

# 2023 Rule Book

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## **OREGON HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION RULES**

#### **RULE I - DEFINITIONS**

#### Section A. Horse Show Year

The horse show year shall begin December 1 and end November 30.

## Section B. Medal Classes

The term "Medal Class," as used in these rules, denotes an equitation class in which the rider competes in order to qualify for a "Medal Final" at the end of the year. To qualify, a rider must accumulate a minimum of ten (10) points as set forth in Rule IV, Section D.3.

#### RULE II - BENEFIT PROGRAMS

# Section A. Scholarship Program

The OHJA may award scholarships up to three (3) applicants yearly. Applications must be made to the OHJA Secretary and be postmarked, emailed, and/or submitted via the OHJA website by the deadline as published on the OHJA website, constant contact emails and/or social media. The amount of the scholarship will be based on the funds available. Scholarships are to be used for continuing education. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and they, along with the OHJA Board, will vote on applicants to determine finalists for consideration. All finalists will be interviewed. The OHJA Board and the Scholarship Committee will determine recipients of the award. Monies will be paid directly to the school of the recipient's choice. A recipient may only receive one (1) scholarship. There will be a limit of two (2) years in which to collect scholarship monies.

## Section B. Junior Equestrian Fund (JEF)

JEF was established to give money to young riders, twenty-one (21) years of age and under, who compete at Medal Finals or in other Finals classes, including the Young Rider and USET. Riders will participate in fundraising activities to add money to this fund. For consideration of monies to be awarded, the applying young rider must have actively participated in the fundraising activities that current year and must make a formal application to the OHJA Board.

# Section C. Local System Medal Finals Program

The Local System Medal Finals Program was established to provide financial assistance to Local System members, both juniors and amateurs, who compete in the OHJA Medal Finals. Riders will participate in fundraising activities to add money to this fund. For consideration of monies to be awarded, the applying rider must have actively volunteered participated in the fundraising activities that current year and must make a formal application to the OHJA Board."

#### RULE III - GENERAL RULES FOR SHOWS

## Section A. Show Eligibility for OHJA Point Accumulation

## 1. USEF, NSBA or Equine Canada-Rated Shows

Any and all horse shows that are USEF, NSBA or Equine Canada rated are approved for OHJA point accumulation as "Rated Shows<sup>1</sup>." Horse show managers may offer classes that may not count towards year-end points.

## **Application and Fees**

No application for Rated Show approval by OHJA is required. In lieu of payment a points-tracking fee, all Rated Shows approved for OHJA point accumulation must pay OHJA one-half (1/2) of all entry fees received from the OHJA medal classes. OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA medal classes.

Before permitting any rider to compete in an OHJA Medal class, show management must confirm the rider's membership status by (1) checking the current membership list, (2) requiring the rider to provide his/her current membership card, or (3) requiring the rider to provide proof of payment of the applicable OHJA membership fee.

## 2. USHJA Outreach Shows

Any and all non-USEF rated shows in Oregon or its contiguous counties that are approved by the USHJA Outreach program are eligible for OHJA point accumulation as "Outreach Shows." OHJA provides no regulatory function regarding the Outreach Shows, nor does OHJA sanction or license such shows. Therefore, OHJA will not hear grievances or become involved in the regulatory process of Outreach Shows. Compliance with OHJA host competition requirements and the USHJA Outreach program requirements is the responsibility of show management.

## **Application and Fees**

For OHJA to track points and for OHJA members to accumulate points at an Outreach Show, show management must submit the following at least thirty (30) days in advance of the applicable show date: (1) an application; (2) a host competition agreement between OHJA and show management; and (3) payment of a point tracking fee ("Points Fee"). The Points Fee shall be \$25.00 per day per Outreach Show, which is subject to doubling if the application, agreement, and Points Fee are untimely. An additional \$25.00 per day per Outreach Show shall be due within two (2) weeks of conclusion of the show if the show results are not submitted in the manner provided herein. The Points Fee does not cover medals and ribbons for OHJA Medal classes.

Any multi-day Outreach Show may offer OHJA Medal classes in the same division on each day of the show (i.e., Mini Medal on both Saturday and Sunday). If the Outreach Show elects to offer OHJA Medal classes, the show must also pay OHJA \$50.00 or twenty-five percent (25%) of all entry fees received from the OHJA Medal classes each day, whichever is greater ("Medal Fee"). OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA Medal classes. Payment of the Medal Fee is due within two (2) weeks of conclusion of the show.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This definition of a "Rated Show" applies throughout the OHJA Rule Book.

## **Class Eligibility for OHJA Points**

Horses and riders can accumulate points for OHJA Regional or Local System year-end division championships and Certificate of Merit awards only in classes named and conducted according to OHJA specifications. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USHJA Outreach hunter and equitation classes (1) offered over fences 2'and 2'3" in height are eligible for OHJA year-end championship points in the Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup hunter and equitation divisions, and (2) offered over fences 2'6" in height are eligible for OHJA year-end championship points in the Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult hunter and equitation divisions.

## **Show Requirements**

All Outreach Shows must provide or comply with the following conditions, requirements, and specifications:

- 1. Submit an application to, and sign a host competition agreement with, OHJA at least thirty (30) days prior to the show date(s)
- 2. Submit to OHJA proof that such show has been approved by the USHJA Outreach program
- 3. All shows must follow USHJA requirements
- 4. Insurance coverage that meets or exceeds the requirement established by the USHJA for USHJA Outreach competitions, naming OHJA as an additional insured on such policy(ies) and providing OHJA with proof thereof as provided herein.
- 5. Entry forms for all Outreach shows, all entry forms must include the OHJA-approved waiver of liability and release language
- 6. Pay the Points Fee, and any fees and fines associated with the submission of show results as provided herein
- If applicable and in addition to the Points Fee, pay the Medal Fee, which equals the greater of \$50.00 or twenty-five percent (25%) of the entry fees of all entry fees received from the OHJA Medal Classes. OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA Medal classes
- 8. Comply with the OHJA Code of Conduct
- 9. Have a copy of the current OHJA Rules available for reference
- 10. Make copies of the current OHJA membership application or maintain an internet connection so that OHJA members can join or renew online at the show
- 11. Forward show results to OHJA in the format and in a timely manner as provided herein
- 12. Courses are designed (a) consistent with USEF hunter, equitation, and/or jumper course designing guidelines and OHJA class specifications, and (b) by a professional trainer or an amateur rider at least 21 years of age under the supervision of the designated professional trainer. If the OHJA class specifications are more restrictive

than the USEF course designing guidelines, then the OHJA class specifications take priority over USEF guidelines.

13. Safety equipment – breakaway cups or pins must be used on the back rail of all oxers

## **EMT or First Responder**

Show management shall retain the services of one or more EMT(s) or First Responder(s), licensed or accredited by the applicable state and/or local authorities in which the Outreach Show is located, to provide emergency medical care at the Outreach Show. All EMT(s) or First Responder(s) shall: (a) carry or otherwise be covered by a professional liability insurance policy as required by applicable state law, with proof thereof provided by show management to OHJA at least two (2) weeks prior to the Outreach Show; (b) be designated by first and last name as the EMT(s) or First Responder(s) on the Outreach Show's application; and (c) remain on the show premises, and in proximity to the competition arenas and/or schooling areas at all times throughout the Outreach Show, including any school session(s) open to exhibitors on the day(s) of the show. Any change to the EMT(s) or First Responder(s) designated on the Outreach Show's application must be reported to OHJA as soon as practicable, along with proof of insurance coverage.

## **Proof of Liability Insurance**

Show management shall (1) maintain liability insurance coverage that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements established by USHJA for USHJA Outreach competitions, (2) name OHJA as an additional insured with respect to any and all such policies, and (3) provide OHJA with proof thereof at least two (2) weeks prior to the applicable show. Proof of emergency medical personnel's professional liability insurance shall also be provided as required herein.

If proof of insurance is not provided as required, the host competition shall pay to OHJA a one hundred seventy-five dollar (\$175.00) fine for exhibitors to remain eligible to receive OHJA points toward year-end awards based upon their results at the applicable show. Until such fine is paid, show management shall be in breach of the host competition agreement, no OHJA member may accumulate points at the applicable Outreach Show(s), and no OHJA member may accumulate points at any future Outreach Show to which the applicable host competition agreement applies. OHJA will not track points from any show for OHJA year-end awards unless and until all fees and fines are paid. Show management is solely responsible for notifying all Regional and Local System exhibitors at the affected Outreach Shows that they will not accumulate OHJA points at such shows.

## **Submitting Show Results**

Within two (2) weeks after an Outreach Show, show management must submit to OHJA the following: (1) show results submitted directly to OHJA via the OHJA website's data entry portal or in the electronic format provided by OHJA to show management (i.e., Excel document); (2) all OHJA membership applications, horse registrations, and fees received at the show; (3) for combined age group classes, the correct age group of the riders; and (4) a copy of the show's prize list. If results are not submitted electronically via the OHJA website

or in the required Excel format, then the Points Fee shall increase to \$50.00 per day per Outreach Show, with the balance due paid at the time the results are submitted to OHJA. Further, if results are not submitted and/or the Medal Fee is not paid in a timely manner, then an additional two- hundred fifty-dollar (\$250.00) fine is due. OHJA will not track points from any show for OHJA year-end awards unless and until all fees and fines are paid.

## **Limit on Number of Outreach Shows**

Unless additional shows are approved for point tracking by the OHJA board, show management is limited to conducting four (4) Outreach Shows at the same location per competition year offering hunter/hunt seat equitation classes, and four (4) Outreach Shows at the same location per competition year offering jumper classes; if both hunter/hunt seat equitation and jumper classes are offered at the same show, that show counts as one show for each discipline. The OHJA Board has the discretion to approve point tracking for additional shows even if another OHJA Outreach show is already scheduled for the applicable date; any additional show applications must be approved 30 or more days prior to the show.

# **Rule Book and Membership Applications**

During each Outreach Show, show management shall (1) have a copy of OHJA Rules available for reference, and (2) make OHJA membership applications available for exhibitors. Alternatively, show management shall provide internet access to the OHJA website for access to the OHJA Rules and for online membership applications and horse registrations.

## **Confirming OHJA Membership for Medal Classes**

Before permitting any rider to compete in any OHJA Medal class, show management must confirm the rider's membership status by (1) checking the current membership list, (2) requiring the rider to provide his/her current membership card, or (3) requiring the rider to provide proof of payment of the applicable OHJA membership fees.

#### Section B. Stakes Classes

See USEF rule book. All stakes classes in Outreach Shows must have a minimum purse of thirty dollars (\$30.00). All add-back money must be in addition to the purse for hunter classes.

## Section C. Point Accumulation

## 1. Open System

Open System horses and riders may compete in any Rated and Outreach horse shows. However, Open System horses and riders may accumulate points only at Rated Shows.

Out of state horses and riders must accumulate points in three (3) or more Oregon shows to be eligible for the OHJA year-end awards. An out of state horse is one that is owned or leased by an OHJA member who is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of a county contiguous to Oregon. An out of state rider is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of a

county contiguous to Oregon.

The horse, legal owner (or lessee), and rider must all be members of OHJA at the time the horse is shown to accumulate points. Members submitting registration at the horse show are deemed to have registered effective the first day of classes for that show.

Points in the hunter, hunt seat equitation, and jumper divisions are calculated according to the USEF increment system, excluding bonus points, as set forth in USEF GR1132.5 (hunters & equitation) and GR 1134 (jumpers). In addition, derbies, classics, and similar classes will count based on the current Zone increment system. For USHJA International and National Derbies, the horse owner or rider must declare the division in which the horse's points, if any, will accumulate. However, no points will be earned in any classes restricting entries, e.g., Zone Qualifying classes, Hunter Championship classes, etc.

Generally, points for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place are accumulated based upon the number of exhibitors competing according to the USEF Hunter Increment System as follows:

<u>Exhibitors</u>	<u>3-8</u>	<u>9-15</u>	<u>16-25</u>	<u>26+</u>
<u>1</u> st	<u>15</u>	20	<u>25</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>2</u> <sup>nd</sup>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>3</u> <sup>rd</sup>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>4</u> <sup>th</sup>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>5</u> <sup>th</sup>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>6</u> <sup>th</sup>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>7</u> <sup>th</sup>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>8</u> <sup>th</sup>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>

#### Regional System

Regional System horses and riders may compete in any Rated and Outreach horse shows. However, Regional System horses and riders may accumulate points only at the following shows within Oregon and its contiguous counties: (1) the first three (3) Outreach Shows in which the horse and/or rider accumulates points; and (2) any and all Rated Shows. Regional System riders and horses may also accumulate points at their first three (3) Rated shows in which they compete in the non-contiguous counties of Washington (see Figure 1 below

FIGURE 1: Counties in light grey are the Washington counties which are 'non-contiguous' to Oregon.

Out of state horses and riders are not eligible for OHJA points in the Regional System. An out of state horse is one that is owned or leased by an OHJA member who is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of a county contiguous to Oregon. An out of state rider is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of a county contiguous to Oregon.

The horse, legal owner (or lessee), and rider must all be members of OHJA at the time the horse is shown to accumulate points. Members submitting registration at the horse show are deemed to have registered effective the first day of classes for that show.

Points for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> in the hunter, hunt seat equitation, and jumper divisions are calculated according to the USEF increment system, excluding bonus points as set forth in USEF GR1132.5 (hunters & equitation) and GR1134 (jumpers). In addition, derbies, classics, and similar classes will count based on the current Zone increment system. For USHJA International and National Derbies, the horse owner or rider must declare the division in which the horse's points, if any, will accumulate. However, no points will be earned in any classes restricting entries, e.g., Zone Qualifying classes, Hunter Championship classes, etc.

Generally, regional System horses and riders will accumulate points as follows: (1) for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> in all USEF-rated Hunter and Jumper Shows, using the current USEF Hunter Increment point system noted above; and (2) for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> in all Outreach Shows, using the current USHJA Outreach point system below:

## **OUTREACH SHOWS**

<u>1</u> st	<u>2</u> <sup>nd</sup>	<u>3</u> rd	<u>4</u> <sup>th</sup>	<u>5</u> <sup>th</sup>	<u>6</u> <sup>th</sup>
<u>10 pts.</u>	<u>6 pts.</u>	4 pts.	2 pts	<u>1 pt.</u>	½ pt.

## 3. Local System

Local System horses and riders may compete in any and all Rated and Outreach Shows. However, Local System horses and riders may accumulate points only in Oregon and its contiguous counties: (a) Outreach Shows, (b) Rated Shows that are USEF "Regional Hunter," or "Jumper Rating 1" rated, and (c) up to three (3) Rated Shows that are USEF "Premier Hunter," "National Hunter," or "Jumper 2 – 6 Rating" rated. Unless otherwise provided herein, only points from the first three (3) USEF "Premier Hunter, "National Hunter," or "Jumper 2 - 6 Rating" Rated Shows in which the Local System member and/or horse accumulates points will count toward year-end championship awards. USEF "Premier Hunter," "National Hunter," and "Jumper 2 – 6 Rating" Rated Shows in which the member and/or horse accumulates points only in USEF "Opportunity" classes over fences less than 2' in height do not count toward such limit; however, points accumulated in classes over fences 2' or higher will count toward such limit. Once the member and/or horse accumulates points in three (3) USEF "Premier Hunter" and/or "National Hunter" Rated Shows as provided herein, no additional points will accumulate unless and until the member and/or horse is upgraded to the Regional System and all applicable Regional System membership and horse registration fees are paid. If the member upgrades to the

Regional System, credit will be given for Local System membership fees previously paid and all points previously accumulated will follow the member/horse to the Regional System and be recalculated under the Regional System increment rules.

The horse, legal owner (or lessee), and rider must all be members of OHJA at the time the horse is shown to accumulate points. Members submitting registration at the horse show are deemed to have registered effective the first day of classes for that show.

For points to count in any class, a minimum of three (3) exhibitors must compete in the class. Regardless of the number of exhibitors beyond three (3) in a class, Local System horses and riders will accumulate points as follows:

## **OUTREACH SHOWS**

<u>1</u> st	<u>2</u> <sup>nd</sup>	<u>3</u> rd	<u>4</u> <sup>th</sup>	<u>5</u> <sup>th</sup>	<u>6</u> <sup>th</sup>
10 pts.	<u>6 pts.</u>	<u>4 pts.</u>	<u>2 pts</u>	<u>1 pt.</u>	<u>½ pt.</u>

## 4. Recording and Reporting of Points Accumulated

The Board will appoint a Points & Membership Chairperson to maintain a year-to-date accounting of points toward year-end division championships. The Points & Membership Chairperson shall be compensated at a rate determined by a vote of the Board.

Any discrepancies in point accumulations noted by a member shall be reported to the Points & Membership Chairperson, who will research and correct the reported discrepancy as appropriate. Point standings shall be posted on the OHJA website, and updated at least every two (2) months.

Exhibitors attending shows outside of Oregon and contiguous counties must contact show management to request show management provide the Points & Membership Chairperson with the official show results for uploading to OHJA's database. Upon receipt of the officialshow results, the Points & Membership Chairperson will upload such results to OHJA's database.

#### RULE IV - YEAR END DIVISION AWARDS

## Section A. Board Discretion Regarding Year End Awards

For purposes of OHJA year end awards, the OHJA Board reserves the right to: (a) combine or split multiple sections of any USEF-rated division (e.g., Green Hunters, Young Hunters, Young Jumpers); (b) combine or split rider age groupings in any USEF-rated division in accordance with applicable USEF and/or Zone 9 specification (e.g., Children's Working Hunter, Adult Amateur Working Hunter, Junior Working Hunter): (c) combine or split divisions based upon pony/horse size (e.g., Pony Working Hunter, Junior Working Hunter); and/or (d) combine or split divisions limited to non-professional riders, regardless of rider age, in USEF-rated and nonrated divisions run in accordance with similar specifications

(e.g., Non-Pro Jumpers, Long/Short Stirrup Hunter, Child/Adult Amateur Working Hunter, etc.). Additionally, the OHJA Board reserves the right to award year-end championships in divisions that do not meet the specific criteria set forth below.

## Section B. Open System

OHJA Open System offers year-end championships in those divisions (a) having at least three (3) members, accumulating points in any division at two (2) or more shows and (b) in which the leading horse/rider accumulates at least twenty-five (25) points. In each division, Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded.

## Section C. Regional System

OHJA Regional System offers year-end championships to those divisions (a) having at least three (3) members accumulating points in any division at two (2) or more shows in Oregon and its contiguous counties, and (b) in which the leading horse/rider accumulates at least twenty-five (25) points. In each division, Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded.

## Section D. Local System

Generally, the Local System will award two types of awards at the end of the competition year: (1) merit awards for divisions with fences less than 2' in height, and (2) year-end championships for divisions with fences between 2' and 3' (for hunters and equitation) or 1.00m (for jumpers) in height. No hunter or equitation divisions or classes higher than 3' in height will be eligible for Local System points or year-end championships. No jumper divisions or classes higher than 1.00m in height will be eligible for Local System points or year-end championships.

Unless specifically listed in this Section, no classes or divisions that are open to professional riders are eligible for year-end championships.

#### Section E. Certificate of Merit Classes

OHJA will recognize rider achievements through the Certificate of Merit program. Members who earn at least twenty-five (25) points in Certificate of Merit classes will earn a Certificate of Merit, based on the following point system, to be presented at the Year-End Awards Banquet. Points are accumulated according to the Local System rules set forth above.

For points to count toward the Certificate of Merit, the classes or divisions must be (1) offered at an Outreach Show or (2) "Opportunity" classes run in accordance with USEF rules at a Rated Show. There will be a point system of Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels:

Gold = 75 and up Silver = 50-74 Bronze = 25-49

# **Certificate of Merit Specifications**

Points for non-professional riders from all classes under 24" will count toward the Certificate of Merit, including: (a) flat hunter and equitation classes; (b) trot a pole hunter

and equitation classes; and (c) hunter, equitation, and jumper classes, including cross rails. Show management is strongly encouraged to promote safe riding through appropriate course design and class specifications including, but not limited to no oxers, no in-and-outs, and jumper classes should be optimum time or clear round format.

## Year-End Championship Awards

OHJA Local System offers year-end championships to those divisions (a) having at least three (3) members acquiring points in any division at two (2) or more shows, and (b) in which the leading horse/rider accumulates at least twenty-five (25) points. In each division, Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded.

# **Section F.** Year End Division Championships

#### Hunters

Subject to the conditions set forthherein, the following hunter divisions will receive year-end championship awards. As noted above, all divisions over courses with fences less than 2' are eligible for Certificate of Merit award only. Divisions not defined by USEF are defined at the end of this list.

Professional/Open Hunter Divisions	OPEN	REGIONAL	LOCAL
USHJA 2' Hunter	-	-	Х
USHJA 2'3" Hunter	-	-	Х
USHJA 2'6" Hunter	Х	Х	Х
USHJA 2'9" Hunter	Х	Х	Х
USHJA 3' Hunter	Х	Х	Х
Baby Green Hunter	Х	Х	Х
Small Working Hunter	Х	Х	Х
Thoroughbred Hunter	Х	Х	-
Green Hunter 3'	Х	Х	Х
Green Hunter 3'3"	Х	Х	-
Green Hunter 3'6"	Х	Х	-
Green Hunter 3'9"	Х	Х	-
Young Hunter 5 & younger3'	Х	Х	Х
Young Hunter 6 & younger3'3"	Х	Х	-
Young Hunter 7 & younger3'6"	Х	Х	-

Conformation Hunter	Х	Х	-
Performance Hunter 3'3"	Х	Х	-
Performance Hunter 3'6"	Х	Х	-
High Performance Hunter	Х	Х	-
Junior/Amateur Hunter Divisions	OPEN	REGIONAL	LOCAL
Short Stirrup Hunter	Х	Х	Х
Long Stirrup Hunter	Х	Х	Х
Low-Children's Working Hunter	Х	Х	Х
Low-Adult Working Hunter	Х	х	Х
Children's Working Hunter Pony	Х	Х	Х
Green Working Pony Hunter	Х	Х	-
Small Pony Working Hunter	Х	Х	-
Medium Pony Working Hunter	Х	Х	-
Large Pony Working Hunter	Х	Х	-
Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter	Х	Х	Х
Children's Working Hunter, 12 & Under	Х	Х	-
Children's Working Hunter, 13 – 17	Х	Х	-
Children's Working Hunter, 17 & Under	-	-	Х
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 18-39	Х	Х	-
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 40-55	Х	Х	-
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 56 & Over	Х	х	-
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 18 & Over	-	-	Х
Junior Working Hunter 3'3"	Х	х	-
Small Junior Working Hunter, 3'6", 15 & Under	х	х	-
Small Junior Working Hunter, 3'6", 16 – 17	Х	х	-

Large Junior Working Hunter, 3'6", 15 & Under	Х	Х	-
Large Junior Working Hunter, 3'6", 16 – 17	Х	Х	-
Amateur Owner Working Hunter 3'3"	Х	Х	-
Amateur Owner Working Hunter 3'6"	Х	Х	-

## **Hunter Division Specifications**

<u>Small Working Hunter</u>: A horse under 16 hands. At Rated Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'3"; at Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'.

<u>Thoroughbred Hunter</u>: At Rated shows, fence height minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'. At Outreach Shows, fence height minimum of 2'3" and not to exceed 2'9". Horses with Jockey Club papers, a lip tattoo, and/or verifiable purebred Thoroughbred parentage are eligible.

<u>Baby Green Hunter</u>: A horse or pony in its first year of showing, regardless of age. A baby green pony may be shown by a professional, however, may not be shown by a child in any other division at the same show. Cross entry into the Green division is permitted but uses up one (1) year of the horse's "Green" status. Fence height not to exceed 2'9".

<u>Low-Children's/ Low-Adult Working Hunter</u>: At Rated Shows, run per Zone specifications. At Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 2'6" and no in and outs. Horse show management is encouraged to split Low-Children's/ Low-Adult Working Hunter at 16 entries and is encouraged to have flat class exhibitors canter in smaller groups to encourage safety.

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Hunter: At Rated Shows, fence height 2' - 2'3." At Outreach Shows, fence height 2' - 2'3" and no oxers, in and outs, or combinations. Show management is encouraged to split Short/Long Stirrup at 16 entries and is encouraged to have flat class exhibitors canter in smaller groups to encourage safety. Specifications for this division are to be written in the prize lists.

<u>Children's Hunter Pony</u>: Open to any pony. At Rated Shows, run per Zone specifications. At Outreach Shows, small ponies jump 2'; medium and large ponies jump 2'3" to 2'6."

<u>Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter</u>: Fence height is 2'6" – 2'9." Cross-entry from the Low-Children's, Low-Adult, Children's, and Adult Amateur hunter divisions is allowed.

<u>Children's Working Hunter</u>: At Rated shows, run per Zone specifications. Fence height at Outreach Shows is 2'9"-3'.

<u>Adult Amateur Working Hunter</u>: At Rated shows, run per Zone specifications. Fence height at Outreach Shows is 2'9"-3'.

<u>Junior Working Hunter</u>: At Rated shows, run per USEF and Zone specifications. Fence height at Outreach shows is 3'3"-3'6". Junior Working Hunters, both 3'3" and 3'6", will be awarded according to Zone 9 specifications, including horse height and/or rider age.

Amateur Owner Working Hunter: At Rated shows, run per USEF and Zone specifications. Fence height at Outreach shows is 3'3"-3'6". Amateur Owner Hunters, both 3'3" and 3'6" will be awarded according to Zone 9 specifications. Riders may cross-enter between the Amateur Owner Working Hunter divisions at the same show; however, horses may not cross-enter between the divisions.

## 2. Equitation

Subject to the conditions set forth above, the following equitation divisions will receive year-end championship awards. OHJA year-end open Equitation awards will be divided to coincide with current USHJA Zone 9 division groupings. Divisions not defined by USEF are defined at the end of the list.

Equitation Divisions	OPEN	REGIONAL	LOCAL
Short Stirrup Equitation	Х	Х	Х
Long Stirrup Equitation	Х	Х	Х
Low-Children's Equitation	Х	Х	Х
Low-Adult Equitation	Х	Х	Х
Pony Equitation	Х	Х	-
Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation	-	-	Х
Restricted Equitation, 13 & Under	Х	Х	-
Restricted Equitation, 14 – 15	Х	Х	-
Restricted Equitation, 16 – 17	Х	Х	-
Restricted Equitation, 17 & Under	-	-	Х
Amateur Equitation, 18 & Over	Х	Х	Х

## **Equitation Division Specifications**

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation: At Rated Shows, fence height 2' - 2'3''. At Outreach Shows, fence height 2' - 2'3'' and no oxers, in and outs, or combinations. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count. Horse show management is encouraged to split Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup at 16 entries and is encouraged to have flat class exhibitors canter in smaller groups to encourage safety.

<u>Low-Children's/ Low-Adult Equitation</u>: At Rated Shows, fence height 2'3" – 2'9". At Outreach Shows, fence height 2'3" - 2'6" and no in and outs. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count. May not cross enter into Restricted Equitation, Equitation,

or Amateur Equitation. Horse show management is encouraged to split Low-Children's/Low-Adult at 16 entries and is encouraged to have flat class exhibitors canter in smaller groups to encourage safety.

<u>Pony Equitation</u>: At Rated shows, fence heights shall those used in the USEF-rated Children's Pony Hunter or Pony Hunter division. At Outreach shows, small ponies jump 2'; medium and large ponies jump 2'3" to 2'6". Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat in Children's Pony Equitation and Pony Equitation count.

Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation: Fence height 2'6" – 2'9." Points accumulated in both classes over fences and on the flat to count.

Restricted Equitation, 13 & Under: Fence height 2'9" - 3'. May not cross enter into any class at the same competition higher than 3'/0.93m except the USEF Medal and the ASPCA/Maclay classes. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count. Riders accumulating points in both the Restricted Equitation, and Equitation, 17 & Under are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year end standings.

Restricted Equitation, 14 - 15: Fence height 3'. May not cross enter into any class at the same competition higher than 3'/0.93m except the USEF Medal and the ASPCA/Maclay classes. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count. Riders accumulating points in both the Restricted Equitation and Equitation, -17 & Under are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.

Restricted Equitation, 16 - 17: Fence height 3'. May not cross enter into any class at the same competition higher than 3'/0.93m except the USEF Medal and the ASPCA/Maclay classes. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count. Riders accumulating points in both the Restricted Equitation and Equitation, -17 & Under are eligible for only one year-end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.

Equitation, 17 & Under: Age splits to align with Zone 9 specifications for age groupings. Fence height 2'6" – 3'6" according to rider age in accordance with Zone 9 specifications. May not cross enter into any Restricted Equitation classes at the same competition. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 17 & Under and Restricted Equitation are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.

<u>Amateur Equitation, 18 & Over</u>: At Rated Shows, fence height minimum of 3'. At Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'. Points accumulated in both classes over fences and

on the flat to count toward year-end championship award.

# 3. Jumpers

Subject to the conditions set forth above, the following jumper divisions will receive year-end championship awards. Divisions not defined by USEF are defined at the end of the list.

Jumper Divisions	OPEN	REGIONAL	LOCAL
Non-Pro Jumper 0.70m-0.75m			Х
Non-Pro Jumper 0.80m-0.85m	X	Χ	Х
Non-Pro Jumper 0.90m – 0.95m	X	Х	X
Low Children's Jumper	X	Х	Х
Low Adult Amateur Jumper	Х	Х	Х
High Children's Jumper	Х	Х	-
High Adult Amateur Jumper	Х	Х	-
Pony Jumper	Х	Χ	Х
Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper	Х	Х	-
Junior/Amateur Jumper	Х	Χ	-
0.70 m. – 0.75 m. Jumper	Х	Х	Х
0.80 m. – 0.85 m. Jumper	Х	Х	Х
0.90 m. – 0.95 m. Jumper	Х	Х	-
1.00 m. – 1.05 m. Jumper	Х	Х	-
1.10 m. – 1.15 m. Jumper	Х	Χ	-
1.20 m. Jumper	Х	Х	-
1.25 m. – 1.30 m. Jumper	Х	Х	-
1.35 m. & Up Jumper	Х	Х	-
Thoroughbred Jumper	Х	Х	Х
Young Jumper	Х	Х	-

# **Jumper Division Specifications**

<u>Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper</u>: Fence height -1.00m - 1.05m. Open to any rider. Horse may cross-enter into High Children/Adult Amateur Jumper. Horse may not cross-enter into Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper or Junior/Amateur Jumper. Non-Pro

Jumper classes at 1.00m and 1.05m to count.

<u>Non-Pro Jumper</u>: Fence height 0.70m – 0.95m. At Outreach Shows, show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes at Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146 Table IV. Open to any non-professional rider. Horses may cross enter into Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper.

<u>High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper</u>: Fence height – 1.05m – 1.15m. Open to any rider. Horse may cross enter into Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper. Horse may not cross enter into Non-Pro Jumper classes below 1.00 m., Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, or Junior/Amateur Jumper division. To be eligible for High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper points, a class offered at 1.15m must be designated as a High Children's/Adult Amateur class (not Modified Junior/Amateur).

<u>Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper</u>: Fence height – 1.15m – 1.20m. Cross-entry with High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper and Junior/Amateur Jumper permitted. To be eligible for Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper points, a class must be designated as a Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper class.

<u>Junior/Amateur Jumper</u>: Fence height – 1.20m – 1.40m. All points accumulated in 1.20m, 1.25m, 1.30m, 1.35m, and 1.40m classes restricted to Junior/Amateur horses count toward year-end championship awards. Cross-entry with Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper permitted. Classes restricted to Junior/Amateur horses, but offered at heights lower than 1.20m, count for the Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper year-end championship award, and not the Junior/Amateur Jumper year-end championship award.

<u>Pony Jumper</u>: Fence height – 0.70m – 1.10m. At Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 0.95m, and show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146, Table IV. Open to any pony and junior rider. However, ponies may not cross enter into High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper, or Junior/Amateur Jumper divisions.

<u>0.70m – 0.75m Jumper</u>: All points won in open 0.70m, and 0.75m classes count. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, and Non-Pro Jumper classes not to. At Outreach Shows, no in and outs or combinations and show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146, Table IV.

<u>0.80m – 0.85m Jumper</u>: All points won in open 0.80m, and 0.85m classes count. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, and Non-Pro Jumper classes not to count. At Outreach Shows, no in and outs or combinations and show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146, Table IV.

<u>0.90m – 0.95m Jumper</u>: All points won in open 0.90m and 0.95m classes count. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper and Non-Pro Jumper classes not to count.

<u>1.00m</u>– <u>1.05m Jumper</u>: All points won in open 1.00m and 1.05m classes count. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, Non-Pro classes not to count.

<u>1.10m Jumper</u>: All points won in open 1.10m classes count. Points won in Pony Jumper and High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper classes not to count.

<u>1.15m Jumper</u>: All points won in open 1.15m classes count. Points won in Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper not to count.

<u>1.20m Jumper</u>: All points won in open 1.20m classes count. Points won in Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper not to count.

<u>1.25m – 1.30m Jumper</u>: All monies won in open 1.25m and 1.30m classes, including Mini Prix or Grand Prix classes, count toward year-end championship awards. Monies won in Junior/Amateur Jumper classes not to count.

<u>1.35m & Up Jumper</u>: All monies won in open 1.35m and higher classes, including but not limited to Grand Prix, Puissance, Six Bar, and High Jump classes, count toward year-end championship awards. Monies won in Junior/Amateur Jumper classes not to count.

<u>Thoroughbred Jumper</u>: At Rated shows, fence height minimum of 1.00m and not to exceed 1.10m. At Outreach shows, fence height minimum of 0.85m and not to exceed 0.90m. Horses with Jockey Club papers, a lip tattoo, and/or verifiable purebred Thoroughbred parentage are eligible.

<u>Young Jumper</u>: Open to horses with papers indicating a foaling date five, six, seven, or eight years previous to the current calendar year. Classes to be scored and fence heights set in accordance with USEF Rule JP116 for Five, Six, Seven, and Eight-Year-Old Jumpers.

In accordance with USEF Jumper Rules, OHJA fence heights are as follows:

Fence Height	Fence Height	Spreads
(Meters)	(Approx. Feet)	(Feet)
0.70	2′3″	2′5″ – 2′9″
0.75	2′5″	2'7" – 2'11"
0.80	2′7″	2'9" – 3'1"
0.85	2'9"	2'11" – 3'3"
0.90	2'11"	3'1" - 3'5"
0.93	3'	3'2" - 3'8"
0.95	3'1"	3'3" – 3'7"
1.00	3′3″	3′5″ – 3′9″
1.05	3′5″	3′7″ – 3′11″
1.08	3'6"	3'8" – 4'
1.10	3′7″	3'9" - 4'1"
1.15	3'9"	3'11" - 4'3"
1.20	3'11"	4'1" - 4'5"
1.23	4'	4'2" - 4'6"
1.25	4'1"	4'3" - 4'7"

1.30	4'3"	4'5" - 4'9"
1.35	4'5"	4'7" - 4'11"
1.38	4'6"	4'8" - 5'
1.40	4'7"	4'9" - 5'1"
1.45	4'9"	4'11" - 5'3"
1.50	4'11"	5'1" - 5'5"
1.53	5'	5'2" - 5'6"

## 4. OHJA Medal Classes

Year-end championships will be awarded in all OHJA Medal classes. All OHJA Medal Class participants must be junior or amateur members in good standing of the OHJA. Except for the qualifying classes held at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals, a minimum of three (3) riders must complete the course for the class to count toward the OHJA Medal Finals and for the medal to be awarded. There must be a "ride-off" in each medal class between at least the top two (2) riders with four (4) recommended. In each of the OHJA Medal Finals, prizes shall be awarded through tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) place, entries permitting. In the event of a Medal final tie – The highest riding score is the tiebreaker. If a horse is vetted out of any phase or division of competition in the OHJA Medal Finals for any reason, it cannot be ridden in any phase or division of the OHJA Medal Finals by any rider for the remainder of the applicable competition day.

Except as provided herein, riders must accumulate ten (10) points in medal classes, or complete three (3) medal classes, to qualify for the OHJA Medal Finals. Points are accumulated toward the Medal Finals as follows: (a) 1<sup>st</sup> - 10 points; (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6 points; (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> -4 points; (d)  $4^{th}$  -2 points; (e)  $5^{th}$  -1 points; and (f)  $6^{th}$   $-\frac{1}{2}$  point. Prior to the close of entries for the show holding the OHJA Medal Finals, the Board, in consultation with the Medal Finals Committee and show management, as needed, may invite up to ten (10) additional riders based on number of points accumulated to date, starting with the highest, that have not yet qualified; however, all such invitees must ride in the qualifying class for the same division in which they intend to ride in the OHJA Medal Finals at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. All participants in the Medal Final will take a written test of twenty (20) questions, and each question shall be worth one-half (1/2) a point, for a maximum of ten (10) points possible. Each competitor's score from the written test will be combined with the competitor's score from the first round of competition over fences in the OHJA Medal Finals to determine those competitors who qualify for the second round of competition in the OHJA Medal Finals. The riders who have earned the top ten (10) highest scores after the written test and first ridden round will be eligible for the second/final ridden round of the finals.

OHJA reserves the right to hold Medal Final classes at rated or Outreach shows; in no case would a single height of Finals be held more than once during a competition year.

The OHJA Medal is a hunt seat, not a jumper, medal. All OHJA Medal classes at USEF-rated

shows must be conducted in a hunter ring over hunter fences.

## **Medal Class Specifications**

OHJA Foundation Medal: Fence height not to exceed 2'3". At Outreach Shows, no less than two (2) fences on course must be 2'3" in height. No cross entry at the same show with 2'6" or higher classes. Courses may include cross rails. No oxers, in- and-outs or combinations are permitted on course. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Foundation Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals ('Last Chance Qualifier'). Medal winners in Foundation Medal classes may compete in Mini Medal or higher qualifying classes, however, they forfeit their right to compete in the Foundation Medal Finals if they earn 10 points or more at a higher height. Show management is encouraged to split all qualifying Foundation Medal classes into separate junior and adult Foundation Medal classes if each age group will have at least three (3) exhibitors. In qualifying classes at Outreach Shows, show management is encouraged to limit the final phase to flat work in accordance with USEF Rule EQ 113(5), and/or horsemanship questions in accordance with USEF Rule EQ 113(8); however, at Rated Shows the judge may use any test(s) listed in USEF Rule EQ 113. In the Foundation Medal Finals, the final phase shall not include any testing over fences and shall be scored numerically. If entries in the Foundation Medal Finals warrant, show management may, and is encouraged, to split the class into separate "Foundation Medal Finals – Children" and "Foundation Medal Finals – Adult" classes.

OHJA Mini Medal: Fence height not to exceed 2'6". At Outreach Shows, no less than two (2) fences on course must be 2'6" in height. No cross entry with 3' medals. No one or two stride in- and-outs are permitted on course. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Mini Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. Medal winners in Mini Medal classes may compete in higher medal classes; however, if they earn 10 points or more at a higher height, they forfeit their right to compete in the Mini Medal Finals. Show management is encouraged to split all qualifying Mini Medal classes into separate junior and adult Mini Medal classes if each age group will have at least three (3) exhibitors. In qualifying classes at Outreach Shows, show management is encouraged to limit the final phase to flat work in accordance with USEF Rule EQ 113(5), and/or horsemanship questions in accordance with USEF Rule EQ 113(8); however, at Rated Shows the judge may use any test(s) listed in USEF Rule EQ 113. In the Mini Medal Finals, the final phase shall not include any testing over fences and shall be scored numerically. If entries in the Mini Medal Finals warrant, show management may, and is encouraged, to split the class into separate "Mini Medal Finals - Children" and "Mini Medal Finals - Adult" classes.

<u>OHJA Children's Medal</u>: Fence height not to exceed 3'. Riders entered in a Children's Medal class may not cross enter into junior hunters, junior jumpers, or any 3'6" medal class at the same show; however, a rider competing in the Children's Medal Finals may cross enter into any division for which the rider is otherwise qualified. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Children's Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. Medal winners in Children's Medal classes may compete in higher medal classes; however,

if they earn 10 points or more at a higher height, they forfeit their right to compete in the Children's Medal Finals. If there are less than three (3) Children's riders in a qualifying class or at the Medal Finals, the class may be combined with the Adult Amateur Medal qualifying class and at the Adult Amateur Medal Finals.

OHJA Adult Amateur Medal: Fence height not to exceed 3'. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Adult Amateur Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. Medal winners in Adult Amateur Medal classes may compete in higher Medal classes; however, if they earn 10 points or more at a higher height, they forfeit their right to compete in the Adult Amateur Medal Finals. If there are less than three (3) Adult Amateur riders in a qualifying class or at the Medal Finals, the class may be combined with the Children's Medal qualifying class and at the Children's Medal Finals.

OHJA Low Junior/Senior Medal: Fence height 3'3". Riders competing in Junior Hunter 3'3" and Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" divisions are eligible to compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal or the Junior/Senior Medal classes at the same show. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. Medal winners in Low Junior/Senior Medal classes may compete in higher Medal classes; however, if they earn 10 points or more at a higher height, they forfeit their right to compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals.

OHJA Junior/Senior Medal: Fence height 3'6". Riders competing in Junior Hunter and Amateur Owner Hunter divisions are eligible to compete only in the Junior/Senior Medal classes at the same show. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Junior/Senior Medal Finals. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Junior/Senior Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals without prior approval from the OHJA Board.

<u>Year-End Medal Championships:</u> High-Point awards will be given to the rider accumulating the largest number of OHJA medal points at each Medal height (e.g., Foundation, Mini, Child/Adult, etc.). Points will begin accruing after Medal Finals and the Last-Chance Qualifier will be the last class of the qualification year. The Board reserves the right to combine or split divisions. Points accumulated as follows: (a)  $1^{st} - 10$  points; (b)  $2^{nd} - 6$  points; (c)  $3^{rd} - 4$  points; (d)  $4^{th} - 2$ points; (e)  $5^{th} - 1$ points; and (f)  $6^{th} - \frac{1}{2}$  point.

#### **END OF RULES**