



**INDIANA  
HUNTER AND JUMPER  
ASSOCIATION**

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**\*\*\*\*\*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 year shall begin on December 1st and dues of all members are payable on that date. 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. On the day of the election all those wishing to vote in person must register and a list of eligible voters must be posted and a count of registered voters taken prior to the election.

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

b. **Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President. Shall 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. The Vice-President will serve a two year term with full voting rights.

**c. Secretary/Treasurer.** The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep proper records of all business meetings of the Association, of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also act as a Corresponding Secretary. 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. The Secretary/Treasurer shall 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. Shall keep a proper set of books and shall render an account at each meeting. 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. The Secretary/Treasurer will serve a two year term with full voting rights

**d. Director** The Directors shall be six in number. They will serve two year terms with full voting rights except the Past President who will serve one year term with full voting rights. In the event there is no immediate Past President, the sixth director shall be the candidate receiving the third largest number of votes at the annual election. This Director will serve a 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 I. Standing Committees:**

Standing Committees will serve a one year term.

Chairmen of these Standing Committees will have voting rights ONLY when matter to be voted on pertains to their particular committee. Each committee shall consist of a chairman, vice-chairman and an ex-officio Board member. These three persons MUST be appointed by the President. The Chairman may be an IHJA officer or director or an IHJA member in good standing. Any other IHJA member in good standing may volunteer to serve on any committee. 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:**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members - two from the Board of Directors and three from the general membership. The members of this committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee two months prior to date of the annual election of officers. The President shall appoint as chairman of the committee one of the members elected from the Board of Directors. 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 at a general meeting 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 at the regular meeting in January.

**Section 2.** Elections shall be by written ballot. Ballots shall be mailed to all voting members with envelopes preaddressed for mailing to the Secretary or other designated member. Ballots shall remain unopened until the general meeting where they are to be opened and tabulated by the election committee. The election committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President, who are not running for office. All members that have submitted an absentee ballot must be entered in the vote registry prior to the start of the said meeting. Members wishing to vote in person must sign the registry and be given the number of ballots they are entitled to vote. People voting in person must submit their ballot as each office is voted upon since nominations may be made from the floor for each office. Ties will be settled by a majority of the current Board of Directors, not including any Board Members involved in the tie. Results of the election shall be announced at the general meeting. 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 are eligible for elective office. Must have been a member of IHJA at least 90 days to be 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**

Board Meetings will be held on a regular basis. Board meetings to be called by the President. The President and/or Secretary will notify all members of the Board. No meeting shall be held without at least 48 hours notice to all Board members. 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**

**Section 1.**

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**

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 as provided herein below. 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. The Rules Committee shall meet before October 1st, review and act upon all proposed changes and submit their recommendations to the Board by October 1st. 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**

### **NON NEGOTIABLE FUNDS**

Persons submitting non-negotiable funds to IHJA will be notified and assessed a fine of \$15 plus current bank charge. If indebtedness and applicable fines are not paid within 20 days, offenders will be declared not in good standing and will be dropped from our membership and any points accumulated for year-end awards (if applicable) will be rescinded. 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: Submit name and address of IHJA member, copy of entry blank designating horse(s)/rider involved and copy of check to the IHJA Treasurer. Upon receipt of such notice, IHJA will notify said person of his indebtedness and warn that unless settlement is made within 20 days, he will automatically be fined \$50 to be paid to IHJA, any year-end award points accumulated at said show rescinded and be barred from taking any part whatsoever in IHJA approved competitions until settlement is made both of said indebtedness owing to the IHJA approved show and of said \$50 fine owing to IHJA. Notification of failure to settle indebtedness will be published on the website.

### **Part 1. Show Qualifications:**

**Prize Lists:** Suggestions for prize lists and requests for approval may be obtained by contacting the Secretary. Shows must clearly designate in their prize lists any IHJA recognized division and/or class which does not comply with IHJA Rules and Regulations. Name of Judge/s

should appear on the prize list. No credit will be given for divisions and/or classes whose specifications are not in accordance with IHJA rules. IHJA will only approve horse shows in USEF Zone 5 area (Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and contiguous states of Missouri and Tennessee) and any contiguous state associated with any USEF Zone 5 area state (Iowa, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin).

**Judges and Show Managers:**

A list of Hunter and Jumper judges approved by the Indiana Hunter and Jumper Association is printed on the IHJA website. **NON-USEF JUDGES AND MANAGERS RESIDING IN THE STATE OF INDIANA MUST BE A CURRENT IHJA MEMBER TO OFFICIATE AT IHJA NON-RATED SHOWS.** If a judge is hired who is not on this list and is not recognized by USEF, the show must send an IHJA resume WITH their application for Board's review, following USEF guidelines on regulations governing judges. In case of emergency non-approved judge substitution, a 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.

**Hunter/Equitation Judges** may not officiate at more than three shows given by any show manager or facility in one year period. Judges must be at least 21 years old. Show committees are encouraged to take this into account when making their selections.

**Jumper Judge** may only hold two of the three following assignments – judge, announcer or timer.

**Application Fee:**

All application fees required to hold an IHJA approved show shall be established by the Board prior to the show season. Fees include: approval fee, medal class fee and medal rider assessment fee. Current fees will be outlined in the show approval application.

Application fee to hold an IHJA approved show is payable

when date is reserved. If show management cancels an approved show, said application fee is forfeited and can not be used for any other financial purpose and this becomes an open date (after two consecutive years). Show Management must pay twice the stated application fee for said show if they reapply the next year. Medals will be sent to Medal winners. **SHOW MUST SEND ASSESSMENT FEES AS STATED IN THE SHOW APPLICATION FOR IHJA MEDALS AND MEDAL RIDERS WITH THE RESULTS.**

**Approval Application Procedure:**

Application for show dates must be made on the form provided by the Association.. No more than one show shall be granted approval (within the state of Indiana) unless written approval from the prior established Indiana show is received by the IHJA Secretary. Exception: One USEF recognized show and one Non-Rated IHJA show may be granted approval for the same period and any Indiana two day show that is the same weekend as a one day Indiana show. Shows within the state of Indiana that are held at the same facility, under the same management, may have no more than (2) two IHJA approved shows in a month. 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. The form must be filled out **COMPLETELY** and signed by an officer of the show requesting the date. IHJA events can legitimately take over or have first refusal over other established horse show dates. IHJA can take over a show date to schedule an IHJA annual event, that being the IHJA annual horse show or Medal Finals. 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.

**SHOW APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY IHJA SECRETARY 35 (THIRTY FIVE) DAYS PRIOR TO**

**APPLICABLE SHOW DATES.** This time frame is necessary to advise our membership, if possible, via the website calendar of all approvals. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN DATES BE ALTERED AFTER SAID TIME PERIOD.** The Secretary shall send written confirmation of receipt and approval or denial of all applications in a timely manner.

#### **ESTABLISHED SHOWS**

Established Shows are those shows which have been approved by IHJA and held the previous show season and are applying for the applicable dates in the current season (December 1 - November 30). Established shows may add or subtract dates as long as in the same time frame and **CREATES NO CONFLICT** with other approved show dates and has not cancelled the same show dates two years in a row.

These dates will not be awarded to other competitions if IHJA receives the show applications within the allotted time period.

If established shows wish to retain established show dates in the current show season, they must **ADVISE IN WRITING** the IHJA Secretary at least 90 days prior to subject show date or it becomes an open date. This will enable non-established shows to apply for that date/s. All show dates must have Board approval.

Any show venue/manager holding at least two shows per year, may designate one of those shows to be a double pointed show. Must decide which show this will be and must have applied for and paid application fee by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The designated show will be posted on the IHJA website by that date.

#### **ANNUAL HORSE SHOW**

The Annual Horse Show will be a triple point show.

#### **NEW (NON-ESTABLISHED SHOWS)**

If two or more applications for the same date(s) are received, only application FIRST received will be approved, provided all other requirements for recognition are met. Any other applications and fees received for the same date/s will be returned advising show/s of non-approval. All new show dates must have majority Board approval. Secretary to obtain approval from the Board via email, or written documentation. All approved dates will be printed in the on the IHJA web site calendar with necessary contact information, i.e., telephone number, email address or show web site. 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 following the proposed date. If a show is cancelled, the management must give at least 24 hours notice of cancellation to the exhibitors and the IHJA Secretary. 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.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-USEF APPROVED SHOWS**

If scheduling hunter classes, must offer all hunter divisions and classes recognized by IHJA. If scheduling jumper classes, must offer all jumper divisions recognized by IHJA. If scheduling equitation, must offer all equitation divisions, age equitation classes and IHJA Medals. **THIS WILL APPLY TO ALL SHOWS. SHOWS MAY NOT OFFER MULTIPLE PLACINGS OF THE SAME CLASS.**

#### **Classifications for Non-USEF IHJA Approved Shows:**

1. 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.**

- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. 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); Intermediate Rider Equitation – two O/F and one Flat per division; IHJA Medal Classes.**
- 5. 2-Day Shows: 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)**
- 6. Three or more Day show - Same format as #5 rating above.**

**To change classifications for Non-USEF IHJA Approved Shows.**

**These 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.**

**Appeal of Denial:**

**A show whose application for dates is denied may appeal the ruling to the Board which will make a final decision after giving an opportunity to affected parties to be heard. Appeal must be made in writing. The decision of the Board shall be final.**

**Duties of Horse Show Management:**

**Show Managers may not hold positions other than manager for the duration of the show i.e. judge, timer, gate keeper, announcer. It shall be the duty of the Show Committee and Show Manager to:**

- 1. Enforce all rules of IHJA from the time entries are admitted to the show grounds until their departure.**
- 2. Hire the necessary Judges and Officials for the operation of the show and to see that they are properly qualified.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. 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, Kerlox 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.

5. **Equipment** 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.
6. No poling is authorized, or the abuse of a horse anywhere on the grounds.
7. Eliminate, without waiting for a protest to be made, a competitor who has made an entry of horse or rider that is ineligible.
8. Receive and act upon protest and charges by contacting the Three Person Horse Show Committee and report whatever action is taken to IHJA.
9. Pay premiums and other indebtedness of the show within 60 days.
10. Provide a telephone at shows. Must be able to contact management during show hours.
11. Each approved show shall have a copy of the current IHJA Rule Book available for reference at all times during the show.
12. Furnish the Judges in each class a score card and exact specifications.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Water facilities shall be convenient and ample.
16. Provide adequate and sanitary toilet facilities.

17. Provide Secretary's office with adequate personnel and proper communication between secretary, announcer, in-gate, each ring and stables.
18. At shows which offer overnight stabling, must provide adequate lighting.
19. Provide food on the show grounds.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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 give consideration to any suggestions made by the Judge and/or Three Person Horse Show Committee. Copies of the courses must be given to the Judge.

25. **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**

26. **Time Schedule:**
1. 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.
  2. 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.
  3. 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.
4. 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.
  27. Showing ring and/or hunt course must be surrounded by a suitable barrier (fence, rope or flags, etc). Gate is optional.
  28. Members of the Three Person Horse Show Committee must be selected and a list of their names posted in the Secretary's office and announced prior to the start of the show. **Only one person of the Three Person Committee can be a member of show management or a staff member or the horse show.**
  29. To clarify and to post in the entry booth the division/classes that do not count toward year-end awards.
  30. 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.

**Three Person Horse Show Committee:**

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.

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.

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 3, Disputes).

At ~~Indiana~~ **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 an USA Equestrian recognized show.

### Show Results

Show results must be sent within 10 days after the show. A fine of \$50 will be assessed for a late submission. 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. 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. Show must submit name of judge and EMT present during the show along with the names on the three person horse show committee. All medal fees must be paid before results will be posted. 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. The approved show must furnish the number of entries in each class for the purpose of tabulation of points. 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. 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.

### Part 2. 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.

(c) Protective Headgear Rule: To comply with USEF rules.

### **Part 3. Disputes and Horse Welfare Issues:**

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.

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.

### **Part 4. Eligibility:**

(a) To be eligible for a year end award the horse and/or pony must be owned by a member of the Association.

(b) 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.

(c) To be eligible for a year end equitation award the rider must be a member of the Association.

(d) A registration fee, determined by Executive Committee, must be paid to IHJA for each horse/pony 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.

~~All trainers must be members of the IHJA for their client's points to count for year end awards. Like rider membership and horse recordings, trainer memberships must be paid prior to the conclusion of the client's first show.~~

#### Part 5. Tabulation of Points:

CLASSES OFFERED AT A SHOW AFTER PRIZE LIST/OR REVISION IS PUBLISHED WILL NOT BE AWARDED IHJA 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](http://IN-HJA.org).**
- (d) Points accumulated in one division remain tabulated with that division for the purpose of determining year-end awards.
- (e) 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.

**(f) 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.**

**Part 6. Point Value: Points awarded using the following scale, per show type, based on placing vs number of entries:**

<b><u>IHJA/USEF Local Member</u></b>							<b><u>USEF C-Rated (Regional II)</u></b>						
	1	2	3-	9-	16-	26+		1	2	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
			8	15	25								
1 <sup>st</sup>	3	4	7	12	17	22	1 <sup>st</sup>	5	6	10	15	20	25
2 <sup>nd</sup>		2	5	10	15	20	2 <sup>nd</sup>		4	8	13	18	23
3 <sup>rd</sup>			4	9	14	19	3 <sup>rd</sup>			6	11	16	21
4 <sup>th</sup>			3	8	13	18	4 <sup>th</sup>			4	9	14	19
5 <sup>th</sup>			2	7	12	17	5 <sup>th</sup>			3	8	13	18
6 <sup>th</sup>			1	6	11	16	6 <sup>th</sup>			2	7	12	17
CH	0	4	7	12	17	22	CH	0	6	10	15	20	25
RES	0	5	10	15	20	25	RES	0	8	13	18	23	28

  

<b><u>USEF B-Rated (Regional I)</u></b>							<b><u>USEF A/AA-Rated (Premier)</u></b>						
	1	2	3-	9-	16-	26+		1	2	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
			8	15	25								
1 <sup>st</sup>	6	8	12	17	22	27	1 <sup>st</sup>	8	1	14	19	24	29
2 <sup>nd</sup>		4	9	14	19	24	2 <sup>nd</sup>		0	10	15	20	25
3 <sup>rd</sup>			7	12	17	22	3 <sup>rd</sup>		6	8	13	18	23
4 <sup>th</sup>			5	10	15	20	4 <sup>th</sup>			6	11	16	21
5 <sup>th</sup>			4	9	14	19	5 <sup>th</sup>			5	10	15	20
6 <sup>th</sup>			3	8	13	18	6 <sup>th</sup>			4	9	14	19
CH	0	8	12	17	22	27	CH	0	1	14	19	24	29
RES	0	9	14	19	24	29	RES	0	10	15	20	25	30

**POINTS TO DETERMINE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Jumpers:**

**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.

**Beginner & Intermediate Rider:**

1st - 10 points, 2nd - 6 points, 3rd- 4 points, 4th - 2 points, 5th - 1 point and 6th - 1/2 point. If tie exists - remains tied.

**Hunters:**

1st - 10 points, 2nd - 6 points, 3rd - 4 points, 4th - 2 points, 5th -1 point and 6th - 1/2 point. Add all over fences classes - sub total. 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.**

**Part 7. Requirements for Year-End Awards:**

**(a) 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.

**(b) No credit will be given for classes whose specifications are not in accordance with IHJA rules.**

**(c) 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).**

**(d) 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 High Score Awards will be made at the annual Awards Banquet.**

**Part 8. Ties:**

**In the event of a tie, the High Score Award will be awarded to each competitor.**

**Part 9. High Point Hunter & High Point Jumper  
Champion and Reserve (2 classifications)**

**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.**

**Qualifications:**

- 1. Horse or pony may be show in any number of divisions but only the points in the top division at the end of the year will count.**
- 2. Points may be earned in any division recognized by the Association except Equitation which is based on the rider.**
- 3. No credit will be given for ribbons won in any class that does not count for year-end awards. (Example: Grand Prix) Only Classics within an IHJA division will count.**
- 4. Horse/pony may be ridden by more than one person (junior, amateur or professional) throughout the year.**
- 5. 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.**
- 6. The same horse/pony is not eligible for both Champion and Reserve Champion Awards.**

7. 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.

8. Award - Perpetual Trophy for each High Point Champion and Souvenir Trophy; Reserve Champion - Souvenir Trophy.

**Part 10. 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.

**Part 11. 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.

**Part 12. 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.

## **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 as long as they do not change the basic specifications and eligibility.

### **Part I. HUNTER DIVISION**

#### **(a). Green Hunter**

Fence height 3'0" - 3'3". 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 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.

#### **(d) Amateur-Owner Hunter**

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.

**(e) Open Hunter**

Fence height 3'0". Open to horses or ponies. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.

**(f) Special Hunter**

Fence height 2'9". Open to horses or ponies. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Not to be jogged.

**(g) Schooling Hunter**

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) IHJA Hunter**

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.

**(i) 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.

**(j) 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.

**(k) Novice 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. Novice Children 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) Novice 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. Novice Adults showing in this division may not cross enter into any class or division over 2'6" at the same show. Not to be jogged.

**(m) 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 Horses - Three Year Old Horses - 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.

**(n) Mini Hunter**

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.

**(o) 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.

**(p) 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.

**(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.

**II. PONY HUNTER DIVISION**

**(a) 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.

**(1) 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.

**(2) 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.**

**(3) 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.**

**(b) 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.**

**Part III. JUNIOR HUNTER DIVISION**

**(a) 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.**

**(b) 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 can not compete in the Children's Division if also entered in Pony Division at the same show. Not to be jogged.**



## Part IV. JUMPER DIVISION

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, in order 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 2'0" 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

Note: At all Levels. 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 0.75 Puddle Jumper Division, but not a division higher than 0.75. One class in the division must be run as an optimum time class. **with No combinations, no liverpools.** Riders may be eliminated or penalized for reckless riding at the judge's discretion.

Fences: 0.65m – 0.70 m

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 Jumper Division, but not a 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: .75 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) 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.

**(e) Schooling Jumper**

Eligibility: Open to all jumpers and riders.

Fences: 0.95m -1.0 m

Scoring: Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

**(f) Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper**

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.

**(g) Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper**

**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:** 1.05 m – 1.15 m  
**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

**(h) Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper**

**Eligibility:** Open to all jumpers ridden by Junior or Amateur-Owner riders. Low Junior/Amateur Owner horse and rider combinations may enter into High Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper classes at a given show.  
**Fences:** 1.15 m – 1.20 m at unrated shows. All Jr/A/O fence heights will count at USEF rated shows.  
**Scoring:** Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.  
This division will be combined as Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper at year end if there are less than three qualified in each division.

**Part V. EQUITATION DIVISION**

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.**

Following are height requirements in each division.

**(a) Hunt Seat Equitation 11 and under** - Fences 2'0" –  
Unrated Shows – 2'3" – Rated Shows.

**NO IN & OUTS**

**(b) Hunt Seat Equitation 12 through 14** - Fences 2'6" –  
Unrated Shows - 3'0" – Rated Shows.

**(c) Hunt Seat Equitation 15 through 17** - Fences 3'0" –  
Unrated Shows - 3'3" – Rated Shows.

**(d) Hunt Seat Equitation Adult (Amateurs only) 18 and  
over** - Fences 2'6" Unrated Shows - 3'0" – Rated Shows

**(e) 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. Not a Championship division; therefore, points for  
Champion and Reserve Champion, if awarded, will not  
count.**

**(f) 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. Not a Championship division; therefore,  
points for Champion and Reserve Champion, if awarded  
will not count.**

**(f) 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.

**Flat Section:**

**(a) Walk-Trot**

**(b) 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:**

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.

**(f) Beginner Rider (Junior)**

**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, BEGINNER RIDER HUNTER, MINI HUNTER, APPLICABLE AGE EQUITATION CLASSES ON THE FLAT, ELIGIBLE SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER, ELIGIBLE SHORT STIRRUP EQ, ELIGIBLE UNDER SADDLE CLASSES AND CLASSES UNRECOGNIZED BY IHJA THAT MEET THE HEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS.** Ponies and horses are eligible.

**Class Specifications:** MARTINGALES MAY BE USED IN ALL BEGINNER RIDER CLASSES. Classes shall be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Current USEF equitation rules to apply (no tests).

**Flat Section:**

**(a) Walk-Trot**

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

**Crosspole Section:**

(c) Crosspoles - 12"-18" at center.

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. Course will be twice around with no change of direction.

Fences: Hunter type course. No in-and-outs allowed.

Show requirements:

SHOWS MUST OFFER ALL FOUR CLASSES (a-d).

Additional classes exceeding the above described maximum will NOT be approved by IHJA. If additional classes are offered, show must CLEARLY designate which 4 classes count toward year end awards.

(g) Beginner Rider (Adult)

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.

(h) Intermediate Rider

Eligibility: Open to riders of any age. **Riders showing in this division may not cross enter into any class or division with fence height above 2'6". who have not won TEN (10) 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.~~ Ponies and horses are eligible.

Class Specifications: Classes shall be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. (Tests 1-13).

Flat Section:

Walk, trot, canter. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

Over Fences Section:

Fences -2'6"; not to exceed 2' in spread.

**Fences: Hunter type course. No in-and-outs allowed.**

**Show Requirements:**

**2+ Day non-rated SHOWS MUST OFFER THREE (3) CLASSES (1 FLAT AND 2 OVER FENCES). Additional classes exceeding the above three classes will NOT be approved by IHJA. If additional classes are offered, shows must CLEARLY designate which three classes count toward year end awards.**

## **IHJA HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASSES**

### **(i) IHJA Children Hunter Seat Medal Class:**

**RIDERS may show in both Pony and Children Medal. Only horses eligible. A rider showing in the Children's Hunter Division may show in a 3'6" Equitation or 3'6" Jumper Division (maximum height) and still be eligible to compete in the Children Medal, as long as the SAME HORSE/RIDER COMBINATION does not show in any Hunter Division over 3' in height. If a Junior Hunter Division rider needs to move back to the Children's Hunter Division and does so BEFORE JUNE 1, he/she may then accumulate Children Medal points. After that date, he/she is ONLY qualified for the Junior Medal. RIDERS CAN NOT COMPETE IN BOTH CHILDREN & JUNIOR MEDAL FINALS. Fences to be 3'. Contestant/s must be in proper attire and complete the course for it to be an official IHJA Children Hunter Seat Medal Class. At USEF rated IHJA approved shows not holding IHJA Medal classes, the Children's Medal Class run in a manner consistent with the IHJA specifications will count towards Medal Final points under the same point value as the IHJA Children's Medal (e.g., Taylor Harris, M&S, HJAM, etc.). SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASSES.**

### **(j) IHJA Junior Hunter Seat Medal Class:**

**RIDERS may show in both Pony and Junior Medal classes. Riders showing in the Junior Hunter Division are qualified to show in the Junior Medal (horse). If a rider**

moved from Children's Hunter Division to Junior Hunter Division during the same year, he/she is ONLY qualified to compete in the Junior Medal. If a Junior Hunter rider needs to move back to the Children's Hunter Division and does so BEFORE JUNE 1, he/she may then accumulate Children Medal points. After that date, they are ONLY qualified for the Junior Medal. RIDERS CAN NOT COMPETE IN BOTH CHILDREN & JUNIOR MEDAL FINALS.

Fences to be 3'3". Contestant/s must be in proper attire and must complete the course for it to be an official IHJA Junior Hunter Seat Medal Class. At USEF rated IHJA approved shows not holding IHJA Medal classes, the Dover/USEF Medal, NCEA 3'3" Medal, NHS 3'3" Medal and Marshall and Sterling 3'3" Medal and ASPCA Maclay will count towards Medal Final points under the same point value as the IHJA Junior Medal. SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASSES.

**(k) IHJA Pony Hunter Seat Medal Class:**

RIDERS may show in Pony and Children or Junior Medal classes. Small ponies to jump 2'3", 2'6" for medium ponies and 3' for large ponies. If an in-and-out is used, the suggested distance for small ponies is 20', for medium ponies 22' and for large ponies 24'. The distance must be altered for each height division. Contestant/s must be in proper attire and must complete the course for it to be an official IHJA Pony Hunter Seat Medal Class. PONY MEDAL RIDERS MUST ADHERE TO USEF

SPECIFICATIONS OF AGE OF RIDER TO HEIGHT OF PONY. At USEF rated IHJA approved shows not holding IHJA Medal classes, the USEF Pony Medal will count towards Medal Final points under the same point value as the IHJA Pony Medal. SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASSES.

**(l) IHJA Adult Hunter Seat Medal Class:**



**Open to amateur Adult riders. Fences to be 3'. Contestant/s must be in proper attire and must complete the course for it to be an official IHJA Adult Hunter Seat Medal Class. At USEF rated IHJA approved shows not holding IHJA Medal classes, the Ariat Adult Medal will count towards Medal Final points under the same point value as the IHJA Adult Medal. SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASSES.**

**(m) IHJA Novice Children's Medal Hunter Seat Medal Class:**

**Held at 2'6". In and outs not allowed. Riders exhibiting in this medal class are not eligible to show in any division or class with jumps exceeding 2'6" in height. May exhibit on horse or pony. If a Children's Hunter Division rider needs to move back to the 2'6" division, and does so BEFORE JUNE 1, he/she may then accumulate Children Mini Medal points. After that date, he/she is ONLY qualified for the Children's Medal. Contestant/s must be in proper attire and complete the course for it to be an official IHJA Medal Class. At USEF rated IHJA approved shows not holding IHJA Medal classes, a Medal Class run in a manner consistent with the IHJA specifications will count towards Medal Final points under the same point value as the IHJA Children's Mini Medal (e.g., Taylor Harris, M&S, HJAM, OHJA, etc.). Will follow the same basic specifications as the other IHJA Medal Classes.**

**(n.) IHJA Novice Adult Medal Hunter Seat Medal Class:**

**Held at 2'6". In and outs not allowed. Riders nominated and exhibiting in this medal class are not eligible to show in any division or class with jumps exceeding 2'6" in height. May exhibit on horse or pony. If an Adult Hunter Division rider needs to move back to the 2'6" division, and does so BEFORE JUNE 1, he/she may then accumulate Novice Adult Medal points. After that date, he/she is ONLY qualified for the Adult Medal. Contestants must be in proper attire and complete the course for it to be an official IHJA Medal Class. At USEF rated IHJA approved**

shows not holding IHJA Medal classes, a Medal Class run in a manner consistent with the IHJA specifications will count towards Medal Final points under the same point value as the IHJA Novice Adult Mini Medal (e.g., Taylor Harris, M&S, HJAM, OHJA, etc.) Will follow the same basic specifications as the other IHJA Medal Classes.

**(o.) IHJA Mini Medal Hunter Seat Medal Class:**

Held at 2'0". In and Outs are not allowed. Any adult or child may ride in this medal. May ride horse or pony. Not eligible to show in any division or class exceeding 2'03" in height. If a 2'6" Hunter Division rider needs to move back to the 2'0" division, and does so BEFORE JUNE 1, he/she may then accumulate Mini Medal points. After that date, he/she is ONLY qualified for the Novice Medal.

Contestants must be in proper attire and complete the course for it to be an official IHJA Mini Medal 2'0" class. At USEF rated IHJA approved shows not holding IHJA Medal classes, a Medal Class run in a manner consistent with the IHJA specifications will count towards Medal Final points under the same point value as the IHJA Mini Medal (e.g., Taylor Harris, M&S, HJAM, OHJA, etc.). Will follow the same basic specifications as the other IHJA Medal Classes.

## **SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASSES**

Show's fees for holding IHJA Medal class are: \$10 per medal class held with more than one exhibitor along with \$10 per rider competing. All medal fees must accompany show results.

All Medal riders must be a member of IHJA as of the closing of entries to participate.

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.

**IF ONLY ONE RIDER, NO IHJA AWARD MEDAL WILL BE AWARDED.**

**Class routine:** To jump a minimum of 8 (eight) hunter type fences with or without wings. Judge and course designer **MUST** incorporate at least two tests from the USEF Rule Book (Equitation Division) in the course. The judge will then select at least one-fourth of the class, but not less than 6 (six) contestants, if available, to show at a walk, trot and canter plus two or more tests from the USEF Equitation rules. Judge **MAY** call back additional riders if deemed appropriate. **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.

Show Management and Judges of medal classes must complete both phases of the medal class to be a qualifying class. Completion of a medal class must be done at the scheduled show. In cases where attempt to complete the class fails, the Board may vote to accept results for phase held.

## **IHJA HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS**

### **(p) IHJA Children Hunter Seat Medal Finals:**

**Fences 3' SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS.**

### **(q) IHJA Junior Hunter Seat Medal Finals:**

**Fences 3'3" SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS.**

**(r) IHJA Pony Hunter Seat Medal Finals:**

Fence heights as designated in regular Medal Class.  
PONY MEDAL RIDERS MUST ADHERE TO USEF SPECIFICATIONS OF AGE OF RIDER TO HEIGHT OF PONY. SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS.

**(s) IHJA Adult Hunter Seat Medal Finals:**

Fences 3' SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS.

**(t) IHJA Novice Children Medal Hunter Seat Medal Finals:**

Fences 2'6" SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS.

**(u) IHJA Novice Adult Medal Hunter Seat Medal Finals:**

Fences 2'6" SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS.

**(v) IHJA Mini Medal Hunter Seat Medal Finals:**

Fences 2'0" SEE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED BELOW FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS**

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.

Riders must complete both phases of the medal class to qualify.

**AN ANIMAL MAY ONLY BE USED IN ONE MEDAL FINAL. A RIDER MAY ONLY COMPETE IN ONE MEDAL FINAL. THE RIDER MUST DECLARE WHICH MEDAL FINAL THEY WILL BE RIDING IN BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE.**

**The finals will be judged in two phases: 50% - Over Fences 50% - Flat.**

**Class routine:**

**No outside coaching or assistance is allowed during either phase of the Medal Finals Class and may be cause for elimination.**

**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.**

**The flat phase will consist of a walk, trot and canter plus at least two or more tests from the USEF Equitation rules.**

**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.**