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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, do hereby associate into a non-stock, non-profit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, and to that hereby set forth.

### **ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is The North Carolina Hunter and Jumper Association, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II**

The period of duration is perpetual.

### **ARTICLE III**

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are:

1. To serve and promote the best interests of Recognized Shows, Combined Training Events, Dressage Competitions, and of the Exhibitors who participate in them.
2. To make adequate and fair rule governing competitions and to enforce them for the common benefit.
3. To license Judges, Stewards, and Technical Delegates.
4. To adjust disputes between Management, Exhibitors, and Judges.
5. To adjudicate questions between Management, Exhibitors, and Judges.
6. To maintain proper records in connection with the sport for use of its members.
7. To assign dates to all events recognized by the Association.
8. To establish and maintain an office.
9. To educate and inform the public by publishing a newsletter, magazine, rule book, or other educational pamphlets on the various phases of the equestrian sport.
10. To educate and inform the public by producing and having available for distribution educational films on equitation, breeds of horses and ponies, and the general conduct of showing.
11. To promote the interest of horse and pony breeding.
12. To sponsor educational clinics and forums.
13. To further the art of riding and to encourage horsemanship and the welfare of horses and ponies.
14. To create and maintain public interest, and otherwise implement the equestrian events of the Olympic and Pan American Games and other international equestrian competitions.
15. To protect the welfare of horses insofar as the Association's finances will permit by conducting tests for narcotics and inspections for cruelty to animals.
16. Otherwise to assist in connection with the exhibition of horses insofar as the Association's facilities and finances permit.

## **ARTICLE IV**

In addition to the powers granted corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, the corporation shall have full power and authority to purchase, lease, and otherwise acquire, hold, mortgage, convey, and otherwise dispose of all kinds of property, both real and personal, both in this State and in all other States, territories of dependency of the United States; to borrow to raise money; to issue notes, bonds, and debentures and other evidences of indebtedness; to enter into obligations which serve to effectuate the purposes for which this Corporation is formed; to become a member of other associations or corporations organized for any of the purposes above stated, and generally to perform all acts which may be deemed necessary or expedient for the proper and successful performance of the objects and purposes for which the Corporation is created.

## **ARTICLE V**

The Corporation shall have no members except otherwise specified in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VI**

The number and selection of directors shall be provided in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VII**

The initial Registered Agent of the Corporation shall be ARTHUR J. McCASHIN JR., Thoroughbred Training Center, Clemmons, Forsyth County, North Carolina.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

The initial Registered Office of the Corporation shall be Thoroughbred Training Center, Clemmons, Forsyth County, North Carolina.

## **ARTICLE IX**

The initial Board of Directors is:

Mr. Arthur J. McCashin Jr.  
Middlebrook Drive  
Clemmons, Forsyth County, North Carolina 27012

Mrs. Judy B. Lloyd  
2080 Union Cross Road  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Miss Jane E. Chandler  
2363 Westfield Avenue  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

## **ARTICLE X**

The Corporation shall not have and issue capital stock and shall be operated without profit to the members, or to their successors, and no part of the net earnings shall inure, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any member or individual. In the event of dissolution of the Corporation the Board of Directors shall donate and convey all of its assets to an organization eligible to receive tax-exempt contributions under the laws of the United States.

### **ARTICLE XI**

The Board of Directors shall have power, by a vote of the majority of said Board, to make, alter, amend, and rescind By-Laws of the Corporation.

### **ARTICLE XII**

The names and addresses of the initial incorporators are:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporators have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, this 12th day of March 1973.

# BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be The North Carolina Hunter and Jumper Association, Inc.

## ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The objects of the NCHJA shall be those as presented in Article II of the Articles of Incorporation. Should The North Carolina Hunter and Jumper Association be dissolved for any reason, the remaining funds in the treasury shall be donated to US Equestrian Federation, Inc.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The membership year is from December 1 through November 30.

**Section 1. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS** consist of those persons and farms or stables admitted to membership in the NCHJA for annual or life terms. There shall be the following types of memberships:

- (a) **Senior members** - those persons who have reached their 18th birthday on or before December 1 of the membership year. Each Senior member in good standing shall have the right to cast one vote at any meeting of members.
- (b) **Junior members** - those persons who have not reached their 18th birthday on or before December 1 of the membership year. Junior members may attend meetings but cannot vote (with the exception of the Junior member elected to the Board of Directors.)
- (c) **Farm members** - any barn or stable. This membership applies to Year End Award points only. These members do not have the right to vote.
- (d) **Life members** - members in this category have the same privileges as annual members for life.

**Section 2. SHOW MEMBERS** consist of those corporations, organizations, associations, and others holding horse shows and which have been recognized as members with full voting privileges and responsibilities.

- (a) Show members may be recognized by a majority vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors. A candidate rejected for membership shall not be presented again for a period of six months from the date of rejection.
- (b) Where more than one show is held in a given year by the same management, under the same name, each show shall be considered a separate entity.

- (c) Each Show member shall be privileged to appoint one delegate to the Annual Meeting. A delegate may serve as representative for more than one show member.
- (d) Delegates must be individual Senior members of NCHJA and shall have full voting rights.

## **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of NCHJA shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Executive Secretary, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers shall be members in good standing and shall serve until the election of their duly qualified successors. The office of Second Vice President shall be filled by the immediate past President. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms, a term consisting of two years, with the exception of the Secretary and the Treasurer.

**Section 2.** The President shall preside at all meetings of NCHJA, the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee. He shall, with the Secretary, sign all contracts and obligations of the NCHJA. He shall appoint all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President may at any time call a meeting of the Board of Directors and shall do so at the written request of three Directors.

**Section 3.** In the event of the inability of the President to perform his duties, the First Vice President shall serve as President until the term has ended and an election takes place at the Annual Meeting. This will not affect his eligibility to be nominated as President for a new term.

**Section 4.** The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Members and Directors; keep accurate records of the meetings of the membership, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee; and shall sign, with the President, all contracts and obligations of the NCHJA.

**Section 5.** The Executive Secretary shall:

- (a) Attend all Board of Director meetings but have no vote;
- (b) Keep a record of the accrued points earned toward the Year End Awards;
- (c) Keep all correspondence pertaining to membership, collect dues, and issue cards to Amateurs, Lifetime members, and members upon request to those persons admitted to membership;
- (d) Keep all correspondence pertaining to horse recording, collect fees, and issue recording certificates to owners;
- (e) Keep all correspondence pertaining to pony measurement, collect fees, and issue pony measurement cards to owners;
- (f) Keep all correspondence pertaining to horse show shows, horse show applications, collect fees, maintain the horse show

- calendar, review prize lists for compliance with NCHJA rules, and send show packets to show managers;
- (g) Receive all applications for stewards and judges and forward them to the Licensed Officials Committee and maintain a database of NCHJA approved judges and stewards as well as NCHJA members who are licensed USEF officials;
  - (h) Provide a current NCHJA Rule Book and/or amendments to all members if requested; Keep Rule Book updated on website.
  - (i) Pay all bills associated with the NCHJA Office that are under \$500; over \$500 permission should be granted by the Treasurer; and
  - (k) Send to the Treasurer copies of all deposits made to NCHJA accounts, receipts for petty cash, and check stubs for all checks written by the Executive Secretary.

**Section 6.** The Treasurer shall have custody of and be responsible for funds of the NCHJA, which he shall deposit in such banks as the Board of Directors shall designate. He shall pay any indebtedness with funds of the Corporation. He shall present at every Annual Meeting or whenever required by the President or a majority of members of the Board of Directors, a detailed statement in writing of the finances of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.** The governing body of the NCHJA shall be the Board of Directors and shall consist of the Officers and not more than 12 Directors elected by the members at the Annual Meeting, one of whom shall be a Junior member elected to serve a term of one year. (The Junior Representative will be elected to a one-year term by the Junior members at their Annual Meeting to serve and vote on the Board of Directors. The Junior Representative will choose a committee to represent the various Junior Divisions, ie., Ponies, Hunters, and Equitation, all of whom will have one collective vote at the Annual Meeting or any other member meeting.) The Directors shall be elected for a term of two years so staggered that one-half the number of Directors is elected each year. Directors must be individual Senior members, and no Director shall serve more than two consecutive terms. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Director, a majority of the Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified member of the NCHJA to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the members shall elect a Director to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. Directors absent from 50% of the meetings in any one year may be asked to resign.

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of twice per year. The initial meeting shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting at which they are elected. Additional meetings may be called by the President and must be called upon written request of three Directors. Notice of the time and place of meeting shall be sent to each member of the Board of Directors not less than ten days prior to the meeting.

**Section 3.** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.



**Section 4.** The Board of Directors shall make and enforce the rules governing recognized competitions, individual members, and all other persons, corporations, associations, or other organizations bound by the NCHJA rules. They shall adopt by a two-thirds vote rule changes recommended by the Rules Committee.

## **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** Unless otherwise ordered by the NCHJA, the Annual Meeting shall be held not earlier than December 1 and not later than January 31. The time and place of the meeting shall be designated by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. Written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting together with the report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to each individual member and each delegate of the Show members at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

**Section 2.** Special meetings of the NCHJA may be called by the President and shall be called at the written **or email** request of not less than three members of the Board of Directors or 20% of the **membership**. Notice of the time and place and the purpose of such special meetings shall be sent to the last known address of each member not less than ten days prior to such meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - The officers of the NCHJA shall constitute the Executive Committee and shall have the power to transact between meetings of the Board of Directors all such business as the Board itself might transact. The Board of Directors shall be notified immediately of any such action taken by the Executive Committee and in the absence of objection to the action by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors within ten days following such action shall be considered the action of the Board. The Executive Committee may not amend the By-Laws. The Executive Committee shall meet as needed.

**Section 2.** **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - There shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors a Nominating Committee to consist of four or more persons who shall be individual Senior members. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to submit nominations for Officers and Directors for the coming year. The Nominating Committee can nominate up to, but not more than, three names for each office. Their report shall be submitted to the Board of Directors in sufficient time to allow the Secretary to inform the members not less than 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting for all Directors and Officers except President. Members nominated for President must have served on the Board of Directors for at least one year.

- Section 3. HEARING COMMITTEE** - There shall be appointed annually by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a committee on protests, charges, and hearings. The Committee shall consist of not less than four or more than eight Directors who, with the President, shall serve as a court. It shall be the duty of the Hearing Committee to hear all protests and charges in connection with alleged violations of the rules. All decisions of the Committee must be in written form, signed by the Chairman and sent to the Executive Secretary's office for the NCHJA files. Protest of an alleged violation of an NCHJA rule must be made in writing and sent to the NCHJA office within 14 days of the occurrence of the alleged violation. The Hearing Committee will review the written protest and make written notice to the accused by certified mail. Accused will have 14 days from receipt of notice to contest the charges. All fines shall be levied by the Hearing Committee.
- Section 4. HORSE SHOW MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** - There shall be appointed annually by the President, and approved by the Board of Directors, a committee consisting of three Directors to review any conflicts of horse show applications. This Committee shall make all decisions regarding such horse show recognition.
- Section 5. NCHJA ANNUAL BENEFIT HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE** - There shall be appointed annually by the President two persons to co-chair the Annual Benefit Horse Show Committee. It shall be the duty this committee to carry out all the business of the Annual Benefit Horse Show sponsored by the NCHJA and act on behalf of the Board of Directors. The co-chairs will select members to serve on this committee.
- Section 6. BANQUET AND AWARDS COMMITTEE** - There shall be appointed annually by the President a Senior member as committee chair of the Banquet and Awards Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to carry out all of the business of the Annual Banquet and Year End Awards ceremony. The committee chair will select members to serve on this committee. The committee will also arrange the Junior Meeting luncheon, the accommodations, and any arrangements associated with the Annual Meeting and any Board of Directors meetings held in conjunction with the Annual Banquet and Year End Awards ceremony.
- Section 7. LICENSED OFFICIALS AND SHOW STANDARDS COMMITTEE** - There shall be appointed annually by the President and approved by the Board of Directors a committee consisting of four Directors to review applications of Licensed Officials and conduct a steward or judge's clinic as needed. It will be the duty of this committee to review and rule on any protest related to show standards.

**Section 8. NORTH CAROLINA HORSE COUNCIL COMMITTEE -** There shall be appointed annually by the President a chairman of the North Carolina Horse Council Committee. The chairman will select committee members from other Directors and the membership at large. It shall be the duty of this committee to interact with the North Carolina Horse Council (NCHC.) This committee will assign a person from the committee to serve on the Board of Directors for the NCHC, attend their meetings, and bring to the attention of the NCHC issues of concern to the NCHJA and its members. This committee will develop an NCHC report for each NCHJA Board of Directors meeting and a summary for the Annual Meeting reporting on issues of importance to the NCHJA.

**Section 9. RULES COMMITTEE -** There shall be appointed annually by the President a Rules Committee to consist of not more than five members. It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to research and propose rule changes to the Board of Directors and respond to any rule change requests from the members. Rule changes will be distributed to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

**Section 10. JUNIOR/SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE -** There shall be appointed annually by the President a Junior/Special Projects Committee to consist of a Senior Board member as Chairman, two Senior members, the Junior representative, and a Junior member from each of the Junior divisions currently showing at NCHJA, C, A, or AA horse shows (Ponies, Children's Pony/Horse, Juniors, Children's Jumpers, Children's and Pony Equitation.) It shall be the duty of this committee to develop special education and fundraising projects for the NCHJA Annual Horse Show and the NCHJA C Show Finals and as directed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 11. HUNTER/EQUITATION COMMITTEE -** There shall be appointed annually by the President a Hunter/Equitation Committee to consist of at least four Senior members, one of which is Professional, and two Junior members. It shall be the duty of the Hunter/Equitation Committee to discuss issues and concerns of the Hunter and Equitation divisions.

**Section 12. JUMPER COMMITTEE -** There shall be appointed annually by the President a Jumper Committee to consist of at least four Senior members, one of which is Professional. It shall be the duty of the Jumper Committee to discuss issues and concerns of the Jumper division.

**Section 13.**

**COMPUTER, TECHNOLOGY, MARKETING COMMITTEE**

There shall be appointed annually by the President and approved by the Board of Directors a Computer Technology Committee to consist of three Senior members. It shall be the duty of this committee to have general overview of the NCHJA's computer(s), related equipment, computer programs, and other information processing (ie., email, web site, etc.) It is the committee's responsibility to advise the Executive Secretary or the NCHJA on the procurement or disposal of the above and other office related equipment. For items requiring major expenditures, this committee will present a report to the Board of Directors for approval prior to purchase.

**Section 14.**

**FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE** -

There shall be appointed annually by the President a Financial Investments Committee to consist of three Senior members. It shall be the duty of the Financial Investments Committee to assist the Treasurer in financial matters with respect to banking and investments. They may be asked by the President or the Board of Directors to conduct an internal audit of the General or Horse Show accounts. They shall also make recommendations to the Board with regard to financial investments.

**ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the NCHJA in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws or special rules of order of the NCHJA.

**ARTICLE IX - METHOD OF AMENDING**

The Board of Directors may amend the By-Laws by a majority vote. The By-Laws may also be amended at any meeting of the General Membership by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

# 2018 RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION

All horse shows recognized by the North Carolina Hunter and Jumper Association, Inc. ("NCHJA") and every person participating at the competition including exhibitor, owner, lessee, manager, agent, rider, handler, judge, steward, competition official, or employee is subject to the rules of the NCHJA.

In the event a show member of NCHJA is also a regular member competition of US Equestrian Federation, Inc. ("USEF") and there is a conflict of rules, the rules of USEF shall prevail.

In the event a show member of the NCHJA (held within the boundaries of the state of North Carolina) is also a show member of another horse show association other than USEF and there is a conflict of rules, the rules of the NCHJA shall prevail.

USEF Zone 3 consists of North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. USEF Zone 4 consists of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

## RULE I - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the NCHJA is a privilege and is offered to those persons who pay their current dues, abide by the rules of the NCHJA, and conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the best interests of the NCHJA. The membership year is from December 1 through November 30.

### PART I - INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

**Section I. PRIVILEGES** - Individual members enjoy privileges not available to non-members. These include:

- (a) The right to attend the Annual Meeting.
- (b) The right to vote in the election of Officers, Directors, and amendments to the By-Laws for Senior members only.
- (c) Eligibility to serve as a show delegate.
- (d) Eligibility to serve as an Officer or Director.
- (e) Eligibility to compete for Year End Awards.
- (f) Eligibility of Junior members to compete in the E.J. Haun Memorial Equitation Class (USEF/NCHJA shows,) the NCHJA Pony Medal Class (USEF/NCHJA shows,) the NCHJA Children's Medal Class (USEF/NCHJA shows,) the NCHJA Pony Equitation Class (NCHJA "C" shows), and the NCHJA Children's Equitation Class (NCHJA "C" shows) and Senior members in the Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Class (USEF/NCHJA shows) and the NCHJA Adult Equitation Class (NCHJA "C" shows.)

- (g) A copy of the Rule Book if requested.
- (h) A free pony measurement card.

**Section 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS**

- (a) **Senior members** are those persons who are 18 years of age or older on December 1. Their annual dues shall be \$40.00.
- (b) **Junior members** are those persons who have not reached their 18th birthday on or before December 1. Their annual dues shall be \$30.00.
- (c) **Farm members** are those entries made in the name of a stable or farm for Year End Awards, provided such farm or stable is registered with the NCHJA. All applications for registration must be signed by the owner(s). Their dues shall be \$50.00 for life.
- (d) **Life members** - \$350.00.

**Section 3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP** - Applications for individual membership shall be made to the Executive Secretary of the NCHJA on forms available from the NCHJA Office or Show Secretary. Dues for current year must accompany the application. There will be a \$30.00 charge for dues submitted with payment returned for insufficient funds. Applications shall be promptly recorded by the Executive Secretary who shall issue a membership card to Amateurs, Lifetime members, and applicants upon request when admitted to the NCHJA.

**Section 4. INDEBTEDNESS** - Any NCHJA member show that receives insufficient funds from any exhibitor or his representative for any indebtedness shall notify the Executive Secretary of the NCHJA in writing. The NCHJA Executive Secretary shall then notify the responsible party in written form by certified mail. The exhibitor shall have 14 days from the date of the certified return receipt to reimburse that show by mailing a postal money order or certified check to the NCHJA Executive Secretary made payable to the respective horse show. Any exhibitor who is indebted to any NCHJA member show shall not be considered in good standing and may not show or participate in any way at an NCHJA member show. Any horses owned by this exhibitor or horses for which insufficient funds were issued shall be barred from showing at any NCHJA member shows. Any points accumulated by such exhibitor and/or horses shall be withheld and not considered for any Year End Awards until such indebtedness is satisfied. The NCHJA and/or the respective horse show involved in such a proceeding shall reserve the right to add any fees allowed by law in the collection of bad debts.

## **PART II - SHOW MEMBERS**

**Section 1. RECOGNIZED SHOWS** - The term “recognized show” when used herein includes all shows who are members of the NCHJA. Only shows in good standing can be recognized by the NCHJA. Recognized shows shall be classified with the rating “AA”, “A”, “B”, “C”, or NCHJA ‘C’ for the purposes of accruing Year End Award points. It is required that all prize lists include the correct rating of the show.

### **Section 2. CONDUCT AND COMPETITION STANDARDS OF RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS**

Minors who do not have a valid driver’s license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of recognized competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver’s license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainers who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

Dogs are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be on a leash or otherwise contained. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule may be subject to penalty.

**Section 3. SHOW MEMBERSHIP** - Application for any USEF/NCHJA recognized show membership shall be made to the Executive Secretary on the application form provided by the NCHJA and must be submitted before November 15th before the new competition year. Dates of established show competitions will not be awarded in subsequent years to other competitions within the distance rules set forth by the USEF, provided the applications for competition dates in the following year are received by the November 15th deadline. Applications for new and established competitions will be accepted starting April 1st of the year preceding the competition dates in question; all applications for competitions received prior to that date will be considered received as of April 1st. Applicants must reapply from year to year. Applications must be received a minimum of 60 days for NCHJA/USEF show sanctioning and 30 days NCHJA C show sanctioning prior to the show date. Dues for the show and the name of the show delegate must accompany the application. Show management is encouraged to send a prize list to the entire membership of the NCHJA. In a USEF rotation year, all NCHJA “C” shows will rotate in the same manner as USEF “AA” and “A” shows.

If two or more applications are for the same date(s), the distance requirements between the competitions shall be as follows:

USEF/NCHJA rated shows, follow the USEF Hunter and/or Jumper mileage Chart for Zone 3.

(250-mile radius for USEF/NCHJA "A" and "AA" competitions with the same rated sections).

NCHJA "C" shows - 50-mile radius required.

If two or more applications for the same date(s) is made by new competitions within the applicable distances specified, the application received first will be approved, provided all other requirements for recognition are met.

**Section 4. PRIVILEGES** - Recognized shows enjoy privileges not available to other shows including:

- (a) Representation at the Annual Meeting by delegates who have the right to vote on the election of Officers, Directors, and amendments to the By-Laws. Delegates may have one vote per show represented.
- (b) A position on the NCHJA schedule of show dates.
- (c) The assistance of the NCHJA facilities, office, and records.

**Section 5. DUES** – See online show application form for current sanctioning dues. Applications shall not be considered unless accompanied by payment of dues.

**Section 6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP** - Any show in good standing may voluntarily resign from membership upon giving 60 days' notice, in writing, to the Executive Secretary. Upon such withdrawal any fees paid including the labels, etc. will be forfeited and all delegates appointed by said show shall cease to be delegates. Any show withdrawing within 30 days of scheduled show shall forfeit said fees and shall be fined \$50.00.

**Section 7. FINES** - Failure by show management to comply with the rules of the NCHJA will result in a \$100.00 fine in addition to the specific fines, payable within seven days of receipt of fine. If the fine is not paid, it will be added to the amount of dues for the ensuing year and future competition dates will not be awarded until both penalty and dues have been paid.

If management disputes the rule violation, it may appeal in writing to the NCHJA within 30 days of management's receipt of the NCHJA's notice of fine, specifying the grounds for the appeal. A special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon a finding of good cause for the rule violation and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the penalty



## **RULE II - RECORDING OF HORSES**

- Section 1.**        **RECORDS** - The NCHJA maintains the only official record of winnings of horses at all member shows. To be eligible for any of the Year End Awards a horse must be recorded with the NCHJA. A recording certificate will be issued upon receipt of the \$30.00 registration fee. Recording forms are available on the NCHJA website.
- Section 2.**        **CHANGE OF OWNER** - Upon sale of a recorded horse, a transfer of ownership must be affected by submitting to the NCHJA the original recording certificate properly signed for transfer. If the certificate is lost, a copy of the bill of sale may be presented with the request for transfer. There is a \$20.00 fee for transfer of ownership.
- Section 3.**        **CHANGE OF NAME** - The recorded name of a horse may be changed by submission of the original certificate to the NCHJA. The fee for the change of name is \$10.00.
- Section 4.**        **LEASED HORSES** - In order for points to count toward Year End Awards, the lessee must be a member of NCHJA and must so inform the NCHJA. The horse must be registered with the NCHJA. There is a \$10 fee for recording the horse in the lessee's name.

## **RULE III - EXHIBITORS, RIDERS, AND TRAINERS**

### **PART I - RESPONSIBILITIES**

The responsibilities of exhibitors, riders, and handlers shall be the same as those found in the current USEF Rule Book where applicable. Recognized show participants should be especially cognizant of the following requirements.

- Section 1.**        **RULES** - Knowledge of and compliance with the rules of USEF and the NCHJA.
- Section 2.**        **AMATEUR CARD** - At NCHJA "C" shows, a rider showing in amateur classes must possess an amateur card (or copy) issued by USEF, NCHJA, or an affiliated horse show association.
- Section 3.**        **PONY MEASUREMENT CARD** - At NCHJA "C" shows, owners of ponies must possess a measurement card, copy of a measurement card, or valid measurement form issued by the USEF, NCHJA, or an affiliated horse show association. Members without valid documentation may have their ponies measured at an NCHJA "C" show and receive an NCHJA measurement card at no charge; non-members may have their ponies measured for that day for a \$5.00 charge.
- Section 4.**        **FAMILY AND GENDER** - For competition purposes, the term family includes husband, wife, parent, step-parent, child, brother, step-child, sister, half brother and sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren, and in-laws of the same relation as stated above. Whenever in these rules the words he, him, or his are used, unless the context requires otherwise, they shall include she, her, or hers.

## PART II - REGULATIONS

**Section I. SHOWING UNDER JUDGES AND STEWARDS** - The following regulations govern showing under judges and stewards:

- (a) An exhibitor or trainer may not serve as a judge or steward at any competition in which he/she exhibits, whether or not the classes are conducted under NCHJA rules. Except Jumpers per Rule II, Part II, Section I(c).
- (b) No member of a judge's family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a judge's household nor any of the judge's clients, employers or employees or employers of a member of the judge's family may compete as exhibitor, rider, handler, owner, or lessee in any division unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. Except Hunters and Jumpers per Rule II, Part II, Section I(d) and (e). For purposes of this rule included as employers are any individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, foundations, trusts or non-profit organizations and shareholders owning five or more percent of the stock of any corporation which employs the judge or a member of the judge's family, and any officers, directors, members, managers, and partners of any corporation, partnership, or limited liability company and officers, directors or trustees of any trust or foundation or non-profit organization which employs the judge or a member of the judge's family. The hiring of a judge to officiate at Recognized competitions shall not constitute employment for purposes of this rule.
- (c) A judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares except Jumpers per Rule II, Part II, Section I(d)) nor may he/she be an exhibitor, rider, steward, or manager at any competition at which he/she is officiating, including unrated classes.
- (d) No member of a Jumper judge's family nor a horse in which the Jumper judge has an interest may compete in a class in which that jumper judge is officiating. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such family member or such horse may compete in the Hunter or Equitation divisions or in other Jumper classes at the same competition.
- (e) A member of the family of a Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation judge or a horse in which that Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation judge has an interest may compete in Jumper classes at the same competition.
- (f) No judge's trainer nor any of the judge's trainer's clients may compete as exhibitor, rider, handler, owner or lessee in any division or class unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition.

- (g) No horses trained by member of the judge's family may compete in any division or Jumper class unless the client/trainer relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fee and brood mare board excluded.
- (h) No horse that has been sold by a judge or by his/her employer within a period of three months prior to the competition may be shown before that judge.
- (i) No horse that has been trained by a judge within the period of 30 days prior to the competition may be shown before that judge.
- (j) No one may show before a judge who has received or has contracted to receive any remuneration for the sale, purchase, or lease of any horse to or from, or for the account of the exhibitor within a period of 30 days prior to the competition unless the sale or purchase has been made and fully consummated at public auction.
- (k) No one may show before a judge who boards, shows, or trains any horse under the exhibitor's ownership or lease, within a period of 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees and brood mare board excluded.
- (l) No one may show before a judge who has remunerated the exhibitor for the board or training of any horse for horse show purposes within a period of 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees and brood mare board excluded.
- (m) No one may show before a judge from whom he has leased a horse unless the lease terminated 90 days prior to the competition.
- (n) No rider may compete in an Equitation class before a judge with whom his or her parent, guardian, or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the sale, lease, board, or training of a horse within 30 days of the competition unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction.
- (o) No rider may compete in an Equitation class before a judge by whom he has been instructed, coached, or tutored with or without pay within 30 days of the day of the competition. The conducting of clinics or assistance in group activities such as Pony Clubs, unless private instruction is given, will not be considered as instruction, coaching, or tutoring.
- (p) No one shall approach a judge regarding a decision unless he first obtains permission from show management or the steward who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place. No exhibitor has the right to inspect the judge's cards without the judge's permission.

- (q) No member of a steward's family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a judge's household nor any of the steward's clients may take part as an exhibitor or rider at a competition where the steward is officiating. Stewards may not officiate unless the client relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition.
- (r) A steward cannot own or operate any business (ie., tack shop, braiding business, etc.) at the same competition where he/she is officiating.
- (s) If a horse is presented to a judge by a person the judge knows is ineligible to compete under these rules, the judge may advise the steward that he/she believes the entry to be ineligible and request that the entry be excused, or the judge may proceed to judge the entry and file a charge with the Hearing Committee alleging a violation of this rule. If a judge has any doubt as to the eligibility of any entry, he/she should judge the entry and file a charge alleging the violation.
- (t) No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (ie., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. Exception: a handicapped participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity of the equipment.

**Section 2. AMATEUR STATUS** - To not engage in any of the following activities if claiming an amateur classification:

- (a) Accepts remuneration for riding, showing, training, schooling or conducting clinics or seminars.
- (b) Accepts remuneration for giving instructions in equitation or horse training. (Excludes summer camp counselors not hired in the exclusive capacity of riding instructors and persons giving instruction and training to the handicapped.)
- (c) Accepts remuneration for employment in other capacity (e.g., secretary, bookkeeper, veterinarian, groom, farrier) and gives instruction, rides, shows in hand, trains, or schools horses, other than horses actually owned or leased by him/her, when his/her employer or a member of the family of said employer or a corporation which a member of his/her family controls, owns, boards, or trains said horses.
- (d) Accepts remuneration for the use of his or her name, photograph, or other form of personal association as a horseman in connection with any advertisement or article to be sold.
- (e) Accepts prize money in equitation or showmanship classes. Prize money may be accepted by amateur riders in Dressage.

- (f) Rides or shows in hand in competitions, any horse for which he/she or a member of his/her family or a corporation which a member of his/her family controls, receives remuneration for boarding, training, riding, or showing in hand.
- (g) Gives instruction to any person or rides or shows in hand in competitions any horse, for which activity another person in his/her family or corporation which a member of his/her family controls will receive remuneration for the activity.
- (h) Accepts remuneration for selling horses/ponies, acts as a paid agent in the sale of horse/ponies or takes horses/ponies on consignment for the purpose of sale or training other than those owned wholly or in part by him/her or a member of his/her family or farm/ranch/syndicate/partnership/corporation/limited liability company which he/she or a member of his/her family controls.
- (i) The following activities do not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified: writing books or articles pertaining to horses; accepting remuneration for officiating as a judge, steward, course designer, announcer, or TV commentator; accepting bona fide remuneration for services as a veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, or breeder, accepting bona fide remuneration for boarding services; accepting reimbursement for expenses without profit; accepting a token of appreciation of less than \$300 in value, other than money, for riding or showing in hand; having the occupation of veterinarian, groom, farrier, or owning a tack shop or breeding or boarding stable.
- (i) In the event a person is found to be a professional as a result of a protest or charge made in connection with a competition, all awards won by such person in amateur classes at such competition and subsequent competitions shall be forfeited and returned to the competition and the person shall be subject to further disciplinary action. The holding of an amateur card does not preclude the question of amateur standing being raised by a protest or charge.

#### **RULE IV - OFFICIALS AND SHOW MANAGEMENT**

The duties of show officials shall be the same as those found in the current USEF Rule Book where applicable. Show management should be especially cognizant of the following duties:

1. Appoint and identify in the prize list one or more licensed USEF or NCHJA Stewards who shall be present at each session of the competition. USEF Stewards automatically receive NCHJA approval; however, for NCHJA "C" shows, the steward must be a current NCHJA member.
2. Furnish prize lists to any member requesting a prize list but not on the show's mailing list.

3. Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and suitable medical equipment must be present during all scheduled performances. Qualified medical personnel are defined as a person who is currently certified or licensed in their profession and trained in pre-hospital trauma care. This person must be identified and the area where this person is available must be designated and readily identifiable. An ambulance must be on the grounds or on call. A fine of \$75.00 per day will be imposed on recognized competitions failing to comply with this rule.
4. **Check for measurement cards** and see that all animals requiring measurement are measured according to USEF rules. All competitions having Hunter Pony classes are responsible for providing an acceptable measurement stick and a suitable surface for measurements. An approved measurement stick is a straight, stiff, unbendable stick that is equipped with a plumb bob or spirit level to make sure the standard is perpendicular to the ground and that the cross piece or arm is parallel with the ground surface and must be shod with metal.
5. See that all exhibitors showing in amateur classes are in possession of a valid amateur card (or copy of card.)
6. Apply annually to the NCHJA for a position on the calendar of shows as described in Rule 1, Part II, Section 2.
7. Appoint a delegate to the Annual Meeting.
8. File a copy of the prize list with the NCHJA two weeks prior to the show. If a horse show has several shows with the same prize list, one copy is sufficient. Failure to do so will result in the show being fined \$50.00. If the fine is not paid, it will be added to the amount of dues for the ensuing year and future competition dates will not be awarded until both penalty and dues have been paid. NCHJA C shows are not required to print all class specifications in their prize lists but must include a statement which reads: "All classes to be run in accordance with the NCHJA rules." If officials (judges or stewards) change, the Office must be notified immediately.

If management disputes that the prize list was not timely filed, it may appeal in writing to the NCHJA within 30 days of management's receipt of the NCHJA's notice of fine, specifying the ground for the appeal. A special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.

9. Forward to the NCHJA within ten days of completion of the show an NCHJA class results form or computer printout indicating the winners, number of entries in each class, champions and reserves, the names of all horses and owners, and all corrections, changes, and additions to the prize list. In the event of failure to file such results, the NCHJA shall levy a fine of \$50.00. If the fine is not paid, it will be added to the amount of dues for the ensuing year and future competition dates will not be awarded until both penalty and dues have been paid.

If management disputes that the results were not timely filed, it may appeal in writing to the NCHJA within 30 days of management's receipt of the NCHJA's notice of fine, specifying the grounds for the appeal. A special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.

10. The name of any exhibitor whose fees are not negotiable must be reported in writing to the NCHJA within 90 days of the close of the competition.
11. Any USEF/NCHJA recognized horse show held in the state of North Carolina must offer the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class, the NCHJA Children's Medal Class, the NCHJA Pony Medal Class, and the Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Class. The E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class, the NCHJA Children's Medal Class, the NCHJA Pony Medal Class, and the Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Class may only be offered at USEF/NCHJA recognized shows.  
  
Any NCHJA "C" horse show held in the state of North Carolina must offer the NCHJA Children's Equitation Class, the NCHJA Pony Equitation Class, and the NCHJA Adult Equitation Class. The NCHJA Children's Equitation Class, the NCHJA Pony Equitation Class, and the NCHJA Adult Equitation Class may only be offered at NCHJA "C" shows.
12. Any NCHJA "C" show must offer all of the Hunter sections in which the NCHJA gives a Year End Award.
13. Any show offering classes which are restricted to NCHJA members only must provide entries' NCHJA membership numbers on the class results turned in to the NCHJA Office. The show will obtain affidavits from NCHJA members who cannot provide a current membership card or copy of a current membership card.
14. The prize list shall contain an NCHJA Application for Membership. An application is available on the NCHJA website.
15. Once a prize list offering hunter sections has been printed and distributed, rated hunter sections may not be added.
16. Management may not require a judge to score more than three classes concurrently.

#### **RULE V - JUDGES**

The duties and responsibilities of a judge shall be the same as those found in USEF rules. Judges for NCHJA "C" shows must either possess a valid judge's card from USEF, be approved by the NCHJA Licensed Officials Committee ("LOC"), or be licensed by the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association (GHJA), the Maryland Horse Shows Association (MHSA), or the South Carolina Hunter Jumper Association (SCHJA) with one letter of recommendation submitted by the GHJA, SCHJA, or MHSA LOC and one letter of recommendation submitted by a USEF licensed judge to the NCHJA LOC. Judges for NCHJA "C" shows must attend an NCHJA approved "C" rated judge's clinic once every three years.

Those approved by the NCHJA LOC must be current Senior members of the NCHJA in good standing. Applicants for an NCHJA “C” show Judge’s card are required to do the following:

1. Provide the names and addresses of six references, one of whom is a USEF licensed judge (different from the judges the applicant is officiating with).
2. Learner judge at a minimum of 6 full days at NCHJA shows with at least 6 different licensed NCHJA or USEF judges (2 of whom are USEF licensed judges).
3. Horse shows officiating at, as a learner judge, must have a minimum of 50 horses entered.
4. Applicants must also complete a Hunter/Equitation clinic prior to submitting their application.
5. Fill out and submit the NCHJA judge’s application form, the completed Learner Judge forms, the three qualified sponsor names, and a \$15.00 application fee to the NCHJA Office. Forms are available on the NCHJA website.

NCHJA Judges who have been approved by the LOC will be provided cards indicating that they are licensed to judge. Judges must officiate at least once in three years to retain the Judge’s card.

Any member who holds a USEF “R” or “r” rating automatically will be added to the approved list of NCHJA “C” show judges.

## **RULE VI - STEWARDS**

The duties and responsibilities of a steward shall be the same as those found in USEF rules. In addition, the steward shall forward to the NCHJA a written report of the conduct of the show including any offense or violation of the rules within three days after its completion on the form provided by the NCHJA. A steward must have in their possession current copies of the NCHJA and USEF Rule books when officiating. A judge in possession of a rating with USEF may officiate as steward, but not steward and judge at the same show. Stewards for NCHJA “C” shows must either possess a valid judge’s card or steward’s card from the USEF, be approved by the NCHJA LOC, or be licensed by the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association (GHJA), the Maryland Horse Shows Association (MHSA), or the South Carolina Hunter Jumper Association (SCHJA) with one letter of recommendation submitted by the GHJA, SCHJA, or MHSA LOC and one letter of recommendation submitted by a USEF licensed steward to the NCHJA LOC.

Those approved by the NCHJA LOC must be current Senior members in good standing. No steward may officiate for more than two consecutive competitions run by the same governing body, Board of Directors, or member of Competition Management. Applicants for a NCHJA Steward’s card are required to do the following:

1. Learner steward at NCHJA “C” shows for at least three full days with at least three different licensed NCHJA or USEF stewards.
2. Fill out and submit the NCHJA steward’s application form, the completed Learner Steward forms and a \$15.00 application fee to the NCHJA Office. Forms are available on the NCHJA website.



NCHJA “C” stewards who have been approved by the NCHJA LOC will be provided cards indicating that they are licensed to steward. Stewards must officiate at least once in three years and must attend an NCHJA approved “C” rated steward’s clinic once every three years to retain the steward’s card.

Any member who holds a USEF Steward’s rating automatically will be added to the approved list of NCHJA “C” show stewards.

## **RULE VII - RULE AMENDMENTS**

General rule changes will be effective on December 1 unless otherwise noted. Rule changes affecting the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class, the NCHJA Children’s Medal Class, the NCHJA Pony Medal Class, the Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Class, the NCHJA Children’s Equitation Class, the NCHJA Pony Equitation Class, and the NCHJA Adult Equitation Class will be effective on June 1. Any committee may refer any matter to the NCHJA Board of Directors for adjudication. Rule change proposals must be submitted to the Rules Committee in writing prior to August 15 in order to be considered by the Board of Directors for a December 1 effective date. Rule change proposals affecting the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class, the NCHJA Children’s Medal Class, the NCHJA Pony Medal Class, the Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Class, the NCHJA Children’s Equitation Class, the NCHJA Pony Equitation Class, and the NCHJA Adult Equitation Class must be submitted in writing prior to February 28 and voted on up to April 1st for a June 1 effective date.

## **RULE VIII - HUNTER DIVISION**

### **PART I - GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

The Hunter Division is open to horses, stallions, mares, or geldings. Amateur adults may ride ponies in hunter classes where fences do not exceed 3’3”; however, ponies cannot be cross entered into the rated Regular, Green Pony, and Children’s Hunter Pony sections at the same competition. Stallions are prohibited in the Short Stirrup Hunter, Pony Hunter, Junior Hunter, Children’s Hunter, and all hunter equitation divisions and classes.

### **PART II - HORSE WELFARE**

**Section I.** The following acts are prohibited:

- (a) Riding an exhausted horse.
- (b) Excessive pressuring of a tired horse.
- (c) Riding or lunging an obviously lame horse.
- (d) Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds. The use of a whip must be for a good reason, done at the appropriate time, in the proper place and with appropriate restraint. Excessive whipping will not be tolerated.
- (e) Any striking of the horse’s head (on the poll or forward of the poll shall be deemed excessive).
- (f) Repeated jerking on the reins and sawing on the bit unless applied to an unruly horse that is jeopardizing his own safety or the safety of his rider.
- (g) Improper use of the bit resulting in bleeding, broken skin or broken mucous membrane.

- (h) Excessive use of the spurs or spurring resulting in broken and bleeding skin.
- (i) Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
- (j) Use of any substance to induce temporary heat causing hyper-sensitization.
- (k) Poling.
- (l) Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jumps.
- (m) Use of electronic shock devices in schooling or showing.
- (n) Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices, with the exception of kicking chains while the horse is in the stall or in transport. This does not prohibit the use of rubber or plastic exercising devices.
- (o) Showing a horse with hypersensitive, raw or bleeding sores around the cornets, pasterns, legs or body.
- (p) Use of laser beam devices anywhere on the competition grounds, except in an exhibition or if required in class specifications. (Exception: Lasers used in a therapeutic manner).
- (q) Withholding of feed or water for prolonged periods.
- (r) Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.
- (s) Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.

**Section 2.**

Competitors found to be in violation of these rules by the Competition Steward or other USEF/NCHJA Official shall be eliminated/disqualified from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period and shall forfeit all entry fees for such competition. In addition, after consultation between Competition Management, the Steward, or other official involved, and a Judge in the division, additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, it will be reviewed by the USEF/NCHJA for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the circumstances.

**PART III - GREEN ELIGIBILITY**

See USEF Rule HU103 – Hunter Eligibility and Green Hunter Eligibility Status for Horses.

**PART IV - COURSES**

**Section 1.**

**GENERAL** - Fifty percent or more of the obstacles must be at least the required height and none be more than 2" over or under. Horses must be shown over a minimum of eight obstacles the required height in all rated sections.

**Section 2.**

**ALTERATIONS** - Except in case of inclement weather, broken equipment, or similar emergency a course must not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors. If one or more original obstacles are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute obstacles which approximate as nearly as possible the originals.

**Section 3.**           **VIOLATIONS** - In classes where NCHJA course requirements have not been met and the violation has not been observed and corrected prior to the third competitor's performance, the class must be completed without altering the course and the results will stand for the purposes of the Championship. With the exception of a course set at an improper height, competitors who have gone over the course with the violation have the option of re-jumping the course. Classes conducted over improper courses are ineligible for NCHJA Year End Award points

**Section 4.**           **DIAGRAMS** - Course diagrams must be posted at least one-half (1/2) hour before scheduled time of class unless they have been illustrated in the prize list. The plan or diagram of the course must show the obstacles which must be taken in the order indicated by numbers but apart from this the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow is used on the diagram to indicate the direction in which each obstacle is to be taken. When distances between fences are 90' or less from base to base, the distance must be included on the posted course diagram.

**Section 5.**           **TYPE** - Obstacles must simulate those found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, etc. Every course must have at least four different type obstacles. All obstacles must be 20' wide or have wings at least 24" wide that are at least 12" higher than the obstacle. A 6" difference is recommended for the back element of an obstacle. There must be a minimum difference of 3". A ground line is recommended for all obstacles. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class. An in and out is considered as two obstacles. It must never be used at the start of a course.

**Section 6.**

**DISTANCES BETWEEN FENCES** - The table below is provided as a guideline. Distance is measured from the top rail of a vertical and from the middle of the spread of an oxer. Distances may be adjusted based on ring and footing conditions.

Fence Height and Stride Length	Horse 3' Fence 12' Stride	Horse 3'6" Fence 12'3" Stride	Horse 3'6" Fence 12'6" Stride	Horse 3'6" Fence 12'9" Stride
# of Strides				
1	25'6"	26'	26'	26'
2	36'6"	37'	37'	37'
3	48'	48'9"	49'6"	50'3"
4	60'	61'	62'	63'
5	72'	73'3"	74'6"	75'9"
6	84'	85'6"	87'	88'6"
7	96'	97'9"	99'6"	101'3"

Pony Size and Stride Length	Small 9'9" Stride	Small 10' Stride	Small 10'3" Stride	Medium 10'3" Stride	Medium 10'6" Stride	Medium 10'9" Stride
# of Strides	Steady	Normal	Flowing	Steady	Normal	Flowing
1	19'-20'	19'-20'	19'-20'	21'-22'	21'-22'	21'-22'
2	29'-30'	29'-30'	29'-30'	31'6"-32'	31'6"-32'	31'6"-32"
3	39'	40'	41'	41'	42'	43'
4	48'9"	50'	51'3"	51'3"	52'6"	53'9"
5	58'6"	60'	61'6"	61'6"	63'	64'6"
6	68'3"	70'	71'9"	71'9"	73'6"	75'3"
7	78'	80'	82'	82'	84'	86'

Pony Size and Stride Length	Large Pony 11' Stride	Large Pony 11'3" Stride	Large Pony 11'6" Stride	Large Pony 11'9" Stride
# of Strides	Steady	Normal	Flowing	Forward
1	23'-24'	23'-24'	23'-24'	23'-24'
2	34'-34'6"	34'-34'6"	34'-34'6"	34'-34'6"
3	44'	45'	46'	47'
4	55'	56'3"	57'6"	58'
5	66'	67'6"	69'	70'6"
6	77'	78'9"	80'6"	82'3"
7	88'	90'	92'	94'

## **PART V - ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT**

**Section 1. TACK** - Regulation snaffles, pelhams, and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended. A judge may penalize for non-conventional types of bits or nosebands. Competitors may be refused an award unless they return to the ring for soundness with the same complete bridle in which they have performed. Martingales of any type are prohibited in under saddle classes.

Any rider competing and or riding anywhere on the competition grounds with their stirrup, stirrup leather, or foot tied and/or secured in any manner, will automatically be eliminated from the entire competition. The steward will note the trainer name(s) on the stewards' report and further disciplinary actions may be taken.

**Section 2. EQUIPMENT** - Light pads and bar shoes are permissible. Boots, wraps, and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.

Competitors are prohibited from carrying a whip that is longer than 30" while jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited.

**Section 3. DRESS** - It is the tradition of the show ring that riders be correctly attired for the class in question. When management permits Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Polo shirts and chaps are not permitted except in unjudged warm-up classes. Management or judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.

**Section 4. HEADGEAR** - It is compulsory for riders in all Hunter, Jumper, and Hunter Seat Equitation sections, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI

(Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.

**Section 5. JUNIOR HEADGEAR** - All junior riders riding in Hunter, Jumper, and Hunter Seat Equitation sections, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must

immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, is properly fitted and in good condition.

**Section 6.        BOOTS/SHOES** - Boots/shoes worn while riding anywhere on the competition grounds must have a distinguishable heel.

**Section 7.        NUMBERS** - Competitors must display the correct number which must be clearly visible while performing in any class unless otherwise stated in the prize list. Competitors may be penalized at the discretion of the judge.

**Section 8.        BRAIDING** - Braiding is optional at NCHJA “C” shows.

## **PART VI - JUDGING**

**Section I.        GENERAL** - All classes must be judged on performance and soundness and when indicated, suitability or manners.

- (a) When a horse makes two faults at one obstacle, only the major fault will be counted. (Exception: refusals count in addition.)
- (b) When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized.
- (c) At a combination, the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or runout at one obstacle in a combination, the competitor may re-jump the previous as well as the following obstacles.
- (d) Judges must penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences, whether touched or untouched. In classics and when a class is held on an outside course, brilliance should be emphasized.
- (e) Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving is permissible. When the class is held in a ring, the performance starts as the competitor enters and ends when he leaves. When the class is held outside, the performance starts at any spot designated by competition management and ends at any spot so designated. If the start and finish are not clearly set forth, it is suggested that a judge consider the start approximately 50' before the first obstacle and the finish approximately 50' after the last.
- (f) All horses must be serviceably sound. All horses being considered for an award must be jogged for soundness with the rider dismounted. (Exception: Under Saddle classes, unrated classes, and rated classes specifying that jogging is not required.) Horses that are not serviceably sound are ineligible for an award, including Under Saddle classes.

- (g) In the event of elimination, the horse must exit the ring immediately
- (h) In the case of the jump(s) falling over due to weather or act of God, the rider must remain in the ring until receiving instructions from the judge(s) or be eliminated. In this instance, the decision of the judge(s) is final.

**Section 2. FAULTS** - The following faults are scored according to the judge's opinion, and depending on severity, may be considered minor or major faults.

- (a) The following faults are scored according to the judge's opinion, and depending on severity, may be considered minor or major faults.
  - Rubbing the jump
  - Swapping leads in a line or in front of a jump
  - Late lead changes
  - Freshness
  - Spooking
  - Kicking up or out
  - Jumping out of form
  - Jumping off the center line of jump
  - Bucking and/or playing
  - Adding a stride in a line with a related distance
  - Eliminating a stride in a line with a related distance
  - Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle. (May be corrected with either a simple or flying change of lead.)
- (b) The following are considered major faults.
  - Knockdown
  - Refusal
  - Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment
  - Refusal or stopping while on course
  - Dangerous jumping
  - Addressing a jump - coming to a stop in front of a jump in order to show the jump to the horse.
  - Completely missing a lead change
  - Adding or eliminating a stride in an in and out.
- (c) The following constitute elimination.
  - Three refusals
  - Off course
  - Jumping course before it is reset
  - Bolting from the ring
  - Fall of horse or rider

**Section 3. UNDER SADDLE CLASSES** - Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive, and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. Not more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at one time. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound. An Under-

Saddle class cannot be the first performance class held in a rated section.

## **PART VII - CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Section 1.** Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses that acquired the most points performing over a regulation course with obstacles at the full height required in the section in which shown. In addition to these points, only these four horses, receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes (full points for Regular Conformation Model classes) and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class. In case of a tie score, the Championship and/or Reserve Championship is awarded to the horse that accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses must be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. Competitors may be asked to hand gallop at the discretion of the judge. (Exception: Green Hunters.) This competition is judged as an independent under saddle class with conformation, soundness, and performance to count as prescribed throughout the section. If horses have an equal number of points over fences, under saddle, and model (ie. Regular or Green Conformation) the tie will stand as is and both horses will receive Year End Award points in their respective Champion and/or Reserve position. A Championship may not be offered in a section unless a minimum of two over fences classes and one Under Saddle class are held.

**Section 2.** Only the first six ribbons in each class are counted regardless of the number offered. Points are awarded 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, 1/2. Ribbons have the same value even if less than the specified places are awarded due to lack of entries.

## **PART VIII- HUNTER SCHOOLING RULES**

No Manual poling allowed. No offsets of any type allowed. Swedish oxers are permitted; however, the high side must be no more than 18 inches higher than the low side. Guide rails are used to keep a horse straight, not to be confused with a landing rail, which the horse actually jumps over. If guide rails are used on the landing side of a jump, the closest part of the rail must be a minimum of 9 feet from the jump. Guide rails must not be touching the obstacle being jumped. If one ground line is used it must be on the take-off side. Coolers may be placed on a vertical or front side of an oxer. No whip with a length exceeding 45" total length may be used while schooling on the flat. No one may hold or touch a standard while it is being jumped. Horses are not permitted to walk over cross or slant rails. Walk jumps may not exceed 18" and ground lines are not permitted. While using a walk jump the competitor must approach and depart in a straight line. At no time may they turn the horse while walking over the rail.

### **RULE IX - JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER**

**Section 1.** Riders must not have reached their 18th birthday on or before December 1 of the competition year.

**Section 2.** Horses and ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class. No rider may show more than three horses in a class at NCHJA "C" shows.



**Section 3.** Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition. Horses entered in Junior Hunter classes may not cross enter into Children's Hunter sections at the same competition. At NCHJA "C" shows in North Carolina, riders may not cross enter into Children's Hunter sections at the same competition. At NCHJA "C" shows outside North Carolina, USEF Zone rules will apply.

**Section 4.** Height of obstacles in the Junior Working Hunter Division shall be: 3'3" and 3'6" height must be offered. In all classes manners will be emphasized, and extreme speed will be penalized. Horses to be jogged in accordance with USEF Rule HU132 -Zone 3.

### **RULE X - AMATEUR OWNER WORKING HUNTER**

**Section 1.** Amateur Owner Hunters are to be ridden by amateur owners or an amateur member of the owner's family. In either case, classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.

**Section 2.** At USEF rated horse shows, an amateur who rides for a person outside of his/her family may not ride in a class restricted to Amateur Owners at the same competition with the exception of: a) equitation classes; b) under saddle classes; and c) a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider, or his/her family, in jumper sections and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider or his/her family, in hunter sections, in classes not restricted to amateur owners. If an Under-Saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age.

**Section 3.** Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may be shown in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition if ridden by a member of the child's family. At NCHJA "C" shows in North Carolina, riders may not cross enter into the Adult Amateur Hunter sections at the same competition. At NCHJA "C" shows outside North Carolina, USEF Zone rules will apply.

**Section 4.** Height of obstacles shall be: 3'3" and 3'6" height must be offered. At USEF rated horse shows, riders may cross enter between the Adult Amateur Hunter and Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" section if the rider owns the horse they are showing in the Adult Amateur section. Horses may not cross enter between the divisions.

### **RULE XI - PONY WORKING HUNTER**

**Section 1.** No junior over 12 years of age may ride in a regular Small Pony Hunter section. No junior over 14 years of age may ride in a regular Medium Pony Hunter section. Riders under 18 years of age may ride for other exhibitors who have more than one entry in the Under-

Saddle class. Ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class. Junior riders showing ponies cannot compete in any class where fences may be set higher than 3'6" at the same competition (Exception Children's Jumpers, USHJA International Hunter Derby, Junior Hunter Classics, and Pony Jumpers.)

- Section 2.** Ponies shown in any rated Hunter Pony, Green Hunter Pony, Children's Pony Hunter, or Pony Jumper sections may not be shown by an exhibitor 18 years or older at the same competition.
- Section 3.** Small ponies are not to exceed 12.2 hands, medium ponies are ponies over 12.2 hands but not exceeding 13.2 hands; and large ponies are ponies over 13.2 hands but not exceeding 14.2 hands.
- Section 4.** Regular classes are open to all ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands. Qualifications must follow as nearly as possible those outlined for Hunters.
- Section 5.** No rider may show more than three ponies in a class at NCHJA "C" shows. Ponies shown in the rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections may not be shown by an adult at the same competition.
- Section 6.** A green pony is a pony of any age not exceeding 14.2 hands that has not been shown over fences the regulation height or higher for its respective section (2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" for large) prior to December 1st of the current competition year at a Regular Competition of USEF or the Canadian Equestrian Federation (CEF) or any national or international competition. Showing in Canada over fences at or higher than the regulation height for the pony's section under CEF rules breaks the pony's green status for the purpose of this rule whether or not the regulation height for the pony's section under CEF rules is less than, equal to, or greater than the regulation height for the pony's section under USEF rules. Once a pony has broken its green status in one Hunter Pony section (i.e. small, medium, large) it will not regain its status by moving to another Hunter Pony section. A pony's green status is considered to be broken once it competes over fences the regulation height or higher for its respective section (see above). The pony's green status may be reinstated for a future competition year if it was not shown at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st and if it was not shown after September 1st in the same year. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if they have competed in the USEF National Pony Finals. In order to maintain green status for the next competition year, the pony must stop competing over fences its respective height or higher and the owner must notify the NCHJA office by letter prior to December 1 of that competition year, giving the pony's name and recording number. If the pony is not recorded, it must be recorded at this time. Failure to do this will result in the pony losing its green status. A Green Reinstatement will only be granted one time.

- Section 7.** Ponies who have not broken their green status must jump less than their regulation height in open classes or their Green Status will be broken.
- Section 8.** Courses have the same requirements as for Hunters with the exception that the first obstacle on a pony hunter course must be a vertical obstacle (i.e., brush or rail.) Oxers and coops are prohibited as a first obstacle. The height and spread of obstacles are 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium, and 2'9" - 3' for large ponies. (Green ponies 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium, and 2'9" for large.) Spread of jump may not exceed height and must be measured including flowers, brush, and ground lines.
- Section 9.** The suggested distances for in and outs are 20' for small, 22' for medium, and 24' for large ponies. The in and out distance must be adjusted for each height section. At NCHJA "C" shows it is suggested that courses be set with no in and outs and the distance between fences be set using 12' multiples. At NCHJA "C" shows the distance between fences for each height section (except for in and outs) may be adjusted at management's discretion.
- Section 10.** If a pony under saddle class has more than 20 entries, the class must be split and held in at least two sections with one set of awards.

## **RULE XII - CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTER**

- Section 1.** Open to horses only. To be shown by a junior exhibitor. A rider in the Children's Hunter Division is not eligible to compete in classes where fences exceed 3'3" except age group Equitation, Medal classes, Children's /Adult Jumper, Pony Jumper Classes and the USHJA National Hunter Derby. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence height shall be 3'; spreads not to exceed fence height. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. Suitability as a Children's Hunter to be stressed.
- Section 2.** Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross enter into Junior Hunter sections at the same competition. Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may be shown in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition if ridden by a member of the child's family. If an Under-Saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be juniors but need not be eligible by age. If two or more sections are offered, horses cannot be entered in more than one section.
- Section 3.** If the rules and specifications adopted by Zone 4 of the USEF for the Children's Working Hunter Division differ from those of the NCHJA and the Zone 4 rules are followed at an NCHJA recognized horse show held in Zone 4, the points earned in those classes will count toward NCHJA Year End Awards.

## **RULE XIII - ADULT AMATEUR WORKING HUNTER**

- Section 1.** To be ridden by an amateur in possession of a valid amateur card. A rider in the Adult Amateur Division is not eligible to compete in any class where fence heights exceed 3'3" with the exception of the Children's /Adult Jumpers and the USHJA National Hunter Derby. Riders may cross enter between the Adult Amateur Division and the 3'3" Amateur Owner Division if the rider owns the horse showing in the Adult Amateur Division. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence height shall be 3'; spreads not to exceed fence height. If the Adult Amateur Division is split two ways, it must be split from 18 to 35 and from 36 and over. If split three ways, it must be split from 18 to 35, 36 to 49, and 50 and over. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. Suitability of an Adult Amateur Hunter to be stressed.
- Section 2.** Horses may be entered in Junior Hunter sections at the same competition if ridden by a member of the same family. If an Under-Saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age.
- Section 3.** If the rules and specifications adopted by Zone 4 of the USEF for the Adult Amateur Working Hunter Division differ from those of the NCHJA and the Zone 4 rules are followed at an NCHJA recognized horse show held in Zone 4, the points earned in those classes will count toward NCHJA Year End Awards.

## **RULE XIV - GREEN HUNTER 3', 3'3", 3'6" & 3'9" (USEF RATED SHOWS)**

- Section 1.** See USEF Rule HUI03 – Green Hunter Eligibility Status for Horses. Formally Pre-Green Hunter Divisions
- Section 2.** If the rules and specifications adopted by Zone 4 of the USEF for the Pre-Green Working Hunter Division differ from those of the NCHJA and the Zone 4 rules are followed at an NCHJA recognized horse show held in Zone 4, the points earned in those classes will count toward NCHJA Year End Awards.

## **RULE XV - CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY (USEF RATED SHOWS)**

- Section 1.** Open to all ponies not showing in a rated division, ridden by a rider not showing over fences exceeding 3' at that show. To be judged on performance and soundness. Small and medium ponies to jump 2' and large ponies to jump 2'6". Ponies to be jogged in accordance with USEF Rule HUI32 – Zone 3.

## **Section 2.**

If the rules and specifications adopted by Zone 4 of USEF for the Children's Hunter Pony Division differ from those of the NCHJA and the Zone 4 rules are followed at an NCHJA recognized horse show held in Zone 4, the points earned in those classes will count toward NCHJA Year End Awards.

### **RULE XVI – LOW CHILDREN'S/ADULT HUNTER (USEF RATED SHOWS ONLY)**

Low Child Hunter: Open to horses and ponies ridden by junior riders according to USEF rules. Riders may not cross-enter at the same show into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter or any class/section where fences exceed 2'9" (Exception: 3' Equitation). Height of Fences: 2'6".

Low Adult Hunter: Open to horses ridden by adult riders who are considered amateurs according to USEF rules. Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where the fences exceed 2'9" (Exception: 3' Equitation). Height of Fences: 2'6".

### **RULE XVII - SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER AND EQUITATION (USEF RATED SHOWS AND NCHJA 'C' SHOWS)**

Open to riders 12 years and under in their first or second year of showing at NCHJA or USEF recognized shows over fences 2' or higher. (Exception: showing in Maiden Equitation over fences 2' or higher does not qualify as a first or second year of showing.) Riders who have shown over fences at an NCHJA or USEF recognized show in a rated division or class (other than Short Stirrup Hunter, Short Stirrup Equitation, or Equitation 11 and Under) or in an unrated division or class with fences 2'6" or higher are not eligible for Short Stirrup Hunter or Short Stirrup Equitation classes. (Exception: a rider may show in the rated Small/Medium Pony Hunter division at NCHJA "C" shows and be eligible for Short Stirrup Hunter and Short Stirrup Equitation at USEF/NCHJA shows.) To be judged on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. Suitability of a short stirrup mount to be stressed. Hunter division and equitation to be offered with fence heights at 2'. A rider of a short stirrup hunter is eligible for Short Stirrup Equitation, Equitation 11 and Under, and any unrated division with fences not to exceed 2'3" and no combinations. Any short stirrup rider may hack a horse or pony for an exhibitor with more than one entry in an Under-Saddle class. Short Stirrup Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.

### **RULE XVIII - EQUITATION DIVISION**

#### **PART I - APPOINTMENTS**

## **Section I.**

**PERSONAL** - Exhibitors and judges should bear in mind that at all times entries are being judged on ability rather than on personal attire. Riders should wear coats of any tweed or melton for hunting (conservative wash jackets in season,) breeches or jodhpurs, and boots. Conservative colored protective headgear is mandatory. Spurs, crops, or bats are optional. Judges may penalize contestants who do not conform. When management permits Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties.

Polo shirts and chaps are not permitted except in unjudged warm-up classes. Management or judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.

**Section 2.** **TACK** - Regulation snaffles, pelhams, and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended. A judge at his own discretion can penalize a horse with non-conventional types of bits or nose bands. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted. Type of saddle is optional. Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. They are prohibited on the flat in any class or phase. Any change of equipment during a class can be penalized at the discretion of the judge. (Note: adding or taking off a martingale from one phase to another is not considered a change.) Numbers must be worn on the rider's back and must be clearly visible at all times when in competition.

**Section 3.** **BRAIDING** - Braiding is optional at NCHJA "C" shows.

## **PART II - CLASS ROUTINE**

**Section 1.** **GENERAL** - Any rider not having his mount under sufficient control will be dismissed from the ring and disqualified from class. Unsoundness does not penalize a competitor unless it is sufficiently severe to impair the required performance. In such cases, the imposition of a penalty is at the judge's discretion. Horses may not be ridden by more than one rider per class. Any rider competing with their stirrups tied to the girth and/or secured in any like manner will be eliminated by the officiating judge.

**Section 2.** **OVER OBSTACLES** - The performance begins when the horse enters the ring. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider's ability. The following will result in elimination: (a) fall of horse and/or rider; (b) three cumulative refusals; and (c) off course. An eliminated competitor may make one attempt to jump an additional single obstacle but may not continue thereafter. The following constitute major faults and can be cause for elimination: (a) a refusal; (b) loss of stirrup; (c) trotting while on course when not part of a test; and (d) loss of reins. Each competitor may circle once before approaching the first obstacle. He then proceeds around the course keeping an even pace throughout. If a refusal occurs in a double or triple, competitors must re-jump all obstacles in the combination.

**Section 3.** **NOT TO JUMP** - Riders enter the ring turning to the right and proceed counterclockwise. All riders shall be worked both ways of the ring at all required gaits as directed by the judge. The order to reverse can be executed by turning either toward or away from the rail. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Entries then line up on command. Outside assistance will be penalized at the judge's discretion. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, the competitor must continue or be eliminated

**Section 4.** End of Year points will count for only first over fence and one flat class in Age Group Equitation at NCHJA rated horse shows.

### **PART III - TESTS FROM WHICH JUDGES MUST CHOOSE**

Tests may be performed either collectively or individually, but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. A judge may ask riders to re-jump an abbreviated or shortened form of the original course. If exhibitors are called back collectively to test, they must remain in the ring until all exhibitors have completed the test. Equitation tests must not have exhibitors trotting or cantering through in gate or out gate. Obstacles jumped in an equitation test must have been included in the original course. Jumps must be jumped in the original direction unless otherwise specified.

1. Halt (4 to 6 seconds) and/or back.
2. Hand gallop.
3. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. At left diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when left front leg is on the ground; at right diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when right front leg is on the ground; when circling clockwise at a trot, rider should be on left diagonal; when circling counterclockwise, rider should be on the right diagonal.
4. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or trot and restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. Figures to be commenced in center of two circles so that one change of lead is shown.
5. Work collectively at a walk, trot, or canter.
6. Jump low obstacles at a trot as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a trot jump is 3' for horses, 2' for ponies.
7. Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
8. Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack and equipment, and conformation.
9. Ride without stirrups, riders must be allowed option to cross stirrups.
10. Dismount and mount. Individually.
11. Turn on the forehand through the walk or the halt.
12. Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
13. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead.
14. Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead.

15. Change horses. (Note: this test is the equivalent of two tests.) No rider can be asked to perform a test on another horse before he has performed the same test on his own.
16. Canter on counter lead. (Note: no more than 12 horses may counter canter at one time.)
17. Turn on the haunches from the walk.
18. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise judge beforehand what ride he plans to demonstrate.

### **RULE XIX - E. J. HAUN MEMORIAL MEDAL CLASS AND FINALS (USEF RATED SHOWS)**

The E. J. Haun Medal is named in memory of Ed Haun from Charlotte, NC. Ed, with his cheerful voice, announced at most shows in the NC area as well as other top shows in the country. Ed sadly passed away in the early 1970's.

#### **PART I - CONDITIONS GOVERNING**

The NCHJA offers to shows the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal competition open only to individual Junior members. Application for membership must be made directly to the NCHJA or at a horse show BEFORE entering the class.

1. The prize list must use the exact specifications as shown in Part II.
2. The course must be approved by the judge and steward.
3. Shows offering the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class will make a complete report to the NCHJA. Names and addresses of all ribbon winners and the number of entries in the class must be included and a copy of the class sheet must be sent to the NCHJA office.
4. Any question or dispute in connection with the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class competition shall be referred to the Executive Committee whose verdict shall be final.
5. A fine of \$50.00 has been designated for failure to comply with the rules of the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class. Second offense will be \$100.00. Continuing offenses will be brought before the Hearing Committee.



## **PART II - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class - Open to Junior members of the NCHJA. Must be a member before entering the Class. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences offered at both the 3'6" height and the 3'3" height. One-third of the obstacles must be oxers. The course must include at least one change of lead and two of the following: bending line, roll-back turn, or long approach to a single jump. Only one rider per horse. Four competitors to fill the class. Three competitors must complete the course. 25% or a minimum of three, whichever is greater, shall be required to show both ways of the ring; being judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount. The flat phase of selected contestants shall count 25%. Judges may ask contestants to perform USEF tests I- 17.

Riders in the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class are not eligible for the NCHJA Children's Medal Class or the NCHJA Pony Medal Class at the same show.

## **PART III - E.J. HAUN MEDAL FINALS SPECIFICATIONS**

- Section 1. E.J. HAUN MEMORIAL MEDAL FINALS** - The top 15 Junior members who have accumulated points from June 1 through May 31 in the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class, have become a current year member prior to May 31, and who choose to compete in the Finals will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences 3'6" in height including two combinations, two oxers, and two changes of direction. **THE FINALS WILL ONLY BE OFFERED AT THE 3'6" HEIGHT.** Any additional fences, not to exceed four, shall require one additional oxer. All riders are required to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. The flat phase shall count 25%. Two or more tests (USEF I- 17) of at least the top four contestants are required. Class to be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount throughout. Only one rider per horse. Riders competing in the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Finals cannot enter the NCHJA Children's Medal Finals, the NCHJA Pony Medal Finals, the NCHJA "C" Children's Equitation Finals, or the NCHJA "C" Pony Equitation Finals in the same year.
- Section 2. NAMES AND ADDRESSES** of previous winners should be made available to show management for printing in the Annual Show's prize list and program. One page of the prize list and program should be devoted to the class specifications and the previous winners.
- Section 3. THE JUDGE** - Both of the "R" judges who are hired to judge the NCHJA Annual Benefit Show must judge the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Finals.
- Section 4. COMPETITORS** - The top 15 Junior members who have accumulated points from June 1 through May 31 in the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class will be asked to compete in the Finals. If anyone in the top 15 chooses not to compete in the finals, the NCHJA will ask additional competitors, based on points earned, to compete in the Finals with the goal being 15 competitors in the Finals.

## **RULE XX - NCHJA PONY MEDAL CLASS AND FINALS (USEF RATED SHOWS)**

### **PART I - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

Open to Junior members of the NCHJA. Must be a member before entering the Class. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences and one-third of the obstacles must be oxers. The course must include at least one change of lead and two of the following: bending line, roll-back turn, or long approach to a single jump. Ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands to jump 2'3", ponies over 12.2 and not exceeding 13.2 to jump 2'6", and ponies over 13.2 and not exceeding 14.2 to jump 2'9" - 3'. Only one rider per pony. Four competitors to fill the class. Three competitors must complete the course. Test for riders may be incorporated into the course of the original round or the judge must select as many as he wishes to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring; being judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount. The flat phase of selected contestants shall count 25%. Judges may ask contestants to perform USEF tests 1-9.

Riders in the NCHJA Pony Medal Class are not eligible for the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class or the NCHJA Children's Medal Class at the same show.

### **PART II - NCHJA PONY MEDAL FINALS SPECIFICATIONS**

**Section 1. NCHJA PONY MEDAL FINALS** - The top 15 Junior members who have accumulated points from June 1 through May 31 in the NCHJA Pony Medal Class, have become a current year member prior to May 31 and who choose to compete in the Finals will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences including two combinations, two oxers, and two changes of direction. Ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands to jump 2'3", ponies over 12.2 and not exceeding 13.2 to jump 2'6", and ponies over 13.2 and not exceeding 14.2 to jump 2'9" - 3'. All riders are required to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring; being judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount. The flat phase shall count 25%. Judges may ask contestants to perform USEF tests 1-9. Only one rider per pony. Riders competing in the NCHJA Pony Medal Finals cannot enter the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Finals, the NCHJA Children's Medal Finals, the NCHJA "C" Pony Equitation Finals, or the NCHJA "C" Children's Equitation Finals in the same year.

**Section 2. NAMES AND ADDRESSES** of previous winners should be made available to show management for printing in the Annual Show's prize list and program. One page of the prize list and program should be devoted to the class specifications and the previous winners.

**Section 3. COMPETITORS** - The top 15 Junior members who have accumulated points from June 1 through May 31 in the NCHJA Pony Medal Class will be asked to compete in the Finals. If anyone in the top 15 chooses not to compete in the finals, the NCHJA will ask additional competitors, based on points earned, to compete in the Finals with the goal being 15 competitors in the Finals.

## **RULE XXI - BRYAN JONES MEMORIAL MEDAL CLASS AND FINALS (USEF RATED SHOWS)**

The Bryan Jones Memorial Adult Medal was renamed in honor and memory of Bryan, a beloved horseman from Chapel Hill, NC. Through Harmony Farm, Inc. he turned out exceptional riders and maintained individual success as a professional. Following a tragic riding accident in 2001, Bryan continues to be remembered for his kindness, soft spoken personality, great sense of humor and concern for others.

### **PART I - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

Open to amateur Senior members of the NCHJA. Must be a member before entering the Class. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences 3' in height and one-third of the obstacles must be oxers. The course must include at least one change of lead and two of the following: bending line, roll-back turn, or long approach to a single jump. Only one rider per horse. Four competitors to fill the class. Three competitors must complete the course. 25% or a minimum of three, whichever is greater, shall be invited to show both ways of the ring; being judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount. The flat phase of selected contestants shall count 25%. Judges may ask contestants to perform USEF tests 1-17. Course must be approved by the judge and steward.

### **PART II - BRYAN JONES MEMORIAL MEDAL FINALS SPECIFICATIONS**

**Section 1. BRYAN JONES MEMORIAL MEDAL FINALS** - The top 15 amateur Senior members who have accumulated points from June 1 through May 31 in the Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Class, have become a current year member prior to May 31 and who choose to compete in the Finals will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences 3' in height including two combinations, two oxers, and two changes of direction. Any additional fences, not to exceed four, shall require one additional oxer. All riders are required to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. The flat phase shall count 25%. Two or more tests (USEF 1- 17) of a least the top four contestants are required. Class to be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount throughout. Only one rider per horse. Riders competing in the Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Finals cannot enter the NCHJA "C" Adult Equitation Finals in the same year.

**Section 2. NAMES AND ADDRESSES** of previous winners should be made available to show management for printing in the Annual Show's prize list and program. One page of the prize list and program should be devoted to the class specifications and the previous winners.

**Section 3. COMPETITORS** - The top 15 Junior members who have accumulated points from June 1 through May 31 in the Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Class will be asked to compete in the Finals. If anyone in the top 15 chooses not to compete in the finals, the NCHJA will ask additional competitors, based on points earned, to compete in the Finals with the goal being 15 competitors in the Finals.

## **RULE XXII - NCHJA CHILDREN'S MEDAL CLASS AND FINALS (USEF RATED SHOWS)**

### **PART I - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

NCHJA Children's Medal Class - Open to Junior members of NCHJA. Must be a member before entering the Class. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences 3' in height and one-third of the obstacles must be oxers. The course must include at least one change of lead and two of the following: bending line, roll-back turn, or long approach to a single jump. Only one rider per horse. Four competitors to fill the class. Three competitors must complete the course. 25% or a minimum of three, whichever is greater, shall be invited to show both ways of the ring; being judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount. The flat phase of selected contestants shall count 25%. Judges may ask contestants to perform USEF tests 1-17. Course must be approved by the judge and steward.

Contestants in the NCHJA Children's Medal Class are not eligible for the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Class or the NCHJA Pony Medal Class at the same show.

### **PART II - NCHJA CHILDREN'S MEDAL FINALS SPECIFICATIONS**

**Section 1. NCHJA CHILDREN'S MEDAL CLASS FINALS** - The top 15 Junior members who have accumulated points from June 1 through May 31 in the NCHJA Children's Medal Class, have become a current year member prior to May 31 and who choose to compete in the Finals will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences 3' in height including two combinations, two oxers, and two changes of direction. Any additional fences, not to exceed four, shall require one additional oxer. All riders are required to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. The flat phase shall count 25%. Two or more tests (USEF 1- 17) of at least the top four contestants are required. Class to be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount throughout. Only one rider per horse. Riders competing in the NCHJA Children's Medal Finals cannot enter the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Finals, the NCHJA Pony Medal, the NCHJA "C" Children's Equitation Finals, or the NCHJA "C" Pony Equitation Finals in the same year.

**Section 2. NAMES AND ADDRESSES** of previous winners should be made available to show management for printing in the Annual Show's prize list and program. One page of the prize list and program should be devoted to the class specifications and the previous winners.

**Section 3. COMPETITORS** - The top 15 Junior members who have accumulated points from June 1 through May 31 in the NCHJA Children's Medal Class and who choose to compete in the Finals will be asked to compete in the Finals. If anyone in the top 15 chooses not to compete in the Finals, NCHJA will ask additional competitors, based on points earned, to compete in the Finals with the goal being 15 competitors in the Finals.



## **NCHJA “C” SHOW RULES**

### **RULE XXIII COMBINING/DIVIDING SECTIONS AT “C” SHOWS**

The following sections may be combined at NCHJA “C” shows only. If there are less than three Adult Amateur Hunters or less than three Children’s Hunters, the two sections may be combined. If there are less than three Junior Hunters or less than three Amateur Hunters, the two sections may be combined. If there are less than three Small/Medium Ponies or less than three Large Ponies, the two sections may be combined. If there are less than three Short Stirrup Hunters or less than three Long Stirrup Hunters, the two sections may be combined.

Competition management may offer classes divided by age of adult exhibitor and junior exhibitor.

### **RULE XXIV - HEIGHT OF OBSTACLES AT “C” SHOWS**

At NCHJA “C” competitions, all hunter and jumper divisions that are eligible for NCHJA Year End Awards will be offered with fence heights at 3” below USEF standard height (clarification). (Exception: Short Stirrup Hunter and Low Children’s/Adult Hunter.)

### **RULE XXV- AGE EQUITATION**

#### **PART I - FENCE HEIGHTS**

The fence heights for the age equitation sections shall be as follows:

- 1. 11 and under: fences 2’ - 2’3”**
- 2. 12 through 14: fences 2’3” - 2’6”**
- 3. 15 through 17: fences 2’9” - 3’0”**

#### **PART II - COMBINING 12 -14 AND 15 -17 AGE EQUITATION SECTION CLASSES**

Classes for Equitation 12-14 and 15-17 may be combined if there are less than three entries in either section. In equitation over fences classes, riders must compete at the correct fence height for their age. A combination may be included in the course at the discretion of show management.

### **RULE XXVI- NCHJA “C” CHILDREN’S EQUITATION CLASS AND FINALS**

#### **PART I - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

Open to Junior members of the NCHJA. Must be a member before entering the Class. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences 2’9” in height and one-third of the obstacles must be oxers. Only one rider per horse. Four competitors to fill the class. Three competitors must complete the course. Judges may ask contestants to perform USEF tests 1-17. The NCHJA Children’s Equitation Class may be combined with the NCHJA Adult Equitation Class if there are less than 4 entries.

Contestants in the NCHJA Children's Equitation Class are not eligible for the NCHJA Pony Equitation Class at the same show. Any contestant that has won the NCHJA Children's Equitation Finals is not eligible for any other competition in the NCHJA Children's Equitation Class.

## **PART II - NCHJA "C" CHILDREN'S EQUITATION FINALS SPECIFICATIONS**

**Section 1. NCHJA CHILDREN'S EQUITATION FINALS** - The top 15 Junior riders who have accumulated points from September 1 through August 31 in the NCHJA Children's Equitation Class will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences 2'9" in height and one-third of the obstacles must be oxers. The course must include at least one change of lead and two of the following: bending line, roll-back turn, or long approach to a single jump. Any additional fences, not to exceed four, shall require an additional oxer. All riders are required to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. The flat phase shall count 25%. Judges May ask 25% or a minimum of 3 contestants to come back on the flat or USEF tests 1-17. Class to be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount throughout. Only one rider per horse. The NCHJA Children's Equitation Finals may be combined with the NCHJA Amateur Equitation Finals if there are less than 8 entries. Riders in the NCHJA Children's Equitation Finals may not compete in the EJ Haun Memorial Medal Finals, the NCHJA Children's Medal Finals, the NCHJA Pony Medal Finals, or the NCHJA "C" Pony Equitation Finals in the same year.

**Section 2. NAMES AND ADDRESSES** of previous winners should be made available to show management for printing in the Annual Show's prize list and program. One page of the prize list and program should be devoted to the class specifications and the previous winners. The Finals will be held annually in North Carolina at a show designated by the NCHJA Board of Directors. It is recommended that one of the judges officiating the NCHJA Children's Equitation Finals be USEF "R" rated in equitation.

## **RULE XXVII - NCHJA "C" ADULT EQUITATION CLASS AND FINALS**

### **PART I - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

Open to amateur Senior members of the NCHJA. Must be a member before entering the Class. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences 2'9" in height and one-third of the obstacles must be oxers. Only one rider per horse. Four competitors to fill the class. Three competitors must complete the course. Judges may ask contestants to perform USEF tests 1-17. The NCHJA Adult Equitation Class may be combined with the NCHJA Children's Equitation Class if there are less than 4 entries.

### **PART II - NCHJA "C" ADULT EQUITATION FINALS SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **Section 1. NCHJA ADULT EQUITATION FINALS –**

The top 15 amateur Senior riders who have accumulated points from September 1 through August 31 in the NCHJA Adult Equitation Class will be eligible for the

Finals. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences 2'9" in height and one-third of the obstacles must be oxers. The course must include at least one change of lead and two of the following: bending line, roll-back turn, or long approach to a single jump. Any additional fences, not to exceed four, shall require an additional oxer. All riders are required to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. The flat phase shall count 25%. Judges May ask 25% or a minimum of 3 contestants to come back on the flat or USEF tests 1-17. Class to be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount throughout. Only one rider per horse. The NCHJA Adult Equitation Finals may be combined with the NCHJA Children's Equitation Finals if there are less than 8 entries. Riders in the NCHJA "C" Adult Equitation Finals may not compete in the Bryan Jones Memorial Finals in the same year.

**Section 2. NAMES AND ADDRESSES** of previous winners should be made available to show management for printing in the Annual Show's prize list and program. One page of the prize list and program should be devoted to the class specifications and the previous winners. The Finals will be held annually in North Carolina at a show designated by the NCHJA Board of Directors. It is recommended that one of the judges officiating the NCHJA Adult Equitation Finals be USEF "R" rated in equitation.

## **RULE XXVIII - NCHJA PONY EQUITATION CLASS AND FINALS PART I - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

Open to Junior members of the NCHJA. Must be a member before entering the Class. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences with no combinations and one-third of the obstacles must be oxers. Small Ponies jump 2', Medium Ponies jump 2'3", **Large Ponies jump 2'6"**. Only one rider per pony. Four competitors to fill the class. Three competitors must complete the course. Judges MAY ask 25% or a minimum of 3 contestant to come back on the flat or USEF test 1-17. Contestants in the NCHJA Pony Equitation Class are not eligible for the NCHJA Children's Equitation Class at the same show. Any contestant that has won the NCHJA Pony Equitation Finals is not eligible for any other competition in the NCHJA Pony Equitation Class.

## **PART II - NCHJA PONY EQUITATION FINALS SPECIFICATIONS**

**Section I. NCHJA PONY EQUITATION FINALS** - The top 15 riders who have accumulated points from September 1 through August 31 in the NCHJA Pony Equitation Class will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than eight fences with no combinations and one-third of the obstacles must be oxers. The course must include at least one change of lead and two of the following: bending line, roll-back turn, or long approach to a single jump. Any additional fences, not to exceed four, shall require an additional oxer. Small Ponies jump 2', Medium Ponies jump 2'3", Large Ponies jump 2'6". All riders are required to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. The flat phase shall count 25%. Judges May ask 25% or a minimum of 3 contestants to come back on the flat or perform USEF tests 1-17. Class to be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the mount. Riders in the NCHJA "C" Pony Equitation Finals may not compete in the E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Finals, the NCHJA Children's Medal Finals, the NCHJA Pony Medal Finals, or the NCHJA "C" Children's Equitation Finals in the same year.



## **Section 2.**

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES** of previous winners should be made available to show management for printing in the Annual Show's prize list and program. One page of the prize list and program should be devoted to the class specifications and the previous winners. The Finals will be held annually in North Carolina at a show designated by the NCHJA Board of Directors. It is recommended that one of the judges officiating the NCHJA Pony Equitation Finals be USEF "R" rated in equitation.

### **RULE XXIX – JUNIOR/AMATEUR HUNTER**

**Open to horses shown by a Junior or Amateur exhibitor (horse does not need to be owned by the rider). Judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Cross entering by the rider into the Children's or Adult Hunter divisions is prohibited. Fence heights 3' and/or 3'3". Points counted towards a combined year end award.**

### **RULE XXX – LOW CHILDREN'S/ADULT HUNTER NCHJA 'C' SHOWS ONLY**

Low Child Hunter: Open to horses and ponies ridden by junior riders according to NCHJA rules. Horse/pony/rider combination may not cross-enter at the same show into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter, Children's Pony Hunter or any class/section where fences exceed 2'6". Height of fences – 2'6"

Low Adult Hunter: Open to horses ridden by adult riders who are considered amateurs according to NCHJA rules. Horse/pony/rider combination may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where the fences exceed 2'6". Height of Fences 2'6"

### **RULE XXXI – LONG STIRRUP – NCHJA 'C' SHOWS ONLY**

Open to riders 13 years of age or older on a horse or pony. Rider may not cross enter into any other division at the show where fences exceed 2'. Course to consist of 8 jumps set at 2' with no oxers or combinations. May combine with short stirrup if either division does not fill.

### **RULE XXXII – BEGINNER CROSSRAILS – NCHJA 'C' SHOWS ONLY**

Open to beginner riders of any age in their first or second year of showing over fences. Riders may not cross enter into any walk-trot or beginner walk-trot-canter divisions, or any divisions where the fences exceed 18" at that show. The division may be split 12 and under and 13 and over if entries warrant, but yearend points will not be separated. Course to consist of 8 jumps set as cross rails with flower boxes not to exceed 18".

### **RULE XXXIII – CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY – NCHJA 'C' SHOWS ONLY**

Open to all ponies not showing in a rated division, ridden by a rider not showing over fences exceeding 2'9" at that show. To be judged on performance and soundness. Small/medium ponies to jump 2', large ponies to jump 2'3" or 2/6"

## **RULE XXXIII - JUMPER DIVISION PART I - GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

Jumpers may be of any breed, height, or sex. Junior riders may show stallions.

Any action against a horse by a competitor in the ring deemed excessive by the judge may be penalized by any one or combination of the following: official warning or elimination from the class. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to, excessive or improper use of the whip, spurs, reins, rider's weight or rider's hands. In addition, after consultation with the Competition Manager and a Competition Steward, additional penalties, including one or more of the following: the issuance of an official warning card, disqualification from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period, disqualification from the balance of the competition. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, a charge must be filed against the individual.

Any action(s) against a horse by an exhibitor, deemed excessive by a judge, steward, Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor, or Competition Veterinarian anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning or elimination from the class. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to, excessive or improper use of the whip, spurs, reins, rider's weight or rider's hands. In addition, after consultation with the Competition Manager and a Competition Steward, additional penalties, including one or more of the following: the issuance of an official warning card, disqualification from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period, or disqualification from the balance of the competition. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, a charge must be filed against the individual. Disqualified competitors will forfeit all entry fees for disqualified classes.

In a case of unsoundness sufficiently severe to be considered abusive, the judge(s) must eliminate the competitor from that class and inform the competition manager, who in conjunction with the official veterinarian and the steward, will evaluate disqualifying the horse from further participation in the competition.

## **PART II - SCORING**

**Section I. SCORING** - Jumpers are scored mathematically, based on penalty faults incurred between the starting line and finish line. A competitor, after receiving the signal to start his/her round, is not being scored until crossing the starting line in the proper manner. Penalty faults include disobediences, falls, knockdowns, and time penalties.

- (a) Verticals. When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized.
- (b) Spreads. When an obstacle to be taken in one effort is composed of several elements not in the same vertical plane (i.e., oxer, triple bar, etc.) faults at more than one element are penalized only once.

- (c) **Combinations.** In combinations, the faults committed at each **element** are scored separately. In case of refusal or run-out at one element of a combination (and upon the judge's signal that the obstacle has been reset, if necessary,) the competitor must re-jump the entire combination.
- (e) **Broken Equipment.** In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, the rider must continue if he wishes to avoid penalty or may voluntarily withdraw.
- (f) **Setting a Standard.** After the first round of the first class in any section, management or the judge(s) may order a competitor from the ring when it becomes evident that their performance prohibits them from being in the ribbons.)
- (g) **Courtesy Fence.** An eliminated competitor may make one attempt to jump an additional single obstacle, which may be designated by the judge(s) but may not continue thereafter. (Exception: The right to attempt an additional obstacle does not apply in the case of the fall of the horse or rider.)
- (h) **Exiting the Arena.** Any competitor who does not leave the ring promptly at the end of the round or after being eliminated may be disqualified from future classes during the competition at the discretion of the judge(s). Any competitor at the end of his/her round who does not leave the ring through the designated gate(s) (e.g. jumping out of the arena), is eliminated.
- (i) **Riders receiving physical assistance from outside the ring (i.e., lunge whips, etc.) while on course will be eliminated.** (Note: this does not apply to riders between rounds in Table II, 2(b) competitions provided the rider begins his jump-off within the limits of the time allowed between the audible signal and crossing the starting line.)
- (j) **Under penalty of elimination, any obstacle in the arena which requires a jumping effort, whether flagged or not, may not be jumped by a competitor at any time while in the arena except as it may constitute a part of the current competition.**
- (k) **If a competitor jumps an obstacle that has not been reset or has been reset improperly due to it being downed by a previous competitor, the weather, or some other factor, the competitor receives no penalty. If the competitor knocks down the obstacle he will be penalized accordingly.**
- (l) **Judges have the authority to make decisions on any point not covered in the rules applying to class procedure, scoring, and conduct affecting a class under their jurisdiction.**

## **Section 2.**

**START AND FINISH** - A start line must be established at least 12' from the first obstacle and a finish line at least 24' from the last obstacle, each indicated by two markers at least 12' apart. Horses

must cross the start line between the markers with the rider mounted. Passing through the starting markers in the improper direction before starting, does not incur penalty. Competition Management and/or the judge(s) may permit or disallow a rider to lead a horse into the ring prior to mounting. The horse must cross the finish line between the markers in the proper direction and with the rider mounted. The horse must jump all the required fences between the start and finish markers.

The horse must not resist for 45 consecutive seconds or take more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has begun or take more than 45 seconds to jump the next obstacle on course. Failure to enter the ring within one minute of being called incurs elimination. The time limit for entering the ring must be enforced by management. To prevent unfairness to an exhibitor, management may extend the time limit for entering the ring. A competitor will have 45 seconds from the time the judge(s) sound an audible signal to cross between the start markers in the proper direction and start on course. If a competitor does not cross through the start line within the allotted time, the time on course will start when the allotted time expires. In classes (or phases of a class) where time is not being recorded, competitors will have 45 seconds to cross the start line or be eliminated.

**Section 3. AUDIBLE SIGNAL** - An audible signal (bell, horn, whistle, gong or buzzer) is sounded for the following purposes:

- (a) to give the signal to start
- (b) to interrupt the 45 second period which a rider must begin the course in the event of an unforeseen incident;
- (c) to stop a competitor in the event of an unforeseen incident (which also designates a time-out);
- (d) to indicate that an obstacle must be reset before being retaken after it has been knocked down during a refusal (designating a time-out);
- (e) to give the signal for competitor to continue his round after an interruption, also designating time in; (Note: It is the rider's responsibility to be ready to continue the course when signal is given)
- (f) to indicate by repeated and prolonged ringing that the competitor has been eliminated; and
- (g) to indicate that the rider should not proceed to the jump-off round in a Table II, Sec. 2(c) or a Table V, Sec. 2(c) class.

#### Section 4.

**TIMING** - Time is taken from the instant the horse's chest reaches the start line, or upon the expiration of the 45 seconds following the sounding of the audible tone, until it reaches the finish line. The Judges have the right to interrupt the 45-second countdown if unforeseen circumstances occur. Disobediences, falls, etc., occurring between the signal to start and the moment the competitor crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalized. After the signal to start has sounded, a competitor must pass through the start markers in the proper direction to be considered on course.

- (a) If, as a result of a disobedience, a competitor knocks down or dislodges an obstacle or a flag marking the limits of an obstacle, the clock is stopped immediately and remains stopped while the obstacle or flag marking the limits of an obstacle is rebuilt. Regardless of which fence on the course this occurs at, and for each time it occurs on the course, a penalty of four seconds will be added to the time the horse takes to complete the course.
- (b) If a competitor knocks down or dislodges one of the parts of a combination or a flag marking the limits of an obstacle and then refuses or runs out at the next part without knocking it down, the clock is stopped as for a knockdown resulting from a disobedience. Regardless of which fence on the course this occurs at, and for each time it occurs on the course, a penalty of four seconds will be added to the time the horse takes to complete the course. Elements knocked down preventing a horse from jumping the next obstacle must be removed, even if time must be taken out for this purpose.
- (c) One (1) time fault will be charged for each commenced second by which the time allowed is exceeded in any class for which time is a factor in scoring.
- (d) The Time Allowed to complete the course should be calculated from an actual measurement of the course's length for all rounds and jump-offs. However, if the number of turns on the course or the size of the ring suggests that the calculated Time Allowed may prove unfair in practice, it may be adjusted prior to the start of the competition. The Time Allowed is based on a minimum speed of 382 yards per minute (360 yards per minute in very small or indoor arenas.) If a speed other than 382 yards per minute is to be used, it must be printed in the prize list. The Time Allowed must be announced and posted prior to the start of the class. The Time Allowed may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the judge(s), if they feel it is inaccurate, but only after consultation with the course designer. However, the Time Allowed may only be adjusted once during the early rounds of a given competition, never later than after the third competitor to complete the course without a disobedience. The Time Allowed can never be lowered so that time faults will be awarded to any previous competitor that has completed the course without a disobedience. The Time Limit is defined as double the Time Allowed. Any competitor whose time (including penalty seconds which might have been assessed for time-out(s) as described above)

exceeds the Time Limit is eliminated. For classes scored under Table IV the optimum time is defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed.

**Section 5. DISOBEDIENCES** - The following defines disobediences and are penalized.

- (a) Refusal. Stopping in front of an obstacle to be jumped, whether the horse knocks it down or displaces it, is penalized as a disobedience. Stopping at an obstacle without knocking it down and without backing, followed immediately by jumping from a standstill, is not penalized. However, if the halt continues, or the horse backs even a single step or circles to retake the course, a refusal is incurred.
- (b) Run-out. Evading or passing the obstacle to be jumped or the finish line or jumping an obstacle outside its limiting markers is penalized as a disobedience.
- (c) Resuming the Course. After a run-out or refusal the competitor must, before proceeding on the course, re-jump the obstacle at which the disobedience occurred or be eliminated. If the flag, standard, wing, or obstacle has not been reset when the competitor is ready to jump, he must await the signal to start or be eliminated.
- (d) Loss of Forward Movement. Halting or stepping backward after crossing the start line, (unless due to a refusal, run-out, or an order from a judge due to unforeseen circumstances such as a fence being blown down,) will be penalized as a disobedience.
- (e) Circling. Any form of circle or circles whereby the horse crosses its original track between two consecutive obstacles (start and finish included,) or stops advancing toward or turns at least 180 degrees away from the next fence, or finish line, except to retake an obstacle after a disobedience, is considered a disobedience. This is a judgment call. (Note: Coming sideways or zigzagging toward an obstacle does not constitute a disobedience unless the horse passes or turns its back to the next obstacle or the finish line.)

**Section 6. KNOCKDOWNS** - An obstacle is considered knocked down when in jumping an obstacle, a horse or rider, by contact:

- (a) lowers any part thereof which establishes the height of the obstacle or the height of any element of a spread obstacle, even when the falling part is arrested in its fall by some other portion of the obstacle; or
- (b) moves any part thereof which establishes the height of the obstacles so that it rests on a different support from the one on which it was originally placed. Should a pole resting in a cup come to rest on the lip of the cup, or on a bracket which is an integral part of the cup, it is not considered a knockdown. Narrowing the width of a spread obstacle without altering the height of any elements as defined above is not considered a knockdown. Penalties apply for late falling rails after crossing the finish line but before leaving the ring OR before the tone sounds for the start of the next round.

**Section 7.** FALLS - A rider is to have considered to have fallen when he is separated from his horse, which has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the round or an obstacle and the ground. A courtesy fence is not permitted following the fall of the horse or rider.

**Section 8.** OFF COURSE - A competitor is considered off course when he deviates from the course as shown by the diagram and jumps an obstacle prior to rectifying the deviation.

### **PART III - CLASS CONDITIONS**

**Section I.** **TABLE OF JUMPING FAULTS** - Faults and elimination are scored as follows:

- (a) Knockdown of obstacle or standard with any portion of horse, rider, or equipment, when jumping an obstacle -- **4 faults.**
- (b) Knockdown of automatic timing equipment, other designated markers on start and finish lines -- **4 faults.**
- (c) First disobedience anywhere on course -- **4 faults.**
- (d) Second cumulative disobedience anywhere on course
  - (1) in all classes for horses over 5 years of age -- **Elimination.**
  - (2) in all classes for horses 5 years or younger -- **4 faults.**
- (e) Third cumulative disobedience anywhere on course in classes conducted for horses 5 years and under -- **Elimination.**
- (f) Exceeding Time Allowed (for each commenced second over the Time Allowed) -- **1 fault.**
- (g) A horse resisting for 45 consecutive seconds -- **Elimination.**
- (h) Taking more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has begun -- **Elimination.**
- (i) Taking more than 45 seconds to jump the next obstacle on course -- **Elimination.**
- (j) Fall of horse and/or rider -- **Elimination.**
- (k) Jumping an obstacle before it is reset, or without waiting for signal to proceed -- **Elimination.**
- (l) Starting before judge's signal to proceed -- **Elimination.**

- (m) Jumping an obstacle before crossing start line unless said obstacle is designated as a practice obstacle or after crossing the finish line, whether forming part of the course or not -- **Elimination.**
- (n) Off course -- **Elimination.**
- (o) Leaving the enclosure of a closed obstacle incorrectly -- **Elimination.**
- (p) Rider and/or horse leaving the arena before finishing the course -- **Elimination.**
- (q) Any competitor at the end of his/her round who does not leave the ring through the designated gate(s) (e.g. Jumping out of the arena) -- **Elimination.**
- (r) Actions against a horse deemed excessive (For example: excessive use of whip or spurs at any time within the arena) -- **Elimination.**
- (s) Exceeding the Time Limit -- **Elimination.**

**Section 2.** **TABLE II, SEC. 1 - Time First Round.** The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. Horses with clean rounds or equal faults are classified according to their time taken to complete the course.

**Section 3.** **TABLE II, SEC. 2 (A) - Time First Jump-Off.** The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In the event of equality of faults after the first round, there will be one jump-off for first place only in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults.

**Section 4.** **TABLE II, SEC. 2 (B) - Time First Jump-Off.** The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon the audible signal to begin his/her round, the competitor is responsible to adhering to the 45 second rule. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have retired from the jump-off. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults.

**Section 5.** **TABLE II, SEC. 2 (A/B) -** At management's discretion, each exhibitor may have the option of taking part in the jump-off at the completion of their round as in Table II, Sec 2 (b) or after all exhibitors have completed their first round.



- Section 6.** **TABLE II, SEC. 2 (C) - Two Phase Competitions.** The first round and immediate first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed if any. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, he will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the designated jump-off course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial course. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults. The use of a time allowed is optional in the first round. The Time Allowed in the first round may be taken by electronic or manual means.
- Section 7.** **TABLE IV, SEC. 1 - Optimum Time in First Round.** The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an "Optimum Time" (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan: the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc.
- Section 8.** **TABLE IV, SEC. 2 (A) - Optimum Time with Jump-Off.** The first round and first jump-off are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an "Optimum Time" (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan: the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc.
- Section 9.** **TABLE IV, SEC. 2 (B) - Optimum Time with Jump-Off.** The first round and first jump-off are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. In case of equality of faults in the jump-off, ties will be broken on the following basis: an "Optimum Time" (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan: the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc. If there are no clear rounds, a jump-off, scored as described above, will take place among those tied for first place.
- Section 10.** **TABLE IV, SEC. 2 (C) - Optimum Time with Jump-Off.** The first round and first jump-off are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed, if any (Note: The use of a time allowed is optional in the initial round.) If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, he will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the designated jump-off, with time starting as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial course. In the case of equality of faults in the jump-off, ties will be

broken on the following basis: an "Optimum Time" (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan: the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc. If there are no clear rounds, a jump-off, scored as described above, will take place among those tied for first place.

## **PART IV - COURSES**

- Section 1. COURSES** - There must be at least one change of direction in every course including jump-off courses. At least one combination must be included in every course. Every course must contain a minimum of eight obstacles. (Exception: jump-off courses.) Each obstacle of a combination is counted as an additional effort. At least three obstacles out of the first eight must be spread obstacles. (Exception: jump-off courses.) For each additional four obstacles, one obstacle must be a spread. When one or more of the original obstacles is sufficiently damaged to become unusable while a class is in progress and no duplicate is available, show management must substitute obstacle(s) which approximate as nearly as possible the original obstacle(s).
- Section 2. JUMP-OFFS** - Jump-offs are held over obstacles from the original course which may include obstacles not included in the initial round. In a jump-off, any sequence of obstacles in either direction may be employed. Obstacles may be raised, lowered, broadened, or narrowed. Courses may be shortened after the first round and must be shortened if there is more than one jump-off. The jump-off course may not be shortened to less than six obstacles and must include at least one vertical and one spread obstacle.
- Section 3. POSTING COURSES** - Courses must be posted at least one-half (1/2) hour before the scheduled time of the class. Classes may not be started prior to that time without permission of all exhibitors. The plan or diagram of the course, including the Speed, Time Allowed, length of course, and jump-off course, must show the obstacles which must be jumped with the order indicated by number. Apart from this, the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow is used to indicate the direction in which each obstacle must be jumped. Closed combinations and option fences must be clearly marked.

## **PART V - TACK AND ATTIRE**

Management, at its discretion, may allow competitors to compete without riding coats. If a riding coat is not worn, riders must wear a shirt with a collar or a choker, neatly tucked into riding breeches. A wind breaker jacket or raincoat may be worn if conditions require. In all cases, riders must appear neatly attired to appear before the public or be subject to penalty of elimination by the judges.

Competitors are prohibited from using a whip that is longer than 30" while in the process of jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited at any time. Any rider competing with their stirrups tied to the girth and/or secured in any like manner will automatically be eliminated

from that class. There are no martingale restrictions on classes offering less than \$1000. Only standing or running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed in classes offering \$1000 to \$4999. Only running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted in classes offering \$5000 or more.

Riding anywhere on the competition grounds with stirrups tied to the girth or otherwise secured is cause for disqualification, by the Steward, of that rider from the current or subsequent class in which the rider is entered. In the case of junior or amateur riders, the Steward may note the trainer names(s) on the Steward's Report and further disciplinary actions may be taken by the NCHJA.

## **PART VI - JUMPER SCHOOLING RULES**

All rails must be either in cups or totally on the ground (exception: one end of a cross rail may rest on the ground). Rails must be able to fall easily when hit. No one may hold a rail or touch a standard while it is being jumped. If an item (blanket, cooler, etc.) is laid over the rail of an oxer it may be laid over the front rail. If there is more than one rail on the front of the oxer, the item may be laid over any of those rails. Jumps in the schooling area may not exceed 5'3" in height, 5'11" in width. Any jump 4'3" or higher must have a minimum of 2 rails, in cups, on the takeoff side of the jump, regardless of whether a ground line is used. The lower rail must always be below 4'3". Ground lines are not mandatory, however if they are used, they must be placed either directly below the front of the jump or up to 3'3" out. If a ground line is used on the landing side of a jump there must be one on the takeoff side, and it may not be any further out than the one on the takeoff side. If a trot/canter/placement rail is used, the jump may not exceed 4'3" in height and 4'3" in width. If a rail is used on the takeoff side of a jump it may be no closer than 8'2". If a rail is used on the landing side of a jump it may only be used at a vertical and it may be no closer than 9'10". If guide rails are used on the landing side of a jump the closest part of the rail must be a minimum of 9'10" from the jump. If a rail is placed on the edge of a cup it must be placed on the far side of the cup and is only allowed at an oxer if it does not cause the front rail to be higher than the back rail (i.e. offset). There may never be more than two (2) rails on the back of an oxer, with the lower rail equal in height to the lowest rail on the front of the oxer. If an oxer is flagged so that it may only be jumped in one direction, the ground line is only permitted on the front of the oxer. A cross rail may be made either: a) by itself, in which case the height at which the cups are set may not exceed 4'3" in height; or b) below a rail at a vertical, or the front rail of an oxer. Horses are not permitted to walk over cross or slant rails. Walk rails may not exceed 12" and may be built with one end of the rail resting on the ground. Ground lines are not permitted. While using a walk jump the competitor must approach and depart in a direct line. At no time may they turn the horse while walking over the rail. No Swedish Oxers! If space and available fence material allows and safety conditions permit, combinations may be built using correct distances. Bounce jumps may only be used with verticals and may not exceed 3'9" in height. At management's discretion (and if local laws allow) bamboo offsets may be permitted in designated schooling areas only. Manual poling is not permitted. Riders are fully responsible for any jump taken by their horse. Any action deemed not in the best interest of the horse will not be allowed.

## **PART VII - CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Championships are optional, but if offered, a minimum of three classes must be held. If Championships are offered, they must be decided either on the basis of points won in classes throughout a section, or on the basis of money won in the section, or on the results of the highest prize money class in the section, provided qualification was required for that class based on results of earlier classes in the section. The method of determining Championships must be stated in the prize list. Credit towards Championships will be given only for the first six ribbons when points are the determining factor. Points are awarded 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, ½.

### **RULE XXXIV - CHILDREN'S/ADULT JUMPER**

**Section 1.** Open to juniors and adults holding a valid amateur card. Riders in this division are not eligible to show in any other jumper classes where fence height exceeds 3'9" except equitation or Pony Jumper classes. Fence heights to be set at 1.10 – 1.15 meters however the highest money class or Classic may be offered at 1.15m.

**Section 2.** If the rules and specifications adopted by Zone 4 of USEF for the Children's/Adult Jumper Division differ from those of the NCHJA and the Zone 4 rules are followed at an NCHJA recognized horse show held in Zone 4, the points earned in those classes will count toward NCHJA Year End Awards.

### **RULE XXXV – LOW CHILDREN'S/ADULT JUMPER**

**Section 1.** Open to juniors and adults holding a valid amateur card. Riders in this division are not eligible to show in any other jumper classes where fence height exceeds 3'9". Fence heights to be set at meters ho3'2" – 3'4" however the highest money class or Classic may be offered at 3'6".

Child/Adult Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into High and Low at the same show but may only enter one classic if both are offered.

NCHJA "C" show Low Children's /Adult Jumper height set at 3'0".

See Zone 3 specifications on USHJA website for Horse/Rider combinations and combining/dividing sections.

## **RULE XXXV - YEAR END AWARDS**

The NCHJA offers Year End Awards in several categories, the purpose of which is to encourage participation at NCHJA shows. In making these awards the NCHJA certifies that animals are properly recorded and exhibited under the name of the owner who **MUST** be a member of the NCHJA. The Board of Directors has the authority to cancel any award should the competition throughout the year be so slight as not to warrant the presentation of an award. Award winners must accept awards in person or have someone designated to accept the awards for them. The NCHJA will not be responsible for getting awards to winners. "Rated" divisions or sections are divisions or sections in which the NCHJA gives a Year End Award.

### **PART I - USEF/NCHJA SHOW AWARDS OFFERED**

- |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Short Stirrup Hunter           | 18. Amateur Owner Hunter (36+)      |
| 2. Green Pony Hunter              | 19. Green Hunter 3'                 |
| 3. Small Pony Hunter              | 20. Green Hunter 3'3"               |
| 4. Medium Pony Hunter             | 21. Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9"      |
| 5. Large Pony Hunter              | 22. Green Conformation Hunter       |
| 6. Children's Hunter Pony         | 23. High Performance Hunter         |
| 7. Low Children's Hunter          | 24. Performance Working Hunter 3'3" |
| 8. Low Adult Hunter               | 25. Performance Working Hunter 3'6" |
| 9. Children's Hunter 14 & U       | 26. Junior/Amateur Jumper           |
| 10. Children's Hunter 15-17       | 27. High Children's Adult Jumper    |
| 11. Junior Hunter 3'3"            | 28. Low Children's Adult Jumper     |
| 12. Small Junior Hunter           | 29. Short Stirrup Equitation        |
| 13. Large Junior Hunter           | 30. 11 & Under Equitation           |
| 14. Adult Amateur Hunter (35 & U) | 31. 12 - 14 Equitation              |
| 15. Adult Amateur Hunter (36-49)  | 32. 15 - 17 Equitation              |
| 16. Adult Amateur Hunter (50 +)   | 33. Children's Pony Equitation      |
| 17. Amateur Owner Hunter (35 & U) | 34. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3"       |

To be presented in the Ring at the NCHJA Annual Benefit Horse Show:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 34. E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Finals   | 36. NCHJA Children's Medal Finals |
| 35. Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Finals | 37. NCHJA Pony Medal Finals       |

### **PART II - NCHJA C SHOW AWARDS OFFERED**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Short Stirrup Hunter    | 10. 12 – 14 Equitation            |
| 2. Small/Medium Pony       | 11. 15 – 17 Equitation            |
| 3. Large Pony Hunter       | 12. Short Stirrup Equitation      |
| 4. Children's Hunter       | 13. Long Stirrup                  |
| 5. Junior/Amateur Hunter   | 14. Beginner Cross rails          |
| 6. Adult Amateur Hunter    | 15. Low & High Child/Adult Jumper |
| 7. Low Children's Hunter   | 16. Children's Pony Hunter        |
| 8. Low Adult Hunter        |                                   |
| 9. 11 and Under Equitation |                                   |

To be presented in the Ring at a show designated by the NCHJA Board:

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 16. NCHJA Pony Equitation Finals       | 18. NCHJA Adult Equitation Finals |
| 17. NCHJA Children's Equitation Finals |                                   |

### **PART III - SPECIAL USEF/NCHJA SHOW AWARDS OFFERED**

1. Brooke Burgess Perpetual Short Stirrup Hunter Champion  
Donated by Natalie Kaczanowski
2. Pearson Insurance Children's Pony Hunter Champion  
Donated by Pierson Insurance
3. Crusader Rabbit Green Pony Hunter Champion  
Donated by Eliza Shuford
4. Go for the Gold Small Pony Hunter Champion  
Donated by Alex and Pat
5. Rain or Shine Medium Pony Hunter Champion  
Donated by Riddiough Family
6. Chardonnay Perpetual Large Pony Champion  
Donated by Tracey Richardson
7. Centershot Memorial Perpetual Grand Pony Hunter Champion  
Donated by Amanda Lyerly
8. Nobody You Know Perpetual Children's Hunter Champion  
Donated by Linda Shuford
9. Patent Pending Perpetual Small Junior Hunter Champion  
Donated by the Lineberger Family
10. Snap Decision Perpetual Grand Junior Hunter Champion  
Donated by Libby Tate
11. Perfect Manhattan Perpetual Grand Adult Amateur Hunter Champion  
Donated by Cloud's Harbor Farm
12. Keeper of the Stars 3'3" Amateur Owner Champion  
Donated by Melissa Stavrou Brown
13. So Glad Perpetual Adult Amateur (50 & Over) Hunter Champion  
Donated by Dr. & Mrs. Nixon Ellis
14. Sugar Magnolia Adult Amateur (36-49) Hunter Champion
15. Three Wishes 12—14 Equitation Champion  
Donated by Courtney Reese
16. Final Appeal Perpetual Age Equitation Champion in memory of "Floyd".  
Donated by Kelly & Cassie Tighe
17. Patriot's Way Perpetual Grand Amateur Owner Hunter Champion  
Donated by Lee Reynolds

18. Ross Kennedy Grand Hunter Champion Perpetual Trophy  
Donated by Ms. Ross Kennedy – Awarded to horses only:  
high score among 1<sup>st</sup> Year Green Working Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Green Working  
Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter, and Performance Hunter divisions
19. Reynard’s Ridge Pre-Green Hunter 3’3” Champion Perpetual Trophy  
Donated by Mike and Alicia Rosser
20. Brunswick Junior Hunter Memorial Award – 3’3” Junior Hunter Champion  
Donated by Mary Helen Earp
21. Patricia May Memorial Perpetual Horsewoman of the Year  
In October the Corresponding Secretary will accept nominations for the  
Horsewoman of the Year Award. Nominations must be members of the  
NCHJA. Only Senior members of the NCHJA may vote. Ballots will be  
available on the website; Ballots will be returned to the NCHJA office or  
submitted at the Annual Meeting. The winner will be announced at the Annual  
Banquet.
22. John Dailey Perpetual Horseman of the Year  
(Procedure same as Horsewoman.)
23. Jim Breedlove Perpetual Sportsmanship Award  
Donated by Ingleside Stables. The President will appoint a committee of three  
to select a winner for The Sportsmanship Award which will be presented at the  
Annual Banquet.
24. Best All Around Junior Rider on a Pony  
Donated by the Junior Members of the NCHJA  
(Procedure same as Horsewoman.)
25. Best All-Around Junior Rider on a Horse  
Donated by the Junior Members of the NCHJA  
(Procedure same as Horsewoman.)
26. Best Horse Show Parent(s) – Tully Fletcher Award  
(Procedure same as Horsewoman.)
27. Sandy Minchin Lifetime Achievement Award
28. Mr. Jeremy Fisher Perpetual Adult Amateur 18-35 Hunter Champion. Donated  
by Mr. & Mrs. Jory J. Marino
29. Low Child/Adult Jumper Champion – Donated by Walter Miller

**PART IV - SPECIAL NCHJA “C” SHOW AWARDS OFFERED**

1. Mark Fisher Small/Medium Pony Hunter Perpetual Cup  
Donated by the Sanford Family & Fairntosh Farm
2. Triton Perpetual Grand Pony Hunter Champion  
Donated by Triton Stables

3. James A. Graham II and Under Equitation Champion  
Donated by Richard Gilbert
4. Silverstone Perpetual High Score Short Stirrup Hunter Champion  
Donated by Pleasant Green Farm
5. Winston Cup Perpetual High Score Large Pony Hunter Champion  
Donated by Betsee Parker
6. Fairntosh Perpetual High Score Children's Hunter Champion  
Donated by the Sanford Family and Fairntosh Farm
7. Absolut Mocha Pre-Children's/Adult Hunter Champion  
Donated by Khaki Run and the Milam Family
8. Constance B. Parker High Score Junior Equitation Champion  
Donated by Betsee Parker - Awarded to high score among  
II and Under Equitation, 12-14 Equitation, and 15-17 Equitation divisions
9. 12 -14 Equitation High Point Champion donated by Olivia Williams
10. Farley Family Junior Amateur Hunter Champion  
Donated by the Farley Family
11. Wedgewood Surprise Best Junior Rider on a Horse  
Donated by Trademark Stables
12. My Favorite Bow Tie Best Junior Rider on a Pony  
Donated by the Fritz Family

#### **PART V - ELIGIBILITY**

- Section 1. ELIGIBILITY** - To be eligible for an award a horse must be recorded with the NCHJA and its owner must be a member of the NCHJA. No points will be credited before a horse is recorded and its owner becomes a member. Both horse and owner must appear on the horse show entry form as recorded with the NCHJA.
- Section 2. OWNERSHIP** of a horse may be transferred during the year without affecting the animal's score, but the NCHJA must be notified of the transfer and the new owner must be a member if points won under the new ownership are to be counted. The award is made to the owner as shown in the files at the time the horse wins its last points in competition.
- Section 3. MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP** - At least one owner must be a member of the NCHJA, and the member's name must appear on the entry form in order for the points to count.
- Section 4. POINT STANDINGS DEADLINE** - Members have until December 15 of the current year to correct any errors in the point standings unless the Board of Directors elects to extend this date,



which will appear in the December newsletter. After the closing date, THE POINTS WILL STAND.

### PART VI - HUNTER AND EQUITATION POINTS TABULATION

NCHJA Hunter and Equitation division points at USEF/NCHJA rated shows are determined by combining the base points for the placing for the show rating and adding one point for the number of entries shown in the FIRST performance class of the section, *except for High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3"*, where points will be calculated based on the number of entries that competed per individual class. In the under-saddle classes points will be calculated on the number of horses entered.

Show	USEF/NCHJA BASE POINTS				
	USEF/NCHJA Show Rating			NCHJA	NCHJA
Place	AA	A	B	C	C*
1	25	20	15	20	10
2	20	15	10	15	7
3	16	12	8	10	5
4	12	9	6	5	3
5	11	8	5	4	2
6	10	7	4	3	1
7	9	6	3		
8	8	5	2		

**C\* Denotes C Rated shows with less than 50 Horses Competing.**

Hunter division Champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total first place point value for the first class in that section. Hunter division Reserve Champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total first place point value of the first class in that section.

NCHJA will not count show equitation division Champion and Reserve Champion points toward Year End Awards.

No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have shown and placed. The Championship and Reserve Championship will not count for points unless a minimum of 3 entries show and placed in at least 2 over fences and 1 under saddle class.

Splitting a division using the **California Split** results in 2 separate divisions (A and B divisions). Points will be awarded based on the number of riders in each division. In addition, 2 separate Championships and Reserve Championships will be awarded. Two separate under saddle classes **must** be held.

Hunter Classic points will be awarded by multiplying the base point plus the number of entries by 1.75. Any NCHJA "C: show may offer Hunter Classic classes for rated division.

Half points are given for all model classes. Model points are determined by taking half of the points listed on the chart and then adding the number of entries.

## USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY POINTS

Zone bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective hunter section as declared at time of entry. A horse may be declared in only one of the following sections at the competition: Pre-Green, Performance Hunter 3'3", Children's, Pony, Small Hunter, Junior Hunter 3'3", Adult Amateur Amateur Owner 3'3". Only Juniors or Amateurs may declare for the applicable Children's, Pony, Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner 3'3" sections. At Premier or National rated competitions, zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> – 75, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 60, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 54, 4<sup>th</sup> – 45, 5<sup>th</sup> – 38, 6<sup>th</sup> – 30, 7<sup>th</sup> – 23, 8<sup>th</sup> – 15, 9<sup>th</sup> – 10, 10<sup>th</sup> – 7, 11<sup>th</sup> – 5, 12<sup>th</sup> – 3. At Regional I or II rated competitions, zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> – 50, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 40, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 35, 4<sup>th</sup> – 30, 5<sup>th</sup> – 25, 6<sup>th</sup> – 20, 7<sup>th</sup> – 15, 8<sup>th</sup> – 10, 9<sup>th</sup> – 7, 10<sup>th</sup> – 5, 11<sup>th</sup> – 3, 12<sup>th</sup> -2.

**USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOLLOWING THE USHJA POINT CHART – THIS CHART CAN BE FOUND ON THE USHJA WEBSITE.**

### PART VII - CHILDREN'S/ADULT JUMPER POINT TABULATION

Children's/Adult Jumper division points are determined by the number of entries shown in each performance class.

Place	# of Exhibitors in FIRST class			
	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1	15	20	25	30
2	10	15	20	25
3	8	12	16	20
4	6	9	12	15
5	5	8	11	14
6	4	7	10	13
7	3	6	9	12
8	2	5	8	11

NCHJA will not count show division Champion and Reserve Champion points toward Year End Awards. Classic class points are awarded based on the table above.

No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have started. Any "C" show may offer a Children's/Adult Jumper Classic.

November15, 2013

Dear Board Members,

It delights me that a vision I had in the 70's is going strong and is very successful. Your 2013 prize list is lovely and very professionally done. Quite a change from our original one. After seeing the prize list, I thought you might like to know a little bit about the shows beginning.

After Ed Haun, who was a beloved announcer and knew everyone who was showing, died at the Roanoke Horse Show the board decided to create a junior medal class like the VHSA class in his memory. The medal was designed by a junior from Winston-Salem and they were gold filled. At that time there was a large all breed show held in Raleigh at Dorton Arena in September, we went to the show committee and asked if we could hold our medal finals at the show. They were pleased to do so. As time went by and we had more finalists. The show was giving us less time for our classes, this created a problem, I felt the class was very special for the juniors who qualified and deserved more time.

I went to the board and said we should just have our own show and that way we can give as much time as we wanted to the class. We voted to have the show the next year. The date decided on by the board and the AHSA was the June date. Now where to have it. We decided on the Sedgefield show grounds because it was in the center of the state. There was not enough amps to run fans in the horse stalls, so the board voted to rewire the stalls to be able to run fans for the horses since it would be very hot in June. We stayed at Sedgefield until the Hunt complex was built and our show was the first to use the Arena.

Over the years I have watched you grow and become one of the foremost shows in the state.

Many thanks to each of you board members and show committee members who have worked diligently over the years to keep my dream a reality.

Sincerely,



Linda Lee Reynolds

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2014	Dave Kelly	2016	Joan Boyce
2014	Virginia Moss	2017	Patty Heuckeroth
2014	John McCashin	2018	Melissa Stavrou Brown
2014	Ellen Welles	2019	Pat Dodson
2015	Bryan Jones		

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