crosspole Hunter - Open to horses or ponies. Fences shall be set as cross poles (with no flowers or boxes) [Dec 2011] at a height of 12" at the cross and the course will be twice around the outside at the trot or canter, being two lines of at least two fences each line. The horse/rider or pony/rider combination cannot show in any other class or division, except the Walk/Trot Hunter Divisions.
3. Hopeful Hunter – Open to a horse or pony, shown by a junior, amateur or professional rider, in its first year of showing in any recognized show by any Association. The horse or pony may not have ever shown in any class or division with any fences higher than 2'. Fences will be plain verticals (with no flowers or boxes) [Dec 2011] set at 18" – 2'; there will be no oxers. The course will be once around the outside, shown at a trot or a canter. The horse or pony cannot show in any other class or division, except Starting Hunter. The horse or pony may only show in this division for 1 show year.
4. Short Stirrup Hunter - Open to horses or ponies with amateur [Dec 2010] riders 12 years old or under. The rider's age will be determined by that person's age as of December 1 of the current competition year, which begins December 1 and ends November 30 of the following year. The fence height shall be 18" to 2' with the course being either twice around the outside, a figure eight, or an inside/outside-outside/inside design, which may be trotted or cantered. No oxers are allowed. Riders may only cross-enter in Starting Hunter during the same year. [Dec 2010]
5. Long Stirrup Hunter - Open to horses or ponies with riders 13 years old or over. The rider's age will be determined by that person's age as of December 1 of the current competition year, which begins December 1 and ends November 30 of the following year. The fence height shall be 18" to 2' with the course being twice around the outside, a figure eight, or an inside/outside-outside/inside design, which may be trotted or cantered. No oxers are allowed. Riders may only cross-enter in Starting Hunter during the same year. [Dec 2010]
6. Starting Hunter - Open to horse or pony, fences shall be set on a regular hunter course at 2' in height.

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Course shall not include an in and out combination or any oxers, and the horse/rider combination cannot show in any over fence class with fences higher than 2'3" at the same show. A small or medium pony/rider combination may show in Schooling Pony Hunter Division, but may not show in Regular Pony Hunter Division at the same show.

7. Schooling Pony Hunter – Open to ponies only. The fence height shall be 2' for all ponies regardless of size. Stride distance in combinations to be adjusted to 20' for small, and 22' for medium. Pony/Rider combination may only cross-enter into the Children's Pony Hunter division or the Regular Pony Hunter division. [modified Dec 2010]
8. Children's Pony Hunter - Small, measuring under 12.2 hands, and Medium, measuring 12.2 but under 13.2 hands; fences 2', stride distance in combinations to be adjusted to 20' for small, and 22' for Medium. Large, measuring 13.2 hands but not exceeding 14.2 hands; fences 2'6". [added Feb 2010]. Pony/Rider combination may NOT cross-enter into the Regular Pony Hunter division. [Dec 2010].
9. Regular Pony Hunter - Small, measuring under 12.2 hands; fences 2'3", stride distance in combinations to be adjusted to 20'. Medium, measuring 12.2 but under 13.2 hands; fences 2'6", stride distance in combinations to be adjusted to 22'. Large, measuring 13.2 hands but not exceeding 14.2 hands; fences 2'9" ~~3'~~. [Dec 2010]

*Ponies: Adults cannot ride in Pony Hunter, Pony Equitation, or Pony Jumper Divisions. For the purpose of showing, the small/medium and large ponies will show as one class with fences and stride distances adjusted for small, medium, and large. The top element of a fence may not be changed for the different heights; however, you may add a rail under the top rail in order to make the fences less airy. A USEF permanent measurement card or an AHJA measurement card must be presented for any pony before being issued an exhibitor's number when showing in Schooling Pony or Pony Hunter Divisions. Ponies without a USEF card will be measured by the AHJA at the beginning of each show year and that measurement will stand for that year. Any AHJA officer or any two members of the AHJA Board of Directors may request a pony be measured at any AHJA show. Refusal by any exhibitor to present their pony for measurement when requested by an AHJA representative will result in suspension from showing in any AHJA rated show until the pony is submitted for measurement. A USEF approved measuring stick will be used to measure ponies. When measuring shod ponies, the height of shoes measured at the heel will be subtracted from the measured height.*

10. Schooling Hunter - Fences 2'3". Open to all horses and ponies, shown by juniors, amateurs or professionals.
11. Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Hunter – Fences 2'3" to 2'6". Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by junior or adult amateur exhibitors. A horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher.
12. Baby Green Hunter - Fences 2'6". Open to a horse or pony of any age in its first or second year of showing over fences that has not jumped higher than 3' in AHJA recognized shows, excluding equitation. (The two years do not have to be consecutive years so long as the horse or pony is not shown at all over fences in the year(s) following the first Baby Green year.) May be shown by juniors, amateurs or professionals. A horse or pony showing over fences higher than 3' is immediately ineligible to show baby green. May cross enter any other division at 3' or lower, except Pre-Green Hunter.

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13. Modified Hunter – Fences 2'6". Open to horses or ponies. Maybe be shown by juniors, amateurs, or professionals. [Jan 2013]

~~Non-Thoroughbred Hunter – Fences 2'6". Open to horses or ponies that are not thoroughbreds. May be shown by juniors, amateurs or professionals.~~

~~Thoroughbred Hunter – Fences 2'6". Open to thoroughbreds only. May be shown by juniors, amateurs or professionals.~~

14. Low Hunter - Fences 2'9". Open to all horses and ponies. May be shown by juniors, amateurs or professionals.
15. Pre- Green Hunters - A horse of any age, in its first or second year of showing (need not be consecutive years), shown by a junior, amateur or professional. The horse may not show in any AHJA recognized classes that require a horse to jump 3'3" or higher, excluding equitation. (If an exhibitor chooses to enter a division requiring his/her horse to jump 3'3" or higher, except an equitation division, the horse will forfeit one green year.) 1st year horses show at 3'; 2nd year horses show at 3'3".
16. Children's Hunter - Fences 3'. Open to horses and ponies, ridden by those who have not reached their 18th birthday. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into the Junior Division at the same show.
17. Adult Amateur Hunter - Fences 3'. Open to horses and ponies, ridden by non-professionals aged 18 or older. The rider does not have to own the horse/pony being exhibited. The horse/rider or pony/rider combination may not cross-enter into the A/O division.
18. Junior/Amateur Owner Hunter - Fences 3'3". Open to horses or ponies shown by junior riders, or by an amateur owner rider (non-professional, 18 years old or older, who owns the horse/pony being exhibited). Horse/rider and pony/rider combinations may not cross enter into Children's Hunter or Adult Amateur Hunter at the same show.
19. Regular Working Hunter - Fences 3'3" to 3'6". Open to horses and ponies shown by a junior, amateur or professional rider. Cross-entering where eligible.

### 8.1.2 Equitation Divisions

*Note: A rider may enter only one Equitation Division (1 flat class and 1 over fence class) at a Show. For Year-Ends Awards, points for the Flat and Over Fence classes within the same division will be combined. Awards will be based on total Flat and OF points. [Dec 2010]*

1. Walk/Trot Equitation Flat- Open to beginner, adult or child; to be shown at a walk and a trot. Anyone showing in this class/division is prohibited from showing in any other class or division, except the Walk/Trot Equitation Over Poles, Walk/Trot Hunter and Crosspole Hunter Divisions. Entering any class/division other than those divisions at any AHJA recognized show will result in permanent loss of eligibility for the Walk/Trot Divisions. A rider may compete in this division for no more than two show years.
2. Walk/Trot Equitation Over Poles- Open to beginner, adult or child. Over fence classes will be limited to poles and the course shall be trotted once around the outside. Anyone showing in this class/division is prohibited from showing in any other class or division, except the Walk/Trot Equitation Flat, Walk/Trot Hunter and Crosspole Hunter Divisions. Entering any class/division other than those

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divisions at any AHJA recognized show will result in permanent loss of eligibility for the Walk/Trot Divisions. A rider may compete in this division for no more than two show years.

3. Crosspole Equitation Flat–To be shown at a walk, trot and canter in both directions. The rider cannot show in any other class or division except Walk/Trot Hunter, Crosspole Hunter, and Crosspole Equitation Over Fences.
4. Crosspole Equitation Over Fences –Open to horse or pony; fences shall be set as cross-poles at a height of 12" at the cross and the course will be twice around the outside at the trot or canter, being two lines of at least two fences each line. The rider cannot show in any other class or division except Walk/Trot Hunter, Crosspole Hunter, and Crosspole Equitation Flat.
5. Short Stirrup Equitation Flat – Open to riders 12 years and under. Once a rider competes higher than 2' over fences in any other division/class of any AHJA recognized show, except the Starting Hunter Division, he/she may not ever again in the current year or future years compete in the Short Stirrup Hunter or Equitation division or classes.
6. Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences – Open to riders 12 years and under; fences to be 18" to 2' with the course being either twice around the outside, a figure eight, or an inside/outside-outside/inside design. No oxers, rollbacks, or halts [Dec 2011] are allowed. Course may be trotted or cantered. Once a rider competes higher than 2' over fences in any other division/class of any AHJA recognized show, except the Starting Hunter Division, he/she may not ever again in the current year or future years compete in the Short Stirrup Hunter or Equitation division or classes.
7. Long Stirrup Equitation Flat – Open to riders 13 years and older. Once a rider competes higher than 2' over fences in any other division/class of any AHJA recognized show, except the Starting Hunter Division, he/she may not ever again in the current year or future years compete in the Long Stirrup Hunter or Equitation division or classes.
8. Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences – Open to riders 13 years and over; fences to be 18" to 2' with the course being either twice around the outside, a figure eight, or an inside/outside-outside/inside design. No oxers, rollbacks, or halts [Dec 2011] are allowed. Course may be trotted or cantered. Once a rider competes higher than 2' over fences in any other division/class of any AHJA recognized show, except the Starting Hunter Division, he/she may not ever again in the current year or future years compete in the Long Stirrup Hunter or Equitation division or classes.
9. Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Equitation Flat- To be ridden by a junior or adult amateur exhibitor. ***A rider may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher.***
10. Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Equitation over Fences – Fences 2'3" to 2'6". To be ridden by junior or adult amateur exhibitors. ***A rider may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher.***
11. Pony Equitation Flat – Open only to ponies and amateur riders ages 17 and under.
12. Pony Equitation over Fences – Open only to ponies and amateur riders ages 17 and under. Fence heights shall be limited to those of the Regular Pony Hunter Division. See comments following Regular Pony Hunter.
13. Children's Equitation Flat– Open only to Junior exhibitors. This division may be combined with Adult Amateur Equitation Flat if either division has fewer than three (3) exhibitors, though they will be pinned separately.



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14. Children's Equitation Over Fences- Open only to Junior exhibitors; fences 3'. This division may be combined with Adult Amateur Equitation Over Fences if either division has fewer than three (3) exhibitors, though they will be pinned separately.
15. Adult Amateur Equitation Flat- Open to those non-professional competitors who are 18 years of age or older. This division may be combined with Children's Equitation Flat if either division has fewer than three (3) exhibitors, though they will be pinned separately.
16. Adult Amateur Equitation Over Fences- Open to those non-professional competitors who are 18 years of age or older; fences 3'. This division may be combined with Children's Equitation Over Fences if either division has fewer than three (3) exhibitors, though they will be pinned separately.
17. Junior/Amateur-Owner Medal- Open to non-professional riders; fences 3'6". **Riders MAY NOT cross-enter into any other equitation class or division.** This class will consist of an over fences round, followed by a flat phase. The judge must call back at least 4 entries for the flat phase. Testing on the flat at the judge's discretion; tests may include but are not limited to USEF Equitation Tests 1-19.

## 8.2 Jumpers

### 8.2.1 General Rules

- USEF Jumper rules will be followed wherever AHJA rules do not cover an issue.
- Rules governing jumper classes must be stated in prize list.
- Riders may walk the course (on foot) prior to the first class, but may not school their horses over the course.
- Classes will be held and judged in accordance with the current Tables published in the USEF Rule Book. The method of holding and judging of each class will be clearly stated in the description of the class (i.e. list which table the class will be run under, or provide additional instructions).

### 8.2.2 Start and Finish of Course

Both a starting line at least 12' before the first obstacle and a finishing line at least 24' beyond the last obstacle must be indicated by two markers at least 12' apart on each end of each line. Riders must cross the starting line between the markers--mounted upon their horses--and, to complete a course, they must cross the finishing line between the markers, headed in the proper direction and mounted upon their horses. Once the finish line has been crossed, a fall of horse or rider does not count.

### 8.2.3 Jump Offs

To be held over the original course; may include additional obstacles. In a jump-off the sequence of obstacles may be in any order or direction. Obstacles may be raised (not past maximum class height), lowered, broadened or narrowed. Courses may be shortened.

### 8.2.4 Fences and Courses

- Fences may be bright colors, and consist of a combination of any of the following: brush; gates; oxers; post and rail; water; liverpool; ditch; wall; banks; coops. Ground lines are optional. Safety to horse and rider is of utmost importance.

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- Combinations of two or three elements are allowed, as well as angled fences. Please be sure that the course has a smooth flow to it, otherwise, it will be difficult to ride

### 8.2.5 Time

Time shall be taken from the instant the horse's chest reaches the starting line until it reaches the finishing line; a bell or buzzer shall be sounded to tell the rider to start the course and to stop the rider on course should he/she be eliminated. It is recommended for safety purposes that for the Novice and Training Jumper classes, an optimum time be set for jump-offs (or for the first round if the class is a power and speed, or time first round). This would take the place of a fastest-round scenario.

### 8.2.6 Faults

- Knockdown 4 faults
- 1<sup>st</sup> Refusal 4 faults
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Refusal 4 faults
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Refusal elimination
- Fall of horse or rider elimination
- Knockdown timers elimination
- Off course elimination

### 8.2.7 Jumper Judge

Jumpers may be judged by a hunter judge, an AHJA approved judge, or a judge who has received prior approval by the Show Committee Chairperson. Judging at a Jumper show does not count towards the number of times a judge may officiate at a Hunter show.

### 8.2.8 Jumper Divisions

Where rules are unclear, then the AHJA jumper rules will be enforced according to outlines listed in the USEF Rule Book.

- 0.65m Jumper - Fences 0.65m (2' - Novice), at least 1 class must be optimum time
  - 0.70m Jumper - Fences 0.70m (2'3" - Training), at least 1 class must be optimum time
  - 0.75m Pony Jumper - Fences 0.75m (2'5" - Pony)
  - 0.80m Jumper - Fences 0.80m (2'7" - Beginner)
  - 0.85-0.90m Jumper - Fences 0.85-0.90m (2'9"-2'11" - Schooling)
  - 1.00m Jumper - Fences 1.00m (3'3" - Intermediate)
  - 1.05m Jumper - Fences 1.05m (3'5" - Open)
1. 0.65m Jumper - Fences 0.65m (2'), open to all horses and ponies; cross entering restrictions apply (reference hunter rules on cross entering heights).
  2. 0.70m Jumper - Fences 0.70m (2'3") open to all horses and ponies; cross-entering restrictions apply (reference hunter rules on cross entering heights).
  3. 0.75m Pony Jumper - Fences 0.75m (2'5"); open to all ponies.
  4. 0.80m Jumper - Fences 0.80m (2'7"); open to all horses or ponies.

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5. 0.85-0.90m Jumper - Fences 0.85-0.90m (2'9" to 2'11"); open to all horses or ponies.
6. 1.00m Jumper - Fences 1.00m (3'3"); open to all horses or ponies.
7. 1.05m Jumper - Fence 1.05m (3'6"); open to all horses or ponies. [Dec 2011]

## 9. REGULAR-RATED (USEF) HEIGHTS AND DEFINITIONS

All Regular-Rated divisions will follow USEF definitions and restrictions. The following divisions are recognized by the AHJA and are eligible for Year-End awards.

### 9.1 Hunter Divisions

1. Children's Pony Hunter - S/M 2', L 2'6
2. Green Pony Hunter - S 2'3, M 2'6, L 2'9. Points from the following divisions will be combined and recognized for this division:
  - Small/Medium Green Pony
  - Large Green Pony
3. Pony Hunter - S 2'3, M 2'6, L 3'. Points from the following divisions will be combined and recognized for this division:
  - Small Pony
  - Medium Pony
  - Large Pony
4. Children's Hunter - 3'. Points from the following divisions will be combined and recognized for this division:
  - Children's Hunter 14 & younger
  - Children's Hunter 15 – 17
5. Adult Amateur Hunter - 3'. Points from the following divisions will be combined and recognized for this division:
  - Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35
  - Adult Amateur Hunter 36+
  - Adult Amateur Hunter 36 - 45
  - Adult Amateur Hunter 46+
6. Pre-Green Hunter - 1<sup>st</sup> yr 3', 2<sup>nd</sup> yr 3'3. Points from the following divisions will be combined and recognized for this division:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Green 3'
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Green 3'3
7. Junior Working Hunter - 3'6. Points from the following divisions will be combined and recognized for this division:
  - Small Junior Hunter
  - Small Junior Hunter 15 & Younger
  - Small Junior Hunter 16 - 17
  - Large Junior Hunter

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- Large Junior Hunter 15 & Younger
  - Large Junior Hunter 16 - 17
8. Amateur Owner Hunter - 3'6. Points from the following divisions will be combined and recognized for this division:
- Amateur Owner 18-35
  - Amateur Owner 36+
9. Green Working Hunter - 1<sup>st</sup> yr 3'6, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr 3'9. Points from the following divisions will be combined and recognized for this division:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Green 3'6
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Green 3'9

### **9.2 Jumper Divisions**

- 10. Pony Jumper
- 11. Children's/Adult Jumper
- 12. Junior/Amateur Jumper

### **9.3 Cross Circuit Participation and Restrictions**

Regular-rated participation will count towards local-rated class restrictions. Example, if a rider participates in a regular-rated show in the children's division (3'), that horse/rider may not participate in the pre-children's division at local rated shows. [Dec 2010]