



**INDIANA  
HUNTER AND JUMPER  
ASSOCIATION**

**2026**

**\*\*\*\*\*RULE BOOK\*\*\*\*\***

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Show Committees receiving this Rule Book in preparation for conducting a horse show approved by IHJA should pay particular attention to the restrictions defining those Divisions that are approved by IHJA for points accumulated by exhibitors to be counted for Year End Awards in those Divisions. Members of IHJA are encouraged to carefully read this Rule Book. It is your responsibility to know the rules and regulations.

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## **BYLAWS OF INDIANA HUNTER & JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I:** The name of this organization shall be THE INDIANA HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC. "IHJA" is the approved abbreviation.

### **ARTICLE II: MISSION STATEMENT**

The Indiana Hunter and Jumper Association exists to promote hunter and jumper equestrian sports in Indiana. Our Mission is to provide support and opportunities for riders to advance as far as their desires and abilities allow, and to ensure a totally fair and equitable environment for all members at IHJA recognized competitions and other activities, and in its governance.

Objectives:

- i. Create and maintain an environment that encourages membership, competition, learning, and active involvement of hunter/jumper riders of all ages and skill levels. Explicitly included is proper care and use of horses.
- ii. Encourage, provide, and support safe, high-quality hunter/jumper competitions which are impeccability conducted in a sportsmanship manner.
- iii. Encourage and support IHJA members to advance to the limits of their abilities and desires.
- iv. Recognize effort and accomplishment by members of the Association.
- v. Govern itself by a system comprised of individuals dedicated to serving the entire membership and whose single motive is advancing the welfare of the IHJA with complete integrity.
- vi. Continuously improve the quality of the IHJA, including attracting more USEF rated shows to Indiana.

### **ARTICLE III: FISCAL YEAR**

For accounting purposes, the fiscal year shall end on November 30th.

### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

#### Section 1.

- a) The qualifications for membership shall be "anyone interested in and willing to work for the purposes of the Association" with a paid application.
- b) Membership to be divided into three classifications: (1) Single Membership (2) Family Membership (3) Business Listing

#### Section 2. Dues

Membership dues are to be determined by Executive Committee.

#### Section 3. Payment of Dues:

- The membership term shall begin on December 1st end on November 30. Dues of all members are payable on December 1.
- Dues are non-refundable.

#### Section 4. Voting Rights:

Those eligible to vote at the election of officers must have been members at least 90 days prior to the election and in good standing during said period.

## **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1. Officers**

The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and six Directors. Only members in good standing may hold office.

### **Section 2. Duties of Officers**

#### **a) President.**

1. Preside at all meetings and perform all other duties usual to the office.
2. Appoint Standing Committees as outlined in Article VII.
3. The President will serve a two-year term with full voting rights.

#### **b) Vice-President.**

1. Preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.
2. Act for the President in case of necessary absence or disability and assume the office of the President in the event of the permanent disability or resignation of the President.
3. The Vice-President will serve a two-year term with full voting rights.

#### **c) Secretary/Treasurer.**

1. keep proper records of all business meetings of the Association, of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee.
2. Act as a Corresponding Secretary.
3. Receive all monies due to the Association and shall pay all bills when properly verified by the persons incurring the indebtedness and when allowed by the Board of Directors, or by the members in regular meetings.
4. Keep a proper set of books and shall render an account at each meeting.
5. At the end of the fiscal year, the Finance Committee shall arrange for the review of the books based on presentation of the Secretary/Treasurer's annual report of income and expenses for that year. The Finance Committee will present the report to the full Board at the Annual Meeting.
6. A secretarial fee determined by Finance Committee and approved by the Board shall be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer and Points Secretary, if different. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be reimbursed for all Association related matters.
7. The Secretary/Treasurer will serve a two-year term with full voting rights

#### **d) Director.**

1. The Directors shall be six in number.
2. The immediate Past President serves a one-year term as a Director with full voting rights. In the event there is no immediate Past President, a sixth Director shall be elected.
3. The remaining Directors shall each serve a two-year term with full voting rights except the Past President who will serve one year term with full voting rights.

**Section 3. Removal:** Any Officer or Director may be removed from office for:

- Conduct unbecoming an Officer or Director;
- Failure to attend two board meetings without prior notification of at least 48 hours to one of the Executive Board members;
- Failure to attend fifty percent (50%) or more of the board meetings in a year;
- Failure to pay dues within the first quarter of the fiscal year

Removal will be by a majority vote of the Board of Directors as authorized by these By-Laws. Such removal may take place at any regular or Special Meeting of the Board. The Officer or Director sought to be removed shall be given the opportunity to present a defense prior to the Board vote.

## **ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Section 1. Board of Directors**

The Board shall consist of the officers and directors and chairmen of the standing committees.

Section 2. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and immediate Past President.

Section 3. Professional Advisors

Professional horsemen in the district may attend Board meetings in an advisory capacity, with no voting rights.

Section 4.

Any member in good standing may attend a Board meeting with no voting rights.

**ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES: STANDING AND SPECIAL**

Section 1. Standing Committees:

- a) Standing Committees will serve a one-year term.
- b) Chairmen of Standing Committees will have voting rights ONLY when matter to be voted on pertains to their committee.
- c) Each committee shall consist of a chairman, vice-chairman, and an ex-officio Board member.
  - 1. These three persons MUST be appointed by the President.
  - 2. The Chairman may be an IHJA officer or director or an IHJA member in good standing.
  - 3. Any other IHJA member in good standing may volunteer to serve on any committee.
- d) These Standing Committees will consist of: Finance - Membership - Rules - Annual Horse Show - Awards Banquet - IHJA Medal Finals.

Section 2. Special Committees:

Special Committees, with the exception of the nominating committee, shall be appointed by the President as may be needed.

Section 3. Nominating Committee:

- a) The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members - two from the Board of Directors and three from the general membership.
- b) The members of this committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee two months prior to date of the annual election of officers.
- c) The President shall appoint as chairman of the committee one of the members elected from the Board of Directors.
- d) The slate of nominees prepared by the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the membership one month prior to the election.

**ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS**

Section 1.

Elections shall be held annually, not later than November. Nominations may be made from the floor provided they carry the consent of the nominee. Officers elected are to take office on December 1.

Section 2.

- a) Elections shall be by electronic ballot.
- b) Ties will be settled by a majority of the current Board of Directors, not including any Board Members involved in the tie.
- c) Results of the election shall be announced at the general meeting.
- d) A family, stable, or business membership is entitled to two (2) votes and a single membership is entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 3. Term of Office:

The term of office to correspond to the calendar year(s).

Section 4. Eligibility:

Only members of the Association in good standing at least 90 days prior to the election are eligible for elective office.

Section 5. Vacancies:

Vacancies occurring in the offices of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment made by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX CONDUCTION OF BOARD MEETING**

- a) Board Meetings will be held on a regular basis as determined by the President.
- b) President and/or Secretary will provide all Board Members at least 48 hours' notice.
- c) When possible, the meetings will be set in sufficient time to allow notification of all IHJA members, via the website calendar, of the meeting date, location and agenda.

**ARTICLE X QUORUM**

The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors or Association shall be a majority of its officers and directors (9 in number).

**ARTICLE XI USE OF THE NAME**

The name of this Association shall not be used in connection with any enterprise or legislative matter, except as such action is consistent with the activities and policies of the Association and is approved by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS**

These BYLAWS may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the board at any regular meeting provided due notice shall be given of the proposed amendments at the previous regular meeting, or in writing to every Board member at least two weeks before the meeting at which the amendments are to be acted upon.

**ARTICLE XIII RULE OF ORDER**

The "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall be parliamentary guide for conduction of meetings.

**ARTICLE XIV RULES & REGULATIONS CHANGES**

- a) The rules and regulations may be added to, altered, or amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority of those present.
- b) Except in matters of extraordinary circumstances, all proposals for rule changes must be submitted to the Association by IHJA members, in writing not later than September 15 for delivery to the Rules Committee by October 1st for consideration and recommendation.
- c) The Rules Committee shall meet after October 1st, review and act upon all proposed changes and submit their recommendations to the Board by November 1st.
- d) No rule changes will be considered by the Board which are not submitted and reviewed as aforesaid and published on the website for the perusal by the membership. Membership may submit comments to Board prior to their final decision regarding these proposals. The Board shall meet and review and act upon the proposed rules before November 30th. The Board of Directors is empowered to adopt any rules & regulation rule change proposal, to not adopt the same, or to revise or amend the same at the Board's discretion. The adopted rules will go into effect December 1st.

**Extraordinary rule changes** may be necessary in matters of urgency which may or potentially may affect a significant number of the Association's members or which may be needed to ensure continued smooth operation of the organization. No submissions will be considered for an extraordinary rule change unless two-thirds of the Board vote that the proposed rule change constitutes a matter of urgency which will have or potentially have a significant impact on the Association. Extraordinary rule changes will be decided by the Board and will become effective as decided by the Board.

## **INDIANA HUNTER & JUMPER ASSN. RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **SECTION I: NON-NEGOTIABLE FUNDS**

- 1) Persons submitting non-negotiable funds to IHJA will be notified and assessed a fine of \$35 plus current bank charge.
- 2) If indebtedness and applicable fines are not paid within 20 days, offenders will be declared not in good standing, membership will be revoked, and any points accumulated for year-end awards (if applicable) will be rescinded.
- 3) Managers of IHJA-approved shows, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, having problems collecting non-negotiable entry fees may enlist our services in collecting such funds using the following procedure:
  - a) Submit name and address of IHJA member, copy of entry blank designating horse(s)/rider involved and copy of check to the IHJA Treasurer.
  - b) Upon receipt of such notice, IHJA will notify the individual of their indebtedness. If indebtedness is not settled within 20 days, IHJA will:
    - i) Levy a fine of \$50 to be paid to IHJA,
    - ii) Rescind any year-end award points accumulated at said show
    - iii) Bar individual from taking any part whatsoever in IHJA-approved competitions until settlement is made both indebtedness owed to the IHJA-approved show and of the \$50 fine owed to IHJA.
    - iv) Notification of failure to settle indebtedness will be published on the website.

### **SECTION II: SHOW QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1) Definitions
  - a) Established Show: Established shows are shows which meet all the following criteria:
    - i) Have been approved by IHJA the previous show season.
    - ii) Have been held the previous show season.
    - iii) Are under the same management (individual, team, organization, or corporation)
    - iv) Are applying for dates corresponding to the current/previous season (December 1-November 30)
    - v) For non-rated (local) shows, the show manager must be a current member in good standing with IHJA.
  - b) New Show: Any show that does not meet the criteria for an established show is considered a New Show.
  - c) Owner: An individual or entity who is applying or has been granted approval for holding an IHJA-recognized show.
- 2) Show Dates and Locations:
  - a) IHJA will only approve horse shows in USEF Zone 5 area (Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio) and contiguous states of Missouri and Tennessee, Iowa, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.
  - b) IHJA will only approve one "local" Indiana two-day show and one "local" Indiana one-day Indiana show for any given date. More shows may be approved for a given date if all show managers agree in writing that the shows will not create a conflict. If the show managers do not agree, then the established show will be awarded the date. If there is not an established show, the manager who submitted the application first will be awarded the date.
  - c) IHJA will only approve a maximum of two "local" Indiana shows per month per facility/manager combination.
  - d) IHJA events can legitimately take over or have first refusal over other established horse show dates.
  - e) IHJA can take over a show date to schedule an IHJA annual event, that being the IHJA annual horse show or Medal Finals.
  - f) IHJA has first refusal to take over a horse show date when horse show management cancels the event. IHJA can keep the date as long as event needs the date and if there is no other alternative.
  - g) In the event a show spans from one month into another, show will be classified in the month containing the first

date of the show.

- h) From December 1st to March 15th, shows may be held on a WEATHER PERMITTING basis. The words WEATHER PERMITTING must appear on the original application.
  - i) If a Weather Permitting show must cancel, the show manager must give at least 24 hours' notice to the IHJA Secretary and exhibitors.
  - ii) Horse Show Management must contact the IHJA Secretary within 7 days after notification of cancellation to apply for an alternate date. The alternate date of the show must be within 30 days of the original date. Horse Show Management is responsible for notifying the membership of the alternate date.
- i) If a show is cancelled for any other reason, the show manager must give as much notice as possible to the IHJA Secretary so that the website calendar can be updated. Show application fees are non-refundable.

3) Prize Lists:

- a) Suggestions for prize lists and requests for approval may be obtained by contacting the Secretary.
- b) Shows must clearly designate in their prize lists any IHJA recognized division and/or class which does not comply with IHJA Rules and Regulations.
- c) Name of Judge(s) should appear on the prize list.
- d) No credit will be given for divisions and/or classes whose specifications are not in accordance with IHJA rules.

4) Judges:

- a) A list of Hunter and Jumper judges approved by the Indiana Hunter and Jumper Association is printed on the IHJA website.
- b) Non-USEF judges who reside in the state of Indiana must be an IHJA member to officiate an IHJA-approved show.
- c) If a judge is hired who not recognized by IHJA or USEF, the show must send a IHJA to IHJA for the Board's review.
- d) In case of emergency non-approved judge substitution, the judge's resume must be submitted with the results. If show does not follow proper procedure regarding filing of resumes, approval for the show date(s) for the following year will be denied.
- e) Hunter/Equitation Judges may not officiate at more than three shows given by any show manager or facility in one year period.
- f) Judges must be at least 21 years old. Show committees are encouraged to take this into account when making their selections.
- g) Jumper Judge may only hold two of the three following assignments – judge, announcer, or timer.

5) Application Procedure:

- a) Established show dates will be temporarily protected so that a member show may renew their dates.
  - i) Previous year member shows will be notified of their protected dates by annual notices mailed by October 1.
  - ii) Applications and fees to secure previous year show dates must be submitted to the IHJA Secretary by November 1.
  - iii) IHJA Board will approve via vote the next Show Season calendar at the November General meeting. The approved calendar will be posted on the IHJA website as soon as feasible.
  - iv) Any previous year show that does not submit application and payment by November 1 shall be considered an Open date.
- b) New Show Applicants:
  - i) Applications and fees for new horse shows must be submitted at least 60 days before the start of the horse show.
  - ii) IHJA Board will review and approve new show applications at the next regular board meeting. Board

meeting dates can be found on the IHJA website calendar.

- iii) The IHJA Secretary will notify the applicant of the Board's decision as soon as feasible following the Board Meeting.
  - c) Show managers who host at least two shows at the same facility in a calendar year may designate one of the shows as a double-points show. Show managers may designate additional shows, up to one show per month, as a double-points show by paying a fee to IHJA equal to half of the show application fee.
  - d) If show management cancels an approved show for two consecutive years, they must pay twice the stated application fee to reapply for the dates (EXCEPTION: Shows that are held on a "Weather Permitting" basis, see section II.b.8).
- 6) ANNUAL HORSE SHOW: The Annual Horse Show will be a triple point show.
- 7) REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-USEF APPROVED SHOWS (APPLIES TO ALL SHOWS)
- a) If scheduling hunter classes, must offer all hunter divisions and classes recognized by IHJA.
  - b) If scheduling jumper classes, must offer all jumper divisions recognized by IHJA.
  - c) If scheduling equitation, must offer all equitation divisions, age equitation classes and IHJA Medals.
  - d) SHOWS MAY NOT OFFER MULTIPLE PLACINGS OF THE SAME CLASS.
  - e) Classifications for Non-USEF IHJA Approved Shows:
    - i) Jumper Division Only Show. Must follow number of classes allowed depending on one- or two-day show. Only IHJA approved divisions will count for year end points. Show must be designated as Jumper Only on show application.
    - ii) Hunter Division Only Show. Must follow number of classes allowed depending on one- or two-day show. Only IHJA approved classes will count for year-end awards. Show must be designated as Hunter Only on show application.
    - iii) Equitation Division only show. Must follow number of classes allowed depending on one- or two-day show. Only IHJA Approved divisions will count for year end points. Show must be designated as Equitation Only on show application.
    - iv) 1-Day Shows: Hunters may only offer two O/F classes & one U/S in all hunter divisions. Jumpers may only offer two classes in all jumper divisions. (See Part 2 Terms of Competition (b). The following may be offered if desired: Beginner Rider (4); Children's and Adult Equitation – two O/F and one Flat per division; IHJA Medal Classes.
    - v) 2-Day Shows or more: Hunters may only offer three O/F classes & one U/S in all hunter divisions. Jumpers may only offer three classes in all jumper divisions. May offer other classes as listed in #1 rating. (See requirements listed above)
  - f) To change classifications for Non-USEF IHJA Approved Shows: Approved shows may change their classification by inserting the following statement in their prize list: IF THERE ARE 20 OR FEWER ANIMALS EXHIBITING AT THE SHOW, MANAGEMENT HAS THE OPTION OF CANCELLING ONE DAY OF THE HORSE SHOW. ALL EXHIBITORS THAT ARE SHOWING MUST INFORM MANAGEMENT OF THEIR INTENT TO EXHIBIT TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW DATE TO DETERMINE HORSE COUNT. IT IS THE EXHIBITORS' RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE SHOW REGARDING ANY SCHEDULE CHANGE. SHOW MANAGEMENT WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR EXHIBITORS WHO DO NOT ADHERE TO THESE REQUIREMENTS.
- 8) Duties of Horse Show Management:
- a) Show Managers may not hold positions other than manager for the duration of the show i.e., judge, timer, gate keeper, announcer.
  - b) It will be the responsibility of each IHJA approved show to appoint a three-person horse show committee from IHJA members present. If possible, at least one person should be a Board member.

- c) The names of the members of the committee are to be posted in the Secretary's office and announced. The members of the committee also must be submitted along with the results to the Points Secretary.
- d) This committee should be available at all times to act in an executive capacity. It shall be the duty of this committee to enforce all the rules of our organization. (See Part 10, Disputes).
- e) At non-USEF recognized shows only one person on the three-person committee can be a member from the host show. A USEF Steward may serve in lieu of the committee at a USEF-recognized show.
- f) It shall be the duty of the Show Manager to:
  - i) Enforce all rules of IHJA from the time entries are admitted to the show grounds until their departure.
  - ii) Hire the necessary Judges and Officials for the operation of the show and to see that they are properly qualified.
  - iii) Do not use, hire, or allow on their premises anyone who has been suspended by USEF, for any reason, including but not limited to Safe Sport violations.
  - iv) Provide on the show grounds, suitable medical equipment, during scheduled schooling sessions over fences and during all scheduled performances. The definition of suitable medical equipment is suggested to include but not limited to the following: Back Board, Cervical Collar, 4 x 4 Gauze Dressings, Kerlex or Kling type dressings, Ice Pack or Ziplock Bags for ice, Triangle Bandages, Band-Aids, Simple Splints and Ace or Roller Bandages. Certified or licensed medical personnel with no other duties and appropriate medical equipment must be present during all scheduled performances.
- g) Equipment:
  - i) All IHJA jumper classes must use two timers if timing equipment is not available. If electrical timing equipment used, must have one back up timer. The judge will not be eligible to be a backup timer.
  - ii) A rail must be able to roll on its support; in this case the support must have a depth of 18 mm (0.7") 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 ½".
  - iii) Jump Cups: FEI-approved Safety Release Cups must be used for the back pole of all spreads in every jumper class and to support the back rails of all spread obstacles in all warm-up and schooling arenas.
- h) No poling is authorized, or the abuse of a horse anywhere on the grounds.
- i) Eliminate, without waiting for a protest to be made, a competitor who has made an entry of horse or rider that is ineligible.
- j) Receive and act upon protest and charges by contacting the Three Person Horse Show Committee and report whatever action is taken to IHJA.
- k) Pay premiums and other indebtedness of the show within 60 days.
- l) Provide a telephone at shows. Must be able to contact management during show hours.
- m) Each approved show shall always have a copy of the current IHJA Rule Book available for reference during the show.
- n) Furnish the Judges in each class a score card and exact specifications.
- o) Provide a number for each competitor which shall be worn on the rider's back or in a conspicuous place, clearly visible to the Judge at all times when in competition.
- p) Stalls must be provided of sturdy construction, in good condition and safe for horses and ponies. Prize list must specify type of stabling, size of stall and whether stall doors will be provided.
- q) Potable Water: Convenient and ample water for horses and potable water for human consumption must be free and available at all times. If a facility cannot provide adequate potable water or runs out of potable water, management must provide an alternate water source as soon as possible. If the competition has been without ample water for horses for four consecutive hours, the competition must be halted until water is available.
- r) Restrooms: A minimum of one operable, sanitary restroom must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered the prior year. All restrooms must be stocked daily, or more often depending on use, and must be cleaned and thoroughly sanitized daily, at a minimum.
- s) Provide Secretary's office with adequate personnel and proper communication between secretary, announcer,

in-gate, each ring and stables.

- t) At shows which offer overnight stabling, must provide adequate lighting.
- u) Provide food on the show grounds.
- v) Horses may not be exhibited in the show ring or schooled in the designated warm-up areas after the official hour of sunset unless lighting is provided that assures full and complete visibility.
- w) Show Managers are required to make weather calls. All horses and riders are to be sent back to the safety of the stabling area to wait out the storm. There will be a mandatory 30-minute wait after last sighting of lightning before the show will be allowed to continue.
- x) Management must provide emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which may be quickly relayed to the offsite responder. If no cell phone service is available a land line with twenty-four (24) hour access must be provided. This information must be posted outside the horse show office and printed in the prize list.
- y) All local shows are to request current Coggins (within 1 year) and proof of the following vaccinations: West Nile Virus, Eastern Western and Venezuelan Encephalomyelitis (EEE WEE VEE), Influenza, and Rhinopneumonitis (current within the last 6 months). Show management will be encouraged to require proof of these vaccinations.
- z) Course Designer: The Course Designer is responsible for laying out the course, building the obstacles and for the measurement of the course. The designer, or his designated representative, must be present at all sessions of a show and be available to report to the Judge at any time that the course is ready in all respects. The designer is responsible for the correctness of the course and must consider any suggestions made by the Judge and/or Three Person Horse Show Committee. Copies of the courses must be given to the Judge.
- aa) Schooling: Show Management must provide a sufficient area for schooling horses. Adequate lighting must be provided in schooling areas used after dark. Schooling over obstacles in the ring or over any part of an outside course is permitted only at the time designated by the Show Management. All other schooling over obstacles shall be permitted only within clearly identified areas and only at times designated by the Show Management. Schooling over obstacles in any other area of the show grounds or at any other time is prohibited and shall constitute a violation. If possible, provide separate schooling areas for Hunters and Jumpers if they are shown simultaneously. Each schooling area must have a minimum of two obstacles including at least one spread fence. SHOW MANAGEMENT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPERVISING THE SCHOOLING AREA AND MAINTAINING A SAFE SCHOOLING ENVIRONMENT
- bb) Time Schedule:
  - i) The announced order or time for classes shall not be changed unless (1) at least 12 hours' notice of such change be given to each exhibitor and Judge affected or (2) the consent of each exhibitor affected shall be had in writing.
  - ii) Provided the order of events is not changed, the Show Committee shall have the privilege of calling any class up to 30 minutes ahead of its scheduled time.
  - iii) When the start of any class with no posted order is being delayed by horses not ready to perform, the competition may be closed at the order of the Judges or Show Committee, provided warning is issued and exhibitors are given 3 minutes in which to appear at the in-gate ready to participate.
  - iv) It is recommended that a starting order be established in all classes in which horses compete individually and to allow one minute for an entry to enter the ring. If a jump order is used, it must be posted at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the class.
- cc) Showing ring and/or hunt course must be surrounded by a suitable barrier (fence, rope or flags, etc.). Gate is optional.
- dd) To clarify and to post in the entry booth the division/classes that do not count toward year-end awards.
- ee) Failure of a horse show to comply with the above requirements shall constitute a violation of the rules and will subject the horse show to fine, censure or revocation of its dates (and/or penalty). Fines not to exceed \$100.00.
- ff) Show Results

- i) Show results must be sent within 10 days after the show. A fine of \$50 will be assessed for a late submission.
- ii) All show results must be sent in electronic format from an approved show results program. If not, a \$50.00 fee will be assessed to reformat the results.
- iii) Results must contain placings of 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place, the name of the horse or pony and owner in all hunter and jumper classes and Championship and Reserve, if applicable. Equitation classes must furnish name of RIDER and HORSE not owner and Championship and Reserve, if applicable to RIDER AND HORSE.
- iv) Local shows must submit name of judge and EMT present during the show along with the names on the three-person horse show committee.
- v) All medal fees must be paid before results will be posted.
- vi) If there are results that are missing or erroneous information submitted, show management may be assessed a fine deemed reasonable by a vote of the Board of Directors. Notification must be made within 30 days of the violation. This fine must be remitted with the correct information within 7 days.
- vii) The approved show must furnish the number of entries in each class for the purpose of tabulation of points.
- viii) Shows are required to retain a copy of the official show results until the end of the current show season or for 30 days whichever is longer.
- ix) Failure to pay fine in either instance stated above MAY RESULT IN DENIED OR RECENDED APPROVAL OF SHOW MANAGEMENT'S FUTURE DATES IF PROCEDURE IS NOT FOLLOWED.

9) Terms of Competition:

- a) To be eligible to enter the Under Saddle class, a horse or pony must be entered in at least one full point class over fences in the same division. To earn points and awards won in the Under Saddle class, the entry must complete the course in at least one class over fences.
- b) At least three classes must be offered and held in a division to award a championship. At a one-day non-USEF show, jumper divisions will be awarded champion and reserve points when two classes are offered and held per division.

10) Disputes and Horse Welfare Issues:

- a) Questions or disputes or welfare issues at a horse show in connection with any phase of competition will be referred to the three person Horse Show Committee for ruling. The current USEF Rule Book will be used to settle any questions or protests not covered by the IHJA Rule Book.
- b) If the disputing party in good standing is not satisfied with the verdict, he must present a written protest to the IHJA within five business days. Protest will be reviewed and ruled upon by the Executive Committee of IHJA whose decision shall be final.

11) Eligibility:

- a) To be eligible for a year end award the horse and/or pony must be owned by a member of the Association. A leased animal is considered to be owned by the lessee and accumulates points in his/her name, the award being made to the lessee.
- b) To be eligible for a year end equitation award the rider must be a member of the Association.
- c) A registration fee, determined by Executive Committee, must be paid to IHJA for each horse/pony/member to qualify for year-end awards. For the points to be awarded all registration and membership fees must be received by the Secretary or Show Secretary BEFORE the last day of the show to be counted.

12) Tabulation of Points:

- a) Only the first 6 ribbons shall count regardless of the number of ribbons offered.
- b) Points of all animals and equitation riders will be kept by the IHJA Point Secretary. Results received from IHJA recognized shows are the sole basis upon which the scores are figured and the IHJA tally thus derived shall be the final authority in determining the winners.

- c) Tabulated points will be published on the website periodically throughout the year. Any disputed points must be brought to the attention of the Point Secretary within 30 days after publication, using the online form available at IN-HJA.org.
- i) Points accumulated in one division remain tabulated with that division for the purpose of determining year-end awards.
  - ii) Dividing and/or combining classes and/or sections will be done in accordance with current USEF rules for that division. If divided, show management must award Champion/Reserve Champion in each section.
  - iii) The number of entries for Hunter and Equitation Divisions is determined by the number of entries shown in the FIRST OVER FENCES CLASS of Division. For Jumper Divisions, the number of entries is determined by the number of entries shown in each individual classes entered. Champion points will be based on the class in the Division with the largest number of exhibitors. Other classes tabulated individually since not involved in championships.
  - iv) If a horse/pony and/or rider cross-enters into incompatible classes at any show, the year-end points for the lower-height classes/divisions will not be counted.
  - v) Some divisions are identified as NOT a Championship Division. Shows may award Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons for these divisions, but those points will not count towards year-end awards. In this case, Champion and Reserve Champion Year-End Awards will still be awarded.

d) Point Value: Points awarded using the following scale, per show type, based on placing vs number of entries:

IHJA Local Member						
	1	2	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1 <sup>st</sup>	3	4	7	12	17	22
2 <sup>nd</sup>		2	5	10	15	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>			4	9	14	19
4 <sup>th</sup>			3	8	13	18
5 <sup>th</sup>			2	7	12	17
6 <sup>th</sup>			1	6	11	16
CH	0	4	7	12	17	22
RS		0	5	10	15	20

USEF Regional						
	1	2	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1 <sup>st</sup>	5	6	10	15	20	25
2 <sup>nd</sup>		4	8	13	18	23
3 <sup>rd</sup>			6	11	16	21
4 <sup>th</sup>			4	9	14	19
5 <sup>th</sup>			3	8	13	18
6 <sup>th</sup>			2	7	12	17
CH	0	6	10	15	20	25
RS		0	8	13	18	21

USEF Premier/National						
	1	2	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1 <sup>st</sup>	8	10	14	19	24	29
2 <sup>nd</sup>		6	10	15	20	25
3 <sup>rd</sup>			8	13	18	23
4 <sup>th</sup>			6	11	16	21
5 <sup>th</sup>			5	10	15	20
6 <sup>th</sup>			4	9	14	19
CH	0	10	14	19	24	29
RS		0	10	15	20	25

e) POINTS TO DETERMINE CHAMPIONSHIP

Jumpers and Equitation:

1<sup>st</sup> – 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 points, 4<sup>th</sup> – 2 points, 5<sup>th</sup> – 1 point and 6<sup>th</sup> – ½ point.

Ties involving championships must remain tied.

f) Hunters:

1<sup>st</sup> - 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4 points, 4<sup>th</sup> - 2 points, 5<sup>th</sup> -1 point and 6<sup>th</sup> - 1/2 point.

Add all over fences classes - subtotal. Circle top four horses' points. Only these top four can earn under saddle points toward championship.

If tie exists, award to the horse with the most points over fences. If unable to break tie, - hack off horses or coin toss to break tie.

Exception: Breeding (Best Young Horse) Based on total number of entries in all age classes.

13) Requirements for Year-End Awards:

- Year-end awards shall be awarded on points. Winners shall be those horses (ponies) and/or riders who score the highest number of points in their classifications at IHJA recognized shows from December 1st - November 30th.
- No credit will be given for classes whose specifications are not in accordance with IHJA rules.
- Credit will be given for the first six ribbons only. When championships are awarded, the Champion and Reserve will also receive credit (SEE POINT CHART).
- Nominees must have shown in their division in at least TWO IHJA approved shows to be eligible for year-end awards. Registration fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.

- e) Presentation of the IHJA Year-end Awards will be made at the annual Awards Banquet. Divisions with less than three qualified horses(ponies) and/or riders will receive ribbons only and no other awards unless sponsorship for the division is received.
- f) Ties: In the event of a tie, the Year-End Award will be awarded to each competitor.

14) High Point Hunter, High Point Jumper, and High Point Equitation Champion and Reserve (3 classifications)

- a) The purpose of these awards is to encourage participation at member shows. In making the award, IHJA in no way implies that the winners are best overall but certifies that these animals are properly registered and are exhibited and owned or leased by an IHJA member, acquired the greatest number of points during a given year, as outlined below.
- b) Qualifications:
  - i) Horse/pony or rider may be shown in any number of divisions but only the points in the top division at the end of the year will count.
  - ii) Points may be earned in any division recognized by the Association.
  - iii) No credit will be given for ribbons won in any class that does not count for year-end awards (Example: Warmup or Grand Prix). Classics must be within an IHJA division will count.
  - iv) Horse/pony may be ridden by more than one person (junior, amateur or professional) throughout the year.
  - v) If the horse/pony is sold or leased during the point season, points stay with the horse. The award is made to the owner as shown in the IHJA recording files at the time the horse/pony wins its last point in competition. The owner must be a member in good standing of IHJA.
  - vi) The same horse/pony is not eligible for both Champion and Reserve Champion High Point Hunter or Jumper Awards. The same rider is not eligible for both High Point Equitation Awards.
  - vii) In the event of a tie, award will be presented to each competitor. Both names will appear on the trophy and duplicate souvenir trophies will be awarded.
  - viii) Award - Perpetual Trophy for each High Point Champion and Souvenir Trophy; Reserve Champion - Souvenir Trophy.

15) High Point Trainer Award

A High Point Trainer Award will be awarded to the trainer with the highest total of points earned by the professional trainer and their declared clients in all IHJA recognized divisions at IHJA-recognized shows. The trainer and clients must be members, and all horses must be recorded for points to count. Points will not accumulate prior to membership/recording. Once a member has designated a trainer, the designation cannot be changed for the remainder of the year for the purposes of this award.

16) Transfer of Ownership:

Ownership of a horse (pony) may be transferred during the show year without affecting the animal's score, the award being made to the owner as shown in the IHJA recording files at the time the horse wins its last point in the competition. It is the responsibility of buyer to notify the IHJA Secretary of a transfer of ownership.

17) Change of Animal's Name:

It is the responsibility of the owner to notify the IHJA Secretary of the change of any animal's name within 15 days of such change so tabulation records may be corrected. A fee of \$10 will be charged.

**SECTION III: COMPETITORS**

IHJA Membership is not required to compete at an IHJA-recognized show. However, all participants are required to abide by the following rules.

- 1) Protective Headgear: All riders must wear properly-fastened and properly-fitted protective headgear that meets or exceeds American or International standards for equestrian use (see USEF General Rule 801 for acceptable standards). While competing in a class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap, and continue their performance without penalty or elimination. In jumper classes, the time clock will not stop. 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. Any rider who jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle without headgear or with a harness incorrectly fastened or unfastened will be eliminated unless the circumstances rendered it unsafe for the rider to stop immediately (e.g. if the harness becomes unfastened in the middle of a combination or one or two strides before the obstacle in question).
- 2) Electronic Communication Devices:
  - a) No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e. pager, cellular telephone, 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.
  - b) Electronic communication devices used for the purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring is prohibited in all classes.
  - c) Medical devices, e.g. hearing aids, are exempt from these rules.
- 3) No exhibitor may carry a whip longer than 30" while competing or jumping or schooling over fences.
- 4) Conduct outside of the competition ring: Any action(s) against a horse by an exhibitor, deemed excessive by a judge or official 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; lunging a visibly exhausted horse; lunging an obviously lame horse; chasing a horse with a lunge whip or other inappropriate use of the whip; the use of a lunge whip with any type of appendage or attachment, including but not limited to bags and flags; excessive and/or disruptive cracking of the whip.
- 5) Any rider competing and/or riding anywhere on the competition grounds with their stirrup, stirrup leather, or foot tied or secured in any manner will be automatically eliminated from competition.
- 6) Appointments: Judges and competition managers may waive any of these requirements at their discretion.
  - a) Hunter/Equitation: 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.
    - i) Shirts must have a choker, similar collar, or tie.
    - ii) Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust, or white.
  - b) Jumper: For USEF-licensed competitions, refer to the USEF Rule Book. For Local (non-rated) shows, Standard Jumper Attire is as follows: Coats are not required. Breeches of any color are permitted. Shirts must have standard collars and sleeves. Polo shirts are permitted. Sleeves may be either long or short. Shirts must be tucked into breeches. Sleeveless shirts and shirts with exposed hoods are prohibited. Boots are required. In extreme weather conditions, the use of jackets, sweaters, or raincoats with or without hoods can be allowed by management and/or permission by the Jumper judge.
- 7) Tack and Equipment:
  - a) Hunter:
    - i) Snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in unconventional bits/bridles (e.g., hunter gag, or kimberwicks). Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal bits or nosebands.
      - (1) Illegal bits include three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), etc.
      - (2) Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, flash, drop, and figure eight.
    - ii) Martingales are not permitted in any flat or under saddle class/phase unless class specifications allow their use. Standing and running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal and will result in elimination.
    - iii) All artificial appliances, including but not limited to nasal strips, nose nets, belly bands, boots, wraps and

bandages are prohibited, except that competition management may permit the use of bell boots in the case of inclement weather.

- iv) Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.
  - v) 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.
  - vi) It is recommended that riders use traditional stainless steel stirrup irons that promote proper position of the foot in the iron as well as a correct leg position. It is further recommended that riders use stirrup irons that allow judges a clear and unobstructed view of the position of the foot in the stirrup. Judges may not eliminate a rider for using a particular style of stirrup iron.
- b) Equitation:
- i) Hunt Seat Equitation:
    - (1) Legal bits include snaffles, pelhams, kimberwicks, or full bridles. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, two rings, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), etc. Changing of the bit/bridle between phases is permissible.
    - (2) Illegal nosebands include but are not limited to drip, flash, and figure eight.
    - (3) Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use.
  - ii) Jumping Seat Equitation:
    - (1) Legal bits include snaffles, pelhams, gags, kimberwicks, and two or three ring bits. Any other bits (including but not limited to hackamores, etc.) are prohibited.
    - (2) Legal nosebands include leather cavesson, flash, drop, and figure eight.
    - (3) Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use. Running martingales used in the conventional manner are legal in the over fences phase only. Standing martingales, German martingales, draw reins, or restricted martingales are prohibited in all phases.
  - iii) Spurs, crops or bats are optional but if used must be a conservative color.
  - iv) 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.
  - v) Boots and conservative-colored bandages are permitted on the legs only. An entry will be eliminated for competing with a belly band or a wrap or bandage anywhere other than the horse’s legs.
  - vi) Nose nets are permitted.
- c) Jumper:
- i) Martingales: Draw reins and German Martingales may not be used in classes restricted to Juniors and Amateurs, as well as at any time when a pony is being ridden by a Junior. All other martingales allowed when used in a conventional manner. No other head set devices (chambon, etc.) are permitted in any class.
  - ii) Competitors are prohibited from using a whip that is longer than 30” while in the process of jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited at any time.
  - iii) Curbs: See Hunter/Equitation specifications

**INDIANA HUNTER & JUMPER ASSOCIATION**  
**RECOGNIZED DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS**

The specifications listed below for hunter, jumper and equitation divisions and classes have been designed to try to meet the requirements of IHJA and USEF shows. Divisions and classes will be accepted for points if they do not change the basic specifications and eligibility.

In IHJA-recognized classes that are not also USEF recognized hunter or equitation classes (divisions), simple lead changes should not be severely penalized (as per USEF judging standards) when demonstrated efficiently and effectively for the benefit of the horse balance.

**HUNTER DIVISIONS**

- a) Green Hunter  
Fence height 3'0" - 3'9". Schooling shows may run this division at the height of 3'0". Open to horses of any age in their first or second year of showing at any USEF or IHJA recognized show at 3'. Ponies not allowed. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.
- b) Performance Hunter  
Current USEF rules to apply. Fence height – High Performance – 4'0" – 4'6", Performance Working Hunter – 3'6" – 3'9", Performance Working Hunter 3'3". Non-USEF Schooling Shows may run this division at the Performance Working Hunter height of 3'3". Not to be jogged.
- c) Amateur-Owner Hunter  
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. To be shown at unrated shows at 3'3". Both 3'3" and 3'6" will count for points at rated USEF shows.  
Current USEF Rules to apply. Fence height 3'3".  
If there are three nominated and qualified horses in each fence height, IHJA has the option to separate them for year-end awards.
- d) Amateur Adult Hunter  
Fence height 3'0". Designed for amateur rider. Riders in this division may cross-enter with a different horse into the Amateur Owner Division when qualified. Accumulated points in each division remain tabulated with that division for year-end awards. Ponies may be ridden by adults, suitability to count. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.
- e) IHJA Hunter 3'0"  
Fence height 3'0". Open to horses or ponies. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.
- f) IHJA Hunter 2'9"  
Fence height 2'9". Open to horses or ponies. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.
- g) IHJA Hunter 2'6"  
Fence height 2'6". Open to horses or ponies. In and outs not allowed. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.

- h) Baby Green Hunter  
Fence height 2'6", Open to horses of any age in their first or second year of showing at any USEF or IHJA recognized show at 2'6". Baby Green horses may not cross-enter into any class or division over 2'6" in height. A horse's Baby Green status is not affected if it shows after OCT 1 of the competition year. (This two month grace period will only apply to first year of eligibility). To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.
- i) Non-Pro Schooling Hunter  
Fence height 2'6". Open to any horse or pony ridden by a nonprofessional rider. In and outs not allowed. Judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.
- j) Low Children's Hunter  
Fence height 2'6". Spreads not to exceed fence height. Open to horses or ponies ridden by a Junior. In and outs are not allowed. Judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Riders showing in this division may not cross-enter into any class or division over 2'6" at the same show. Not to be jogged.
- k) Low Adult Amateur Hunter  
Fence height 2'6". Spreads not to exceed fence height. Open to horses or ponies ridden by amateur riders. In and outs are not allowed. Judged on performance, soundness, and way of going. Riders showing in this division may not cross-enter into any class or division over 2'6" at the same show. Not to be jogged.
- l) IHJA Hunter 2'3"  
Fence height 2'3". Open to horses or ponies. In and outs not allowed. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.
- m) IHJA Hunter 2'0"  
Fence height 2'. Open to all horses and ponies. In and outs not allowed. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.
- n) Short Stirrup Hunter  
Fence height 2'. Open to riders 11 years and under. Cross-entering into classes with fences higher than 2' is not permitted except age equitation. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged. No in and outs allowed.
- o) Long Stirrup Hunter  
Fence height 2'. Open to riders 12 years and over who are new to or returning to riding. Cross-entering into classes with fences higher than 2' is not permitted. To be judged on performance, soundness, and way of going. Not to be jogged. No in and outs allowed.
- p) IHJA Hunter 18"  
Fence height 18", vertical fences. Trotting changes are not to be penalized. Open to all horses and ponies. Cross-entering into classes with fences 2'3" and higher at the same show is not permitted. To be judged on performance, soundness, and way of going. Not to be jogged. No in and outs allowed.

- q) Open Cross Pole Hunter  
Cross Pole Fences. Trotting or trotting changes not to be penalized. Open to horses and ponies. Division will have three over fences and one under saddle class. To be judged on performance, soundness, and way of going. Not to be jogged.
- r) Beginner Rider Hunter Cross Poles  
Course containing at least 6 cross pole fences. One over fences, walk/trot under saddle, and walk/trot/canter under saddle. Trotting changes are not to be penalized. Open to riders of any age who are not competing over fences 2' in height or higher at the same show. To be judged on performance, soundness, and way of going. Martingales may be used in all classes. Not to be jogged. No in and outs allowed.
- s) Open Ground Poles Hunter  
Course containing at least 6 poles. One over fences, walk/trot under saddle, and walk/trot/canter under saddle. Trotting changes are not to be penalized. Open to riders of any age. To be judged on performance, soundness, and way of going. Martingales may be used in all classes. Not to be jogged.
- t) Hunter Breeding  
**Eligibility:** Open to all horses and ponies of all breeds.  
**Classes:** Must offer all 4 classes in division as follows: Yearlings, Two Year Old, Three Year Old, Best Young Horse (Open to all 1st and 2nd places horses from the first three classes). Classes may be split if entries warrant but may not be combined.  
**Specifications:** To be judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness, and suitability to become or beget hunters. Horses are to be walked and jogged before being moved in the line in order of preference. Best young horse class must be held. Best young horse will be awarded first place and reserve best young horse will be awarded second place. Points for Best Young Horse will be awarded if more than one entry.
- u) Pony Hunter  
Green Pony Hunter to count as Pony Hunter division points. If showing in both Green and Regular Pony Hunter divisions at the same show, only Regular Pony Hunter points will count for Indiana Hunter and Jumper Association. If there are three nominated and qualified ponies in each height, IHJA has the option to separate them for year-end awards.
- i) Small Pony Hunter  
12.2 hands and under. Current USEF Rules to apply. Fence height 2'3". Not less than 2' at unrated IHJA shows (not USEF). Not to be jogged.
- ii) Medium Pony Hunter  
Over 12.2 and not exceed 13.2. Current USEF Rules to apply. Fence height 2'6". Not less than 2'3" at unrated IHJA show (not USEF). Not to be jogged.
- iii) Large Pony Hunter  
Over 13.2 and not to exceed 14.2. Current USEF Rules to apply. Fence height 2'9". Not to be jogged.
- v) Children's Pony Hunter  
Fences 2' for small/medium and 2'6" for large ponies. Open to ponies ridden by a Junior exhibitor. The combination pony/rider is not eligible for USEF rated classes at the same show. Not to be jogged.

- w) Junior Hunter - Fence height 3'3" at unrated shows. At rated USEF shows, both heights to count for year end points. Current USEF Rules to apply. Fence height 3'3". Not to be jogged. If there are three nominated and qualified horses in each horse height, IHJA has the option to separate them for year-end awards.
- x) Children's Hunter  
 Fence height 3'0"; spreads not to exceed fence height. Open to horses and ponies. To be ridden by a Junior exhibitor. Neither horses nor riders may cross-enter into the Junior Hunter Section at the same show. Ponies cannot compete in the Children's Division if also entered in Pony Division at the same show. Not to be jogged.

## JUMPER DIVISIONS

Current USEF scoring rules shall apply to all Jumper divisions. Points will not be awarded for classes run under Clear Round – Table II (aka Blue-Ribbon round). If a member competes in a jumper class that meets the specification of an IHJA division, however the show titles the division differently, the points will be recognized. However, to gain credit for those points it is the member's responsibility to submit that information to the IHJA Secretary within 30 days of the show's points being posted on the IHJA web site.

### JUMPER LEVELS

0.65 m = Fences 2'1" in height  
 0.70 m = Fences 2'3" in height  
 0.75 m = Fences 2'5" in height  
 0.80 m = Fences 2'7" in height  
 0.85 m = Fences 2'9" in height  
 0.90 m = Fences 2'11" in height  
 0.95 m = Fences 3'1" in height  
 1.00 m = Fences 3'3" in height  
 1.05 m = Fences 3'5" in height  
 1.10 m = Fences 3'7" in height  
 1.15 m = Fences 3'9" in height  
 1.20 m = Fences 3'11" in height  
 1.25 m = Fences 4'1" in height  
 1.30 m = Fences 4'3" in height  
 1.35 m = Fences 4'5" in height  
 1.40 m = Fences 4'7" in height  
 1.45 m = Fences 4'9" in height

Note: At all heights, to qualify as a spread fence, the fence must be 5 cm (2") up to 15 cm (6") wider than the height. Triple Bars may be up to 12" wider than the maximum spread shown.

### a) Future Jumper

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders. Horse may cross-enter into the Puddle Jumper Division, but not a division higher than 0.75 m. All classes in the division must be run as an optimum time class. No combinations or liverpools. Riders may be eliminated or penalized for reckless riding at the judge's discretion. A maximum of two classes may be held at any show. This is NOT a championship division.

**Fences:** 0.65-0.70 m

**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

b) Puddle Jumper

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders. Horse/Rider combination may cross-enter into the 0.85 m Mini or Intermediate Children's/Adult Jumper Divisions, but not any division with fences higher than 0.85 m. At non-rated shows, one class in the division must be run as an optimum time class. No combinations, no liverpools. Riders may be eliminated or penalized for reckless riding at the judge's discretion.

**Fences:** 0.75-0.80 m

**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

c) Mini Jumper

**Eligibility:** Open to all riders.

**Fences:** 0.85 m

**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

d) Intermediate Children's/Adult Jumper

**Eligibility:** Open to all jumpers ridden by Junior or Amateur riders. **Rider may not cross-enter any classes above 0.85m at the same show.**

**Fences:** 0.85 m

**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

e) Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper

**Eligibility:** Open to all jumpers ridden by Junior or Amateur riders. Rider may not cross-enter any classes above 1.0 m at the same show.

**Fences:** 0.90 m – 0.95 m

**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

f) Schooling Jumper

**Eligibility:** Open to all jumpers and riders.

**Fences:** 0.90-0.95 m

**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

g) Junior/Amateur Jumper 1.0m

**Eligibility:** Open to all jumpers ridden by Junior or Amateur riders. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered. Horse/Riders in Low Children's Jumpers may not cross-enter into any classes held above 1.15m at the same competition.

**Fences:** 1.00 m

**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

h) Open Jumper 1.0m

**Eligibility:** Open to all jumpers and riders

**Fences:** 1.00 m

**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply

i) Junior/Amateur Jumper 1.10/1.15 m

**Eligibility:** Open to all jumpers ridden by Junior or Amateur riders. Children's/Adult Amateur horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into Low or High Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper classes at a given show.

**Fences:** 1.10 m – 1.15 m

**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

- j) Open Jumper 1.10/1.15m  
**Eligibility:** Open to all jumpers and riders  
**Fences:** 1.00 m  
**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply
  
- k) Junior/Amateur Jumper  
**Eligibility:** Open to all jumpers ridden by Junior or Amateur riders.  
**Fences:** 1.20 – 1.45 m  
**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.
  
- l) Open Jumper  
**Eligibility:** Open to all jumpers and riders  
**Fences:** 1.20 – 1.45 m  
**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply

#### EQUITATION DIVISIONS

Entries in these divisions are judged on hands and seat according to current USEF rules. Medal classes will not count toward Equitation points. At shows where both an age group division, and a children's age group division are offered, only the age group division will count. Equitation points will count for Pony age group equitation classes, but rider cannot cross-enter into the Horse Equitation division at the same show.

Champion & Reserve Champion points in Equitation divisions will count toward year end awards only if there are 2 over fence and 1 flat class in the division, with the exception of Short Stirrup Equitation. Equitation classes may be held on the flat and/or over fences. ONLY ONE RIDER PER ANIMAL CAN SHOW IN ANY EQUITATION CLASS.

The following Equitation tests are available for the Judge to use for testing:

- m) Work collectively or individually at a walk, rising/posting trot, and/or sitting trot, and/or canter.
- n) Downward Transition Test:
  - i) Walk (4-5 steps)
  - ii) Halt (4-6 seconds)
  - iii) Halt and Back for (3-5 steps). When riders working collectively are asked to halt and then back, they should walk forward a few steps and halt again after backing and then proceed with any further instructions from the judge.
- o) Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack or equipment and/or conformation. The judge may ask question(s) that are appropriate for the level of expected skill of any given class or specifications.
- p) Working either collectively, or individually, riders may demonstrate the lengthening or collection of strides on the flat at the walk, sitting or posting/rising trot and/or canter.
- q) Figure Eight at the trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. In any Figure Eight movement, the rider should start at a center point at the halt. To finish the movement the rider is to return to the halt at same position as the point of commencement.
- r) Figure Eight at the canter on the correct lead. In this movement, the rider will begin at the halt and demonstrate a simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horses is brought back into the walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judges specifies) and then restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. In the center of the figure, then will proceed to the second circle on the opposite lead. The rider will halt in the center at the same point of commencement to finish the figure.

- s) Jump a shortened course. The riders must jump all obstacles in the same direction of the original course unless the judge clearly states that a jump be attempted in the opposite direction of the original course. If the judge requests that a jump be used in the opposite direction it must be a vertical and the ground lines must be correct.
- t) Jump low obstacles at a trot as well as a canter. The maximum height of trot jump is determined as 6" lower than class requirements and is not to exceed 3' for horses and 2' for ponies. Oxers may be used as a trot jump in classes listed at 3'6" or higher.
- u) Demonstrate a half- turn or a half-turn in the reverse. In all cases where a figure is requested between 2 jumps that requires a change of direction, the rider will not be charged for crossing their path nor will this count as a refusal between the obstacles.
- v) Change leads on a line demonstrating simple or flying changes. The simple change is whereby the horses is brought back into the walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judge specifies) and then restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. The flying change is performed in one stride with the front and hind legs changing at the same moment. The change of the leading front and hind leg takes place during the moment of suspension.
- w) Figure Eight at the canter demonstrating flying changes of leads. Like all Figure Eight movements, the rider is to first halt at a center point. The flying change is performed in one stride with the front and hindlegs changing at the same moment. The change of the leading front and hind leg takes place during the moment of suspension. The rider will halt in the center at the same point of commencement to finish the figure.
- x) Collection of strides between 2 fences. It is recommended that a line chosen for this test be not less than 70'. For safety purposes, judges may only ask for additional strides to be added and must not ask rider to leave out a stride.
- y) Work collectively or individually at the walk, posting/rising trot and/or canter without irons. In any case where riders are asked to perform without irons they must be allowed to walk or halt and be afforded the opportunity to cross their irons if they wish.
- z) Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on the correct leads. If trotting, the rider is to demonstrate the changes of diagonals at the center points of the figure, if cantering, the rider should demonstrate the simple or flying changes of lead in the center of the figure. This is a change whereby the horses is brought back into the walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judges specifies) and then restarted into a canter on the opposite lead.
- aa) Canter on the counter lead on the flat. For the purposes of Hunt Seat Equitation on the flat, a counter canter is defined as a balanced canter on the outside lead. If working collectively, no more than 12 riders may counter canter at one time. Riders must complete one full revolution around the arena in each direction.
- bb) A canter on the counter lead may be used on the approach to a jump. For the purposes of Hunt Seat Equitation over fences, the counter canter is rider-invented gymnastic exercise designed to improve balance and suppleness. When utilizing this test, rider may be asked to perform one of the following:
  - i) Approach a single jump on a counter lead. This test requires riders make at least ONE turn or bend of a course of not less than 90° and not more than 120° on the counter lead. OR
  - ii) Demonstrate a counter canter between 2 jumps on the course. For this test, the rider upon landing off the first jump can choose from the following acceptable options:
    - (1) If the rider lands firstly on the inside lead, they may demonstrate a simple or flying change of lead before cantering through the first 90°-120° turn and continue to hold the counter lead to the next jump. Either the simple or flying change is acceptable.
    - (2) If the rider lands firstly on the outside lead, they may continue to hold the outside lead to the next required obstacle.
    - (3) A judge cannot require a rider to land on the counter lead.
- cc) Demonstrate a turn on the forehand done through the halt.
- dd) Demonstrate a turn on the haunches done from the walk.

- ee) Demonstrate Shoulder-in, Shoulder-out, Haunches-in, Haunches-out, Half pass or Leg Yield in both directions at either the walk or the sitting trot.
- ff) Hand Gallop. A hand gallop may be used either when riders are working collectively or individually on the flat and it may also be used on the approach to a jump. The rider must be in a half-seat when executing the hand gallop. A hand gallop may not be requested into or out of a related distance line.
- gg) Ride without stirrups over fences. The riders must be allowed to remove the irons from the saddle or cross them if they wish.
- hh) Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Riders must advise the judge(s) beforehand what ride they plan to demonstrate.
- ii) Change horses. (Note: this is the equivalent of two tests.) Riders will only change horses for Championship classes. Riders will not be asked to ride a different horse unless they have ridden the course on their own horse first.
  - i) When a swap of horses is requested, the rider must be given a minimum of 90 seconds to do a brief flat and jump no more than two (2) schooling jumps.
  - ii) Riders may be requested to jump a previous course or a portion of the previous course. Tests 1 – 22 shall not be included even if included in the former course.

Following are height requirements in each division.

- a) Hunt Seat Equitation 11 and under  
Fences: Unrated Shows 2'0"/Rated Shows 2'3". NO IN & OUTS
- b) Hunt Seat Equitation 12 through 14  
Fences: Unrated Shows 2'6"/Rated Shows 3'0"
- c) Hunt Seat Equitation 15 through 17  
Fences: Unrated Shows 3'0"/Rated Shows 3'3"
- d) Short Stirrup Equitation  
Open to riders 11 and under – Fences 2'0" NO IN & OUTS. Only 1 Over Fence and 1 Flat class will count in this division. If more classes are held, only the first over fence class and/or the first flat class held will count for points. Championship points towards year-end awards will only be counted if the show offers two over fences and one flat class.
- e) Long Stirrup Equitation  
Open to riders 12 years and over who are just starting or returning to riding after a significant absence. Fences 2'0" NO IN AND OUTS. Only 1 over fence and 1 flat class will count in this division. If more classes are held, only the first over fence class and/or the first flat class held will count for points. Championship points towards year-end awards will only be counted if the show offers two over fences and one flat class.

f) IHJA 2'3" Equitation

Open to all horses and ponies. Fences 2'3". Trotting changes not to be penalized. Riders may not cross-enter into classes 2'6" and higher at the same show. Only 1 over fence and 1 flat class will count in this division. If more classes are held, only the first over fence class and/or the first flat class held will count for points. Championship points towards year-end awards will only be counted if the show offers two over fences and one flat class.

g) IHJA 18" Equitation

Open to all horses and ponies. Only 1 over fence and 1 flat class will count in this division. If more classes are held, only the first over fence class and/or the first flat class held will count for points.

h) Ground Pole Equitation

Open to all Riders competing up to the height of 18". Simple lead changes not to be penalized. Horse and rider combinations may trot or canter over poles. Martingales may be used in all ground pole classes. Classes shall be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Current USEF equitation rules to apply (no tests). To consist of four classes:

Flat Section:

- (1) Walk-Trot
- (2) Walk-Trot-Canter (no more than 6 to canter at one time or at the discretion of Judge or show management if space is adequate).

Over Fences Section:

- (3-4) To consist of two ground pole classes. Course will be once or twice around with no change of direction. If entries warrant, classes may be divided by horse or pony or every other number on the list of entries. If divided, must remain divided for all 4 classes.

i) Beginner Rider (Junior) Equitation

Eligibility: This division is designed for beginning riders 17 & under who have not shown over fences 2'3" in height or higher. Open to riders who have not won TWELVE (12) BLUES in this division. Eligibility will be determined on DECEMBER 1 and shall be maintained throughout the ensuing show season. Prior year(s) BLUE ribbons will be carried forward to current year. RIDERS ARE RESTRICTED TO SHOWING IN BEGINNER RIDER, 18" HUNTER, IHJA 2'0" HUNTER, APPLICABLE AGE EQUITATION CLASSES ON THE FLAT, ELIGIBLE SHORT/LONG STIRRUP HUNTER, ELIGIBLE SHORT/LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION, ELIGIBLE UNDER SADDLE CLASSES AND CLASSES UNRECOGNIZED BY IHJA THAT MEET THE HEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS. Ponies and horses are acceptable. Martingales may be used in all classes. Classes shall be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Current USEF equitation rules to apply (no tests). To consist of four classes (additional classes exceeding this number will not be approved by IHJA. If additional classes are offered, show must CLEARLY designate which classes count toward year-end awards):

Flat Section:

- (1) Walk-Trot
- (2) Walk-Trot-Canter (no more than 6 to canter at one time or at the discretion of Judge or show management if space adequate).

Over Fences Section:

- (3-4) To consist of two cross pole classes. Crosspoles - 12"-18" at center. Course will be twice around with no change of direction. No in-and-outs allowed.

- j) Beginner Rider (Adult) Equitation  
Eligibility: This division is designed for beginning riders 18 and over who have not shown over fences 2'3" in height or higher. ALL OTHER SPECIFICATIONS ARE THE SAME AS BEGINNER RIDER (JUNIOR). SEE ABOVE.
- k) Children's Equitation  
Open to Junior riders at the 2'6" height or above. Examples: Low Children's Equitation, Modified Children's Equitation, Children's Equitation. Local shows may run the division at multiple heights and pin all heights together.
- l) Adult Equitation:  
Open to amateur riders at the 2'6" height or above: Examples: Low Adult Equitation, Modified Adult Equitation, Adult Equitation. Local shows may run the division at multiple heights and pin all heights together.

IHJA HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASSES

- a) Contestants must be in proper attire and complete the course for it to be an official IHJA Medal Class.
- b) All IHJA Medal Classes are open to Junior and Amateur riders only.
- c) All riders must be IHJA Members as of the closing of entries.
- d) Show's Fees: For any medal class with more than one exhibitor: \$10 per class plus \$10 per entry. IHJA Medals are available for show management to purchase for \$10 per medal; contact the IHJA Secretary/Treasurer.
- e) All Medal riders must be a member of IHJA as of the closing of entries to participate.
- f) Points to be scored as follows regardless of the classification of the show or number of exhibitors: 10, 7, 5, 3, 2 and 1 point. Riders must have accumulated at least one point in a qualifying medal class prior to the cut -off date to be invited to the finals. The top fifteen riders in each Medal division will be qualified for the Medal Finals regardless of the point total accumulated. In divisions with more than fifteen riders, any rider with ten points or more will also qualify for the Medal Finals.
- g) IHJA Medals are only awarded if there is more than one competitor in a class.
- h) At USEF rated IHJA approved shows not holding IHJA Medal classes, Medal Classes run in a manner consistent with the IHJA specifications will count towards the corresponding Medal Final points
- i) Junior and Adult Hunter Seat Medal classes are held at the following heights. Riders who need to move down in height must do so by June 1.

<b>Medal Hight</b>	<b>In and Outs Allowed?</b>	<b>For riders competing at this height and below:</b>
Crossrail	No	18"
2'0"	No	2'3"
2'6"	No	2'9"
3'0"	Yes	3'3"
3'3"	Yes	Any

j) Class Routine: Hunter Seat Medal Classes

To jump a minimum of 8 (eight) hunter type fences with or without wings. Judge and course designer must incorporate at least two Equitation Tests in the course. The flat phase will consist of a walk, trot, and canter, as well as two or more Equitation Tests. Each phase shall count 50%. The same animal must be shown in all phases of the class and with the same tack in which it began the class except NO MARTINGALES ON THE FLAT. Class to be judged on hands, seat, guidance, and control throughout. Fall of horse or rider, three disobediences, or "off course" shall eliminate contestant and no credit will be awarded toward eligibility. Both phases of medal classes must be held in order to be a qualifying class. It is recommended that the flat phase be held first for qualifying classes.

2) IHJA Jumping Seat Medal Classes:

- a) Contestants must be in proper attire and complete the course for it to be an official IHJA Medal Class.
- b) All IHJA Medal Classes are open to Junior and Amateur riders only.
- c) All riders must be IHJA Members as of the closing of entries.
- d) Show's Fees: For any medal class with more than one exhibitor: \$10 per class plus \$10 per entry. IHJA Medals are available for show management to purchase for \$10 per medal; contact the IHJA Secretary/Treasurer.
- e) All Medal riders must be a member of IHJA as of the closing of entries to participate.
- f) Points to be scored as follows regardless of the classification of the show or number of exhibitors: 10, 7, 5, 3, 2 and 1 point. Riders must have accumulated at least one point in a qualifying medal class prior to the cut -off date to be invited to the finals. The top fifteen riders in each Medal division will be qualified for the Medal Finals regardless of the point total accumulated. In divisions with more than fifteen riders, any rider with ten points or more will also qualify for the Medal Finals.
- g) IHJA Medals are only awarded if there is more than one competitor in a class.
- h) At USEF rated IHJA approved shows not holding IHJA Medal classes, Medal Classes run in a manner consistent with the IHJA specifications will count towards the corresponding Medal Final points.
- i) Jumping Seat Medal classes are held at the following heights: 0.65-0.7m, 0.75-0.80m, and 0.85m. All heights are open to both Junior and Amateur riders. Classes under 0.85m may not include liverpools or in-and-outs. Riders who need to move down in height must do so by June 1.
- j) Class Routine: Jumping Seat Medal Classes

The IHJA Jumping Seat Medal is a two-phase competition with each phase to count 50% and shall be judged on the rider's equitation style, technical merit, judgment, and execution of an efficient, time-saving pace and track. Fall of horse or rider, two cumulative refusals, or "off course" will incur elimination. One point will be subtracted from the rider's score for each commenced second over the time allowed and four points will be deducted for each knockdown on course. The Jumping phase of the class shall be a jumper-style course with a minimum of ten fences.

IHJA MEDAL FINALS

- a) To be held each year at a facility designated by IHJA. Show date will be established by the IHJA Board as soon as possible but no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season. The designated qualifying time period will commence the day following all the Medal Finals. The judge will be USEF Recognized and will be provided by IHJA. The winner of the competition will receive the IHJA Hunter Seat award at the Annual Banquet.
- b) For Hunter Seat Medal Finals, Junior and Adult classes may be combined if there are fewer than three riders in either class.

- c) For Jumper Seat Medal Finals, heights may be combined with the lower height if fewer than three riders are in any class.
- d) Riders must complete both phases of the medal class to qualify.
- e) Each horse/rider combination may compete in one jumping seat and one hunter seat medal final.
- f) The finals will be judged in two phases: 50% - Over Fences/50% - Flat.
- g) Class routine:
  - i) No outside coaching or assistance is allowed during either phase of the Medal Finals Class and may be cause for elimination.
  - ii) The over fences phase will be held first. It is to consist of a course of 8 or more jumps with or without wings. Two or more tests will be incorporated in the course. The judge, course designer and Medal Finals Committee will design this jumping phase. IT SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO BEFIT A MEDAL FINAL PERFORMANCE. Riders will compete based on a random order of go.
  - iii) The flat phase will consist of a walk, trot and canter plus at least two or more tests from the USEF Equitation rules.
  - iv) Scoring: The rider's flat phase score and over fences phase score will both be announced. The two scores from all contestants will be added together, and final placings announced. The same animal must be shown in both phases of the finals in the same tack in which such animal began the finals EXCEPT NO MARTINGALES ON THE FLAT. Winner may show again the following year(s) if qualified.