



2024 RULEBOOK

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OHJA Members Ethics Policy

As members of the OHJA, we recognize our role in furthering the hunter and jumper sport by holding ourselves to the highest ethical standards. We further agree:

- To adhere to the rules and standards set forth by the OHJA, USHJA and USEF and to work to further their goals and objectives.
- To ensure that the welfare of the horse is the foremost consideration and that every horse shall be treated humanely, with dignity and compassion.
- To conduct all business affairs with transparency and accuracy to promote confidence among all equestrians and the public in the hunter/jumper industry.

2024 HORSE SHOW RULES

The Ohio Hunter/Jumper Association invites your show to become a member for the 2024 show year (December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2024). We feel that the shows affiliated with our Association will benefit from increased revenue through the support our membership can give. The Association will also provide a more diversified show program which may prove more interesting to spectators.

To become a member show of the Ohio Hunter/Jumper Association, the following important rules should be followed:

I. MEMBER SHOW APPLICATION AND APPROVAL

A. General Requirements and Information

1. The OHJA Executive Secretary shall administrate the reservation and approval of show dates.
2. Multiple shows may be held on the same date only if they are more than 50 road miles apart from each other, unless the party holding the protected show date agrees to waive this restriction. The road mileage must be verified through MapQuest using the most direct route.
3. A show shall offer classes in at least six (6) OHJA divisions before it can be an approved show. There shall be at least three (3) exhibitors in a division at a show for points to be counted. As long as a minimum of three (3) entrants **complete** the first class, all subsequent classes in the division will count for horse show and high score awards regardless of how many complete and/or compete in the remaining classes. This rule also applies to all jumper divisions. Just going through the start timers will not count as completing the course. The first class determines the point value category. For an OHJA approved show to maintain its approval for year-end points, at least four (4) of the required six (6) divisions offered must fill.
4. The number of classes a show may offer:
 - a. One day horse show:
 1. Hunter divisions: minimum of three (3) classes (two jumping, one under saddle) and a maximum of four (4) classes (three jumping, one under saddle) per division.
 2. Jumper divisions: minimum of two (2) classes and a maximum of three (3) classes per division.

3. Equitation divisions (excluding Walk/Trot and Cross Rail): two (2) (one flat, one over fences) per division.
 - a. One OHJA Medal class may be held. If run as separate height sections, each section may be held only once.
 4. Walk/Trot and Cross Rail Equitation divisions: minimum of three (3) classes (two jumping, one flat) and a maximum of four (4) classes (three jumping and one flat) per division.
- b. Multiple day horse shows:
1. Hunter divisions: three (3) classes (two jumping, one under saddle) and a maximum of five (5) classes (four jumping, one under saddle) per division.
 2. Jumper divisions: minimum of two (2) classes and a maximum of four (4) classes per division.
 3. Equitation divisions (excluding Walk/Trot and Cross Rail): minimum of two (2) classes (one flat, one over fences) and a maximum of three (3) classes (one flat, two over fences) per division. Exception: shows approved by the USHJA Outreach Program may offer a maximum of four (4) classes (one flat, three over fences).
 - a. One OHJA Medal class may be held. If run as separate height sections, each section may be held only once.
 4. Walk/Trot and Cross Rail Equitation divisions: minimum of three (3) classes (two jumping, one flat) and a maximum of five (5) classes (four jumping and one flat) per division.
5. The Association may revoke reserved or approved show dates whenever past rule violations warrant. Any extraordinary circumstances on the date approvals or changes will be handled by the OHJA Board of Directors.
 6. Loss of points for failure to meet the general requirements/rules by the show management is **THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HORSE SHOW MANAGEMENT** and does not lie with the OHJA.
 7. Except for extraordinary changes, all rules in effect at the beginning of the show season (December 1) shall remain in effect until the end of the season (November 30).
 8. Show management may not have multiple one-day horse shows within a seven (7) day period.

B. Show Date Reservations

1. Previous year show dates will be temporarily protected so that a member show may renew their dates.
2. Previous year member shows will be notified of their protected show dates by annual notices mailed around October.
3. A protected date for a previous member show will only be held up to 120 days before that show date. If applications and dues have not been received by that time, the date will become open.

4. Any open show date may be reserved provided the application and fee are received at least 45 days in advance of that date.
5. Applications for show dates shall be sent in on the form provided by the Association.
6. A Member Show fee of \$55.00 for each local rated show and \$75.00 for each USEF rated show is to accompany the show date application. This date application is for that specific date only and is NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE.
7. The show date applicant must be a current member of the Association.
8. In the event of multiple requests for an open date, the OHJA Board of Directors shall award the date as fairly as possible in the best interests of the Association.
9. If a show manager reserves a show date and then cancels said show, that manager has the right of first refusal to reserve that date the following year. If that show manager reserves the date and cancels that date for a second consecutive year, then that date will become an open date. Any show manager may apply for that date for the next year, excluding the manager that cancelled their shows.

C. Prize List and Show Approval

1. The prize list of a proposed member show must be received by the Association at least 30 days before the date of the show.
2. The prize list should include complete class specifications and indicate which classes are OHJA approved (or are not).
3. The show will receive final approval as an OHJA Member Show if the prize list concurs with current OHJA Show Rules. If changes to the prize list are required, the show is responsible for making them prior to making the prize list available. The prize list should contain a complete schedule for the entire show. Ring size and dimensions should be provided for the competition rings, schooling and longing areas. There must be a schedule for each date shown on the front of the prize list. Deletions to the schedule may be made without prior notification to the OHJA Executive Secretary. **NO** additions may be made to the schedule without contacting (via e-mail, phone or regular mail) the OHJA Executive Secretary for approval. The new approved schedule must then be made available to all potential exhibitors.
4. The following statements are to be printed on all member show prize lists:
The _____ Horse Show is operated in accordance with the current rules of the Ohio Hunter/Jumper Association.
To be eligible for the Annual High Score Awards, the exhibitor and the owner must be members, and the horse or pony must be registered with the Association. Applications may be obtained from the Show Secretary.

II. SHOW ORGANIZATION AND OBLIGATIONS

- A. All shows shall be run in accordance with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rules whenever OHJA rules do not apply.
- B. The show should restrict the number of classes so that the show ends at a reasonable time of day.
- C. A Show Secretary who is appointed by the show shall be responsible to the OHJA for the following:
 1. All show results must be sent ~~with a copy of the prize list~~ to the OHJA Executive Secretary. They must also include the total number of horses that competed at the horse show whether shown in an OHJA/USEF rated or non- rated division. Results must be received ~~via e-mail~~ or postmarked within 10 days of the close of the show. Failure to comply will result in a \$100.00 fee for that show. Failure to send results within three (3) months will prevent next year's protected date approval. Results for any show held after November 15 must be received ~~via e-mail~~ or postmarked by December 2 for points to count or be fined \$100.00.
 2. ~~The Show Secretary will be provided with Show Report and Evaluation Sheets, Membership Applications and OHJA Show Rules.~~ Show reports, evaluation sheets, membership applications and OHJA rules are available to download on the OHJA website. These forms shall be displayed and made available to anyone at that show. The Show Secretary will return completed forms to the OHJA.
 3. The show secretary will be required to submit all results to the OHJA Executive Secretary in ShowPro electronic results format or in USEF electronic results format. Failure to submit the results in one of these formats will result in a \$75.00 fine for each offense.
 4. Horse show management must enforce all rules of the Association from the time entries are submitted to the competition grounds until their departure from the grounds.
- D. Judges
 1. Show managers will be required to use judges with a USEF Recorded (R) or registered (r) status. Other qualified individuals may be selected, but the show manager should submit the name and qualifications of the prospective judge for approval from the OHJA Board of Directors at least 30 days prior to the show. Once a judge is approved, they will remain on the approved judges list for three (3) years. A judge may be removed from the list at any time by a majority vote of the OHJA Board of Directors. A name may be added at any point, without submission from a show manager with a majority vote of the OHJA Board of Directors.
 2. It is strongly recommended that judges hold no more than four (4) judging cards open at one time during the horse show. Management may ask judges to keep more cards open if the entries make it feasible, but it is the judge's decision as to whether they are comfortable doing so.

E. Show Management's Responsibilities

1. No riding on horse show grounds without an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.
2. Emergency facilities should be arranged for. An ambulance, emergency vehicle, EMT or nurse should be on the grounds at all times, or on call.
3. A veterinarian, blacksmith and doctor should be on call, if not on the grounds.
4. Stabling, if available, should be adequate and clean. Bedding should be available for purchase.
5. Adequate restrooms/port-a-lets should be provided and maintained during the horse show.
6. Water facilities and wash racks should be convenient.
7. Schooling and lunging areas should be of ample size, conveniently located to the show ring. Schooling areas should have a vertical fence and an oxer and be properly supervised. Proper lighting is to be available if the show is to have evening performances.
8. Food concessions should be available on schooling day and during the entire horse show, if possible.
9. The scheduled order of classes should not be changed without adequate notice to the exhibitors.
10. Judges should be furnished with cards, all OHJA class specifications and courses. Comfortable seating and shelter need to be provided.
11. If a question arises over a pony's height and it has no valid USEF measurement card, the pony will need to be measured by an OHJA Board Member and a veterinarian chosen by the board or a USEF steward. This will be done at a predetermined time and place as convenient as possible for all concerned. The owner of the pony must pay all fees associated with the measurement including but not limited to fees of the veterinarian or steward, travel fees and miscellaneous fees. After the measurement a letter will be issued by the OHJA Board of Directors to the owner as permanent proof of measurement for OHJA shows not sanctioned by USEF. If the pony is proven to not be the size stated, points will be surrendered from that horse show retroactive to the beginning of the horse show year.
12. A champion and reserve for each eligible OHJA division (all Equitation, Hunter and Jumper divisions) is to be determined after the last class for each division, provided that the minimum number of classes were held (see Rules I.A.4). The determination is to be done in a manner consistent with current USEF specifications. The number of entries in the first class over fences in a division will be used to determine the number of entries used for the year-end point calculations. The top four (4) horses or ponies from those receiving points over fences (points up to sixth place) also receive any points from the under saddle class. The top two (2) are then the show champion and reserve. Points are currently assigned in this manner: 1st=10, 2nd=6, 3rd=4, 4th=2, 5th=1, 6th=1/2.

13. Show management is required to provide safety cups for the back rail of all oxers in the show ring. Safety cups or regular cups with wooden dowel rods for pins must be provided for the standards used for oxers in the schooling area.

F. Course Planning

1. The fence height or the range of heights is to be specified for all classes in the prize list.
2. Courses should consist of at least six (6) to eight (8) fences, including oxers. It is recommended that oxers are not used in the Short Stirrup or Limit Rider divisions.
3. A ground line is recommended for all fences.
4. 50 percent or more of the fences are to be at least the stated height and none shall be more than 3" over or under. Any first fence, brush fence, ditch or bank is excluded from this requirement.
5. Course illustrations should be posted at least one (1) hour before class time.
6. Course design assistance may be acquired from the Association if a member show requests it.

III. YEAR-END POINTS AND AWARDS

- A. Terms of Competition: Year-end points and awards will be made to horses and riders which earn the highest number of points in their division at shows recognized by OHJA from December 1 through November 30 under the following conditions:
 1. Awards are restricted to members of the Association.
 2. Horses and ponies must be recorded with OHJA, and the owner must be an OHJA member to receive points. The rider must be an OHJA member to receive points in the equitation divisions.
 3. A division must have been offered (points accrued) in at least six (6) approved shows, and at least three (3) members shall have received points over fences in that division during the show year to be eligible for year-end awards.
 4. There shall be at least three (3) exhibitors in a division at a show for points to be counted for year-end points. As long as a minimum of three (3) entrants complete the first class over fences, all subsequent classes in the division will count for horse show and year-end points regardless of how many complete the remaining classes. **The hunter under saddle and flat equitation classes may not run as the first class of the division.**
 5. Only classes that follow OHJA specifications will be counted.

6. Points accumulated toward Year-End Points and Awards by any horse found to have received a forbidden substance and penalized by USEF shall be nullified by OHJA for the year in which published by USEF.
7. The age of an individual on December 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire show year.
8. Year-End Points and Awards will be awarded for first (1st) through eighth (8th) places on the based on the exhibitor count shown in Point Table I. For the purpose of calculating points, the number of entries for all classes will be determined by the number of entries in the first performance class of the section. Points are calculated by adding the point value on the increment chart to the number of entries in the first performance class of the section. If the first performance class has fewer than three (3) entries that show and place, points will be determined by the number of entries in the second performance class of the section.

POINT TABLE I (for OHJA Year-End Points and Awards, Rule III.A.8)

#Exh	3 and over
1st	40 + number of entrants in class
2nd	35 + number of entrants in class
3rd	30 + number of entrants in class
4th	25 + number of entrants in class
5th	24 + number of entrants in class
6th	23 + number of entrants in class
7th	22 + number of entrants in class
8th	21 + number of entrants in class

9. The divisional champion will be awarded 2.0 times the total first (1st) place point value of the first class in that section and reserve champion will be awarded 1.2 times the total first (1st) place value of the first class in that section Rule III.A.7, provided that the minimum number of classes as specified in Rule I.A.4 were held.

IV. OHJA DIVISIONS

- A. The following may be initially offered as combined divisions:
 1. Pony Hunter divisions: If there are less than three (3) entrants in either the Small, Medium or Large Pony Hunter divisions, these divisions should be combined to receive points.
 2. Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter divisions: If there are less than three (3) entrants in any of the Junior or Amateur-Owner Hunter sections, these divisions should be combined to receive points.

3. Short Stirrup/Limit Rider divisions: If there are less than three (3) entrants in either the Short Stirrup or Limit Rider Hunter sections, these divisions should be combined to receive points.
4. **Intermediate Low** Adult Hunter and **Intermediate Low** Children's Hunter divisions: If there are less than three (3) entrants in either the Low Adult or Low Children's Hunter sections, these divisions should be combined to receive points.
5. Children's Hunter and Adult Amateur Hunter divisions: If there are less than three (3) entrants in either the Children's or Adult Amateur Hunter sections, these divisions should be combined to receive points. These divisions may be split as specified below if there are three (3) or more exhibitors in each section. It is not recommended to split the division with only three (3) entrants. If these divisions are offered separately and the first class of the division has been completed and ribbons awarded with the minimum number of entrants, then it may not be combined with any other division.

B. Splitting of divisions:

1. Divisions that are originally offered as combined divisions (i.e. Short Stirrup/Limit Rider) may be split into their respective divisions if there are at least three (3) in each of the new respective divisions. It is not recommended to split divisions with only three (3) entrants due to the risk factor of not all entries completing the class. Divisions that are originally offered as combined and do not meet the minimum number requirements to be split into separate divisions but have a minimum of 20 entries total can be split into sections via the California split system (recommended) or an A section/B section format.
2. Any division(s) (with the exception of the Walk/Trot and Cross Rail Equitation divisions) that has a minimum of 20 entrants can be split via the California split system or an A section/B section format. Any division(s) that has 50 or more entries **must** be split using either system. The Walk/Trot and Cross Rail Equitation divisions may be split if the number of entries exceed 12 entrants.
3. Once a division(s) has been split and the minimum number of entries have completed the course in the first class the division(s) they **may not** be combined again for the remainder of the competition.
4. To use the California split system, there needs to be a minimum of 20 entrants in the division. The California split system may not be used in any equitation class or division. Entries must be judged as a single class and split on the card by the Judge as follows:

HORSE'S PLACING	PRIZE AWARDED
1 st	1 st (Sec A)
2 nd	1 st (Sec B)
3 rd	2 nd (Sec A)
4 th	2 nd (Sec B)
5 th	3 rd (Sec A)
6 th	3 rd (Sec B)

7 th	4 th (Sec A)
8 th	4 th (Sec B)
9 th	5 th (Sec A)
10 th	5 th (Sec B)
11 th	6 th (Sec A)
12 th	6 th (Sec B)
13 th	7 th (Sec A) (if offered)
14 th	7 th (Sec B) (if offered)
15 th	8 th (Sec A) (if offered)
16 th	8 th (Sec B) (if offered)

Note: points will be awarded based on the number of entries in each section after it has been divided.

C. Division Specifications

Hunter Divisions:

1. Small Pony Hunter: Small pony - not exceeding 12.2 hands. Fence height: 2'3".
2. Medium Pony Hunter: Medium pony - over 12.2 hands, and not exceeding 13.2 hands. Fence height: 2'6".
3. Large Pony Hunter: Large pony - over 13.2 hands, and not exceeding 14.2 hands. Fence height: 3'0".
4. Low Children's Hunter: Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. Riders may not cross-enter at the same competition into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter or any class/section where fences exceed 3'0". Fence Height: 2'6" •
 - a. Low Children's Hunter Combining/Dividing Sections: The Low Children's Hunter section and the Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in either section.
5. Children's Pony Hunter: Open to ponies ridden by a Junior Exhibitor. **Riders may not cross-enter any classes in which fences exceed 3'3" at the same show, except Medal classes, age group equitation classes and Children's Jumper classes. Ponies may not compete in the Children's section if also entered in the Pony Hunter division at the same show.** The combination pony/rider is not eligible for USEF rated classes at the same show. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, and suitability as a Children's Hunter Pony. Ponies need not be jogged for soundness. Fence Heights: 2' (for Small and Medium ponies) and 2'6" (for Large ponies); spreads not to exceed height of fence and no in-and-outs. Zone award will be presented annually as two sections: small/medium and large.
 - a. If this division does not fill, it may be combined with the Children's Hunter horse.
6. Children's Hunter Horse: To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year. Riders entered in

Children's Hunter Horse sections may not cross-enter in any other class in which the obstacles exceed 3'5" at the same competition (exception: Equitation classes up to 3'9", Jumper classes 1.20m and lower, Junior Hunter sections, USHJA National Hunter Derby Classic and USHJA International Hunter Derby). A Children's Hunter Horse rider may only compete with one different horse in the Junior Hunter sections. A Junior Hunter rider may only compete with one different horse in the Children's Hunter Horse section. Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross-enter Junior Hunter sections at the same competition. Riders entered in the Children's Hunter Horse section may only compete on one Children's Hunter Pony at the same competition. Fence Height: 3'0".

7. Junior Hunter 3'3": Open to horses ridden by a junior exhibitor. Fence Height: 3'3".
 - a. May be combined with Junior Hunter 3'6", if entries warrant. If divisions are combined, and no fence height is reported, points earned will be awarded towards year-end standings in the Junior Hunter 3'3" division.
8. Junior Hunter 3'6": Open to horses ridden by a junior exhibitor. Fence Height: 3'6".
 - a. May be combined with Junior Hunter 3'3", if entries warrant. If divisions are combined, and no fence height is reported, points earned will be awarded towards year-end standings in the Junior Hunter 3'3" division.
9. Amateur-Owner Hunter: Open to horses ridden by an amateur owner or an amateur member of the owner's family, 18 years of age and older. Fence Height: 3'3" to 3'6".
10. Low Adult Hunter: Open to exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. Riders may not cross-enter any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 3'0". Fence Height: 2'6"
 - a. Low Adult Amateur Hunter Combining/Dividing Sections: The Low Adult Amateur Hunter and Low Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in either section.
11. Adult Amateur Hunter: To be ridden by Amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors. Riders may not compete in any other classes at the same competition where fences exceed 3'3", except the Adult Amateur Jumper and Amateur Owner Hunter. Any rider showing in the Amateur Owner Hunter division may compete with one (1) different horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter division and must own or have a USEF registered lease of said horse. Ponies may be shown by adults, suitability to count. Entries need not be jogged for soundness. Fence Height: 2'9" to 3'0"; spreads not to exceed fence height.
12. Low Hunter: Open to horses and ponies in any classification of showing. Fence Height: 3'0".
13. Baby Green Hunter: Open to horses or ponies of any age in their first or second year of showing at 2'6", who have never competed over fences higher than 2'6". A horse is eligible for year-end awards for either or both of two consecutive

- years. Once a horse has shown in the Green Hunter division, it may no longer compete in the Baby Green Hunter division.
14. Open Hunter: Open to all horses and ponies. Fence Height: 2'3".
 15. Special Hunter: Open to all horses and ponies. Fence Height: 2'6".
 16. Green Hunter: This division is set at the following height options: 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9" as defined by USEF. Only one OHJA year-end award will be given in this division. All four heights must be offered at horse shows, and the winners will be determined by all heights being judged together.
 17. Short Stirrup Hunter: Open to horses and ponies ridden by junior exhibitors 11 years of age and under. Limited to riders who have never shown over fences 2'6" or higher or in any pony hunter/jumper division. Fence Height: 1'6" to 2'3".
 18. Limit Rider Hunter: Open to horses and ponies ridden by exhibitors 12 years of age and over. Limited to riders who have never shown over fences 2'6" or higher or in any pony hunter/jumper division. Fence Height: 1'6" to 2'3".
 19. Performance Hunter: Open to all horses. No restrictions by previous show history. Fence Height: 3'3" to 3'6".
 20. Thoroughbred Hunter: Open to 'Thoroughbred' horses that are in possession of Breed Registry papers. All horse shows must require riders to verify registration on the day of the horse show through one of the following methods: The Jockey Club Certificate of Foal Registration or lip tattoo with the 5-cross pedigree and a successful tattoo lookup from The Jockey Club's Tattoo Identification Services (located at www.registry.jockeyclub.com). If neither of the above is available, a letter from The Jockey Club verifying the horse's identity is acceptable. Cross-entry into other sections is allowed. Fence Height: 2'6" or 3'0"; spreads not to exceed fence height.
 - a. If a 2'6" and 3'0" section is offered for this division at the same show an individual horse may only accumulate points in one of the sections.
 21. Very Low Hunter: Open to all horses and riders. Fence Height: 2'0".
 22. Future Hunter: Open to riders of any age riding beginner horses or ponies that have never shown over fences higher than 2'0". Simple changes are not to be penalized. Fence Height: 1'6" to 2'0".
 23. Modified Children's/Adult Hunter: Riders may not cross-enter any class where fences exceed 3'0" (except equitation) at the same show. In-and-outs optional. Fence Height: 2'9".
 24. Novice Children's/Adult Jumper: Open to horses and riders who qualify for the children and adult jumper divisions. Fence Height: 3'0".
 25. Schooling/Training Jumper: Open to horses and ponies. Table II-2b is recommended, but not required. For points to count, if a high and low section is offered for this division at the same show, an individual horse or pony may only compete in one of the sections. Fence Height: 3'0" to 3'6" or 0.91m to 1.07m.
 26. Low Children's/Adult Jumper: Open to horses and ponies ridden by a junior or amateur rider. Horse/rider combinations may not cross-enter any Junior or

Amateur Owner Jumper section at the same show. Riders may cross-enter Low Junior, Low Amateur Owner or Jumper section if ridden on a different horse at the same show. Riders may not compete above 1.30m (4'3") in any open class at the same show. Sections may be divided by age of rider or by horse/pony, if stated in the prize list. For points to count, if a high and low section is offered for this division at the same show, an individual horse or pony may only compete in one of the sections. Fence Height: 3'0" to 3'3" or 0.91m to 1.00m.

a. May be combined with High Children's/Adult Jumpers if entries warrant. If divisions are combined, and no fence height is reported, points earned will be awarded towards year-end standings in the Low Children's/Adult Jumper division.

27. High Children's/Adult Jumper: Open to horses and ponies ridden by a junior or amateur rider. Horse/rider combinations may not cross-enter any Junior or Amateur Owner Jumper section at the same show. Riders may cross-enter Low Junior, Low Amateur Owner or Jumper section if ridden on a different horse at the same show. Riders may not compete above 1.30m (4'3") in any open class at the same show. Sections may be divided by age of rider or by horse/pony, if stated in the prize list. For points to count, if a high and low section is offered for this division at the same show, an individual horse or pony may only compete in one of the sections. Fence Height: 3'3" to 3'6" or 1.00m to 1.07m.

a. May be combined with Low Children's/Adult Jumpers if entries warrant. If divisions are combined, and no fence height is reported, points earned will be awarded towards year-end standings in the Low Children's/Adult Jumper division.

28. Intermediate Children's/Adult Jumper: To be ridden by an intermediate junior or adult rider as defined by the intermediate children's and adult hunter division. Cross-entering into the Children's/Adult Jumper division on any horse at the same show is not allowed. Fence Height: 2'6" to 2'9" or .77m to .83m.

29. Junior/Amateur Jumper: Open to horses and ponies ridden by a junior or amateur rider. Horse/rider combinations may not cross-enter any Children's or Adult Jumper section at the same show. Riders may cross-enter the Children's or Adult Jumper section if ridden on a different horse at the same show. Sections may be divided by age of rider or by horse, if stated in the prize list. In order for points to count, if a high and low section is offered for this division at the same show, an individual horse may only compete in one of the sections. Fence Height: 3'9" to 4'6" or 1.15m to 1.35m.

30. Equitation Divisions: The equitation division is split into the following age groups. Classes should be offered as specified below, but may be combined as needed (sections d, e, f, and g only) if entries are limited.

a. Walk/Trot Equitation: Open to riders of any age who have never shown over fences or in a class requiring them to canter (except Cross-Rail Equitation). Ground pole trotting is permitted.

- b. Cross Rail Equitation: Open to riders of any age who have not shown at a canter over a course of fences higher than 18". Trotting is not penalized. Cantering is permitted on the flat in small groups (five or less) only. Showing in this division does not affect a rider's eligibility for Walk/Trot Equitation. Riders may cross-enter into Future Hunter division at the same show providing the fence height does not exceed 18".
- c. Short Stirrup/Limit Rider Equitation: Open to riders eligible for the Short Stirrup and Limit Rider Hunter divisions. Short Stirrup Equitation riders may cross-enter into the 11 and Under Equitation classes if it does not require them to jump 2'6" or higher. Fence height: 1'6" to 2'3"; no combinations.
- d. 11 Years and Under Equitation: Fence height: 2'0" to 2'6"; no combinations. Exception: ponies may jump their respective fence height.
- e. 12-14 Years Equitation: Fence Height: 2'6" **or** 3'0". Exception: ponies may jump their respective fence height.
- f. 15-17 Years Equitation: Fence Height - 3'0" **to** 3'6".
- g. Adult Equitation: For adults 18 years of age and over. Fence Height: 3'0" **or** 3'6".
- h. Intermediate Low Adult Equitation: Open to riders eligible for the Low Adult Hunter division. If this division is offered at the show, riders in this division may not cross-enter any other age group equitation division. Cannot be combined with any other age group equitation. Fence Height: 2'6".
- i. Intermediate Low Children's Equitation: Open to riders eligible for the Low Children's Hunter division. If this division is offered at the show, riders in this division may only cross-enter other age group equitation divisions that does not require them to jump 2'6" or higher. Cannot be combined with any other age group equitation. Fence Height: 2'6".
- j. Children's Equitation: Open to riders eligible for the Children's Hunter division. Riders may not cross-enter any divisions with fences higher than 3'3". Fence Height: 3'0".

D. OHJA Hunter Seat Medal Class: Member shows of OHJA may offer OHJA Medal classes provided they follow the qualifications stated below:

1. Entrants must be members of the Association to accumulate points.
2. Class to be shown over a course consisting of a minimum of eight (8) fences, with two (2) changes of direction. A **maximum** of 12 riders, if available, will be required to show at a walk, trot and canter following the jumping phase. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of horse. Each phase of the class (over fences and on the flat) shall count 50 percent. A minimum of three (3) competitors must complete the course **and** ride on flat in order for the class to fill. Once the first exhibitor has competed over fences in the class, no additional entries to that class are allowed.
3. Fence height varies with the rider's age/ability. See Rule IV.C.28c through **j** for specifications.

4. If entries warrant, Management may split the class ~~along-between~~ the ~~four~~ **age/ability** groups or between juniors and adults. If multiple OHJA Medal Classes are held at a show, they must be split so that no one age group can compete in more than one (1) OHJA Medal Class.
 5. Six (6) ribbons will be awarded in each class. First place riders will receive a medal at the year-end awards banquet.
 6. Qualification for the year-end OHJA Medal Finals will be based on accumulated points: 1st = 40; 2nd = 35; 3rd = 30; 4th = 25, 5th = 24, 6th = 23. Riders must earn 40 points to qualify.
 7. In addition to OHJA Medal classes, riders may use points from the following equitation classes at OHJA recognized shows toward qualifying: Short Stirrup, Limit, 11 & Under, 12-14, 15-17, Children's, Adult, Low Children's, Low Adult, ANY national Medal and WEC medals.
 8. ~~The cut-off date for the medal points will be thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Finals, which will be announced during the show year.~~ The qualification period ends the last Sunday in August. Points accrued from the last Sunday in August through November 30 will be applied to the following show year.
 9. The following height sections will be offered at OHJA Medal Finals: 2', 2'3", 2'6", 3' 3'3" and 3'6". For the year-end Medal Finals, your yearly primary showing height is where you are expected to show. Any deviations from this may be allowed, but this should be approved in writing by the board.
 10. In the Medal Finals the riders will compete over fences first and then a **minimum maximum** of twelve (12) riders if available will be required to come back for the flat phase. Upon the completion of the flat phase all riders will be asked to leave the ring. Only the riders receiving awards will be asked to return to the ring for award presentation.
 11. ~~For the end of the year OHJA medal finals, your yearly primary showing height or your age group equitation height is where you're expected to show for the final. Any deviations from this may be allowed, but this should be approved in writing by the board.~~
- E. OHJA Stirrup Cup Awards: OHJA will begin recognizing an additional category of riders. This will be a group of riders already competing in the traditional 3'0" Adult Hunters, 3'0" Children's Hunter, 2'6" Low Adult Hunters and the 2'6" Low Children's Hunter divisions. Any riders who typically ride in these four divisions will also have their points tabulated by only adding together the points from non-rated USEF shows. This will not add four new divisions to the OHJA Year-End Awards, it will just add an additional way of acknowledging a group of riders at our year-end awards banquet. Riders can accumulate points in both categories.

V. PROTEST

- A. A protest may be made under the following circumstances:
Any board member in attendance at an OHJA recognized show shall and can act as an OHJA steward and shall be responsible for bringing to the attention of the horse show management any potential rule violations. That board member, in a timely manner, should discuss the dispute with at least one (1) other board member and then bring up the matter for further review at the next available board meeting. The board will decide at that time any course of action if necessary. **Any exhibitor wanting to file a protest must do so within seven (7) days of completion of the horse show in question to the OHJA Board of Directors. The protest must be either written in a letter or sent by e-mail to any member of the OHJA Board of Directors.**
- B. Any OHJA member is encouraged to bring any rule questions to the attending OHJA board member. These questions should be brought up at that particular horse show in order for any problems to be handled promptly.
- C. Any questions or disputes regarding year-end points must be received by the OHJA Executive Secretary in a timely manner. All points will be final 15 days after of the completion of the show year.
- D. Any adult member wishing to file a formal protest must submit a fee of \$50.00 at the time of submitting the formal protest.

VI. HORSE SHOW RULE CHANGE PROCEDURE

- A. Any possible rule changes must be discussed in an OHJA Board of Directors meeting. The minutes from all OHJA Board of Directors meetings will be published and put on the website within five (5) working days of the meeting. Members can then read the minutes and have 30 days from the point of publishing to submit any comments or suggestions. These suggestions will be sent to the appropriate board member via a form that will be available on the website. The board will review any suggestions received at the next scheduled board meeting and will take these suggestions into consideration before voting on the proposed rule change or new rule.
- B. When a subject is not addressed in these rules, it must be addressed by the OHJA Board of Directors, and their interpretation will stand as the rule until the next year when an appropriate rule change will be submitted.
- C. Any OHJA member who wishes to reclassify their horse show division/class eligibility must submit their request to the OHJA Board of Directors current acting President in writing. At that time the OHJA Board of Directors will take the request under discussion. When a decision has been reached on the member's request, the member will then be notified in writing. At that time if division eligibility reclassification is granted, the OHJA member will be permitted to show in desired division/classes.

D. Any professional Ohio Hunter/Jumper Association (OHJA) member who wishes to be re-classified as an amateur on the grounds that he/she no longer engages in the activities which made him/her a professional must notify the OHJA Board of Directors in writing. Please address this request to the current acting President of the OHJA Board of Directors. If the requesting OHJA member is also a member of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the member must first petition the USEF for reclassification status. The ruling of the USEF on the member's reclassification must then be presented to the OHJA in writing and will be taken into consideration. At that time, the OHJA Board of Directors will discuss the written request and notify the requesting member of their decision on the member's OHJA Amateur reclassification.

**CODE OF REGULATIONS OF THE OHIO
HUNTER/JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation is The Ohio Hunter/Jumper Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II

FISCAL YEAR

Unless otherwise designated by resolution of the trustees, the first fiscal year of this corporation after the adoption of this Code of Regulations shall end December 31, 1993. Subsequently, the fiscal year of the corporation shall commence on the 1st day of January or be such other period as the Trustees may designate by resolution.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS.

- (a) Adult Membership. Open to persons eighteen years of age and over. \$35.00 yearly dues.
- (b) Junior Membership. Open to persons under eighteen years of age. \$25.00 yearly dues.
- (c) Horse or Pony Registration. \$20.00 yearly dues per animal.
- (d) Farm Membership. At least one owner of the farm must also be an Adult member. \$55.00 yearly dues.
- (e) Show Membership. Open to shows who will support the purposes and specifications of this corporation. Membership Show fee is \$55.00 per local rated show and \$75.00 per USEF rated show. Show Member fees must be paid and show date application forms received 45 days prior to the date of the show.
- (f) Payment of Membership Dues. All membership dues should be paid by December 1st of each year in order for members to receive the benefit of points toward Year-End Awards. Point accumulation shall not begin until the member's dues are paid and the animal registration fee is paid.
- (g) Consent of Trustees. A person or show may only become a member of this corporation with the consent of the Trustees.

SECTION 2. MEETING OF THE MEMBERS.

- (a) Annual Meetings. The Annual Meeting of the Members of this corporation for the election of Trustees, the consideration of financial statements, and other reports, and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before such meeting, shall be held during the month of January of each year: with the first annual meeting being held in January 1993. The Trustees will notify the membership body at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date of the meeting. Upon due notice, there may also be considered and acted upon at an Annual Meeting, any matter which could properly be considered and acted upon at a Special Meeting in which case and for which purpose the Annual Meeting shall also be considered as, and shall be a Special Meeting. If the Annual Meeting is not held or if Trustees are not there elected, a Special Meeting may be called and held for that purpose.
- (b) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the voting members may be held on any business day when called by any person or persons authorized by law to do so under Section 1702.17 of the Ohio Revised Code. Calls for special business shall be considered at any such meetings other than that specified in the call thereof.
- (c) Place of Meetings. Any meeting of members may be held at such place within or without the State of Ohio as may be designated in the Notice of said meeting.
- (d) Conduct at Meetings. Roberts Rules of Order shall be adopted as the official procedure for conducting meetings, except where a specific provision of the Articles of Incorporation or the Code of Regulations takes precedent.
- (e) Notice of Meeting and Waiver of Notice.
 - (1) Notice. Written notice of the time, place and purposes of any meeting of members shall be given to each member entitled thereto not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for the meeting and as prescribed by law. Such notice shall be given either by personal delivery or mailed to each member entitled to notice of or to vote at such meeting. If such notice is mailed, it shall be directed, postage prepaid, to the members at their respective addresses as they appear upon the records of the corporation, and notice shall be deemed to have been given on the day so mailed. If any meeting is adjourned to another time or place, no notice as to such adjourned meeting need be given other than by announcement at the meeting at which such an adjournment is taken. No business shall be transacted at any such adjourned meeting except as might have been lawfully transacted at the meeting at which such adjournment was taken.
 - (2) Waiver. Notice of any meeting, however, may be waived in writing by any member either before or after any meeting of members, or by attendance at such meeting without protest to the commencement thereof.
- (f) Quorum. The Voting members present at any meeting of voting members shall constitute a quorum, except as otherwise provided by the statutes of Ohio.

- (g) Voting. The affirmative vote of a majority of voting members present at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the authorization or taking of any action voted upon by the members. Adult members of the corporation shall be entitled to one (1) vote each. Other members shall have no vote.

ARTICLE IV

TRUSTEES

SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS.

The business, power and authority of this corporation shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by the Trustees.

SECTION 2. ELECTION AND NUMBER OF TRUSTEES.

- (a) Election. The Trustees shall be nominated at large from the membership by a mailing within sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. Only adult members in good standing which have been nominated by the membership will appear on the ballot to be mailed to all adult members for voting. The ballots must be returned to the Executive Secretary by the designated date on the ballot.
- (b) Number. The trustees shall consist of ten (10) persons. The Trustees shall be classified with respect to the time for which they shall severally hold office by dividing them into two (2) classes, to be known as "Class A" and "Class B". Of the initial Trustees, Class A shall consist of five (5) persons, each to hold office for one (1) year; Class B shall consist of five (5) persons, each to hold office for two (2) years. Initially, the Corporation shall have ten (10) Trustees, namely, Class A: Skip Thornbury, Scott DeHelian, Gary Kreider, Mindy Darst and Laurie Storey, and Class B: Frankie Stark, Anne Thornbury, Dan Lovse, Carolyn Knab and Lin Anderson.

SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICE OF TRUSTEES.

- (a) Term. Elections as indicated above shall commence with the 1994 Annual Meeting, at which meeting terms for all Class A Trustees shall expire. Each Class A Trustee shall hold office until the date fixed by the Regulations for the Annual Meeting of members in the even-year following the election of such Trustee, and Class B Trustee shall hold office until the date fixed by the Regulations for the Annual Meeting of members in the odd year following the election of such Trustee. All Trustees shall hold office until the successor is elected and qualified, or until the Trustee's early resignation, death or removal from office. The Trustees named in the Articles of Incorporation shall hold office for the terms established above and until their successors are elected and qualified.

- (b) Requirement. All Trustees are required to sign the OHJA Conflict of Interest Statement and Ethics Policy.
- (c) Removal. Any Trustee may be removed from office for conduct unbecoming a Trustee or the failure to attend fifty percent (50%) of the board meetings by a majority vote of all the Trustees then authorized by these Regulations. Such removal may take place at any regular or Special Meetings of the Trustees, and the Trustee sought to be removed shall be given the opportunity to present a defense.
- (d) Resignation. A resignation from the Trustees shall be deemed to take effect immediately upon its being received by an incumbent corporate officer other than an officer who is also the resigning Trustee, unless some other time is specified therein.
- (e) Vacancy. In the event of any vacancy in the Trustees for any cause, the remaining Trustees, though less than a majority of the whole, may fill any vacancy for the unexpired term.

SECTION 4. MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

- (a) Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the Trustees shall be immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the members or a Special Meeting of the members at which Trustees are elected. The holding of such members' meeting shall constitute notice of such Trustees' meeting and such meetings shall be held without further notice. Other regular meetings shall be held at such other times and places as may be fixed by the Trustees.
- (b) Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the Trustees may be held at any time upon call of the President or any two (2) Trustees.
- (c) Place Meeting. Any meeting of Trustees may be held at such place within or without the State of Ohio as may be designated in the notice of said meeting.
- (d) Notice of Meeting and Waiver of Notice. Notice of the time and place of any regular or Special Meeting of the Trustees (other than the regular meeting of Trustees following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the members or following any Special Meeting of the members at which Trustees are elected) shall be given to each Trustee by personal delivery, telephone, mail telegram or cablegram at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting, which notice need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Such notice, however, may be waived in writing by any Trustee either before or after any such meeting, or by attendance at such meeting without protest prior to the commencement thereof.
- (e) Voting. No quorum shall be required. All acts, questions and business which may come before a meeting of the Trustees shall be determined by a majority of votes cast by the Trustees present at such meeting, unless the vote of a greater number is required by the Articles, Regulations or By-Laws.

SECTION 5. ACTION OF TRUSTEES WITHOUT A MEETING.

Any action which may be taken at a meeting of Trustees may be taken without a meeting if authorized by a writing or writings signed by all Trustees, which writing, or writings shall be filed or entered upon the records of the corporation.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

The officers of this corporation shall be a President, who shall be one of the Trustees, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Said officers shall be appointed by the Trustees and shall hold office until the date fixed by these Regulations for the Annual Meeting of the members next following the appointment of such officers and until their successors are appointed and qualified. All officers shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

- (a) The President shall be the executive officer of The Ohio Hunter/Jumper Association, Inc., and shall preside at all meetings of the members and Trustees and sign the records thereof. The President will be responsible for appointing all committees and shall be an ex-official member of all committees, and shall perform generally all of the duties usually performed by the President of like corporations and such other and further duties as shall be from time to time required by the Trustees.
- (b) The Vice President shall, in the event of the absence, death or disability of the President, perform all the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall also perform such other duties as the Trustees shall prescribe.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep minutes of all the proceedings of the members and Trustees of this corporation and make a proper record of the same, and generally shall perform such duties as may be required by the Trustees. The Secretary will also keep all records of Point Accumulation and High Score Awards. The Secretary will report all business minutes at the Annual Meeting of the corporation.
- (d) The Treasurer shall receive and have in charge all monies and securities belonging to or due to this corporation and shall disburse or otherwise deal with the same as shall be ordered by the Trustees. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and disbursed and shall generally perform such duties as may be required by the Trustees. The Treasurer will present an annual financial report to the membership of this corporation at the Annual Meeting, and at such other times as requested by the Trustees. On the expiration of the term of office the

Treasurer shall turn over to the successor, or to the Trustees, all monies and property of this corporation in the Treasurer's possession.

- (b) Requirement. All Officers are required to sign the OHJA Conflict of Interest Statement and Ethics Policy.

SECTION 3. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS.

All officers of this corporation serve at the pleasure of the Trustees and may be removed by a majority vote of the Trustees at any time and for any reason.

ARTICLE VI

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Unless this Regulation is suspended by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the members, the order of business at all members' meeting shall be as follows:

- (a) Qualifying of members present;
- (b) Reading of the minutes of the last preceding members' meeting;
- (c) Reading of report of the Treasurer;
- (d) Reading of report of the Trustees;
- (e) Unfinished business;
- (f) New or miscellaneous business;
- (g) Election of Trustees if order at the meeting in question; and
- (h) High Score Awards if order at the meeting in question.

ARTICLE VII

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. BOOKS AND RECORDS.

The books and records of the corporation shall be available to any member or to any other person with the consent of the majority of the Trustees.

SECTION 2. INDEMNIFICATION.

The corporation shall indemnify any person who is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a trustee, officer, employee, member of agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation, against expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection

with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and with respect to any criminal proceedings, if he or she had no reasonable cause to believe that such conduct was unlawful.

SECTION 3. EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, CENSURE AND FINES.

A member of this corporation may be censured, suspended or expelled and/or fined after a hearing by the Trustees. A two-thirds vote of the Trustees present shall be necessary for action to be taken at such hearings.

SECTION 4. HIGH SCORE AWARDS.

Annual High Score Awards will be awarded at the Annual Meeting. To be eligible, the following conditions must be met:

- (a) Points will be credited from Member Shows;
- (b) For Equitation or Medal Class Awards, the individual must be a paid member of the corporation;
- (c) For Horse or Pony Awards, the animal must be registered with this corporation as well as the owner.
- (d) Point Accumulation for the year will begin when payment of membership dues and animal registration fees have been received by the Treasurer;
- (e) Transfer of ownership of a registered animal must be recorded with the Secretary in order for point accumulation to continue on said animal;
- (f) The Secretary will be responsible for the point tabulation of the High Score Awards.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

These Regulations may be added to, altered or amended at any meeting of the members of this corporation by a vote of not less than Fifty Percent (50%) of the adult membership of this corporation either in person or by proxy. Any proposed amendment to be made at the Annual Meeting must be submitted to the entire membership by mail at least two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. These Regulations may also be added to, altered or amended at any meeting of the Trustees by a vote of not less than Fifty Percent (50%) of the Trustees present at such meeting.