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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 and collect fees.
- (e) Keep all correspondence pertaining to pony measurement, collect fees, and issue pony measurement cards to owners;
- (f) Keep all correspondence pertaining to horse shows, including applications and the collection of fees. The Executive Secretary also

shall maintain the horse show calendar, review prize list and show applications for compliance with NCHJA rules and forward them for final approval to the Horse Show Membership Committee, 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. Application forms for those interested in serving on the NCHJA board are available on the NCHJA web site. 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 and the Executive Secretary to review any conflicts of horse show applications and review prize lists for compliance with NCHJA rules before sanctioning decisions are made. This Committee together 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 and A and C Medals and Finals.

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.

2023 RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION

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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 1. 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), the NCHJA Children's Equitation Class (NCHJA "C" shows) and the NCHJA Low Children's Adult 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 on the NCHJA website and through the online portal on www.nchja.com. 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 Premiere (AA), National (A), Regional I (B), Regional II (C), or NCHJA ‘C’ shows 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. The Executive Secretary shall consolidate any new show applications and submit them for review and sanctioning approval to the Horse Show Committee, who shall have final authority. 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 60 days NCHJA C show sanctioning prior to the show

date. Extenuating circumstances may allow for an application within the 60 days before the show date application period. 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. 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, stepparent, 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 1.- SHOWING UNDER JUDGES AND STEWARDS - See USEF Rule GR 1304 21-26

- (a) An exhibitor or trainer may not serve as a judge or steward at any competition in which he/she exhibits, whether the classes are conducted under USEF/NCHJA rules.
- (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 trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, handler, owner, lessor 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, Section1(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, Section1(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, brood mare and retiree 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, brood mare and retiree 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 the show committee, 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 a trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, exhibitor, rider or handler 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 USEF/NCHJA 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. - PROFESSIONAL/AMATEUR STATUS - Refer to USEF Rules GR 1306, GR 1307, JP 118, HU 137-138

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 11, Section 2.
7. Appoint a delegate to the Annual Meeting.
8. File a copy of the prize list with the NCHJA 30 days prior to the show and notify the NCHJA before the show date of any licensed official changes or additions. 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 files in a timely manner, 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 filed in a timely manner 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 filed in a timely manner, 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, the NCHJA Low Children's/Adult Medal Class, and the NCHJA Adult Equitation Class. The NCHJA Children's Equitation Class, the NCHJA Pony Equitation Class, the NCHJA Low Children's/Adult Medal Class, and the NCHJA Adult Equitation Class may only be offered at NCHJA "C" shows.

12. Any NCHJA "C" show must offer all 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 section has been printed or published, 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 “I” 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 September 1st 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 except USEF Talent Search.

PART II - HORSE WELFARE- Refer to USEF Rule HU 100

- Section 1.** 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 - Refer to USEF Rule HU131

PART IV – COURSES - Refer to USEF Rule HU 4

Section 1. GENERAL – Refer to USEF HU 109

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. COURSE 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 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 USEF/NCHJA Year End Award points.

Section 4. COURSE DIAGRAMS Refer to USEF Rule 110

1. 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 100' or less from base to base, the distance must be included on the posted course diagram.

2. If the area of the courtesy circle is to be restricted by a mandatory line, the line must be indicated on the diagram and a corresponding barrier must be erected on the course. As this becomes part of the judging specifications, this policy must be clearly stated in the prize list (see USEF GR 901.10) and announced at least one hour prior to the class.

Section 5. - COURSE TYPE – USEF RULE HU 112

1. 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.
2. Chicken coops hinged at the top and free at the bottom; triple bars and hogs back; striped rails; targets; any spread over 4’ and square oxers are prohibited.
3. Every course must have at least four different type obstacles. The jumpable portion of all obstacles must be a minimum width of eight feet wide..
4. A minimum 2” difference is required for the back element of an obstacle. A ground line is required for all obstacles except in Handy Hunter classes.
5. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed with cups at least 1 1/2 inches deep and 3 inches wide so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class. At all Federation approved competitions, FEI approved safety mechanisms must be used in conjunction with a cup that is at least 1 ½ inches deep and at least 3 inches wide for the back rail of all oxers. Logs, caps on walls and gates with a separate plank style top element that can be knocked down are permitted.
6. In Handy classes obstacles must simulate those found in trappy hunting country. The course must have at least two changes of direction and at least one in and out as well as three of the following: hand gallop a jump, bending line, rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring or open a gate while mounted or trot over one obstacle (exception: in and outs are optional for Pony Handy courses). Judges must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order. Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style. Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style. Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style.

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 – USEF HU 105

1. Snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required.
 - a. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Unconventional snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles include, but are not limited to, hunter gags, kimberwicks, etc.
 - b. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal bits or nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera... Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.
2. Curbs: When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with

wire, metal, rawhide, metal “keepers”, or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.

3. Horses must return to the ring for conformation or soundness wearing a snaffle, pelham or full bridle with a cavesson noseband.

4. Martingales of any type are prohibited in under saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes. Standing and running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal. A judge must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in a martingale other than a standing or running martingale used in the conventional manner.

a. Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses/ponies.

Section 2.- EQUIPMENT – Refer to USEF HU 106

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. - Attire – Refer to USEF HU 107

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 – Refer to USEF GR 108.2 and HU 107

It is compulsory for all persons at a USEF and NCHJA licensed Hunter, Jumper, Hunter Seat Equitation sections or Hunter/Jumper competitions mounted anywhere on the competition grounds to 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. - 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.

PART VI - JUDGING

Section 1.- GENERAL – Refer to USEF HU 118

All classes must be judged on performance and soundness and when indicated, conformation, 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 an in and out the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or runout at the second obstacle in an in and out, the competitor may re-jump both obstacles of the in and out.
- (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) **Soundness – USEF HU 121** 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, classes with specifications that do not require horses to jog, unrated classes, and classes at Local Competitions).
Refer to HU 118.3 for methods of jogging for soundness.
Horses/Ponies that are unsound will be ineligible for an award in that class. **The judge's decision regarding soundness is final.**
- (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.
- (i) Falls – In the event of a fall of a horse within the competition ring, the judge should notify the steward regardless of whether an EMT is called and the steward must include details of the incident in the steward's report.
- (j) Definition of **Competed** **USEF HU 119** – A horse has competed in an over fences class when the horse's entry number and a score for at least the first jump are recorded on the judge's card. A horse falling to complete the entire course is not eligible to receive points, awards or prize money. A horse has competed in an under-saddle class, when the

horse has entered the ring. When 3 or fewer horses compete in an under-saddle class, all horses' numbers must be listed on the judge's card, regardless of whether they receive an award.

- (k) Definition of **Completed USEF HU 120** – A horse has completed an over fences class when the horse completes the posted course and a score is recorded on the judge's card. A horse failing to complete the entire course is not eligible to receive points, awards, or prize money, nor will it be counted in the number of entries necessary to fill a class or section. A horse has completed an under-saddle class when the horse has executed all the gaits required and remains in the ring until the class has lined up.

Section 2. - FAULTS – USEF HU 124

- (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
 - 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
 - Refusal or stopping while on course
 - Crossing the track
 - 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.
 - Breaking stride or trotting on course
- (c) The following constitute elimination.
- Three refusals
 - Off course
 - Jumping course before it is reset
 - Bolting from the ring
 - Fall of horse or rider
 - Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment

Section 3.- Under Saddle and Hack Classes HU 129

1. In Under Saddle and Hunter Hack classes, horses are 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. (Exception: green classes.) No more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at one time. (Exception: Hunter National Championships see Championship Specifications) All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound. Judges must work competitors in groups of (20) or less or they must work a larger group in one direction, line up their selected competitors before working those remaining on the rail in the second direction, excusing the unselected competitors, and judging the selected competitors in the second direction.
2. To be eligible for a Model or Under Saddle class counting toward a Championship in any hunter rated section, horses must be entered in at least one full point class over obstacles in the same section during the competition. To maintain awards or points won in the aforementioned classes the competitor must complete the course in at least one class.

PART VII – CHAMPIONSHIPS

For USEF Championships Refer to USEF Rule HU 11

NCHJA Points and Championships Refer to NCHJA Rule XXXV Part VI

PART VIII– HUNTER SCHOOLING RULES - Refer to USEF Schooling Appendix A

Schooling over obstacles by a hunter exhibitor while on competition grounds must be consistent with the obstacle requirements set forth in Hunter Schooling Rules Appendix A.

Any action deemed not in the best interest of the horse will not be allowed.

The use of FEI approved safety cups is mandatory in all warm-up/schooling areas on the back rails of all oxers. If an oxer is set so that it may be jumped in both directions, safety cups must be used on all top rails. It is the Competition Manager's responsibility to ensure that sufficient FEI approved safety cups are available in each warm-up/schooling area, the competitor's responsibility to use the safety cups in the schooling area, and the Steward or CSS's responsibility to ensure the safety cups are being used.

The unsafe use of electronic devices, as determined by the competition steward in their sole discretion, including cell phones, while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise and while lunging horses on competition grounds. Earphone(s)/Earbud(s) are prohibited in areas designated for schooling and exercise.

Swedish oxers are permitted; however, the high side must be no more than 18 inches (6" for ponies) higher than the low side.

If guide rails are used on the landing side of a jump, the closest part of the rail must be a minimum of 3m (9' 3") from the jump.

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.

The use of materials which proves dangerous is forbidden.

No one may hold or touch a standard while it is being jumped.

Walk rails may be no higher than 12" at the highest point. A walk rail may be parallel to the ground with both ends in cups or may have one end resting on the ground. Cross rails are NOT allowed. Ground rails are NOT permitted. Horses will approach and depart in a straight line only and may NOT be turned.

USEF/NCHJA "A" DIVISION RULES

RULE IX - JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER - USEF HU 143

- 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. Stallions are prohibited from all Junior Hunter Classes.
- 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.
- Section 4.** Height of obstacles in the Junior Working Hunter Divisions – A 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 HU 118.3**

RULE X - AMATEUR OWNER WORKING HUNTER - USEF HU 137

- 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. Height of obstacles shall be: 3'3" and 3'6". Riders may cross enter between the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" and Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" sections. Horses may not cross enter between the divisions.

RULE XI - PONY WORKING HUNTER - USEF HU 140, 141, 142

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, Pony Jumpers, and WIHS Jumper Phase). Additionally junior riders competing Green Ponies but not Regular Ponies are exempt from the fence height restriction.

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. 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.

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.)

In and outs are optional for Pony Hunter Handy classes.

RULE XII - CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTER - USHJA ZONE 3 Specifications

Sections Offered and Requirements –

Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under • Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

1. CROSS ENTRY (Rider) - A rider in the Children's Hunter section is not eligible to compete in classes where fences exceed 3'3" (exception: age group Equitation, Medal classes, Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, Pony Jumper and the USHJA National Hunter Derby).
2. CROSS ENTRY (Horses/Ponies) - Horses may not cross enter into any Junior Hunter Class at the same competition.
3. CROSS ENTRY – (Horse/Rider Combination) - n/a
4. FENCE HEIGHT - 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height • Course shall consist of no less than eight (8) fences • Combinations will be permitted.
5. COMBINING/DIVIDING SECTIONS - The Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under section and Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17 section must be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either age section. The Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter Horse sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either section. The Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17 section and Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under section must be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either age section. The Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter Horse sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either section.
6. AWARDS - Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections: • Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under • Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

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 - USHJA Zone 3 Specs

Adult Amateurs may be split into three (3) sections.

1. CROSS ENTRY (Riders) - A rider in the Adult Amateur section 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 on a different horse between the Adult Amateur Hunter and the 3'3" Amateur Owner section if the rider owns the horses (not withstanding GR1108, a leased horse is not permitted) he or she is showing in both sections. CROSS ENTRY (Horses) - Horses entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter sections at the same competition.
2. CROSS ENTRY (Horse and Rider Combination) - The horse-and-rider combination is restricted from showing in both Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunter sections at the same show.

3. FENCE HEIGHT - 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height. Course shall consist of no less than eight (8) fences • Courses will not be adjusted for ponies. • Combinations will be permitted.
4. COMBINING/DIVIDING SECTIONS - May be split into three sections: • Adult Amateurs 18– 35 • Adult Amateurs 36– 49 • Adult Amateurs 50 & over The Adult Amateur 18- 35 section, the Adult Amateur 36- 49 section and Adult Amateur 50 & Over section must be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in any age section. The Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either section. The Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter Pony sections may not be combined

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" - Refer to USEF Rule HU103 – Green Hunter Eligibility Status for Horses.

If the rules and specifications adopted by Zone 4 of the USEF for the 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 - USHJA Zone 3 Specs

Sections Offered: Small/Medium Children's Pony and Large Children's Pony. Rider must not show over 3'0" at the same show. Ponies may not show in any Regular or Green Pony Hunter rated section. Fence Height – Small/Medium Ponies 2'0" with spreads not to exceed height of fence. Large Ponies 2'6" with spreads not to exceed height of fence. Combinations will not be permitted. The Children's Hunter Pony sections may be combined if there are fewer than 4 in either height section. Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony and the Large Children's Hunter Pony.

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 ADULT HUNTER - USHJA Zone 3 Specs

Low Adult Hunter: Open to Exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 2'9" (Exception: 3'0" Equitation). Low Adult Fence Height is 2'6". The Low Adult Amateur Hunter and Low Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than 3 entries in either section.

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER - USHJA Zone 3 Specs

Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. Riders may not cross enter at the same competition into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter or any class/section where fences exceed 2'9" (Exception

3'0" Equitation. Low Children's Hunters fence height 2'6". Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the Low Children's Hunter Horse. The Low Children's Hunter and Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than 3 entries in either section.

RULE XVII SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER AND EQUITATION (USEF RATED 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.

RULE XVIII - EQUITATION DIVISION

APPOINTMENTS – Refer to USEF EQ 106

1. Protective headgear. All riders must wear protective headgear. **Refer to USEF GR801.2.** While competing in a class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue his/her performance without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider. Headgear must be free from non-traditional adornment.
2. Conventional attire following the tradition of fox hunting is encouraged and preferred. It is further recommended that the rider's attire does not distract from the performance of the horse and rider. Judges shall not eliminate a rider for inappropriate attire except for safety (**refer to USEF GR801**). Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white.
3. Spurs, crops or bats are optional but if used must be a conservative color.
4. Inappropriate attire. When management permits Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Polo shirts and full chaps are not permitted except in unjudged warm-up classes. Management or Judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.
5. Tack – **Refer to USEF EQ 106.5**

CLASS ROUTINE - USEF EQ 108

1. OVER OBSTACLES

- a. The performance begins when the horse enters the ring.
- b. Each competitor's round will be scored on the rider's performance.
- c. Each competitor may circle once before approaching the first obstacle. He then proceeds around the course keeping an even pace throughout.
- d. If a refusal occurs in a double or triple, competitors must re-jump all obstacles in the combination.
- e. The judge will determine a base score for each competitor's performance. A knock down penalty of four (4) points per rail will be deducted from the base score.
- f. In classes with a time allowed, a one (1) point deduction per second over the time allowed will be deducted from the base score.
- g. The following constitute major faults:
 1. A Refusal
 2. Trotting on course when not part of a test
 3. Crossing your track; A track is established once a horse has landed from a fence or completes a required test and follows the horse until the consecutive fence is jumped or the next test is executed. Upon completion of each consecutive fence or performance of the next track is erased. Crossing a track between obstacles and/or required tests shall constitute a disobedience and will be penalized by the judge(s).
Exceptions:
 1. A course diagram that requires a rider to cross his track
 2. Snake or multiple panel jumps that are jumped consecutively.
- h. The following constitute faults at the judge's discretion:
 1. A loss of stirrup(s)
 2. A loss of rein(s)
- i. An eliminated rider must leave the ring immediately. If elimination occurs during a ride-off, the competitor is placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off, but placed before any riders not participating (**refer to USEF EQ 113**). The following actions will result in elimination:
 1. Fall of horse and rider (rider shall not remount in the ring). In the event of a fall of a horse within the competition ring at a Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competition, the judge shall notify a steward, regardless of whether an EMT is called, and the steward must include the details of the incident on his report to the Federation.
 2. Three cumulative refusals. Exceptions: Riders will be eliminated after two refusals in the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals, USEF Pony Medal Finals, Maclay Finals, USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Classes and Finals, USHJA 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal Classes and Finals, USEF Talent Search class and the WIHS Equitation Jumper phase.
 3. Off course.
 4. Trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate.
- j. Any or all competitors can be called back to perform at a walk, trot and canter or to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements (**refer to USEF EQ 111 and USEF EQ 113**). If a rider does not attempt a

part of the test (e.g., fails to back, fails to halt) a score of 50 shall be given for the first occurrence. If a rider attempts the test, but encounters difficulty (e.g., loss of counter lead, breaking to the canter in front of a trot fence), up to 10 points may be deducted depending on severity, for each occurrence.

2. FLAT CLASSES and FLAT PHASES

- a. In Hunter Seat or Jumping Seat Equitation flat classes or phases, judges must work competitors in groups of twenty (20) or less.
- b. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required.
- c. Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use.
- d. Competitors shall proceed at least once around the ring at each gait and, on command, reverse and repeat. The order to reverse can be executed by turning either toward or away from the rail. Entries then line up on command.
- e. All tests must be on the flat.
- f. In addition to the class requirements of **USEF EQ 111 and USEF EQ 113**, in Intermediate, Open Equitation classes for riders 12 years of age and older, ASPCA Maclay classes, and all USEF Hunter Seat Medal classes, riders may be asked to work collectively without stirrups.
 - g. In addition to the class requirements of **USEF EQ 111 and USEF EQ 113**, in Open Equitation classes for riders 12 years of age and older, ASPCA Maclay classes, and all USEF Hunter Seat Medal classes, judges may call for more advanced flatwork such as shoulder in, shoulder out, haunches in, haunches out, and changing direction collectively.

3. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE will be penalized at the judge's discretion.

4. IN CASES OF BROKEN EQUIPMENT or loss of shoe, the competitor must continue or be eliminated. Exception: see **USEF EQ106.1** for protective headgear.

5. THE NUMBER OF COMPETITORS who complete the course will be used to determine the number of entrants for the increment system.

6. IN ANY TWO-PHASE EQUITATION CLASS, i.e. the WIHS, Maclay and the USEF Talent Search, a rider must complete both phases to be eligible for a ribbon in the overall standings. Exception: USEF Hunter Seat Medal refer to **USEF EQ 111.5**.

7. NO MEDAL CLASS WITH A NATIONAL YEAR-END FINALS may run concurrently with any other class or section in the same ring. Exception: Pony Medals and WIHS Equitation Hunter Phase

PART III - TESTS FROM WHICH JUDGES MUST CHOOSE - Refer to USEF EQ 113

Tests may be performed either collectively or individually, but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. Note: In Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes, any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those competitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. 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; any exhibitor choosing to trot or canter through the in-gate or out-gate must be eliminated. 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.

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 1 - 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. To be shown over an equitation 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. Three competitors must COMPLETE the course for points to count. 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 1-22.

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, will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over an equitation finals type course of at least 10 fences, 3'3" and 3'6" in height. All without major errors will return for a flat phase. Flat phase to be conducted in groups of not more than 12. The top 10 will return to jump a second round. Additional testing at the judge's discretions. Ribbons to tenth place. Finals must use a USEF licensed course designer. 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** - Two 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. To be shown over an equitation type course of not less than eight fences with 2 (USEF Tests 1-22, excluding 15) included in the course, and one-third of the obstacles must be oxers. Small Ponies to jump 2'3", Medium Ponies to jump 2'6", Large Ponies to jump 2'9" - 3'. Only one rider per pony. Three competitors to COMPLETE the course to fill the class.

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 one combination, two oxers, and two changes of direction. Small Ponies to jump 2'3", Medium Ponies to jump 2'6", and Large Ponies 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 1-22, excluding test 15**. 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, the NCHJA "C" Low Children's/Adult 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.

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. To be shown over an equitation type course of at least 8 fences with 2 (USEF test 1-22) included in the course. A combination is recommended. Fence height 3'. Three competitors to COMPLETE to fill the class. The Bryan Jones Adult Medal class can be combined with the NCHJA Children's Medal class to fill.

PART II - BRYAN JONES MEMORIAL MEDAL FINALS SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1. **BRYAN JONES MEMORIAL MEDAL FINALS** - The top 15 Senior Amateur 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. To be shown over an equitation finals type course of at least 10 fences, 3' in height. All without major errors will return for a flat phase. Flat phase to be conducted in groups of not more than 12. The top 10 will return to jump a second round. Additional testing at the judge's discretions. Ribbons to tenth place. Finals must use a USEF licensed course. Only one rider per horse. Riders competing in the Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Finals cannot enter the NCHJA "C" Adult Equitation Finals or the NCHJA "C" Low Adult Medal 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 amateur Senior 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. To be shown over equitation type course of at least 8 fences with 2 (USEF test 1-22) included in the course. A combination is recommended. Fence height 3'. Three competitors to COMPLETE to fill the The Children's Medal Class may be combined with the Bryan Jones Medal Class to fill.

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, will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over an equitation finals type course of at least 10 fences, 3' in height. All without major errors will return for a flat phase. Flat phase to be conducted in groups of not more than 12. The top 10 will return to jump a second round. Additional testing at the judge's discretion. Ribbons to tenth place. Finals must use a USEF licensed course. 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, the NCHJA "C" Low Children's Medal Final, 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 1 - 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 – Rider may only compete in one NCHJA Equitation Class per competition and can only show in one Final.

PART I - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Open to Junior members of the NCHJA. To be shown over an equitation type course of not less than eight fences 2’9” in height with at least 2 USEF tests included (test 1-22) as part of the course. A combination is recommended. Three competitors must COMPLETE to fill the class. NCHJA “C” Children’s Equitation Class may be combined with the NCHJA “C” Adult Equitation Class if there are less than 3 entries.

Contestants in the NCHJA “C” Children’s Equitation Class are not eligible for the NCHJA “C” Pony Equitation Class at the same show.

PART II - NCHJA “C” CHILDREN’S EQUITATION FINALS SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1. **NCHJA “C” CHILDREN’S EQUITATION FINALS** - The top 15 Junior riders who have accumulated points from June 1, 2022 -May 31, 2023 in the NCHJA “C” Children’s Equitation Class will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over an equitation finals type course of at least 10 fences 2’9” in height. All who complete the course will return for a flat phase. The flat phase will count 25%. The top 10 will return to jump a second round. Additional testing at the judge’s discretion. Ribbons to tenth place. Finals must use a USEF licensed course designer. Only one rider per horse. The NCHJA “C” Children’s Equitation Finals may be combined with the NCHJA “C” Amateur Equitation Finals if there are less than 8 entries. Riders in the NCHJA “C” 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. Any contestant that has won the NCHJA “C” Children’s Equitation Finals is not eligible for any other competition in the NCHJA “C” Children’s Equitation Class.

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. To be shown over an equitation type course of at least eight fences 2'9" in height with at least 2 USEF test included as part of the course. A combination is recommended. Only one rider per horse. Three competitors must COMPLETE the course to fill. The NCHJA "C" Adult Equitation Class may be combined with the NCHJA "C" Children's Equitation Class if there are less than 3 entries.

PART II - NCHJA "C" ADULT EQUITATION FINALS SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1. **NCHJA "C" ADULT EQUITATION FINALS** – The top 15 amateur Senior riders who have accumulated points from June 1, 2022-May 31,2023 in the NCHJA "C" Adult Equitation Class will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over an equitation finals type course of at least 10 fences 2'9" in height. All who complete the course will return for a flat phase. The flat phase shall count 25%. The top 10 will return to jump a second round. Additional testing at the judge's discretion. Ribbons to tenth place. Finals must use a USEF licensed course designer. Only one rider per horse. The NCHJA "C" Adult Equitation Finals may be combined with the NCHJA "C" 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 "C" PONY EQUITATION CLASS AND FINALS

PART I - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Open to Junior members of the NCHJA. To be shown over an equitation type course of at least eight fences with at least 2 USEF tests included (test 1-22, excluding 15), as part of the course (No combinations). Small Ponies jump 2', Medium Ponies jump 2'3", Large Ponies jump 2'6". Only one rider per pony. Three competitors must COMPLETE the course to fill. Contestants in the NCHJA "C" Pony Equitation Class are not eligible for the NCHJA "C" Children's Equitation Class at the same show.

PART II - NCHJA PONY EQUITATION FINALS SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1. **NCHJA "C" PONY EQUITATION FINALS** - The top 15 riders who have accumulated points from June 1, 2022-May 31, 2023 in the NCHJA "C" Pony Equitation Class will be eligible for the Finals. To be shown over an equitation finals type course of at least 10 fences. All who complete the course will return for a flat phase. The flat phase shall count 25%. The top 10 will return to jump a second round. Additional testing at the judge's discretion. Ribbon to tenth place. Finals must use a USEF licensed course designer. Only one rider per pony. Riders in the NCHJA "C" Pony Equitation Finals may not compete in the E.J. Huan Memorial Medal Finals, the NCHJA Children's Medal Finals, the NCHJA Pony Medal Finals, Low "C" Children's Medal Finals or the NCHJA "C" Children's Equitation Finals in the same year. Any Contestant that has won the NCHJA "C" Pony Equitation Finals is not eligible for any other competition in the NCHJA "C" Pony Equitation Class.

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 XXVIIIa. - NCHJA "C" Low Children's Adult Medal Class and Finals

PART I - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Open to Junior members of the NCHJA who in the last 10 years have never won any medal, equitation, hunter or jumper class with fences 3' or higher. In addition, any rider who has competed in any class in the last 10 years with fences 3'3" or higher is not eligible to compete in this class. To be shown over an equitation course of at least eight fences 2'6" in height (no combinations) with at least 2 USEF tests included (test 1-22) as part of the course. This medal may be offered split between Low Children's and Low Adults. Three to COMPLETE the class to fill.

PART II - NCHJA "C" Low Children's / Low Adult Medal Finals SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1. **NCHJA "C" Low Children's/Adult Medal Finals** Open to qualified junior and senior amateur members. To be shown over an equitation finals type course of at least 10 fences 2'6" in height. All who complete the course will return for a flat phase. The flat phase shall count 25%. The top 10 will return to jump a second round. Additional testing at the judge's discretion. Ribbons to tenth place. Finals must use a USEF licensed course designer.

RULE XXIX – JUNIOR/AMATEUR HUNTER - NCHJA "C" Shows

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 entry by the rider into the Children's or Adult Hunter divisions prohibited.** Fence heights 3' and/or 3'3". Points counted towards a combined year end award. At NCHJA "C" shows outside North Carolina, USEF Zone rules will apply.

RULE XXX - CHILDREN'S HUNTERS - NCHJA "C" SHOWS

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' except age group Equitation, Medal classes, Children/Adult Jumpers. Fence height 2'9". Horses may not cross enter into Junior Hunter sections at the same competition.

RULE XXXI - PONY HUNTERS - NCHJA "C" Shows

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 3'3" at the same competition (Exception Children's 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.** 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 7.** 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’ for small, 2’3” for medium, and 2’6”-2’9” for large ponies. Spread of jump may not exceed height and must be measured including flowers, brush, and ground lines.
- Section 8.** 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 9.** 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 XXXII - LOW CHILDREN’S HUNTERS - NCHJA “C” Shows

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”

RULE XXXIII - LOW ADULT HUNTERS - NCHJA “C” Shows

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/ section at the same competition where the fences exceed 2’6”. Height of Fences 2’6”

RULE XXXIV SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER & EQUITATION (USEF RATED/ 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.

RULE XXXV – 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 another division at the show where fences exceed 2’. Course to consist of 8 jumps set at 2’ (no oxers or combinations). May combine with short stirrup if either division does not fill.

RULE XXXVI – 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 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 XXXVII – CHILDREN’S HUNTER PONY – NCHJA ‘C’ SHOWS

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

RULE XXXVIII - JUMPER RULES

PART I - GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

USEF JP102 Horse Welfare

1. Conduct in the competition ring:

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report.

2. Conduct outside of the competition ring: Any action(s) against a horse by an exhibitor, deemed excessive by a judge, Federation Steward, Certified 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.

3. Disqualified competitors will forfeit all entry fees for disqualified classes.

4. The imposition of any of the above penalties will not preclude additional disciplinary action against the individual in accordance with GR839 Cruelty and Abuse.

5. Soundness: 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.

TIMING EQUIPMENT – Refer to USEF JP 106

USEF JP111 Tack and Attire

1. Martingales. The following rules only apply to riders while in the competition ring. a. Classes offered at 1.30m or below—No martingale restrictions when used in a conventional manner (see also USEF JP111.4). Refer to USEF JP 111.1b for conventional manner.

2. Whips. Competitors are prohibited from using a whip that is longer than 30" (75cm) 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.

3. Curbs When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.

4. Draw Reins/German Martingales. Draw reins and German Martingales may only be used when schooling or in classes with no prize money that are offered at 1.20m or below. Ponies may not be ridden by a Junior in draw reins or German martingales at any time. No other head set devices (chambon, etc.) are permitted in any class. Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.

5. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc.), is 500 grams or 17.637 ounces (shoe excluded). Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification. Refer to USEF JP117.2 for Classes Restricted by Age of Horse.

6. Tied Stirrups. Any rider competing with their stirrup, stirrup leather or foot tied and/or secured in any manner, will automatically be eliminated from that class. Riding anywhere on the competition grounds with stirrup, stirrup leather or foot tied or otherwise secured is cause for disqualification. The steward will note the trainer name(s) on the Steward's Report.

7. See USEF GR801.2 and .4 for Safety Helmets and Safety Vests.

8. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in 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 disabled participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the Federation Steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity for the equipment.

USEF JP 114 Eligibility

1. Jumpers may be of any breed, height, or sex. (Exception: Pony Jumpers, see USEF JP119.4)
2. Stallions. Junior riders may show stallions. (Exception: Stallions are prohibited in Pony Jumper Sections. Refer to USEF JP119.4)

USEF JP124 Jump Equipment

1. Rails and other parts of the obstacles are held up by supports (cups). A rail must be able to roll on its support; in this case the support must have a depth of 18 mm (.7") minimum and a depth of 30 mm (1.18") maximum. For planks, gates, etc. the diameter of the supports must be more open or even flat, but not deeper than 1/2".

2. Jump Cups. a. Any licensed competition must use FEI-approved Safety Release Cups for the back pole of all spreads in every jumper class. b. The use of FEI Approved Safety Cups to support the back rails of all spread obstacles and in all warm-up and schooling areas is mandatory. c. Breakable pins are prohibited in the competition ring. d. For information on sources for obtaining FEI approved cups, contact the Jumper Department at the Federation.

3. Rails. Rails must be at least eight feet long.

4. Flags. All obstacles must be both flagged and numbered at competitions offering over \$2500 in the Jumper Division. When flags are used at obstacles, they must be placed at the outside extremities of the elements to be jumped, the red flag on the right, white on the left.

SUBCHAPTER USEF JP-6 SCORING - Scoring USEF JP 136 General

1. In principle, jumpers are scored on penalties incurred between the start line and finish line. A competitor, after receiving the signal to begin his/her round, is not being scored on penalties incurred from knockdowns or refusals until crossing the start line in the proper manner. However, in the event of a FALL of a Horse and/or Rider at any time from the moment the Horse/Rider combination enters the Competition ring, whether or not the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be permitted to start in the round or Class in question.

a. Penalties apply for late falling rails: **USEF JP - 24** 1. after crossing the finish line but before leaving the ring, or 2. before the tone sounds for the start of the next round.

b. A competitor will be scored on penalties incurred before crossing the start line in the proper manner for: 1. taking more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the rounds has begun; 2. jumping an obstacle before crossing the start line, unless said obstacle is designed as a practice obstacle or after crossing the finish line, whether forming part of the course or not; or 3. actions against a horse deemed excessive.

2. Penalty faults include disobediences, falls, knockdowns (while in the process of jumping an obstacle) and time penalties. No more than one penalty may be scored at each attempt. If an obstacle is knocked down or displaced for any reason other than it was caused by jumping or an attempt to jump, no penalty is incurred.

3. 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.

4. 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. Judges must pay attention when a rail is placed over or slightly behind a standing element. This could result in confusion in scoring and exactly how it will be scored must be determined by the judge(s) before the class begins.
5. 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. (Exception: Closed obstacles).
6. Broken Equipment. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe while on course, the rider must continue if he wishes to avoid penalty, or may retire.
7. Setting a Standard. After the first round of the first class in any section, management or the judges may order a competitor from the ring when it becomes evident that their performance prohibits them from being in the ribbons.
8. Courtesy Fence. An eliminated competitor has the right to make one attempt to jump an additional single obstacle, which the judge(s) may designate, but may not continue thereafter. (Exception: The right to attempt an additional obstacle does not apply to Fault and Out classes or in the case of the fall of the horse or rider.)
9. 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 arena through the designated gate(s) (e.g. jumping out of the arena), is eliminated. Leaving the ring before crossing through the start markers to begin their round will not incur penalty. Exception: JP146.3.b leaving the ring anytime while on course results in elimination.
10. Outside Assistance. 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 Sec. 2(b) or Table IV Sec. 2(b) competitions provided the rider begins his jump-off within the limits of **USEF JP 136**.)
11. Jumping Obstacles Not Part of the Course. 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. Exception: Natural obstacles, which are not numbered and flagged, may be jumped unless specifically crossed off in the field or noted as crossed off on the course plan by the course designer, after consultation with the judge(s). [Questionable items in arena that will be scored may need to be predetermined by the judges and so noted and announced prior to start of class.] **USEF JP - 25**
12. Obstacle Not Properly Set. 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. However, if the competitor knocks down the obstacle he will be penalized accordingly.

13. Competed. A competitor is considered to have competed only after he has entered the ring and received the signal to start. Competitors who are unable to complete the first round of a competition have no right to any prize.

14. A horse may enter a class Hors Concours at Competition Management's discretion and this must be determined prior to the start of the class. A horse shown in a given class may not enter that class again as Hors Concours. If a horse competes Hors Concours, the horse cannot compete in a subsequent class for prize money in the same ring on the same day. However, the rider of an Hors Concours horse may compete in subsequent classes.

15. Failing to Complete. A competitor failing to complete a particular round shall have the reason recorded on the judge's card as follows:

a. Withdrew (WD), or did not start (DNS) indicates that the competitor failed to enter the arena within one minute of being called. The time for entering the ring must be enforced by management. To prevent unfairness to an exhibitor, management may extend the time for entering the ring.

b. Retired (RT) indicated that the competitor voluntarily retired prior to completing their round.

c. Eliminated (E or EL) indicates that during their round the competitor was eliminated by the judge for any of the various reasons indicated in these rules.

16. Points Not Covered in Rules. 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.

17. A protest may not be made against a judge's decision occurring in the competition ring, provided it is not in violation of Federation rules. Decisions such as, but not limited to: a. Where the decision is based on a factual observation of performance during a class; whether an obstacle was knocked down; whether a horse was disobedient; whether a horse refused at an obstacle or knocked it down while jumping; whether a rider or horse has fallen; whether a horse circled in a combination or refused or ran out; the time taken for the round; whether an obstacle was jumped within the time; and/or whether, the particular track followed by a rider caused him to incur a penalty under the applicable rules. b. The Elimination or Disqualification of a horse for soundness reasons. c. The Elimination or Disqualification of a rider for medical reasons/fitness to compete. d. The imposition of a Warning without additional penalties or of a Yellow Warning Card. e. Elimination and/or Disqualification during an event.

USEF JP 137 Competition Round

1. Starting and Finishing. In order to receive a score other than "Withdrew (Did Not Start)," "Retired," or "Eliminated": a. The horse must cross the start line between the markers in the proper direction 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. b. The horse must cross the finish line between the markers in the proper

direction and with the rider mounted. (Exception: Fault and Out or other classes with special rules regarding the finish) c. The horse must jump all the required fences between the start and finish markers. d. 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. The horse must not take more than 45 seconds to jump the next obstacle on course, including after the tone has sounded following a time out. e. The horse must not be eliminated for other prohibited actions that might occur while the horse is in the competition arena. **USEF JP -26**

2. Entering the Arena. 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.

3. Time to Start. 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. A count-down clock visible to the rider must be in use for any class offering \$2,500 or more in prize money.

4. Use of 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 stop a competitor in the event of an unforeseen incident (which also designates a time-out); c. to interrupt the 45-second period which a rider has to begin the course in the event of an unforeseen incident; d. to indicate that an obstacle has to be reset before being retaken after it has been knocked down during a refusal (designating a time-out); e. to give the signal for a competitor to continue his round after an interruption. **Refer to JP 138.2 and .3** 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) class, or a Table IV(c) class.

USEF JP 138 Timing

1. Starting & Stopping. Time is taken from the instant the horse's chest reaches the start line, or upon the expiration of 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 and/or, if the welfare of the horse is involved, temporarily excuse the competitor, allowing him to return at a later period in the class. Incidents such as, but not limited to disobediences, etc., occurring between the signal to start and the moment the competitor crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalized. The Ground Jury, in its discretion, if the situation so warrants, has the right not to activate the start or to cancel the starting procedure, give a new signal to start and restart the countdown.

2. If a rider stops to fasten his chin strap, he must indicate to the judge that there is an issue with his chinstrap. The rider is not penalized for halting to refasten the chin strap, but the clock will not be stopped.

3. If as a result of a disobedience a competitor displaces or knocks down any obstacle or a flag marking the limits of the water jump, of a natural obstacle or in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down the flag, the tone is sounded and the time is stopped until the obstacle has been rebuilt. When the obstacle has been rebuilt, the tone is sounded to indicate that the course is ready and that the competitor can continue the round. The competitor is penalized for a refusal and a time correction of 6 seconds is added to the time taken by the competitor to complete his round. The time is restarted at the moment when the horse leaves the ground at the obstacle where the refusal occurred.
4. Additional Time Out. a. If a rider is forced to hold up and the time stopped while a fence is being rebuilt due to it being knocked down or displaced for any reason other than it was caused by jumping or an attempt to jump, no penalty is incurred and 6 seconds is not added to their time. After the fence is rebuilt, the tone is sounded, and the time is restarted when the rider is as close as possible to the place on the course when the time was stopped. b. If a knockdown occurs following a refusal, but not as a result of the refusal, the time is stopped and the fence is rebuilt. No additional penalty is incurred and 6 seconds is not added to their time. Once the fence has been rebuilt, the tone is sounded and the time is restarted no matter where the rider might be on the course.
5. If a disobedience with the knock down in .3 occurs at the second or subsequent part of a combination, the time is restarted when the horse leaves the ground at the first element of the combination. **USEF JP - 27** Elements knocked down preventing a horse from jumping the next obstacle must be removed, even if time must be taken out for this purpose.
6. On Course. After the signal to start has sounded, a competitor must pass through the start markers in the proper direction to be considered on course. (**Refer to USEF JP 136.1**)
7. Time Faults. 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.
8. Exceeding the Time Limit. Any competitor whose time including penalty seconds which might have been assessed for time-out(s), as described under 2 and 3 above, exceeds the Time Limit is eliminated. The 'Time Limit' is defined as double the Time Allowed.
9. Option Fences. At any obstacle marked as an option on the course plan, in the event of a disobedience at one portion, the competitor has the right to attempt either portion in his following attempt. However, in the case of a displacement of any part of the obstacle, the tone must be sounded and all portions must be reset prior to the continuation of the round.
10. During rounds where time is a deciding factor, a re-jump of the entire course may only be considered as an option if there is no automatic or manual time due to very exceptional circumstances. In these cases a competitor may elect not to re-jump the course and instead be placed after competitors with equal faults. If a re-jump does take place, the original score will be void.

USEF JP 139 Disobediences

1. Refusal. Stopping in front of an obstacle to be jumped, whether or not 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 if the horse backs even a single step or circles to retake the course, a refusal is incurred.
2. 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.
3. Resuming the Course. After a run-out or refusal the competitor must, before proceeding on 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. (For Option Fences, refer to **USEF JP 138.9**)
4. 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. Loss of forward movement on banks will not be scored as a disobedience unless the horse takes a step backwards.
5. 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).

USEF JP 140 Falls

1. The first fall of horse or rider results in elimination, except in classes in which special rules apply. (Fault and Out, Top Score, etc.)
2. A rider is 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.
3. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground.
4. In the case of a fall at any time in the competition ring, the rider may not remount.

USEF JP 141 Knockdowns

1. Definition. An obstacle is considered knocked down when in jumping an obstacle, a horse or rider, by contact: a. changes 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 obstacle so that it rests on a different support from the one on which it was originally placed.

2. Special Circumstances. 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, or in the case of a safety cup where all parts of the cup are still attached to the sleeve 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. If, while in the process of being jumped, the top element is struck in such a fashion that it changes the height of the jump, with both ends remaining in the cups and nothing else supporting the top element, it is scored as no faults.

USEF JP 142 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.

USEF JP 143 Breaking Ties

1. Competitors who withdraw, retire or are eliminated from a Jump-off: a. A competitor who is eliminated in a jump-off will be tied with a competitor who retires and will be placed last of the competitors who have completed that jump-off. b. A competitor who withdraws (does not participate) from a jump-off must always be placed after a competitor(s) eliminated or who retires while on the course.

2. Even if only one competitor is willing to participate in the jump-off he is required to enter the arena and receive the signal to start in order to earn top placement.

3. Withdrawing From a Jump-Off. If a competitor wishes not to take part in a jump-off he must notify the judge(s). He will be placed last of those still qualified (on the result of the previous round). Exception: **USEF JP 146.3.g**

4. Except in Fault and Out classes, when two or more horses incur the penalty of elimination during a jump-off, they remain tied regardless of the cause of elimination or the point at which the penalty was incurred. A competitor who does not take part in a jump-off must always be placed behind a competitor who has been eliminated in the same jump-off.

5. Same Ownership. Whenever tied horses are under one ownership or management, the competitor may designate the order of placement.

6. Any competitors that compete in the jump off and are still tied for any placing (i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) shall remain tied unless otherwise stated in the prize list. Prize money and Championship points shall be combined and divided equally among the tied competitors.

7. Competitors who are tied for other than first place in all Jumper sections may either remain tied, the prize money being divided equally among them, or be placed according to the time taken to complete the course. The method of breaking ties must be stated in the prize list and on the judge(s)' cards. If the competitors remain tied, riders must toss a coin for the ribbons, unless management chooses to provide additional ribbons. If points are awarded, points should be added and divided equally among the competitors. A judge or

steward must conduct the breaking of ties when they are to be determined by the tossing of a coin.

USEF JUMPER SCHOOLING RULES

1. It is important to remember that all exercise areas are different in size, type of footing, and jump material provided. It is also important to take into account the size of the horse and the length of his stride when determining the distance of placement rails. Furthermore, the ability of the horse and rider must always be taken into consideration when deciding what is permitted and not permitted during preparation.
2. In the schooling/exercise areas during the preparation for a competition, a minimum of one vertical and one oxer must be provided. The ground must be in good condition. Management must provide sufficient obstacle material. The jumping area should be large enough to provide sufficient room for the training.
3. The use of FEI-approved Safety Cups to support the back rails of all spread obstacles in all warmup/schooling areas is mandatory.
4. Obstacles may be flagged, in which case they must be jumped in the proper direction. The Steward and/or Schooling Supervisor should decide if the flags may be interchanged.
5. No one may hold a rail or touch a standard while it is being jumped.
6. 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.
8. 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).
9. Walk rails are not permitted. Horses are not permitted to walk over cross or slant rails.
10. 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 the oxer is flagged so that it may only be jumped in one direction, there may only be one (1) rail on the back.
11. 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 1m (3'3") out. If a ground line is used on the landing side of a jump, there must be one on the take off side, and it may not be any further out than the one on the take off side. If a jump is flagged so it may only be jumped in one direction, a ground line may never be placed past the vertical plane on the take off side.
12. If a trot/canter/placement rail is used it may only be used, at a vertical which may not exceed 1.30m (4'3") in height. If a rail is used on the take off side of a jump, it may be no closer than 2.50m (8'2"). If a rail is used on the landing side of a jump, it may be no closer

than 3 m (9'10"). Any rail placed 6m (19'8") or further from the take off or landing side of a jump is not to be considered a placement rail and is allowed.

13. If guide rails are used on the landing side of a jump, the closest part of the rail must be a minimum of 3 m (9'10") from the jump.

14. A cross rail may be made either:

15. by itself, in which case the height at which the cups set may not exceed 1.30m (4'3") in height, or

16. below a rail at a vertical or the front rail of an oxer, in either case the cups set not to exceed 1.30m (4'3") in height.

17. Swedish Oxers are not permitted for Jumpers.

18. If a liverpool is supplied and used at a vertical or oxer, the front of the liverpool may not be behind the front plane of the jump. Also, the back of the liverpool may not be placed beyond the front plane of the jump. If used at an oxer, the front of the liverpool may not be more than 1 m (3'3") in front of the jump. The total depth (front to back) may never exceed 1.80m (5' 11").

19. 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 consist of a maximum of three (3) obstacles not exceeding 1 m (3'3") in height.

20. If an item (blanket, cooler, etc.) is laid over the rail of an oxer, it must only 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.

21. The use of materials, which prove hazardous is forbidden.

22. Manual poling and the use of offsets are not permitted.

23. Riders are fully responsible for any jump taken by their horse.

24. Any action deemed not in the best interest of the horse will not be allowed.

JP145 Table of Jumping Faults

1.	Knockdown: a. Of obstacle or standard with any portion of horse, rider or equipment, when jumping that obstacle, b. one or more feet in the water or on the lath, when the lath is being judged, c. or knockdown of rail placed over a water obstacle.	4 Faults
2.	Knockdown of automatic timing equipment, other designated markers on start and finish lines, so long as they are a part of the round being jumped.	4 Faults
3.	First disobedience anywhere on course	4 Faults
4.	Second cumulative disobedience anywhere on course (Exception: classes designated for horses five years of age and under where penalty is 4 faults)	Elimination
5.	Third cumulative disobedience anywhere on course in classes designated for horses five years of age and under	Elimination
6.	Exceeding Time Allowed (for each commenced second over the Time Allowed)	1 Fault
7.	A horse resisting for 45 consecutive seconds	Elimination
8.	Taking more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has begun	Elimination
9.	Taking more than 45 seconds to jump the next obstacle on course	Elimination

10.	Fall of horse and/or rider (except Fault and Out Classes and other classes with special rules) A fall of the Rider and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination.	Elimination
11.	Jumping an obstacle before it is reset, or without waiting for signal to proceed	Elimination
12.	Starting before judge's signal to proceed	Elimination
13.	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
14.	Off course	Elimination
15.	Leaving the enclosure of a closed obstacle incorrectly	Elimination
16.	Rider and/or horse leaving the arena before finishing the course (Exception: JP138.1)	Elimination
17.	Any competitor at the end of his/her round who does not leave the arena through the designed gate (e.g. jumping out of the arena)	Elimination
18.	Actions against a horse deemed excessive (For example: excessive use of whip or spurs at any time within the arena.)	Elimination
19.	Exceeding the Time Limit	Elimination
20.	Jumping out of the arena before, during, or after their round	Elimination
21.	Leaving the arena through the in/out gate before beginning their round, voluntarily or involuntarily, whether or not the tone to begin has sounded.	No Penalty

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PART VII – JUMPER 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 XXXIX – HIGH CHILDREN’S/ADULT JUMPER - USHJA Zone 3 Specs

Classes to be scored under Table II, Section 1, Sections 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2(d) or 3; or Table III (Optimum Time)

Fence Height: 1.1m to 1.15m

- Cross Entry:** High Children’s Jumper rider is not eligible to compete in any jumper class above 1.15m except Equitation or Pony Jumper classes at the same competition,
- High Adult Amateur Jumper rider is not eligible to compete in any jumper class above 1.15m except Equitation classes at the same competition.
 - High Adult Amateur horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the Low Adult Amateur Jumpers at the same show. High Adult Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered.
 - High Children’s Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the Low Children’s Jumpers at the same show. High Children’s Jumper horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered.

Combining/Dividing Sections: High Children’s and High Adult Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than 3 in either section and may combine if there are fewer than 6 in either section. If after combining the High sections there are fewer than 3 entries then competition management must further combine the High sections with the Low sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

RULE XL – LOW CHILDREN’S/ADULT JUMPER - USHJA Zone 3 Specs

Classes to be scored under Table II, Section 1, Sections 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2(d) or 3; or Table III (Optimum Time)

Fence Heights: 1.00m to 1.05m

- Cross Entry:** Low Children’s Jumper riders may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m at the same competition.
- Low Children’s Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the High Children’s Jumpers at the same competition. Low Children’s Jumper horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic if both Low and High are offered.

Combining/Dividing Sections: Low Children’s and Low Adult Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than 3 in either section and may combine if there are fewer than 6 in either section. If after combining the Low sections there are fewer than 3 entries then competition management must further combine the Low sections with the High sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

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 XLI - NCHJA “C” SHOW CHILDREN’S/ADULT JUMPER

Low Section height .90m (3’)
 High Section Height 1.00m (3’3”)

RULE XLII - MODIFIED CHILDREN’S/ADULT JUMPER - NCHJA “C” Shows

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 heights exceed ,9 meter (3’). Fence heights to be set at .85 meters (2’9”).

RULE XLIII – PRE- CHILDREN’S/ADULT JUMPER - NCHJA “C” Shows

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 .85 meters (2’9”). Fence heights to be set at .75 meters (2’6”).

COMBINING JUMPER CLASSES if less than 3 in any section - Pre and Modified can be combined, Modified and Low can be combined, or Low and High can be combined so classes can count for points. All sections jump respective heights when combined.

For the purposes of eligibility and cross entry corresponding heights are:

Height (metric equivalent height)	Corresponding JP/EQ metric class fence heights used for Hunter and Equitation cross entry and eligibility
2’3” (.69 meters)	.70 meters
2’6” (.76 meters)	.75 meters
2’9” (.84 meters)	.85 meters
3’0” (.91 meters)	.90 meters
3’3” (1.00 meters)	1.00 meters
3’6” (1.07 meters)	1.10 meters
3’9” (1.14 meters)	1.15 meters
4’0” (1.22 meters)	1.20 meters
4’3” (1.30 meters)	1.30 meters
4’6” (1.37 meters)	1.40 meters

RULE XLIV - 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

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

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

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| 33. E.J. Haun Memorial Medal Finals | 35. NCHJA Children's Medal Finals |
| 34. Bryan Jones Memorial Medal Finals | 36. 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 | 17. Modified Child/Adult Jumper |
| 9. 11 and Under Equitation | 18. Pre Child/Adult Jumper |

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

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| 19. NCHJA "C" Pony Medal Finals | 20. NCHJA "C" Children's Medal Finals |
| 21. NHJA "C" Adult Medal Finals | 22. NCHJA "C" Low Child/Adult Medal 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 donated in memory of
Sue and Bob Nielsen by Kim Cummings.
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 1st Year Green Working Hunter, 2nd 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
30. “Sir William Perpetual Children’s Hunter 14 and Under Champion” donated by Maggie Wren.

PART IV - SPECIAL NCHJA “C” SHOW AWARDS OFFERED

1. Mark Fisher Small/Medium Pony Hunter Perpetual Cup
Donated by the Sanford Family & Fairtosh Farm
2. Triton Perpetual Grand Pony Hunter Champion
Donated by Triton Stables
3. James A. Graham 11& 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. Fairtosh Perpetual High Score Children’s Hunter Champion
Donated by the Sanford Family and Fairtosh 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
11 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, JUMPER AND EQUITATION POINTS TABULATION

NCHJA Hunter, Jumper, Equitation and Classic 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 that compete in each class.

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 1.0 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.

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.

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.

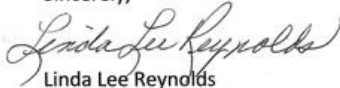
After Ed Haun, who was a beloved announcer and knew everyone who was showing, died at the Roanoke Horse Show the board decided to create a junior medal class like the VHSA class in his memory. The medal was designed by a junior from Winston-Salem and they were gold filled. At that time there was a large 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

NCHJA Hall of Fame

2014	Joseph Darby	2016	Jane Abernathy
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	2020	Frank Willard
2021	Johnny Barker	2022	Billy Bullis
2022	Don Stewart		

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2015	Protocol	2017	Fleetford
2015	Sands A Blaze	2018	Remember the Laughter
2016	Sign The Card	2018	Rain or Shine
2019	Walk The Line	2019	Notoriety
2020	Whisper	2021	Lyric
2022	What About Me		

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