

**ILLINOIS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION  
2022 IHJA OFFICERS**

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Show Committees receiving this Rule book in preparation for conducting a horse show that is to be approved by The Illinois Hunter and Jumper Association, Inc., should pay particular attention to the restrictions defining those Divisions that are approved by The Illinois Hunter and Jumper Association in order for points accumulated by Exhibitors at said show to be counted for the Year-End Awards in those Divisions.

Show committees should also note that the requirements for The Illinois Hunter and Jumper Association Medal Class should be printed in the prize list as shown in the section of this Rule Book regarding the conduct of Medal Class.

Members of The Illinois Hunter and Jumper Association are encouraged to carefully read this Rule Book because of the recent Rule changes that will affect tabulation of points for Year-End Awards, and the addition of new Divisions and changes in existing Divisions.

Members are responsible for checking the accuracy of their points and notifying the IHJA of any errors within 30 days of the points posting. Send points corrections to the email address [points@IHJA.com](mailto:points@IHJA.com). The IHJA must be notified of any corrections prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>. **All posted points become final on November 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year.**

Points accumulation begins on the effective date of horse/rider's IHJA membership. Points are not retroactive.

All inquiries regarding Rule changes or proposals for future Rule changes should be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting.

# **AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE ILLINOIS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this Association shall be **THE ILLINOIS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The Association is organized for the sole purposes of enhancing and stimulating the sport of riding and showing in the Hunter and Jumper Divisions in the State of Illinois and in the Midwest with the following objectives:

- A. To service, promote, and protect the best interests of the Association Shows for the Exhibitors.
- B. To insure uniform and consistent standards at all Association Shows for the Exhibitors.
- C. To make objective and fair rules governing competition and enforce the rules in relation to the objective benefit of the Association Shows and the Exhibitors.
- D. To adjudicate questions of violation of the rules and to inflict penalties in accordance with the rules.
- E. To maintain proper records in connection with the sport for the use of the members.
- F. To assign dates to all events recognized by the Association.
- G. To establish and maintain an office.
- H. To further the art of riding and to encourage horsemanship and the welfare of horses and ponies.
- I. To make every effort possible to help each individual Show Manager have the best possible shows, with emphasis on assisting the show, stable owners and Exhibitors as well as creating and promoting high spectator interest.
- J. To encourage the individual Exhibitors, by the Association providing special awards for their total performance. These high score awards will be presented at an Annual Banquet which shall honor the accomplishments of the winning Exhibitors.
- K. Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining, after payment of its obligations shall have been made or provide for, and which shall not be held upon condition requiring return, transfer of conveyance, which condition occurs by reason or such dissolution or final liquidation shall be transferred to such charitable organization, having purpose substantially similar to those for which the Corporation is organized, as the Board of Directors of the Corporation may, by majority vote, designate.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

### ***Section 1: Individual Memberships***

**JUNIOR MEMBER** - shall be those persons who have not reached the age of 18 years by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. Junior members may register one (1) horse.

**SENIOR MEMBER** – shall be those persons who will have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. Senior members may register one (1) horse.

### ***Section 2: Group Memberships***

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** - Shall be two (2) members and two (2) horses.

**STABLE MEMBERSHIP** - Shall be that of a non-teaching barn and register two (2) members and unlimited horses.

**TRAINER MEMBERSHIP** – All Trainers must be an IHJA member in order for their clients points to count.

**PROFESSIONAL STABLE** – Shall be that stable under ownership or management of a professional horseman and shall be entitled to register any of their horses. No Equitator/rider shall be entitled to point accumulation under this membership.

**SHOW MANAGER** – The Show Manager must be a Member of the Association and be regulated by the rules and regulations set forth by the Association.

### ***Section 3: Voting Rights of Members***

Junior Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Senior Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Family Memberships shall be entitled to two votes.

Professional and Stable Memberships shall be entitled to two (2) votes.

### ***Section 4: Dues***

Dues for all individuals, group and horse show memberships shall be set at the Annual Meeting by vote of the general membership.

### ***Section 5: Unsettled Debts***

Any unsettled debts with the IHJA affiliated shows will prohibit the rider from competing or accumulating points until the debt is PAID IN FULL. Non-sufficient checks will incur a service charge. Upcoming IHJA shows will be notified of outstanding debts.

## **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

The following positions shall be the elected officers of the Association and shall be elected from the general membership on an alternate year basis at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Association. The President and Recording Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years and the Vice President and Executive Secretary Treasurer shall be elected in odd number years.

**PRESIDENT** - Shall be the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting and any other meetings that may be called of the Association. The President shall execute all documents relative to the functions of the Association. The President shall perform other duties as may be delegated to him or her.

**VICE PRESIDENT** - Shall act in place of the President in all matters and shall have the powers and duties of the President in his or her absence.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER** - Shall be that person who is responsible for the Association's information mailings and for creating and keeping an office of the Association to receive correspondence and respond to the same or, in the alternative, forward the same to the proper party. He or she shall also be responsible for keeping records of the membership and for returning to the members their properly completed membership card with the Association. The Executive Secretary, with the approval of the Officers and Directors, shall employ such clerical help as may be necessary to maintain books and records of the Association. The Executive Secretary will also be responsible for keeping the records and books of the organization. He or she shall make timely reports of receipts and disbursements for the organization.

**RECORDING SECRETARY** – Shall be the person responsible for keeping records and minutes of all meetings.

### ***Section 1: Vacancies***

Vacancies of any of the above-mentioned officers shall be filled from the Directors of the organization and any Director vacancy shall be filled by the Officers of the Association.

### ***Section 2: Compensation***

The Executive Secretary shall receive compensation for his or her position and the rate of such compensation shall be set by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

### ***Section 3: Directors***

There shall be six (6) Directors appointed by the officers of the Association to sit on the Board of Directors and shall come from the general membership.

## **ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES**

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors by August 1st, and said Committee shall report by September 15th of the same year to the Board of Directors with their slate of Officers for the ensuing year.

A Publicity Chairperson may be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association at the first Governing Meeting of the new Board of Directors and shall be responsible for publicizing the Association and its related events.

The Board of Directors may appoint any further Committees, from time to time, as the need may arise.

## **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

### ***Section 1: Annual Meeting***

The Annual Meeting of the Membership shall be held no later than one (1) week prior to the Banquet.

At the Annual Meeting there shall be an election of the officers of the Association as set forth herein and the transaction of other business as may come before the meeting. Notice of such Annual Meeting shall be given by mail, to all Regular Members, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, stating the location, time and date of such meeting.

At such election, a quorum shall be present, which represents ten percent (10%) of the members of the organization, present or by proxy vote. If less than a quorum shall be present, then such meeting maybe adjourned without further notice. If a quorum is present, then an affirmative vote of the majority present, or by proxy, shall be determined to be the act of the Association. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are not open to the general membership, unless permission to address a specific issue has been granted.

### ***Section 2: Special Meetings***

Special meetings of the regular membership may be called by the President, and may be called by any officer or Director at a request, in writing, of at least ten (10) members. Such request shall state the purpose of the proposed meeting, in writing and shall be sent (10) days prior to such meeting, to the regular members of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VII - SEAL**

The Seal of the Association shall be in the form of a circle and shall bear the name of the Association, the name of the State of Illinois and the words "Corporate Seal".

## **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT**

These By-Laws may be amended, altered or modified by a two-thirds vote of the Members of the Association at an Annual or Special Meeting, provided a written proposal of the Amendment be sent to the General Membership at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting. Only that proposed Amendment shall be voted on at that meeting and no other Amendments shall be taken into consideration, unless a separate mailing and notice have taken place and notice given.

### **THE ILLINOIS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **GENERAL**

Provide on the show grounds, qualified medical personnel with no other duties, and suitable medical equipment during all scheduled performances. Qualified medical personnel is defined as a person who is currently certified or licensed in their profession and trained in pre-hospital trauma care. EMT/Paramedics would serve as the highest qualified for that responsibility followed next by doctors, nurses and/or certified athletic trainers certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association. This person must be identified and the area where this person is available must be designated and readily identifiable. An ambulance must be on call or on the grounds. An operational telephone and/or other emergency call priority system must be provided by the competition. Management must post, in the office and by the telephone and/or emergency call equipment, emergency telephone numbers, plus directions to the competition which could be quickly relayed to the off-site responder.

#### **SHOW QUALIFICATIONS**

All shows must have majority Board approval. USEF recognized shows have approval precedence over non-recognized shows. In-state shows have precedence over out-of-state shows. Out-of-state shows may be accepted on the same dates as in-state shows only with approval of the Board and the Management of the in-state horse show. In-state non-recognized shows may be accepted on the same date as out-of-state recognized shows.

In order to be IHJA sanctioned, all shows (in state and out of state) are required to pay a \$100.00 application fee and must report their results electronically. For in-state shows there are additional fees of \$75.00 per day, plus \$10.00 per Medal Class entry. All in-state shows must include IHJA Medal classes: out-of-state shows are prohibited from holding IHJA Medal classes, except IHJA "B" Circuit shows sanctioned by the IHJA. The out-of-state IHJA shows may hold medal classes pending approval from the Board of Directors. All IHJA approved shows must mail a prize list or have it available electronically to all members of the Association TWENTY ONE (21) days prior to said show.

All IHJA/USEF 'A' rated shows must be held over a minimum of three days.

All IHJA/USEF 'B' or 'C' rated shows must be held over a minimum of three days. Also, USEF 'B' and 'C' rated shows will only count for half points towards the IHJA year end awards.

Applications for IHJA approved shows must be received by the IHJA Executive Secretary by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$100.00 application fee. Cancellation of an "A" or "B" show less than sixty (60) days prior to such show, will result in a fine of \$75.00 and possible cancellation of your show's IHJA sanctioning for the following show year. This action is determined by the Board of Directors.

Show results must be sent to the appropriate Point Secretary within ten (10) days after the show or be subject to a fine of \$100.00 plus an accumulative \$10.00 per day beyond the initial ten days, and possible cancellation of your show's sanctioning for the following show year. This action is determined by the Board of Directors.

The completed Secretary check list along with a check for any in state fees (\$10.00 per medal rider, plus \$75.00 per day fee), a list of IHJA medal winners, a list of competitors by Division, and a Steward's report must be sent to the Executive Secretary and postmarked within ten (10) days after the horse show. Failure to comply will result in a \$500.00 fine and could result in the loss of your IHJA sanctioning.

**MANAGERS AND OWNERS OF SHOW DATES OF IHJA "A" OR "B" APPROVED HORSE SHOWS MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE IHJA AT DATE OF APPLICATION, OR SAID SHOW WILL NOT BE SANCTIONED.**

The Horse Show at which the IHJA Medal Finals are held must have a large "R" rated Judge, and a large "R" rated course designer. No Judge may adjudicate at more than 3 IHJA A-Rated shows and no more than 2 IHJA 'B' recognized horse shows within the same horse show year. Said horse shows must be at least 45 days apart. Finals Horse Shows not to count.

Horse Show dates may not be sold, assumed or assigned to another manager. The IHJA controls the sanctioning of the horse show dates. All instate sanctioned horse shows must hold all IHJA divisions that count for year end awards. Failure to comply will result in \$250 per division fine and could result in loss of comparable dates, The decision of the officers and board members shall be final.

## **PROTESTS**

Protests may be made by an Owner, Rider or Trainer of any Horse (Pony) or Exhibitor that is in violation of the Association rules. Such violation must take place within the class that the Protestor was entered in, and the burden or proof of such violation shall be borne by the Protestor. The protest must be made in writing on the appropriate Protest Form, signed by the Protestor and accompanied by a check made payable to the IHJA in the amount of \$100.00 and tendered to the Horse Show Steward by the end of the show day in which the alleged violation occurred. Upon receipt, the Hearing committee shall set a date for the hearing of said protest.

## HORSE SHOW CRITERIA

VIOLATION OF THESE CRITERIA MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF COMPARABLE SHOW DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR, AND THE IMPOSITION OF A FINE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. All shows must run in accordance with IHJA Rules.
2. Schooling area should be a minimum of 80' x 80'.
3. Show area size should be minimum of 75' x 180'.
4. The schooling area must offer at least three (3) fences; 1 vertical and 2 oxers.
5. All courses should be posted a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the class on a diagram no smaller than 8 ½" x 11".
6. Stabling must be made available for a minimum of fifty (50) horses.
7. Shows must have the following and they must be acknowledged on the prize list:
  - Judges must have at least a small "r" rating
  - An USEF Steward must be present ("B" shows may have a board and/or a professional member serve as Steward)
  - A specific Course Designer
  - A Show Secretary
  - A Show Manager
  - A Show Announcer
8. All shows must have an adequate amount of jumps and equipment (gates, poles, standards, flower boxes, etc.), available, in good condition, to satisfy all classes and arenas.
9. An adequate Show Secretary's office must be made readily available, and the Show Secretary must complete the duties listed in the Horse Show guidelines of the IHJA.
10. All Management personnel should be present at least one (1) hour prior to the show.
11. All shows should have proper arena maintenance equipment.
  - Tractor with drag or rake
  - Hand rakes and brooms
  - Adequate watering equipment
12. There should be an adequate ring crew. Recommended: 3 people per show ring.
13. All shows must have proper communication between the Announcer, Secretary, In-Gate Personnel, Stabling area, and Judge, and all should be in good working order.
14. An in-gate person is required with proper communication equipment for all indoor and outdoor shows.
15. Proper footing must be provided for the show rings:
  - Sand ring a minimum of 4" base
  - Grass ring leveled and/or rolled prior to the show



16. Proper footing must be provided for the schooling area:
  - Sand ring a minimum of 4" base
  - Grass ring leveled and/or rolled prior to the show
17. The schooling area, if sand, must be cared for and dragged just as the show arena.
18. Adequate parking and loading/unloading facilities must be provided for the exhibitors, as well as for trucks and trailers.
19. JUMPS – HUNTERS
  - A minimum of eight (8) different obstacles, with at least four (4) oxers.
  - Standards-wing standards a minimum of 5' in height.
  - At least six (6) fences must have flower boxes or brush.
  - Proper fill for all jumps (coops, boxes, brush, flower boxes must be placed 1' in front of rails.
  - Gaps must not exceed 4".
20. JUMPS – JUMPERS
  - A minimum of ten (10) different obstacles, including one (1) combination.
  - A minimum of five (5) colored jumps.
  - All fences must be flagged and numbered.
21. EQUITATION – MEDAL
  - The order of go and the course must be posted one (1) hour prior to the class.
  - A minimum of nine (9) different obstacles, with at least one (1) combination.
  - Two (2) changes of direction and/or leads.
22. Bathroom facilities should be located convenient to the arena and the stabling areas, and be maintained daily.
23. Convenient and adequate telephone facilities must be made available.
24. All instate sanctioned shows must offer all of the Year-End Award Divisions.
25. Prize lists must be received by the membership at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the show. Hard copy or electronic copy is acceptable.
26. Fifty (50) horses must be present and showing to keep dates for the following year. If not, next year's sanctioning of said show will be subject to approval by the IHJA Board of Directors.
27. All shows must have proper liability insurance, with proof of such insurance presented to the IHJA office TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR to the show.
28. An adequate food concession should be open for the duration of the horse show, and be conveniently located.
29. Horse shows may NOT exceed a period of fourteen (14) hours in duration. Time may be extended in the event of extenuating circumstances (i.e. accident, weather. etc.) and must be explained in the Steward's Report. In the event the actual duration of the show exceeds 14 hours, a fine of \$50.00 per each hour in excess if the allotted time shall be imposed.
30. "B" Show Circuit - Any class that has twenty (20) or more riders MUST split the class and award a separate set of ribbons.
31. "B" Show Circuit - All horse show records, including but not limited to judges' cards, entry blanks and computer data, upon request by the Board of Directors of the IHJA, shall be made available and delivered to the IHJA office within (5) days of such request. Failure to present such records shall result in a fine of \$50.00 per day until such records have been delivered to the IHJA office.

32. Competition management for both "A" and "B" Circuits shall place at least one Sharp's container per fifty occupied stalls for disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. It is competition management's responsibility to replace such containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, and their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp instruments. Competition management will place a notice of this requirement either in its prize list or on a specific handout given to trainers on check in at the competition.
33. "A" and "B" Show Circuit – All equitation (Pony, Adult, Jr 14 and Under, Jr. 15 – 17) levels will have two jumping and one under saddle class. This will now be considered a division and awarded such points.

### YEAR-END AWARDS

The purpose of the Year-End Awards is to encourage participation in IHJA Recognized Shows. IHJA awards will be offered in the following divisions.

#### JUMPER YEAR END AWARD DIVISIONS

Division	Circuit	A Heights	B Heights
Schooling Jumper	A&B	.85-1.15m	.90-.95 m
Training Jumper - Low	A&B	.90 m	.75 m
Training Jumper - High	A	1.0 m	
Children's/Adult Jumper (Separate awards on A circuit)	A&B	1.10-1.15 m	.95-1.05 m
Junior Jumper	A	1.20-1.40 m	
Amateur Owner Jumper	A	1.20-1.40 m	
Pony Jumper	A	1.05 m	
Modified Children's/Adult Jumper (Separate awards on A circuit)	A&B	.90-.95 m	.75 m
Low Children's/Adult Jumper	A&B	1.0 m	.85 - .90m
Puddle Jumper	A&B	.75-/80 m	.60 m
Baby Green Jumper	A&B	.75 m	.60 m
Modified Jumper	A&B	1.30 m	1.05-1.25 m

### EQUITATION YEAR END AWARD DIVISIONS

Division	Circuit	A Heights	B Heights
Child/Adult Ground Poles Equitation	B		-
Junior Equitation – A Circuit (11 & Under, 12-14 pony/horse, 15-17) B Circuit (14 & Under, 15-17)	A&B	2', 2'3"/3'0", 3'6"	2'6"-2'9", 2'9"-3'0"
Pony Equitation	A&B	2'3"	2', 2'3", 2'9"
Short Stirrup Equitation	A&B	1'6"-2'	1'6"
Long Stirrup Equitation (B Circuit - Adult & Children separate)		1'6"-2'	1'6"
Open Equitation (Adult, Junior)	B		2'3"-2'6"
Beginner Equitation (Adult, Children)	B		2'3"
Adult Equitation	A&B	3'0"	2'9"-3'0"
Limit Equitation (Adult, Children)	B		2'0"
IHJA Adult Medal	A&B	3'0"	2'9"
IHJA Junior Medal	A&B	3'3"-3'6"	3'0"
IHJA Pony Medal	A&B	2'3", 2'6", 3'	2', 2'3", 2'9"
IHJA Adult Mini-Medal	A&B	2'6"	2'6"
IHJA Children's Medal	A	3'	
IHJA Children's Mini-Medal	A&B	2'6"	2'6"
IHJA Beginner Medal	B		2'3"
IHJA Limit Medal	B		2'0"

### HUNTER YEAR END AWARD DIVISIONS

Division	Circuit	A Heights	B Heights
Baby Green Hunter	A&B	2'6"	2'6"
2'0 Schooling Hunter	B	2'0"	2'0"
2'6 Schooling Hunter (A Circuit USHJA 3-6)	A&B	2'6"	2'6"
3 ft Pre Green Hunter	A&B	2'9"-3'0"	2'9"
3-3" ft Pre Green Hunter	A	3"3	
Green Conformation Hunter	A	3'6" – 3'9"	
Green Working Hunter	B		3'3" - 3'6"
3'0" Green Hunter	A	3'0"	
3'3" Green Hunter	A	3'3"	
3'6" Green Working Hunter	A	3'6"	
3'9" Green Working Hunter	A	3'9"	
3'3" Performance Working Hunter	A&B	3-3"	3-3"

3'6" Performance Working Hunter	A	3-6"	
High Performance Working Hunter	A	4'0"	
High Performance Conformation Hunter	A	3'9"	
3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter (18-35, 36&over)	A	3'6"	
3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter	A&B	3'3"	2'9"-3'3"
Low Working Hunter (A Circuit USHJA 3-0)	A&B	3'0"	3'0"
Non-Thoroughbred Working Hunter	A&B	3'0"	3'0"
Thoroughbred Hunter	B		3'0"
Amateur Adult Hunter (18-35, 36-50, Over 51)	A	3'0"	
Amateur Adult Hunter	B		2'9"
Novice Adult Hunter	A&B	2'6"	2'6"
3'6" Junior Working Hunter (Large, Small)	A	3'6"	
3'3" Junior Working Hunter	A&B	3'3"	2'9"-3'3"
Child/Adult Ground Poles Hunter	B		-
Novice Children's Working Hunter	A&B	2'6"	2'6"
Children's Working Hunter (14&Under, 15-17 on A circuit)	A&B	3'0"	2'9"
Green Pony Hunter (combined Small, Medium, Large)	A	2'0", 2'3", 2'9"	
Pony Hunter - Small/Medium/Large (Separate awards on A Circuit)	A&B	2'3"/2'6"/3'0" "	2'0"/2'3"/ 2'6"-2'9"
Children's Pony Hunter	A	2' - 2'6"	
Short Stirrup Hunter	A&B	1'6"-2'	1'6"
Long Stirrup Hunter (B Circuit - Adult & Children separate)	A&B	1'6"-2'	1'6"
Beginner Hunter (Children, Adult)	B		2'3"
Modified Hunter (Children, Adult)	A&B	2'6"	2'6"
Non-Professional Hunter	B		2'9" - 3'0"
Limit Hunter (Children, Adult)	B		2'
Hunter Breeding (Yearling, 2 year, 3 year)	A		

----- SPECIAL AWARDS -----

**HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR**

**JILL VANNATTA AMATEUR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

----- SPECIAL AWARDS "A" CIRCUIT -----

**AMATEUR ADULT HUNTER GRAND CHAMPION** – Sponsored By: Stanley Luke Farm/Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kennedy. The horse with the most points in any of the Amateur Adult Divisions.

**FLAGLAR GRAND HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY** – Sponsored by Tapestry Farm. The horse with the most points showing in either the 3-6" Green, 3-9" Green, Performance Working 3-3", Performance Working 3-6", or the High Performance Working Hunter Division. May be shown by either a professional or non-professional.

**JUNIOR HUNTER 3-6" GRAND CHAMPION** – Sponsored By: Mark Boyle Equine Services. The horse with the most points shown by a Junior in either the Small or Large Junior Hunter 3-6" Divisions.

**JUNIOR HUNTER 3-3" GRAND CHAMPION** – The horse with the most points shown by a Junior in the Junior Hunter 3-3" Division.

**GREEN CONFORMATION HUNTER CHAMPION** – Sponsored By: Showplace Productions/Patrick and Nicole Boyle. The horse accumulating the most points in the Green Conformation Hunter Division.

**SHOWPLACE PRODUCTIONS JUNIOR RIDER CHALLENGE TROPHY** – A perpetual trophy awarded to the junior hunter rider with the most overall points with junior equitation, junior hunter 3-3" and junior hunter 3-6" divisions combined.

**JENNIFER HANKS TROPHY CIRCUIT** – The pony with the most points exhibiting in the Green, Small, Medium, or Large Pony Hunter Divisions.

**ESCAPEDE PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Donated by The Hanlon Group. The pony with the most points in the Green Pony Division, combined with either the Small, Medium or Large Division.

**FRENCH SILK PERPETUAL TROPHY – Modified Adult Grand Hunter Champion** – Sponsored by Stacey Lefton Glick. The horse with the most points in the Modified Adult Division.

**LITTLE BLACK DRESS PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Donated by Judy Stahr. The horse with the most points in the Novice Adult Hunter Division.

**THE GEORGE Z. AND MAGDA LEFTON PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Sponsored By: Stacey Lefton Glick and King's Crossing LLC. The horse with the most points in the Non-Thoroughbred Hunter Division.

**THE GENTRY FAMILY PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Sponsored by King's Crossing LLC. The horse with the most points in either the 3' or 3-3" Green Hunter div.

**THE SUSAN R KELLY MEMORIAL TROPHY** – Sponsored By: The Judgement Farm Family. The horse with the most points in either the Modified Adult Hunter or the Novice Adult Hunter Divisions.

**SHORT STIRRUP HIGH POINT RIDER** - Sponsored By: Plantation Farms/Ken Stien. The rider with the most points in the Short Stirrup Hunter and Short Stirrup Equitation Divisions combined.

**AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3-6" GRAND CHAMPION** – Sponsored by the Ianello Family. The horse with the most points exhibiting in either 3-6" Amateur Owner 18-35 or 3-6" Amateur Owner 36 & over divisions.

**AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3-3" GRAND CHAMPION** – Sponsored by Showplace productions. The horse with the most points exhibiting in 3-3" Amateur Owner division.

**CHILDREN'S GRAND HUNTER CHAMPION – Armani Perpetual Trophy** - Sponsored by The Johnson Family. The horse with the most points in either Children's 14 & Under or Children's 15 -17 divisions.

**PONY JUMPER PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Sponsored by the Ross Family. The pony with the most points in the Pony Jumper Division.

**MODIFIED CHILDREN'S /ADULT JUMPER PERPETUAL TROPHY** - Sponsored by Showplace Productions/Patrick and Nicole Boyle. The horse with the most points in either the Modified Children's or the Modified Adult Jumper divisions.

**LOW ADULT JUMPER PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Sponsored by Team Yeterian. The horse with the most points in either the Low Adult Jumper Divisions.

**LOW CHILDREN'S JUMPER PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Sponsored by Showplace Productions/Patrick and Nicole Boyle. The horse with most points in the Low Children's Jumper Division.

**CHILDREN'S ADULT JUMPER CHALLENGE TROPHY** – Sponsored by Ledges Sporting Horses. The horse with the most points in either the Children's or Adult Jumper Divisions.

**CAPTAIN VIDEO/MARKET RULES PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Donated by Blue Mountain Farm/Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cerra. The horse with the most points in the Junior Jumper Division.

**IHJA JUNIOR MEDAL FINALS PERPETUAL TROPHY** – The Athletico Memorial Trophy donated by Barbara Disko and Mary Goldman. Winner of the IHJA Junior Medal Finals

**IHJA ADULT MEDAL FINALS PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Sponsored by Roc USA/Nancy Whitehead. Winner of the IHJA Adult Medal Finals

----- **SPECIAL AWARDS “B” CIRCUIT** -----

**AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY** – Sponsored by Showplace Productions/Patrick Boyle. The horse with the most points in the Amateur Owner Division.

**GRAND HUNTER CHAMPION – Jeff Katz Memorial Trophy**

Sponsored By: Illinois Hunter Jumper Association. The horse with the most points in Green or High Performance Working Hunter Division. May be shown by either a professional or non-professional.

**AMATEUR ADULT HUNTER GRAND CHAMPION** – Sponsored By: Stacy and David Bell. The horse with the most points Novice or Amateur Adult Divisions.

**JUNIOR HUNTER GRAND CHAMPION** – Sponsored By: Mark Boyle Equine Services. The horse with the most points in the Junior Working Hunter Division.

**SHOWPLACE PRODUCTIONS JUNIOR RIDER CHALLENGE TROPHY** – A perpetual trophy awarded to the junior hunter rider with the most overall points with equitation and the junior hunter division combined.

**JOHN R. DEBEIR MEMORIAL** – The horse with the most points in the Children’s/Adult Jumper Division.

**THE INFORMANT PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Sponsored By: Bell Farms. The horse with the most points in the Beginner Adult Hunter Division.

**NON-THOROUGHBRED HUNTER CHAMPION** – Sponsored By: Perfecta Farm. The horse with the most points in the Non-Thoroughbred Hunter Division.

**THE PONY HUNTER GRAND CHAMPION** – Sponsored By: Perfecta Farm. The pony with the most overall points exhibiting in the Pony Hunter Division.

**SHORT STIRRUP HIGH POINT RIDER** – Sponsored By: The Buchmiller Family. The rider with the most overall points in both the Short Stirrup Hunter and Equitation Divisions combined.

**LONG STIRRUP HIGH POINT RIDER** – Sponsored By: The Pottenger Family. The rider with the most overall points in the Long Stirrup Hunter and Equitation Divisions combined.

**PONY HIGH POINT RIDER** – Donated by Michael & Susan Plaster. The rider with the most overall points in the Pony Equitation and the Pony Hunter Divisions combined.

**CHILDREN'S GRAND HUNTER CHAMPION** – Sponsored by Ledges Sporting Horses. The horse with the most points in Children Working Hunter Division.

**LIMIT HIGH POINT RIDER TROPHY** - Sponsored by Betty Kolba. The child or adult rider with the most overall points in the Limit Equitation and Hunter Divisions combined.

**BEGINNER CHILDREN HIGH POINT RIDER TROPHY** - Sponsored by The Achenbach Family. The rider with the most overall points in the Beginner Children's Equitation and Beginner Children's Hunter Divisions combined.



## IHJA YEAR END AWARDS – ELIGIBILITY and POINTS

1. To be eligible for an award, the horse and/or pony must be owned and/or leased by a current member of the IHJA.
2. To be eligible for an equitation award, the rider must be a current member of the IHJA.
3. To be eligible for a Year-End Award, riders and horses must declare, on their membership form, which show circuit they intend to compete in and only points accumulated on that circuit will be counted toward end of the year awards. Transfers between show circuits must be recorded with the Executive Secretary. Points may not be transferred between show circuits.
4. Points accumulation for the IHJA award year will run begin on October 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous year and continue through October 14<sup>th</sup> of the award year.
5. No credit will be given for in-state classes whose specifications are not in accordance with IHJA rules. Out-of-state classes may have different specifications, however, they MUST be IHJA sanctioned.
6. Ownership of a horse and/or pony may be transferred during the show season without affecting the animal's accrued points. Awards will be made to the owner as shown in the IHJA recording files at the time the horse wins its last point in competition. It is the responsibility of the new owner to notify the Executive Secretary of a transfer of ownership.
7. ***RIDERS WHO MEET A CLASS/ SECTION ELIGIBILITY RULE AT THE FIRST SHOW IN WHICH THEY COMPETE WILL REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR THAT SECTION FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON, REGARDLESS OF WINS DURING THE SEASON. HOWEVER, THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE NEXT SEASON WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON THOSE WINS***
8. Points will be awarded as shown in the tables below for classes at IHJA "A" Circuit Shows with USEF "A" Rating

IHJA "A" Circuit/USEF "A" Rating Shows					
Hunter/Jumper/Equitation O/F and U/S Class Points					
Marshall/Sterling Classics Bonus Points					
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
10	6	4	2	1	½

IHJA "A" Circuit /USEF "A" Rating Shows					
Model Class Points					
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
5	3	2	1	0.5	0.25

9. Half Points will be awarded as shown in the tables below for classes at IHJA "A" Circuit Shows with USEF "B" or "C" Rating.

IHJA "A" Circuit /USEF "B" or "C" Rating Shows Hunter/Jumper/Equitation O/F and U/S Class Points Marshall/Sterling Classics Bonus Points					
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
5	3	2	1	0.5	0.25

IHJA "A" Circuit /USEF "B" or "C" Rating Shows Model Class Points					
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
2.5	1.5	1	0.5	0.25	0.125

10. Points will be awarded as shown in the table below for classes at IHJA "B" Circuit Shows.

IHJA "B" Circuit Shows Hunter/Jumper/Equitation O/F and U/S Class Points Classics Bonus Points					
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
10	6	4	2	1	1/2

11. Ribbons/Points: Blue (1st); Red (2nd); Yellow (3rd); White (4th); Pink (5th); Green (6th).

Class Placings shall have the same point value, even if less than the specified six (6) places are awarded, due to lack of entries.

12. BONUS POINTS AWARDED FOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS –

At both IHJA "A" (USEF 'A', 'B', 'C' rated) and IHJA "B" shows, there must be a minimum of two (2) entries in each class of a division for year end championship points to be awarded. If there are less than two (2) entries per class, the competitors will receive points for their individual classes, but they will not receive division championship nor reserve championship bonus points.

Note that horse shows may **at their discretion** award championship ribbons and prizes when there are fewer than two (2) entries per class. However, IHJA year end points will not be awarded in these cases.

When calculating the division champion and reserve, the process is as follows:

- 1) The points awarded from all over fences classes are subtotaled, and the top four (4) "over fences" horses identified.
- 2) These top four (4) horses over fences are eligible for Championship and Reserve Bonus Points (the other horses are not eligible, do not earn points from model or under saddle classes and are not included in any further calculation).
- 3) Points from any model and under saddle classes are added to the

subtotals of these top four (4) "over fences" horses, and the top two (2) horses determined from this final calculation.

4) Provided there was the required minimum number of entries per class, these final top two (2) horses are awarded champion and reserve bonus points.

<b>Championship and Reserve Bonus Points</b>	
<b>Champion</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
20	12

When shows are small and there are less than two entries per class, divisions may be combined. If unable to combine divisions riders may compete and receive points for individual classes only, not champion or reserve champion bonus points.

13. "B" CIRCUIT - DOUBLE POINT SHOWS  
"B" Shows with 75 entries or less, horses and riders will receive the standard tabulation of points. "B" Shows with **more than 75 entries** will receive double the point tabulation.
14. In the event of a tie, a Year-End Award will be presented to each competitor.
15. To be eligible for IHJA year end awards, competitors must participate in the over fences classes of a division. A year end award may not be earned solely from participation in under saddle classes.
16. Scores of all horses and/or ponies and equitation riders shall be kept by the IHJA Points Secretaries. Results received from IHJA recognized shows shall be the sole basis upon which the scores are tabulated and the IHJA tally; thus derived, shall be the final authority in determining the winners.
17. Members are responsible for checking the accuracy of their points. For corrections, please email the Web Master at [Points@IHJA.com](mailto:Points@IHJA.com). All corrections must be made two weeks prior to the banquet date. After this date, all points shall be deemed final.

# IHJA “A” CIRCUIT RECOGNIZED HUNTER DIVISIONS

## **HUNTER BREEDING**

The Hunter Breeding Division is open to horses only.

- a) Breeding classes judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Transmissible unsoundness is only to be considered in case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be walked and/or jogged before being moved on the line in order of preference. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two-year olds and Three-year olds are to walk and jog.
- b) Four (4) classes must be offered consisting of Yearlings, Two-year olds, Three-year olds and Best Young Horse. Only these classes will count for IHJA Horse Of The Year Awards.

## **PRE GREEN HUNTER 3’0 and 3’3”**

See current USEF/USHJA Zone V Specifications

## **GREEN CONFORMATION WORKING HUNTER**

See current USEF Rules

## **GREEN WORKING HUNTER**

See current USEF Rules

## **BABY GREEN HUNTER**

Open to all horses not shown over fences in a USEF recognized show prior to October 15<sup>th</sup> of the current show season. **Fence Height: 2’6”.**

## **PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER 3’3”**

See current USEF Rules

## **PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER 3’6”**

See current USEF Rules

## **HIGH PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER**

See current USEF Rules

## **REGULAR CONFORMATION HUNTER**

See current USEF Rules

## **USHJA 2-6/SCHOOLING HUNTER**

Open to all horses, ponies and riders. Ponies must be ridden by a Junior or Amateur. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses and ponies need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his/her decision. Entries in this section MAY cross-enter other sections at the same horse show. **Fence Height 2-6”.**

### **USHJA 3-0/LOW WORKING HUNTER**

Open to all horses, ponies and riders. Ponies must be ridden by a Junior or Amateur. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses and ponies need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his/her decision. Entries in this section MAY cross-enter other sections at the same horse show. **Fence Height 3'**.

### **NON THOROUGHBRED WORKING HUNTER**

Open to all horses without Thoroughbred papers and/or Thoroughbred tattoo. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his/her decision. Horses shown in this section MAY cross-enter into other sections at the same horse show. **Fence Height: 3'**.

### **3'6" AMATEUR OWNER WORKING HUNTER 18 – 35**

See current USEF Rules

### **3'6" AMATEUR OWNER WORKING HUNTER 36 & OVER**

See current USEF Rules

### **3'3" AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER**

See current USEF Rules

### **ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER**

See current USEF/USHJA Zone V Specifications

### **NOVICE ADULT WORKING HUNTER**

Open to all riders 18 years of age and over who have not won six (6) Blue Ribbons over fences in any rated/recognized division as a Junior or Amateur at an USEF or IHJA rated show. Riders who meet the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the section for the entire season, regardless of wins during that season. However, their eligibility for the next season will be dependent upon those wins. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his/her decision. Any rider that cross-enters into other jumping classes higher than 3' is no longer eligible to compete in this division. **Fence Height: 2' 6"**.

### **3'6" SMALL JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER**

See current USEF Rules

### **3'6" LARGE JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER**

See current USEF Rules

### **3'3" JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER**

See current USEF Rules

### **CHILDREN'S HUNTER**

See current USEF/USHJA Zone V Specifications

## **MODIFIED CHILDREN/ADULT HUNTER**

Open to any non-professional/horse rider combination no restrictions. **Fence Height: 2' 6"**.

## **NOVICE CHILDREN'S HUNTER**

Open to horses and ponies ridden by a Junior rider who has not won six blue ribbons over fences at a USEF show. Ribbons won on ponies excluded. Entrants in this section can only cross-enter into the Children's Hunter, Modified Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter and Equitation division where applicable. Riders who meet the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the section for the entire season regardless of wins during that season. However, the eligibility for the next season will be dependent on these wins. Horses need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his/her decision. Any rider who cross-enters into other jumping class higher than 3' is no longer eligible to compete in this division. **Fence Height: 2' 6"**.

## **SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER**

Open to horses or ponies ridden by a Junior rider, 11 years and under. Riders in this section may only cross-enter into the 11 and under Equitation division and the Children's Pony under saddle classes. Martingales are permitted O/F and U/S. **Fence Height: 1'6"-2'**

## **LONG STIRRUP HUNTER**

Open to riders 12 and over. Any rider who cross-enters into other jumping class higher than 2'6" is no longer eligible to compete in this division. Martingales are permitted O/F and U/S. **Fence Height: 1'6"-2'**

## **CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY**

See current USEF/USHJA Zone V Specifications

## **PONY HUNTER**

See current USEF Rules

## **GREEN PONY HUNTER**

See current USEF Rules

# IHJA “A” CIRCUIT

## RECOGNIZED EQUITATION DIVISIONS

### EQUITATION CLASSES

The following classes should be offered under these current rules:

Equitation 11 & Under

Equitation 12 - 14

Equitation 15 – 17

Adult Equitation

Pony Equitation

IHJA Jr. Medal, IHJA Adult Medal, IHJA Pony Medal, IHJA Children’s Medal

IHJA Adult Mini-Medal, IHJA Children’s Mini-Medal

- Riders in classes for Junior exhibitors cannot have reached their 18th birthday before December 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year.
- In Equitation classes, only the rider is being judged, therefore, any horse that is suitable and capable of performing the required class routine is acceptable.
- Stallions are prohibited, (Exception: USEF Talent Search Medal class).

### SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION

Open to horses or ponies ridden by a Junior rider, 11 years and under. Riders in this section may only cross-enter into the 11 and under Equitation Division and the Children’s Pony under saddle class at the same horse show. Martingales are permitted O/F and U/S. **Fence Height: 1’6”-2’**

### LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION

Open to riders 12 and over. Any rider who cross-enters into other jumping class higher than 2’6” is no longer eligible to compete in this division. Martingales are permitted O/F and U/S. **Fence Height: 1’6”-2’**

## **“A” CIRCUIT MEDALS**

For each medal class listed below, riders will be invited to participate in the year end medals finals. Invitations are automatically extended to medals winners, and additional invitations are based on points earned. Riders qualified for more than one medal final must declare and compete in only one year end ride-off. **Riders may compete in only one Medal Finals Class.**

***To be eligible to compete in “A” circuit medals classes, riders must be declared in the “A” Circuit prior to competing in the class. Riders may NOT compete in both “A” and “B” circuit medals finals. Riders may switch circuits during the competition year, however all medals points earned prior to switching circuits will be forfeited.***

**ALL ‘A’ CIRCUIT MEDALS CLASSES** to be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles, which may include one or more combinations and three or more changes of direction. Two or more tests for the top four contestants, USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse/pony. Minimum of 3 riders must compete in order for the class points to count.

### **‘A’ IHJA PONY MEDAL**

Open to ponies ridden by junior members of the IHJA. Obstacles at standard pony heights. Riders may not compete in classes where the fences exceed 3' 6" at the same competition, except for Medal classes, Children's Jumpers, Green Pony Hunters and Pony Jumpers. Rider may not cross-enter into the IHJA Junior Medal at the same show. Riders can not show in the IHJA Junior Medal Finals and the IHJA Pony Medal Finals in the same year.

### **‘A’ IHJA CHILDREN'S MEDAL**

Open to Junior members of the IHJA. Obstacles at 3'. Riders may show in the Children's Mini Medal, but not at the same show. Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other class over 3'3" at the same show.

### **‘A’ IHJA CHILDREN'S MINI-MEDAL**

Open to Junior members of the IHJA. Obstacles at 2' 6". Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other IHJA Medal class nor compete in any other class over 3' at any USEF recognized show.

### **‘A’ IHJA JUNIOR MEDAL**

Open to Junior members of the IHJA. Obstacles at 3' 3" - 3' 6".

### **‘A’ IHJA ADULT MINI-MEDAL**

Open to Amateur members (18 years and older) of the IHJA. Obstacles at 2'6", Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other IHJA Medal class nor compete in any other class over 3' at any USEF recognized show.

### **‘A’ IHJA ADULT MEDAL**

Open to Amateur members (18 years and older) of the IHJA. Obstacles at 3'.



# IHJA “A” CIRCUIT RECOGNIZED JUMPER DIVISIONS

## **PUDDLE JUMPER**

Open to any junior/amateur horse/rider combination. Riders may not cross enter into any class height with fence heights exceeding .95 meters (3'0). **Fences .75-.80 meters**

## **BABY GREEN JUMPER**

Open to any horse/rider combination. Riders may not cross enter into any class height with fence heights exceeding .95 meters (3'0). **Fences .75 meters**

## **LOW TRAINING JUMPER**

Open to any horse or rider. **Fences .95 meters**

## **HIGH TRAINING JUMPER**

Open to any horse or rider. **Fences 1.0 meters**

## **MODIFIED CHILDREN'S/ ADULT JUMPER**

Open to Children's and Amateur Adult jumper riders. Modified Children's/Amateur Adult jumper riders may not cross-enter into any other jumper class at 3'6" or higher at the same show. Speed calculated at 382 yards per minute. Once a rider has jumped over 3'6" at any USEF recognized show they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. Riders may compete in Junior Hunter, Amateur Owner Hunter, Equitation and USEF Talent Search classes. **Fences .90-.95 meters**

## **LOW CHILD/ADULT JUMPERS**

See current USHJA Zone V Specifications . **Fences 1.00 meters**

## **CHILDREN'S/ ADULT JUMPER**

See current USEF/USHJA Zone V Specifications

## **JUNIOR/AMATEUR OWNER JUMPER**

See current USEF Specifications

## **MODIFIED JUMPER**

Open to any horse/rider combination. **Fences 1.30 meters**

## **PONY JUMPER**

See current USEF/USHJA Zone V Specifications

## USEF Metric Fence Height Conversion

The table below is a general reference guideline for conversion of fence heights from meters to feet and inches.

0.70m = Fences 2'3" in height	1.20m = Fences 3'11" in height
0.75m = Fences 2'5" in height	1.25m = Fences 4'1" in height
0.80m = Fences 2'7" in height	1.30m = Fences 4'3" in height
0.85m = Fences 2'9" in height	1.35m = Fences 4'5" in height
0.90m = Fences 2'11" in height	1.40m = Fences 4'7" in height
0.95m = Fences 3'1" in height	1.45m = Fences 4'9" in height
1.00m = Fences 3'3" in height	1.50m = Fences 4'11" in height
1.05m = Fences 3'5" in height	1.55m = Fences 5'1" in height
1.10m = Fences 3'7" in height	1.60m = Fences 5'3" in height
1.15m = Fences 3'9" in height	

## **2017 ZONE 5 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS (IL, IN, KY, MI, OH)**

In accordance with GR 1111.4: Canada, IA, WI, MO, TN, VA, WV, PA, NJ are contiguous states.

### **JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:**

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.
- Horses and Ponies are not required to jog for soundness.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT AMATEURS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:**

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current USEF Amateur certification. Open to horses and ponies.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN'S SECTIONS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:**

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

## **ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Adult Amateurs – may be split into three (3) sections

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

Riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles exceed 3'5" at the same competition, (Exception: Equitation, Jumper classes 1.20m and lower, Amateur Owner Hunter, Amateur Owner Jumper classes, and the USHJA International Hunter Derby). Riders competing in the Amateur Owner Hunter or Amateur Owner Jumper sections may compete on one different horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter section.

#### **Horses:**

Horses cannot cross enter into 3'3" or 3'6" Amateur Owner sections at the same competition.

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

n/a

#### **Fence Height:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Combinations will be permitted

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Must be split into three sections when offered by age:

- Adult Amateurs 18 – 35
- Adult Amateurs 36 – 49
- Adult Amateurs 50 and over

Adult Amateur Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in a section. If there are four (4) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. Adult Amateur Hunter and Children's Hunter may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

Under Saddle Classes: 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.

Handy Hunter Classes: Handy Hunter Classes are optional and can be added at the competition management's discretion.

## **ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Low Adult Amateur Jumper
- High Adult Amateur Jumper

**Cross Entry:**

**Rider:**

Low Adult Amateur Jumper riders may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m at the same competition.

Adult Amateur Jumper riders may not cross enter into High Amateur Owner classes or any other jumper class exceeding 1.30m at the same competition with the exception of classes which do not offer prize money (including add back money) see HU111 and HU108 for cross entry restrictions.

**Horse/Pony**

n/a

**Horse and Rider Combination:**

Low Adult Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the High Adult Amateur Jumpers at the same competition.

High Adult Amateur horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the Low Adult Amateur Jumpers at the same competition.

**Fence Height:**

- Low Adult Amateur Jumper 1.00m (3'3")
- High Adult Amateur Jumper 3'6" or 1.10m (3'7") to 1.15m (3'9")

**Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Sections may be divided by age of rider and may also be combined (Children's with Adult Amateur sections) if so stated in the prize list.

**AGE GROUP EQUITATION: ADULT SECTION**

- Refer to GR1131

**CHILDREN'S HUNTER**

**Sections offered and requirements:**

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

**Cross Entry:**

**Rider:**

A Children's Hunter Horse rider may only compete one different horse in the Junior Hunter Sections.

Riders entered in Children's Hunter Horse sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles exceed 3'5" at the same competition (Exception: Equitation classes up to 3'9", Jumper classes 1.20m and lower, Junior Hunter sections and USHJA International Hunter Derby).

A Junior Hunter rider may only compete one different horse in the Children's Hunter Horse section. Riders entered in the Children's Hunter Horse section may only compete on one Children's Hunter Pony at the same competition.

**Horses/Ponies:**

Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross enter into Junior Hunter sections at the same competition.

**Horse and rider combination:**

n/a

**Fence Height:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Distances will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Combinations will be permitted

**Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in a section. If there are four (4) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. Adult Amateur Hunter and Children's Hunter may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

Handy Hunter Classes: Handy Classes are optional and can be added at the Competition Management's discretion.

## **CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Small/Medium Children's Pony
- Large Children's Pony
- Prize Money: No minimum prize money is required.

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

Riders competing in the Children's Hunter Pony section are not limited to the number of ponies they may show, providing they are not also competing in the Green or Regular Hunter Pony sections and/or Children's Hunter Horse section at the same competition (Exception: competitions which limit entries in accordance with GR 915). If a rider competing in the Children's Hunter Pony section chooses to compete in sections other than Children's Hunter Pony at the same competition, these riders are limited to competing a maximum of one (1) different pony in the Green or Regular Pony Hunter section and one (1) horse in the Children's Hunter horse section at the same competition and in any class not to exceed 3'5" (Exception: Pony Jumpers).

#### **Horse/Pony**

n/a

#### **Horse and Rider Combination**

n/a

#### **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

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Children's Hunter Pony sections may be combined with Children's Hunter Horse sections if there are fewer than four (4) entries in a section. If there are four (4) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. The Children's Hunter Pony may be divided by height (small/medium and large). If there are four (4) or more entries in each height section, the sections must be held separately.

Suggested Distances: At management's discretion, Children's Hunter Pony may choose to run the section as follows using the suggested distance guidelines:

- a. 2' Small Children's Hunter Pony should be (based on 9'9" stride): 4 strides at 48'9"; 5 strides at 58'6"; 6 strides at 68'3"; 7 strides at 78'8"; 8 strides at 87'9".
- b. 2'3" Medium Children's Hunter Pony should be (based on a 10'3" stride): 4 strides at 51'3"; 5 strides at 61'6"; 6 strides at 71'9"; 7 strides at 82'; 8 strides at 92'3".
- c. 2'6" Large Children's Hunter Pony should be (based on an 11' stride): 4 strides at 55'; 5 strides at 66'; 6 strides at 77'; 7 strides at 88'; 8 strides at 99'.

## **CHILDREN'S JUMPER**

### **Sections offered and Requirements:**

- Low Children's Jumper
- High Children's Jumper

### **Cross Entry:**

Illinois Hunter and Jumper Association

**Rider:**

Low Children's Jumpers riders may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m (3'9") at the same competition.

High Children's Jumper riders may not cross enter into High Junior classes or any other jumper class exceeding 1.30m at the same competition with the exception of classes which do not offer prize money (including add back money) see HU111 and HU108 for cross entry restrictions.

**Horse/Pony**

n/a

**Horse and Rider Combination:**

Low Children's horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the High Children's Jumpers at the same competition

High Children's horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the Low Children's Jumpers at the same competition.

**Fence Height:**

- Low Children's Jumper 1.00m to 1.05m • High Children's Jumper 3'6" or 1.10m to 1.15m

**Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Sections may be divided by age of rider and may also be combined (Children's with Adult Amateur sections) if so stated in the prize list.

**AGE GROUP EQUITATION: CHILDREN'S/JUNIOR SECTION**

- Refer to GR1131

**2017 CHILDREN'S AND ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIFICATION SUMMARY**

See [http://www.ushja.org/programs/jumper/documents/2016CHAA\\_Specifications\\_rev.pdf](http://www.ushja.org/programs/jumper/documents/2016CHAA_Specifications_rev.pdf) for full specifications

Zone 5 is in the North Region (Zones 1, 2 and 5)

**MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Riders wishing to participate in the USHJA Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper Championships must complete an application. The rider must be a current active USEF and USHJA Junior or Amateur member in good standing (see GR126.1 & JP 100.1). The horse must be registered with USHJA (see JP 100.2) and recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF GR 1102, in good standing under USEF rules, and shown under the owner of record who must be an active member of USHJA (see GR 1110.1). The rider, parent, and horse owner(s) must certify by signing the USHJA Code of Conduct that they understand this document and agree to be bound by it. **QUALIFYING**

**PROCEDURES:**

The point standings in each zone from December 1 to 60 days prior to the start of the competition will be used to determine a horse/rider's qualification to compete in that zone's CH/AA Championships. A horse/rider is qualified to compete in a USHJA CH/AA Zone Championship if they have earned at least 20 points in their respective (Children's or Adult Amateur) section at USEF licensed competitions held with fence heights of 1.10m to 1.15m as of June 1. **Cross Entry:**

**• Rider:**

An eligible rider is one who has not competed in a class held at a height over 1.20m within the current competition year up through the championship. In addition, an eligible rider must be a current active USEF and USHJA member in good standing (see GR202.1 & JP 100.1). The burden of proof of eligibility to compete will rest with and be the sole responsibility of the owner or rider, and not of the USHJA. USHJA staff is not available to determine each horse's or rider's eligibility.

**Horse/Pony**

No horse competing in a championship may compete in any other class during the same horse show where the championship is hosted.

**Horse and Rider Combination:**

- n/a

## **2017 CHILDREN'S AND ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIFICATION SUMMARY**

See [http://ushja.org/programs/hunter/documents/CHAA\\_Hunter\\_Specs\\_2016.pdf](http://ushja.org/programs/hunter/documents/CHAA_Hunter_Specs_2016.pdf) for full specifications

Zone 5 is in the North Region (Zones 1, 2 and 5)

### **MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Riders wishing to participate in the USHJA Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter Championships must complete an application.

The rider must be a current active USEF and USHJA Junior or Amateur member in good standing (see GR202.1&HU 100).

Each rider's region is determined by the rider's point state as recorded with USEF at the time of his application or the start date of the earliest qualifying period, whichever occurs first.

The horse must be registered with USHJA (see HU101.1) and recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF GR 1102, in good standing under USEF rules, and shown under the owner of record who must be an active member of USHJA (see GR 1110.3).

The rider, parent, and horse owner(s) must certify by signing the USHJA Code of Conduct that they understand this document and agree to be bound by it.

### **QUALIFYING PROCEDURES:**

The qualifying period for the 2017 Regional Championships begins with competitions having a start date of one year before the start date of the Championships. Each qualifying period will include any competition with a start date of no less than 60 days prior to the start date of the Regional Championships.

#### **Cross Entry:**

##### **Rider:**

- Riders cannot compete in a class that exceeds 3'3" during the qualifying period. (Exception: riders may compete in the USHJA National Hunter Derby, Junior Hunter 3'3, Amateur Owner 3'3" section and the Children's or Adult Amateur Jumper section during the qualifying period).

##### **Horse/Pony**

- n/a

##### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

- n/a

## IHJA “B” CIRCUIT RECOGNIZED HUNTER DIVISIONS

### **2'0 SCHOOLING HUNTER**

Open to all levels of horse, pony and rider. **Fence Height: 2'0"**

### **2'6 SCHOOLING HUNTER**

Open to all levels of horse, pony and rider. **Fence Height: 2'6"**

### **LOW WORKING HUNTER**

Open to all levels of horse, pony and rider. Fences set at 3' and will remain the same for horses and ponies. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses and ponies need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his or her decision. Entries in this section **MAY** cross-enter into other sections at the same horse show. **Fence Height: 3'**.

### **PRE-GREEN WORKING HUNTER**

Open to horses of any age in their first or second year of showing at any USEF or IHJA recognized horse shows. Horses may cross-enter into any other sections at any show, provided the height of the fence shown over does not exceed 3'. Any horse who enters any other class with fence heights over 3' is **NO LONGER ELIGIBLE** to compete in this Division, and forfeits points accumulated for Year-End Awards. **Fence Height: 2'9"**.

### **GREEN WORKING HUNTER - 1st Year & 2nd Year Combined**

A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing at any recognized USEF or IHJA shows requiring the horse to jump 3' 3" or higher. **Green Fence Height: 3'3 - 3'6"**.

### **PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER**

A High Performance Working Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing. **Fence Height: 3'3"**.

### **AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER**

To be ridden by Amateur Owners, or an amateur member of the owner's family. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family. Amateur owner riders may ride for other exhibitors in Under Saddle classes and for other Amateur Owners who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle class. 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. **Fence Height: 2' 9"-3' 3 "**.

### **NON-THOROUGHBRED WORKING HUNTER**

Open to all horses and ponies without thoroughbred papers and/or thoroughbred tattoo. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses/ponies shown in this Section **MAY** cross-enter into other sections at the same horse show. **Fence Height: 3'**.



## **THOROUGHBRED HUNTER**

Open to all horses and ponies with thoroughbred papers and/or thoroughbred tattoo. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses/ponies shown in this Section MAY cross-enter into other sections at the same horse show. **Fence Height: 3'**

## **AMATEUR ADULT WORKING HUNTER**

Open to Amateur riders 18 years of age or older. Riders may cross-enter into either the NOVICE ADULT Division or the AMATEUR OWNER Division. The Amateur Adult rider has the option to ride Novice Adult and Amateur Adult, or Amateur Adult and Amateur Owner. Once the Novice Adult rider steps up into the Amateur Owner Division from the Novice Adult Division, they **CANNOT** return to the Novice Adult Division.

**Fence Height: 2'9"**.

## **NOVICE ADULT WORKING HUNTER**

Open to Amateur riders 18 years of age or older who have not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any rated/recognized Division as a Junior or Amateur at an USEF or IHJA rated show, Open Adult Equitation and Beginner Adult Hunter NOT to count. Any rider who meets the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the section for the entire season. **Fence Height: 2'6"**

## **JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER**

Open to Junior riders who are 17 years old and under as of the beginning of the show year (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>). **Fence Height: 2' 9" - - 3'3"**

## **CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTER**

Open to horses and ponies ridden by a Junior rider. Riders may cross-enter into any other Junior Division at the same show. **Fence Height: 2'9"**

## **SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER - CROSSRAILS**

Open to horses or ponies ridden by a Junior rider 11 years and under. Martingales are permitted O/F and U/S. **Fence Height: 1'6"**

*Short Stirrup Hunter riders may cross-enter into Limit Equitation and Limit Hunter.*

*Short Stirrup Hunter riders may MAY NOT cross enter into Beginner Children's Equitation or Beginner Children's Hunter.*

*Short Stirrup Hunter riders may enter Limit Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

## **LONG STIRRUP CHILDREN'S HUNTER - CROSSRAILS**

Open to Junior riders 12-17 years old who have not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF/IHJA horse show. Martingales are permitted O/F and U/S. **Fence Height: 1'6"**

*Long Stirrup Children's Hunter riders may cross-enter into Limit Equitation and Limit Hunter.*

*Long Stirrup Children's Hunter riders may MAY NOT cross enter into Beginner Children's Equitation or Beginner Children's Hunter.*

*Long Stirrup Children's Hunter riders may enter Limit Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

### **LONG STIRRUP ADULT HUNTER - CROSSRAILS**

Open to Amateur riders 18 years and older who have not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF/IHJA horse show. Martingales are permitted O/F and U/S. **Fence Height: 1'6"**

*Long Stirrup Adult Hunter riders may cross-enter into Limit Equitation and Limit Hunter.*

*Long Stirrup Adult Hunter riders may MAY NOT cross enter into Beginner Adult Equitation or Beginner Adult Hunter.*

*Long Stirrup Adult Hunter riders may enter Limit Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

### **LIMIT CHILDREN'S HUNTER**

Open to junior riders 17 years old and under. **Fence Height: 2'0" with no oxers.**

*Limit Children's Hunter riders may cross-enter into Limit Equitation and Short (or Long) Stirrup Equitation, OR they may cross enter into Limit Equitation and Beginner Children's Equitation.*

*Limit Children's Hunter riders MAY NOT enter all 3 Equitation divisions (Limit, Short/Long Stirrup, Beginner Children's). Riders MAY NOT cross enter Short/Long Stirrup and Beginner Children's Equitation or Beginner Children's Hunter.*

*Limit Children's Hunter riders who enter only Limit, or who cross enter into Short/Long Stirrup may enter Limit Medal or Children's Mini-Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

*Limit Children's Hunter riders who cross enter into Beginner Children's Equitation may enter Beginner Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

*Limit Children's Hunter riders may cross enter into Puddle/Baby Green Jumper Divisions.*

## LIMIT ADULT HUNTER

Open to Amateur riders 18 years and older of the beginning of the show year (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>). **Fence Height: 2'0" with no oxers**

*Limit Adult Hunter riders may cross-enter into Limit Equitation and or Long Stirrup Equitation, OR they may cross enter into Limit Equitation and Beginner Adult Equitation.*

*Limit Adult Hunter riders MAY NOT enter all 3 Equitation divisions (Limit, Long Stirrup, Beginner Adult). Riders MAY NOT cross enter Long Stirrup and Beginner Adult Equitation or Beginner Adult Hunter.*

*Limit Adult Hunter riders who enter only Limit, or who cross enter into Long Stirrup may enter Limit Medal or Adult Mini-Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

*Limit Adult Hunter riders who cross enter into Adult Equitation may enter Beginner Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

*Limit Adult Hunter riders may cross enter into Puddle/Baby Green Jumper Divisions.*

## MODIFIED CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Open to Junior riders who are 17 years old and under as of the beginning of the show year (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>). No restrictions. **Fence Height: 2'6"**

## MODIFIED ADULT HUNTER

Open to amateur riders 18 years and older of the beginning of the show year (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>). No restrictions. **Fence Height: 2'6"**

## BEGINNER CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Open to any Junior rider who has not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF or IHJA recognized show, in any division with the exception of the Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup and Pony Divisions. Any rider who enters any other class with fence heights over 3' is NO LONGER ELIGIBLE to compete in this division, and forfeits points toward End of the Year Awards. **Fence Height: 2'3"**

*Beginner Children's Hunter riders MAY NOT cross enter Short/Long Stirrup.*

*Beginner Children's Hunter may enter Beginner Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

## BEGINNER ADULT HUNTER

Open to Amateur riders 18 years of age or older who has not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF or IHJA recognized show, in any division with the exception of the Long Stirrup Division. Any rider who enters any other class with fence heights over 3' is NO LONGER ELIGIBLE to compete in this division, and forfeits points toward End of the Year Awards. **Fence Height: 2'3"**

*Beginner Adult Hunter riders MAY NOT cross enter Long Stirrup.*

*Beginner Adult Hunter may enter Beginner Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

### **CHILD/ADULT GROUND POLE HUNTER**

Open to junior and amateur riders. Riders may not cross enter into any jumping (i.e. over fences) classes.

### **BABY GREEN HUNTER**

Open to all horses not shown over fences at any IHJA or USEF recognized show prior to October 15<sup>th</sup> of the current show season. **Fence Height: 2'6"**

### **NON PRO HUNTER**

Open to all non-professional riders. **Fence Height: 2'9"-3'0"**

### **PONY WORKING HUNTER**

Open to all ponies to be shown in their prospective size group.

<b>Pony</b>	<b>Measurement</b>	<b>Fence Height</b>
Small	12.2 hands & under	2'
Medium	Over 12.2 to 13.2 hands	2'3"
Large	Over 13.2 to 14.2 hands	2'6" - 2'9"

## **PONY MEASUREMENT RULE**

All IHJA registered ponies in the Horse Show must either be measured, or present their active measurement card obtained from the IHJA.

Non IHJA registered ponies will be charged a Non-member Measurement Fee of \$15.00 for each show (permanent cards will not be issued to non-members). Measurement fees and forms will be forwarded to the IHJA Executive Secretary.

A Pony must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of six. Upon attaining the age of six years, the Pony will be issued a Permanent Measurement Card, upon which the card does not have to be renewed again.

Measurement must take place at an IHJA sanctioned Horse Show and the Pony shall be measured in the presence of the Horse Show Steward, and either the Horse Show Manager or a designee of the Board of Directors. No Pony shall be issued an Official Measurement Card unless it is entered and shown at that competition.

Measurement shall be performed by the Steward and/or Board Member at a time and place set prior to the first Pony Class. Such measurement shall be taken with an approved measuring stick, and signed by the Steward and Manager of the show, or person approved by the Board of Directors of the IHJA.

Upon submission of a written protest to the IHJA Steward and/or Board Member and the appropriate fee of \$100.00, the owner or trainer may protest the height of any pony competing in a class in which he/she is also competing. Such protest must be tendered no less than one hour prior to the end of competition on the day which the pony was exhibited.

Upon receiving payment of the written Protest and payment of the appropriate Fee, the Steward and/or Board Member shall immediately measure the pony in order that the height of the heel may not be altered. If the Pony exceeds the height of the section entered by 1/2", then the Pony shall forfeit all winnings for that Show and points to date accumulated in that section shall be forfeited. The Pony may then transfer to the appropriate section. The Owner may appeal this decision. In the event of an appeal, the Owner shall post \$100.00 with the IHJA and be given a date, time and place for the appeal hearing. Present at the hearing shall be the Steward and/or Board Member measuring the protest, either the Horse Show Manager or the designee of the Board of Directors who witnessed and signed the Measurement Form and the Hearing Committee.

Upon such determination of the Hearing Committee, the Pony shall either have it's points reinstated, or points accumulated shall remain forfeited. The results of the Committee shall be final.

A new measurement may be required by an owner for a pony that has never been protested and would need to change it's present shoeing status for medical purposes, injury or new ownership.

***MEASUREMENTS ARE SOLELY FOR THE INTERNAL USE OF THE ILLINOIS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION FOR COMPETITION HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE ANY REPRESENTATION OF WARRANTY REGARDING MEASUREMENT INFORMATION; ACCORDINGLY, THE ILLINOIS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION, LICENSED OFFICIALS AND RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS AND SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR MEASUREMENT ERRORS.***

***THIS CARD MUST BE PRESENTED TO ALL HORSE SHOW OFFICIALS BEFORE THE PONY BEING ENTERED MAY SHOW.***

## IHJA “B” CIRCUIT RECOGNIZED EQUITATION DIVISIONS

### **CHILD/ADULT GROUND POLE EQUITATION.**

Open to junior and amateur riders. Riders may not cross enter into any jumping (i.e. over fences) classes.

### **PONY EQUITATION**

Open to any Junior rider. Riders showing in this division may not compete in any other division where fences exceed 3', and may not compete in the 15 - 17 Equitation or the Junior Medal.

### **SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION**

Open to horses or ponies ridden by a Junior rider 11 years and under. Martingales are permitted O/F and U/S. **Fence Height: 1' 6"**.

*Short Stirrup Equitation riders may cross-enter into Limit Equitation and Limit Hunter.*

*Short Stirrup Equitation riders may MAY NOT cross enter into Beginner Children's Equitation or Beginner Children's Hunter.*

*Short Stirrup Equitation riders may enter Limit Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

### **LONG STIRRUP CHILDREN'S EQUITATION**

Open to Junior riders 17 years old and under who have not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF/IHJA horse show. **Fence Height: 1'6"**.

*Long Stirrup Children's Equitation riders may cross-enter into Limit Equitation and Limit Hunter.*

*Long Stirrup Children's Equitation riders may MAY NOT cross enter into Beginner Children's Equitation or Beginner Children's Hunter.*

*Long Stirrup Children's Equitation riders may enter Limit Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

### **LONG STIRRUP ADULT EQUITATION**

Open to Amateur riders 18 years and older who have not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF/IHJA horse show. **Fence Height: 1'6"**.

*Long Stirrup Adult riders may cross-enter into Limit Equitation and Limit Hunter.*

*Long Stirrup Adult riders may MAY NOT cross enter into Beginner Adult Equitation or Beginner Adult Hunter.*

*Long Stirrup Adult riders may enter Limit Medal or Adult Mini-Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

### **LIMIT CHILDREN'S EQUITATION**

Open to Junior riders 17 years old and under as of the beginning of the show year (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>). **Fences: 2' 0" – 2' 3" with no oxers.**

*Limit Children's Equitation riders may cross-enter into Limit Equitation and Short (or Long) Stirrup Equitation, OR they may cross enter into Limit Equitation and Beginner Children's Equitation.*

*Limit Children's Equitation riders MAY NOT enter all 3 Equitation divisions (Limit, Short/Long Stirrup, Beginner Children's). Riders MAY NOT cross enter Short/Long Stirrup and Beginner Children's Equitation or Beginner Children's Hunter.*

*Limit Children's Equitation riders who enter only Limit, or who cross enter into Short/Long Stirrup may enter Limit Medal or Children's Mini-Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

*Limit Children's Equitation riders who cross enter into Beginner Children's Equitation may enter Beginner Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

*Limit Children's Equitation riders may cross enter into Puddle/Baby Green Jumper Divisions.*

### **LIMIT ADULT EQUITATION**

Open to Amateur riders 18 years and older as of the beginning of the show year (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>). **Fences: 2' 0" – 2' 3" with no oxers.**

*Limit Adult Equitation riders may cross-enter into Limit Equitation and or Long Stirrup Equitation, OR they may cross enter into Limit Equitation and Beginner Adult Equitation.*

*Limit Adult Equitation riders MAY NOT enter all 3 Equitation divisions (Limit, Long Stirrup, Beginner Adult). Riders MAY NOT cross enter Long Stirrup and Beginner Adult Equitation or Beginner Adult Hunter.*

*Limit Adult Equitation riders who enter only Limit, or who cross enter into Long Stirrup may enter Limit Medal or Adult Mini-Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

*Limit Adult Equitation riders who cross enter into Adult Equitation may enter Beginner Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

*Limit Adult Equitation riders may cross enter into Puddle/Baby Green Jumper Divisions.*

## **BEGINNER CHILDREN'S EQUITATION**

Open to any Junior rider who has not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF or IHJA recognized show, in any division with the exception of the Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup and Pony Divisions. Any rider who enters any other class with fence heights over 3' is NO LONGER ELIGIBLE to compete in this division, and forfeits points toward End of the Year Awards. **Fence Height: 2' 3 "**

*Beginner Children's Equitation riders MAY NOT cross enter Short/Long Stirrup.*

*Beginner Children's Equitation may enter Beginner Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

## **BEGINNER ADULT EQUITATION**

Open to Amateur riders 18 years of age or older who has not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF or IHJA recognized show, in any division with the exception of the Long Stirrup Division. Any rider who enters any other class with fence heights over 3' is NO LONGER ELIGIBLE to compete in this division, and forfeits points toward End of the Year Awards. **Fence Height: 2' 3 "**

*Beginner Adult Equitation riders MAY NOT cross enter Long Stirrup Beginner Adult Equitation may enter Beginner Medal. They may NOT enter other Medal classes.*

## **OPEN JUNIOR EQUITATION**

Open to all Junior riders. Once a rider jumps higher than 3' during the current show year, the rider is no longer eligible for this class, and forfeits any points earned for the Year-End Awards. Riders may not cross enter into the Limit Hunter or Limit Equitation Divisions.

**Fence Height: 2' 3"-2' 6".**

## **OPEN ADULT EQUITATION**

Open to Amateur riders 18 and over. Once a rider jumps higher than 3' during the current show year, the rider is no longer eligible for this division, and forfeits any points earned for the Year-End Awards. Riders may not cross enter into the Limit Hunter or Limit Equitation Divisions.

**Fence Height: 2' 3 "- 2' 6".**

## **JUNIOR EQUITATION – 14 & Under**

Open to Junior riders who are 14 years and under old as of the beginning of the show year (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>). **Fence Height: 2' 6"-2' 9".**

## **JUNIOR EQUITATION – 15-17**

Open to Junior riders who are 15 through 17 years old as of the beginning of the show year (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>). **Fence Height: 2' 9"-3'0"**

## **ADULT EQUITATION**

Open to Amateur riders 18 years of age or older. **Fence Height: 2' 9"-3'0"**



## “B” CIRCUIT MEDALS

For each medal class listed below, riders will be invited to participate in the year end medals finals ride-off. Invitations are automatically extended to medals winners, and additional invitations are based on points earned.

Riders qualified for more than one medal final must declare and compete in only one year end ride-off. **Riders may compete in only one Medal Finals Class.**

***To be eligible to compete in “B” circuit medals classes, riders must be declared in the “B” Circuit prior to competing in the class. Riders may NOT compete in both “A” and “B” circuit medals finals. Riders may switch circuits during the competition year, however all medals points earned prior to switching circuits will be forfeited.***

**ALL ‘B’ CIRCUIT MEDALS CLASSES** to be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles, which may include one or more combinations and three or more changes of direction. Two or more tests for the top four contestants are required, USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse/pony. A minimum of 3 riders must compete in a medals class in order for the medal class points to count.

### **‘B’ IHJA PONY MEDAL**

Open to ponies ridden by Junior members of the IHJA. Obstacles set at standard pony heights. RIDERS MAY NOT COMPETE IN DIVISIONS WHERE THE FENCES EXCEED 3’ DURING THE CURRENT SHOW YEAR. Once they compete in a division where the fences exceed 3’, riders forfeit all points accumulated toward eligibility and may not compete in the Pony Medal Finals.

### **‘B’ IHJA CHILDREN’S MINI-MEDAL**

Open to Junior members of the IHJA. Obstacles set at 2’ 6. Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other Medal class nor compete in any other class over 3’ during the current show year. Once they compete in a division where the fences exceed 3’, riders forfeit all points accumulated toward eligibility and may not compete in the Mini Medal Finals.

### **‘B’ IHJA BEGINNER MEDAL**

Open to riders competing in the Beginner Divisions. Obstacles at 2’ 3. Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other Medal class nor compete in any other class over 2’-3” during the current show year. Once they compete in a division where the fences exceed 2-3”, riders forfeit all points accumulated toward eligibility and may not compete in the Beginner Medal Finals.

### **‘B’ IHJA LIMIT MEDAL**

Open to riders competing in the Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, or Limit Divisions. Obstacles at 2’ 0. Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other Medal class nor compete in any other class over 2’ during the current show year. Once they compete in a division where the fences exceed 2’, riders forfeit all points accumulated toward eligibility and may not compete in the Limit Medal Finals.

### **'B' IHJA JUNIOR MEDAL**

Open to Junior members of the IHJA. Obstacles set at 3'-3'3".

### **'B' IHJA ADULT MINI-MEDAL**

Open to Adult Amateur members of the IHJA. Obstacles set at 2' 6". Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other Medal class nor compete in any other class over 3' during the current show year. Once they compete in a division where the fences exceed 3', riders forfeit all points accumulated toward eligibility and may not compete in the Mini Medal Finals.

### **'B' IHJA ADULT MEDAL**

Open to Adult Amateur members of the IHJA. Obstacles set at 2'-9".

## **IHJA "B" CIRCUIT RECOGNIZED JUMPER DIVISIONS**

### **PUDDLE JUMPER**

Open to any junior/amateur horse/rider combination. Riders may not cross enter into any class height with fence heights exceeding .95 meters (3'0). **Fences .60 meters (2'0")**

### **BABY GREEN JUMPER**

Open to any horse/rider combination. Riders may not cross enter into any class height with fence heights exceeding .95 meters (3'0). **Fences .60 meters (2'0")**

### **MODIFIED CHILDREN'S ADULT JUMPERS**

Open to all horses and ponies ridden by a Junior or Adult rider. Riders MAY NOT cross enter into Modified Jumpers. **Fences .75 meters (2'6")**

### **TRAINING JUMPER**

Open to any horse/rider combination. **Fences .75 meters (2'6")**

### **SCHOOLING JUMPER**

Open to any horse/rider combination. **Fences .95 meters (3'0)**

### **LOW CHILDREN'S/ADULT JUMPER**

Open to all horses and ponies ridden by a Junior or Adult rider. Horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the Children's/Adult Jumpers at the same competition. Riders in Low Children's/Adult Jumper may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.05m (3'3") at the same competition. **Fences .85m – .90 meters (2'9"-3'0)**

### **CHILDREN'S/ADULT JUMPER**

Open to all horses and ponies ridden by a Junior or Adult rider. Horse/rider combination in this section MAY cross-enter at the same show into the MODIFIED JUMPER DIVISION. **Fences .90m – 1.05 meters (3'0-3'3")**

### **MODIFIED JUMPER**

Open to any horse/rider combination. **Fences 1.05 – 1.25 meters**

# SHOW STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## **Chairman: IHJA Board**

This Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Co-Chairman, and a panel of eight persons who have been selected from a list of volunteers.

The object of this Committee is to assist all Show Managers in having a successful horse show. This is achieved through maintaining an updated set of guidelines for the Show Managers for reference. RE: pages 9 & 10 in this IHJA Rule Book, Horse Show Criteria. Also, the Committee is responsible for keeping the Horse Show Secretary's office stocked with Horse Show standards reports. These are forms which the exhibitors and trainers may fill out at each show and send to the Chairman of this Committee, enabling them to voice their opinion on the condition of the show, be it good or bad. It also allows the exhibitors to make any suggestions as to the betterment of the show.

These reports are then reviewed by the Show Standards Committee throughout the year, and brought up to the Board of Directors during the show season. The Show Standards Committee will review this information and take the appropriate action with the assistance of the Board of Directors. This is the only way that we, the IHJA, can be kept abreast of the likes and dislikes of our members. We need your opinions to keep the quality of the show circuits both "A" & "B" at a standard above other associations.

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