

Northwest Arkansas Hunter Jumper Association
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Rulebook



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RULEBOOK

Welcome to the Northwest Arkansas Hunter-Jumper Association (NWAHJA). Please read this rulebook carefully to better acquaint you with our procedures. The Board of Directors of NWAHJA has determined that every effort will be made to follow the guidelines of United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) as closely as possible within the practical context of operating our local shows. We urge all members to acquaint themselves with the USEF rules (www.usef.org) It is the responsibility of the rider and/or the adult guardian of the rider to read the NWAHJA rulebook and to understand all of the rules and guidelines stated in it.

RULE 1000: GENERAL:

- 1000** A rider's age is determined by how old a rider is on December 1st of any given year. "Junior and Children" riders are riders who have not yet reached their 18th birthday by December 1st.
- 1100** Each rider who is not a member of NWAHJA and is competing at a NWAHJA recognized show will be required to pay a non-member fee.
- 1200** Points at the horse shows towards the year-end awards will not accumulate until you have become a paid member (Individual, Family, Barn membership). Having your membership dues paid in full is the responsibility of the rider, not the trainer.
- 1300** Checks returned NSF will be addressed in the following manner. The Treasurer will contact the individual on the first NSF occurrence and this will be forgiven. On the second occurrence the treasurer will call and request all future payments for the current show year be made in cash.
- 1400** All shows except the NWAHJA hosted shows are managed by the facility. They have the responsibility of running their show by the NWAHJA rules and guidelines, but the decisions are made by the facility management.
- 1500** Decisions must be made by 10:00PM the night before the show that the show is a rainout, and a message placed on a recorder.
- 1600** The NWAHJA Show Steward has the responsibility to make suggestions and resolve problems at all NWAHJA shows.
- 1700** Prize lists must be sent to all current members three (3) weeks prior to the show.

RULE 2000: CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

2100 Classes:

- 2101** A horse/rider combination may only cross enter at a show into divisions with fence heights of a six (6) inch difference. This includes flat and under saddle classes. Jumper classes excluded.
- 2102** NWAHJA Show steward will only remove points for the show where the 6" rule is broken.
- 2104** Entry into one over fences class in a division is prohibited. Rider must enter the whole division or only the under saddle/flat class.
- 2105** A horse/pony may not be ridden in more than (10) individual classes per show day. This limit does not apply to any "challenge" classes or the Pleasure walk/trot division.
- 2106** It is the responsibility of the rider to change the number worn if they are riding more than one horse.

- 2107** Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all riders must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/ SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.
- 2108** Show management may enforce the one minute rule. Any time over the (1) minute can be penalized by disqualifying the rider in that class.
- 2110** Classes will be split into sections that have 12 or more riders. A random split will occur either from the show secretary, paddock master or judge. A & B sections will be held with 1-6th place awarded and points given in each section. There will only be one set of year end awards given for a division regardless of the number of times it had A & B sections through the year. Year End placings may be through 12th or in sections at the discretion of the NWAHJA board: factors including how many times divisions split through the year, etc.
- 2111** A rider may only compete in one medal class at any given show regardless of which day the medal is held. Medal participants may ride in multiple medals through the year at different shows as long as the 6" rule applies. In the event a rider is the Year End winner of a medal that rider may not compete in that same medal class again unless there is not a medal offered at a higher height.
- 2112** - All Jumper courses will be the same course when the entrants are 6 or less. However, set Tables will still apply to the given classes as far as time, jump off, etc.

2200 Entries:

- 2201** All show entry forms contain a legal waiver that must be signed by the rider or the adult guardian of the rider. You may not show unless this is signed. If the legal guardian will not be present at the show then it is the responsibility of the rider to bring the signed form with them to the show.
- 2202** Riders are requested to leave an open check with the secretary in case classes are added or dropped during the day. After you are finished showing for the day you can visit the secretary's desk and close out your check.
- 2203** It is the responsibility of the rider to make sure that any changes in the class entries (additions or scratches) are made at the Secretary's table well before that class is called.
- 2204** Without exception, all horses entering the show grounds must show an original/or digital current (within one year) negative coggins. NWAHJA sanctioned shows will be attended by a certified Coggins checker. You will not be allowed on the show grounds without this paper.
- 2205** Please return your show number to the registration table before leaving the show.

RULE 3000: PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS:

3100 Professionals

- 3101** A professional (pro). as defined by NWAHJA is any person who receives monetary or any compensation (board, training, rent, gifts, bartering services, buying and selling horses/ponies, taking horses on consignment or acting as an agent for someone purchasing a horse, etc.) for riding, training, or instructing a horse or rider under the age of 18.
- 3102** Pros may ride in the open divisions for year-end awards; the prize list will indicate the classification and specifics for entry.

3200 Amateurs The following activities do not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified:

- 3201** Accepting remuneration for officiating as a judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer or participating as a TV commentator, or accepting bona fide remuneration for services as a veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator or breeder, or for accepting bona fide remuneration for boarding services.
- 3202.** Accepting a token of appreciation, other than money, for riding, driving or showing in halter/in hand. Horse board, prize money, partial support or objects of more than \$300 are considered remuneration, not small tokens of appreciation. Accepting any amount of money, whether more or less than \$300 is considered remuneration.

RULE 4000: SHOW SAFETY:

4100 General Show Safety

- 4101** All dogs must be on a leash or otherwise confined. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 4102** Any horse or pony known to kick must wear a red ribbon in its tail as a warning to other riders.
- 4103** When a horse is in the ring being judged, the judge will make decisions regarding hazardous behavior, and may excuse an entry from the ring if the horse is deemed a hazard to the rider or others in the show ring.
- 4104** The Show Steward may excuse from the show site any horse which is deemed to be unruly or out of control of the rider, groom, owner, trainer or agent, and constitutes a hazard or threat to himself or any other persons, animals or property, i.e. kicking, bucking or rearing repeatedly. All horses on the show site, whether entered or un-entered, will be held to the same standards
- 4105** Spectators must remain in designated areas (bleachers, outside arena) well clear of the in and out gates to the arenas. This area is for riders and trainers only.
- 4106** No one is allowed to run up and down the aisles and/or bleachers at the arena or climb on the arena rails.
- 4107** Children are to be under adult supervision at all times.

4200 Schooling

- 4201** The Show Steward/Paddock Master or schooling master will direct any schooling to be done. The number of riders permitted will be limited to what the steward feels is appropriate.
- 4202** Supervision of schooling by a Junior rider under the age of 18 must be done by the adult guardian or instructor/trainer.
- 4203** Junior riders may not jump unless the adult guardian or instructor/trainer is present in the schooling ring.
- 4204** Only the adult guardian or instructor/trainer and riders can be in the schooling ring.
- 4205** The show steward may eliminate anyone from competition who does not use proper conduct in the schooling ring.

4300 Warm-Up/Schooling Ring Procedures

- 4301** Riders working on the flat should try to move in the same direction.
- 4302** If passing, pass to the inside and call out your intentions.
- 4303** If passing in the opposite direction, stay to the right as if you were driving a car, or "left shoulder to left shoulder".
- 4304** Riders who are jumping have the right of way.
- 4305** Make a clearly audible call before taking a jump.

- 4306** After three refusals at one particular jump, go back to a jump your horse is confident over.
- 4307** Take the jumps in the direction they are intended, ground lines and oxer poles will indicate this.
- 4308** Lunging in the warm-up ring is strictly prohibited when horses are being ridden in the warm up ring. Lunging within sight of the main show ring is also prohibited while classes are being held.
- 4309** Any changes to the locations of jumps in the show or schooling arena that change the track MUST be reset exactly as designed originally. Removing any fill or boxes during use MUST be returned to original placement. Always reset jumps the way you found them, including height adjustments.
- 4310** The jump crew always has the right of way.

4400 Show Ring Procedures

- 4401** Paddock Master/ Show Steward: The show steward or paddock master will determine the order of go and set the timing for the class. It is the responsibility of the rider or trainer to approach the paddock master and ask for a place in the order of go. If you are riding more than one horse, require a tack change between rides or have another valid reason for needing extended time then you must plan accordingly and space your rounds appropriately.
- 4402** You must be at the in-gate and ready to enter the ring when your number is called. Entrants are expected to enter the ring within one minute of being called (1 minute rule). Anything beyond 1 minute is considered a delay. Riders may be eliminated from the class for excessive delay at the discretion of the judge or show steward/paddock master. Learning the course will not be considered a valid reason for delay
- 4403** Only the horse/rider "on deck" may be at the in-gate. All other riders should stand outside the immediate area and wait to be called.
- 4404** If you prefer to ride your courses back to back without leaving the ring you should inform the paddock master before entering the ring.
- 4405** In case of broken equipment or loss of shoe while competing, the rider or handler may choose to continue without penalty. If they decide to stop to address the situation, that rider/handler will be eliminated. In the case of the jump(s) falling over due to weather or act of God, the rider must remain in the ring until receiving instructions from the judge(s) or be eliminated. In this instance, the decision of the judge is final.

RULE 5000 PROTESTS AND SPORTSMANSHIP

5100 Protests

- 5101** Any member may make a protest to the board following a show. Protests should be made in writing and presented or mailed to the President or Show Steward.
- 5102** The participants at a show may bring a problem or issue to the attention of the assigned show steward. The presiding show steward for the show will confer with those persons necessary and make a decision regarding the problem or issue. All decisions made by NWAHJA are final. Any challenged rule not specifically addressed in the prize list will be decided based on current USEF rulebook standards.
- 5103** Changes will not be made once a class has begun unless it seriously affects the safety of the rider or the horse.
- 5104** It is the option of the judge to allow viewing of their cards. A formal request from a rider or trainer to view the card can **ONLY** be made to the Show Steward. In the event the judge grants the request, the rider and their trainer must wait until after the last class of the day to speak with the judge.
- 5105** All protests/petitions from a show will be noted by the show steward on their daily report and reviewed by the board.

5106 Any matters needing immediate attention by the Board at a show/event will be addressed by the Board at an emergency meeting called pursuant to the procedures of Article VI, Section 5 in the By-Laws. An announcement of the meeting will be made to the membership over the loudspeaker and the show/event will be on hold until a final decision is made by the quorum of the board.

5200 Outside Assistance

5201 It is a NWAHJA policy that ANY help or encouragement from the ringside in Hunter, Jumper, Equitation, Medal classes by adult guardians or instructor/trainers is prohibited.

5202 Help given to a rider once they enter the ring is viewed as unsportsmanlike and the judge is aware of this policy.

5203 Any member who has an issue with riders getting help from outside the ring during their round may approach the show steward and file a protest.

5300 Disciplining your horse

5301 A tap on your mounts rump before entering the arena may be needed but please refrain from unnecessary smacks.

5302 If you have need to use your crop on your horse in the ring, it may only be used behind the girth.

5303 Continually striking a horse with your crop or whip while in the warm-up ring, schooling ring, or show ring, will be cause for immediate dismissal from the show grounds and/or forfeiture of all entry fees as well as receive follow-up disciplinary action from the NWAHJA board.

5400 Code of Conduct

5401 The following will not be tolerated by NWAHJA:

- 5401.1 Physically abuse horses on the show grounds
- 5401.2 The use of profane language
- 5401.3 Derogatory slang or gestures
- 5401.4 Possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs or alcohol
- 5401.5 Possession of any object considered to be a weapon
- 5401.6 Assault
- 5401.7 Use of tobacco on tobacco free locations
- 5401.8 Harassment – using words that intimidate threaten or persecute others
- 5401.9 Stealing or cheating
- 5401.10 Intentionally destroying property
- 5401.11 Defiance of authority or stated rules

5402 Anyone who does not conform to the NWAHJA behavioral code is subject to, but not limited to all of the following:

- 5402.1 A verbal reprimand by the Show Steward at the NWAHJA show or NWAHJA event.
- 5402.2 A warning letter from the NWAHJA board
- 5402.3 Immediate elimination from a round or division by the Show Steward
- 5402.4 Immediate disqualification from the horseshow by the Show Steward.
- 5402.5 Immediate suspension from all NWAHJA activities and NWAHJA sanctioned shows
- 5402.6 Expulsion from NWAHJA

5500 Fines The board may vote to levy fines for a violation of any of the rules and standards set forth in **Rule 5000**.

5501 First offense - \$300.00, payable to NWAHJA
Second offense - \$500.00, payable to NWAHJA

5502 All fines must be paid in full prior to entering; remaining on the grounds, and/or participating in any NWAHJA sanctioned show or event.

5503 Fines left unpaid at the time of the final show of the season will be cause for automatic forfeiture of any points earned by the offender to date for any and all classes and divisions (Hunter, Jumper and Equitation).

RULE 6000 POINTS

6100 Hunter/jumper points follow the horse.

6200 Equitation points follow the rider.

6300 Only horses receiving points over fences are to receive under saddle points toward determining champion and reserve champion of each division.

6400 In the event that a division does not fill (3 or more riders) and cannot be combined with another division, the class will run with half points being awarded.

6410 Full or Half points will be awarded to all classes in the division based on the # of riders in the 1st over fences class

6500 Divisions and Equitation classes involving different age groups in the same fence height may be combined if one of the divisions does not have three (3) entries. One set of ribbons will be offered, but points for ribbons received will be given for each age group. Divisions and classes may not be combined on the prize lists.

6510 Classes will be split into sections that have 12 or more riders. A random split will occur either from the show secretary, paddock master or judge. A & B sections will be held with 1-6th place awarded and points given in each section. There will only be one set of year end awards given for a division regardless of the number of times it had A & B sections through the year. Year End placings may be through 12th or in the sections at the discretion of the board; factors including how many times the division split through the year, etc.

6600 TIES

6600.1 In case of a tie, the horse with the most points over fences is the champion.

6600.2 If still tied, the horse with more points over fences in the 1st over fences round is the champion.

6600.3 If still tied, a hack-off must occur. If one horse cannot participate for any reason, the other horse wins by default.

6700 Points for all Divisions

First (1st) place in each class 10

Second (2nd) place in each class 6

Third (3rd) place in each class 4

Fourth (4th) place in each class 2

Fifth (5th) place in each class 1

Sixth (6th) place in each class .5

RULE 7000: YEAR-END AWARDS

7100 Volunteer Hours

- 7101.1 Members must volunteer a minimum of 4 hours of their time to NWAHJA by the final show of the season before becoming eligible for year-end awards.
- 7101.2 Time may be accumulated working at a NWAHJA show, or a NWAHJA sponsored event.
- 7101.3 Volunteers must contact the Volunteer Coordinator to set up hours to work. A family member or friend may work the time for you but the member is responsible for scheduling the time and the quality of the work done.
- 7101.4 In the event a member is unable to fulfill their hour requirements prior to the last show of the season, \$50 for every un-met hour may be paid to NWAHJA.

7200 Horses ridden or owned by a registered NWAHJA member may receive a year-end award once the horse has competed and received points in that division in a minimum of 2 NWAHJA sanctioned shows during the show year.

7300 A rider in an equitation or medal class or division may receive a year-end award if the rider has competed in and received points in that class or division at a minimum of 2 NWAHJA sanctioned shows during the show year

7400 Divisions must be offered and held at four (4) different NWAHJA shows during the year in order for an end of year award to be presented

7500 In the event that a division does not fill (3 or more riders) at 2 NWAHJA Sanctioned shows the division will not be eligible for year-end awards regardless of if it ran as half points at multiple shows.

RULE 8000 TACK AND SHOW ATTIRE

8100 NWAHJA Rider Attire:

8101 Accepted forms of attire are; traditional color rat catchers (with long, short or sleeveless), riding pants; either jodhpurs with paddock boots, or breeches with tall riding boots. Polo shirts may only be worn in Jumper classes. Full chaps may not be worn in any class. Wearing coats may be waived in extreme heat. Helmets will be conservative colored with no additional adornments and the boots will be black, tall on the adults and older juniors and black or brown paddock boots on the younger kids with a leather garter worn at the top of the calf over the jodhpurs.

8102 Shirts for boys/men may be common button-down worn with a man's style tie, or for either gender, collar with choker, with or without a pin in the front, and/or with or without monogramming. The shirt should be tucked neatly into breeches or jodhpurs and worn with a belt. Tee-Shirts without collars, "crop" tops, tank tops or other fashion statements are not acceptable.

8103 Jackets are considered proper, and correct fit would be long enough to touch the saddle in back and has enough sleeve length for the rider to stretch his or her arms out.

8104 Tall black boots or paddock boots are all acceptable. Tall rubber riding boots and synthetic paddock boots are also acceptable. Chaps are not acceptable, except for the fancy, smooth leather half-chaps which, when worn with a matching pair of paddock boots, give the appearance of a tall leather show boot.

8100 NWAHJA Rider Attire

8105 On the show grounds, all mounted riders must wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets. Plain black velvet, velveteen or spandex covers are available to cover schooling or plastic safety helmets, all conservative colored protective headgear with no additional adornments is acceptable.

8200 NWAHJA Tack

8201 HUNTER DIVISION: Tack and Equipment

- 8201.1 Regulation snaffles, Pelham's and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended. A judge may penalize for non-conventional types of bits or nosebands. Bit-less bridles are allowed in Jumper classes and Jumper schooling only.
- 8201.2 Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, equitation/flat and tie-breaking classes.
- 8201.3 Standing martingales are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales may be considered unconventional.
- 8201.4 Boots, wraps and bandages are prohibited in all hunter classes. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.

8202 JUMPER DIVISION: Tack

- 8202.1 No martingale restriction.

8203 EQUITATION DIVISION: Appointments

- 8203.1 Personal. Spurs, crops or bats are optional. When management permits Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Polo shirts and chaps are not permitted except in un-judged warm-up classes. Management or Judge may eliminate a rider who is inappropriately attired.
- 8203.2 Tack. Regulation snaffles, Pelham's and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended. A judge at his own discretion can penalize a horse with non-conventional types of bits or nose bands. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted. Type of saddle is optional. Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. They are prohibited on the flat in any class or phase. Changing of bits between phases is permissible.

RULE 9000 NWAHJA COURSE DESIGN

- 9100** There will be a course designer for each show and the courses will follow the guidelines of USEF and NWAHJA. All of the courses will be posted at the gate for review 30 minutes prior to the start of the show, or 30 minutes prior to the class.
- 9200** If the arena at a venue is too narrow to set up jumps with adequate space around the outside of the jumps for the flat classes to be run in a normal manner, there may be a change in the usual order of go. The flat classes may be grouped together after the jumping classes.
- 9300** Course designers and show managers will set show fences on an 11 ½ foot stride up to 2'3". Course designer and show management will set courses based on USEF recommendations. Course designer, judge and show steward may make adjustments as deemed necessary.
- 9400** All lines should be jumped in one direction only.
- 9500** An in and out (1 stride = 24' 2 stride 36') may be offered at fence heights of 2'9" and higher.
- 9600** All shows should have the footage for the lines on the posted courses.
- 9700** All shows are required to have two (2) jumps set up in a schooling area of adequate size with one (1) vertical and one (1) spread.
- 9800** If safe schooling area for jumpers is not available, then jumpers will have the opportunity to jump designated jumps in a short schooling break before Jumper classes start.
- 9900** No course may have a exhibitors trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate; any exhibitor choosing to trot or canter through the in-gate or out-gate will be eliminated.

SECTION 10000 HOW A CLASS IS JUDGED

10000 Hunter Classes: In hunter classes the performance of the horse, not the rider, is being judged and minor faults of the rider should not adversely affect the score. Horses in the Hunter division are judged on performance, conformation and soundness.

10001 Under Saddle: Horses are shown at the walk, trot and canter (based on division) in both directions. Horse's should be obedient, alert, and responsive and move freely, they should not be eliminated for slight errors.

10002 Over Fences: Performance over fences will be judged on performance and soundness as well as suitability and manners in some classes. Only a knockdown which lowers the height or changes the width of a fence is penalized. Judges must penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences, whether touched or untouched. At a combination, (fences 36 ft apart or less), if a refusal occurs, riders may re jump the entire element. The performance begins as the rider enters and ends when she leaves.

The following constitute elimination.

- Three refusals
- Off course
- Jumping course before its reset
- Bolting from the ring
- Fall of horse and/or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring).
- Trotting or cantering into the ring
- Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment

11000 Equitation Classes In equitation classes the performance of the rider, not the horse, is being judged. The rider should have a work-man-like appearance, seat and hands light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control should any emergency arise.

11001 Over Obstacles The performance begins when the rider enters the ring or is given the signal to begin. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider's ability. If a refusal occurs at a combination (in and out) the rider must retake all the obstacles in the combination.

- Elimination WILL occur by:
- Three (3) refusals
- Off Course
- Fall of horse and/or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring)
- Leaving the ring prematurely
- Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment

11002 On the Flat: Riders shall enter ring and proceed at least once around at each gait, and upon command, reverse and repeat. In open equitation, the riders may be asked to work collectively without stirrups.

12000 Jumper Classes Jumpers are judged strictly on performance. The horse making the least number of faults over a given set of jumps is the winner. In the jumper classes, the form used to get over the jumps or around the course does not affect the scoring.

Knockdown - 4 faults

First Refusal - 4 faults

Second cumulative refusal (Level 4 or below) - 4 faults

Third cumulative refusal - elimination

Off Course - elimination

Taking more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has begun—
elimination

Exceeding Time Allowed (for each commenced second over the time allowed) - 1 fault

13000 Warm-Up: Warm-Up rounds can be ridden before any hunter class, and will be judged. Riders cannot ride a warm-up round before any equitation class including but not limited to Education/Scholarship Equitation, Medals, or any jumper class. Warm-Up rounds are judged as a hunter round.

NWAHJA 2016 Information to include in Prize lists for Farm Shows

Class Schedule:

SATURDAY (Open Day) —9:00 START

Schooling Saturday:

6:30 to 8:00 Open Schooling

8:00am-8:55—Maiden / Progressive

9:00 AM

A. Warm-Up: Judged, may only be ridden prior to any **Hunter course!** Cannot be ridden prior to any Equitation O/F, Medal, or Jumper class.

1. Under Saddle – Open Walk/Trot
2. Maiden Hunter I Over Fences
3. Maiden Hunter II Over Fences
 4. Under Saddle—Maiden Hunter
5. Progressive Hunter I Over Fences
6. Progressive Hunter II Over Fences
 7. Under Saddle—Progressive Hunter

LLa. Leadline – no *age limit*, but entrants may enter no other classes

Schooling Break 2'-2' 3" riders only

8. 2' Hunter I Over Fences
9. 2' Hunter II Over Fences
 10. Under Saddle—2' Hunter
11. Baby Green Hunter I Over Fences
12. Baby Green Hunter II Over Fences
 13. Under Saddle—Baby Green Hunter

Schooling Break 2'6"-3'3" (Grp A 2'9"-3'3", Grp B 2'6)

14. NWAHJA Hunter
15. NWAHJA Hunter
 16. Under Saddle—NWAHJA Hunter
17. NWAHJA/USHJA Silver Outreach Medal
18. Scholarship Equitation on the flat
19. Scholarship Equitation Over Fences
20. Low Hunter/Silver Outreach
21. Low Hunter/Silver Outreach
 22. Under Saddle—Low Hunter
23. Progressive Medal
24. 3'-3'3" Hunter I Over Fences
25. 3'-3'3" Hunter II Over Fences
26. Under Saddle—3'-3'3" Hunter

NWAHJA JUMPERS

Course reset and short schooling break

27. Puddle Jumper #1 – Level 0: 2'3" to 2'6"
28. Puddle Jumper #2 – Level 0: 2'3" to 2'6"
29. Future Jumper #1 – Level 0: 2'6" to 2'9"
30. Future Jumper #2 – Level 0: 2'6" to 2'9"
31. Training Jumper #1 – Level 1: 2'9" to 3'
32. Training Jumper #2 – Level 1: 2'9" to 3'
33. Open Jumper #1 – Level 2: 3' to 3'3"
34. Open Jumper #2 – Level 2: 3' to 3'3"

SUNDAY (Amateur Day) —8:00 START

Schooling Sunday:

- 7:00-7:20am—Cross rail with flowers schooling
7:20-7:40am—Cross rail (outside lines only, no flowers) schooling
7:40-7:55—Pleasure schooling

8:00 AM

- B. Warm-Up: Judged, may only be ridden prior to any **Hunter course!** Cannot be ridden prior to any Equitation O/F, Medal, or Jumper class.
35. On the Flat—Pleasure Rider Equitation
 36. Under Saddle—Pleasure Horse
 37. Pleasure rider over Poles
 38. Beginner Walk-Trot Hunter I Over Fences
 39. Beginner Walk-Trot Hunter II Over Fences
 40. Beginner Walk-Trot Equitation Over Fences
 41. Under Saddle—Beginner Walk-Trot Hunter
 42. On the Flat—Beginner Walk-Trot Equitation
 43. Intermediate Walk-Trot-Canter Hunter I Over Fences
 44. Intermediate Walk-Trot-Canter Hunter II Over Fences
 45. Intermediate Walk-Trot-Canter Equitation Over Fences
 46. Under Saddle—Intermediate Walk-Trot Hunter
 47. On the Flat—Intermediate Walk-Trot Equitation

Schooling Break 18" Only

48. 18" Amateur Hunter I Over Fences
49. 18" Amateur Hunter II Over Fences
50. 18" Amateur Equitation Over Fences
 51. Under Saddle—18" Amateur Hunter
 52. On the Flat—18" Amateur Equitation

LLb. Leadline – no *age limit*, but entrants may enter no other classes

Schooling Break 2' Classes

53. 2' Amateur Hunter I Over Fences
54. 2' Amateur Hunter II Over Fences

- 55. 2' Equitation Over Fences
- 56. Under Saddle—2' Amateur Hunter
- 57. On the flat—2' Equitation

58. 2' Medal

59. Pony Hunter I Over Fences

60. Pony Hunter II Over Fences

Schooling Break before 2'3" ponies (2'3"-2' 6")

61. Under Saddle—Pony Hunter (all riders)

62. Modified Amateur Hunter I Over Fences

63. Modified Amateur Hunter II Over Fences

64. Under Saddle—Modified Amateur Hunter

65. On the flat—Education Equitation, all riders

66. Education Equitation Over Fences

67. Amateur NWAHJA Hunter I Over Fences

68. Amateur NWAHJA Hunter II Over Fences

69. Under Saddle—Amateur NWAHJA Hunter

***These are classes offered by NWAHJA and to be offered at farm shows. Class numbers *may not* coincide with the current year. Please ask for a current show bill for verification.**

NWAHJA Classes and Divisions

Conditions of Entry

Pleasure: Amateurs Only. This division is for entry-level riders only. Individuals who can walk and trot and have never shown over obstacles at a rated or non-rated show. The purpose of the class is to provide an initial show ring experience for individuals just learning how to ride. It is not intended for individuals who are routinely cantering and jumping over fences, either as part of their lesson plan or at shows of whatever caliber. Rider may not enter any other classes at show. Class number 1 and 2 are under-saddle only, riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk and trot in both directions. Class number 3 may include two (2) ground poles placed separately to be trotted over. This class may progress over show season to four (4) ground poles.

Open Walk-Trot Under Saddle: Open to all. Riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk and trot in both directions. Class may be split between professionals and amateurs if entries warrant.

Beginner Walk/Trot Hunter and Equitation: Amateurs Only Open to riders who have not competed in fences 2' or higher at rated or non-rated shows. The course for this division will be four (4) 12" crossbars set as two (2) lines, one line on each side of ring. The rider will jump once around only. The rider may trot the entire course or trot to the line and canter away. Riders may not canter in to any first fence of a line. On the flat, the riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk and trot in both directions. No cross-entry into any other division is allowed by that horse/rider combination.

Intermediate Walk/Trot Hunter and Equitation: Amateurs Only. The course will be 12" crossbars with optional diagonal lines or a single fence present. The rider may trot the entire course, trot to the line and canter away, or canter the entire course. On the flat, the riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk and trot in both directions. No cross-entry into any other division is allowed by that horse/rider combination.

Maiden Hunter: Open to horses or ponies in their first year of showing. The course will be seven (7) or eight (8) jumps consisting of 12" crossbars jumping in 18" verticals out. For the under-saddle class riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk, trot and canter in both directions.

Leadline: No age limit. Offered both Days. Horse or pony must be led/controlled by a qualified horse leader. Entrants may not enter any other classes in show.

Progressive Hunter: Riders must be 12 years of age and over. If warranted, classes may be divided into age groups 12-17 and 18 - up. The jumps will include 18" verticals jumping in and 2' verticals jumping out. The riders will show their horses at the walk, trot and canter in the under saddle class. This class is intended for green horses, not green or entry level riders.

18" Amateur Hunter and Equitation: Amateurs only. The courses are simple with seven (7) or eight (8) small 18" verticals. Entrants are encouraged to canter the courses as a stepping stone towards more advanced divisions. On the flat and in the under-saddle class, the riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk, trot and canter in both directions.

2' Hunter: Open to all. The courses consist of fences not to exceed 2' in height, with small oxers no wider than the height of the fence. The riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk, trot and canter in the under-saddle class.

2' Amateur Hunter: Amateurs only. The courses consist of fences not to exceed 2' in height with small oxers no wider than the height of the fence. The riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk, trot and canter in the under-saddle class

2' Equitation: Amateurs only. The course will consist of fences not to exceed 2" in height with small oxers no wider than the height of the fence. The riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk, trot and canter in the flat class.

2' Medal, NWAHJA Medal, and Progressive Medal: Junior and Amateurs only. Equitation classes. The rider must be a member of NWAHJA in good standing and the horse must be owned by a member of NWAHJA in good standing in order to enter this class. This is an equitation class over a course that is moderately more difficult than a typical hunter course. The course stresses competent and accurate riding skills. The top four riders after the first round may be called back for additional testing. All riders accumulating 13 points or more in their division through the show season will qualify for the medal finals held at the NWAHJA Year-End Show. There will be qualifying medal classes held at the Year-End Show with the finals held after.

****Warm-Up:** Open to all. Warm-up rounds can be ridden before any hunter class to be judged. Riders cannot ride a warm-up round before any Equitation Class or any Jumper Class. In addition, warm-up rounds are not offered to riders who are riding in the Pleasure division.

USEF Tests From Which Judges Must Choose for Medal Classes

(Taken directly from USEF Rule Book)

Tests may be performed either collectively or individually but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. A judge may ask riders to re-jump an abbreviated or shortened form of the original course. NOTE: In Hunter Seat Equitation classes, any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those competitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. If exhibitors are called back collectively to test, they must remain in the ring until all exhibitors have completed the test. Equitation tests must not have exhibitors trotting or cantering through in gate or out gate. Obstacles jumped in an equitation test must have been included in the original course. Jumps must be jumped in the original direction unless otherwise specified. BOD 1/17/10 Effective 12/1/10 EC 9/20/10 Effective 12/1/10

1. Halt (4 to 6 seconds) or halt and back. When riders working collectively are asked to halt and then back, they must not be penalized if they walk forward a few steps and halt after backing.
2. Hand gallop.
3. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. At left diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when left front leg is on the ground; at right diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when right front leg is on the ground; when circling clockwise at a trot, rider should be on left diagonal; when circling counterclockwise, rider should be on the right diagonal.
4. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judge specifies) and restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. Figures to be commenced in center of two circles so that one change of lead is shown.
5. Work collectively or individually at a walk, trot and/or canter.
6. Jump low obstacles at a trot as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a trot jump is 3' for horses, 2' for ponies.
7. Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
8. Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack and equipment and conformation.
9. Ride without stirrups, riders must be allowed option to cross stirrups.
10. Jump low obstacles at a walk as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a walk jump is 2'.
11. Dismount and mount. Individually.
12. Turn on the forehand done through the walk or the halt.
13. Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
14. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead. (See EQ113.4 for simple change.)
15. Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead.
(See EQ113.4 for simple change.)
16. Change horses. (Note: this test is the equivalent of two tests.)
17. Canter on counter lead. (Note: no more than twelve horses may counter canter at one time.)
18. Turn on the haunches from the walk.
19. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise judge beforehand what ride he plans to demonstrate.

2' Medal 2' fences, may have oxers with maximum spread of 2'. USEF Tests 1-6 may be used for work-off on the flat. (See USEF Tests listed below) It is the judge's discretion as to which test may be used.

NWAHJA Medal Fences 2'6". USEF Tests 1-13 may be used for a work-off. (See USEF Tests listed below) It is the judge's discretion as to which test may be used.

Progressive Medal This is a test of an individual as a show jumping rider. Exhibitors will show over a course of no less than eight fences and may choose from heights 2'9", 3'. At any time during the show season the rider may choose a different height, lower or higher. Rounds will be ridden throughout the day as course heights are changed for other divisions. The course must also include at least three of the following:

- Bending Lines
- Narrow Jump (6'8")
- Roll-Back Turn
- Fence at the End of the Ring
- Long Approach to a Single Jump

To be judged on style and execution. Upon completion of the over fences phase all riders will be asked to come back to the ring for a flat phase on the same horse. Riders will be asked to show at the working walk, working trot sitting, the working trot rising, as well as showing a lengthening of stride; the working canter, and the working canter showing a lengthening of stride. Riders being considered for an award will be asked for the working canter on the counter lead for at least one full revolution of the arena in both directions. Riders may be asked for additional tests. (see USEF tests 1-19 below) To be judged on rider's position, seat and the correctness and the effect of the aids. 2 contestants are required for the class to fill. All entries will qualify for the year end Medal Finals to be held at the Harvest Run show.

Distances will not be adjusted for ponies. Riders may not cross enter into any other Medal Class.

Amateur Pony Hunter: Open to small, medium or large ponies. Fences set at heights of 2', 2'3" or 2'6". Entrant may decide which height to compete in regardless of pony's height. Rounds will be ridden throughout the day as courses are changed for other divisions. Riders will be asked to show their ponies at the walk, trot and canter in the under-saddle class.

Baby Green Hunter: Open to horses or ponies in their first or second consecutive year of showing in a competition over fences. The courses consist of fences not to exceed 2'3" in height, with small oxers no wider than the height of the fence. The riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk, trot and canter in the under-saddle class.

Modified Amateur Hunter: Amateurs only. The courses consist of fences not to exceed 2'3" in height, with small oxers no wider than the height of the fence. The riders will be asked to show their horses at the walk, trot and canter in the under-saddle class.

Scholarship Equitation and Education Equitation: Amateurs only. Scholarship class. Riders may choose fence heights of 2'3" (Sunday only), 2'6" or 2'9". Rounds will be ridden throughout the day as course heights are changed for other divisions. Open to all amateur riders regardless of age or membership. However, riders wishing to compete for the scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- Notification of Intent recorded with NWAHJA
- Member in good standing with NWAHJA
- Freshman through Senior in High School
- Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher
- Application and guidelines can be found at www.nwahja.com

NWAHJA Hunter: Open to all. Fence heights 2'6"

Amateur NWAHJA Hunter: Amateurs only. Fence heights 2'6"

Low Hunter: Open to all. Fence heights 2'9"

3' -3'3" Hunter: Open to all. Fence heights 3'-3'3"

JUMPER CLASSES & DIVISIONS

Puddle Jumper Level 0: 2'3"-2'6": (Classes 26-27)

Future Jumper Level 0: 2'6"-2'9": (Classes 28-29)

Table II, Sec 2(b): Cross-Entry of horse/rider into Future Jumpers only. The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon audible signal to begin his/her round, the competitor is responsible for adhering to the 45 second rule as per JP134.3. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have retired from the jump-off. If there are arena clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults. It is recommended that no more than ten numbered obstacles be included in the first round when the class is scored under this table.

Training Jumper Level 1: 2'9"-3': (Classes 30-31)

Table II, Sec 2(b): same as above. **Table II, Sec 2c Power and Speed:** If a competitor has gone **clean in the first round** rider will, upon crossing the finish line, **commence the designated jump-off course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line** for the initial course. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off in which time will decide.

Open Jumper Level 2: 3'-3'3": (Classes 32-33)

Table II, Sec 2c Power and Speed: same as above. **Table II, Sec 1: Timed First Round;** first round is decided by adding together faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed. Horses with clean rounds or equal faults are classified according to their time taken to complete the course.

Show Rules & Fees

ENTRIES: \$15 pre entry per class. Any entries after Wednesday @ 5:00 class fee of **\$20** including day of show adds. Make entries to

(Include in entry the Horses Name, Rider Name, Owner, Class #'s, Member #)

- Education/Scholarship Equitation classes **\$15** per class—height on entry
- USHJA Outreach Medal add'l **\$2**, & USHJA member #.
 - * USHJA points accumulate from Sept 16 to Sept 15
- Warm-up A & B rounds are **\$15** and will be judged
- Un-judged/Exhibition rounds **\$15**.

FEES:

\$20 EMT/Office fee will be charged for each horse/rider combination.

\$5 non-member fee **per class**, for each horse/rider combination.

\$25 Grounds/Schooling fee for participating in schooling breaks only.

\$5 fee **per class** for entries made after 7pm Wed. including day of show. \$15 Schooling Fee Friday or Saturday after show.

Schooling:

Friday: \$15 schooling from 4-8 pm

Saturday:

6:30am-8:55am open to all riders

Short schooling break for 2'6" / 2'9"

Short course change & break prior to Jumpers

Short schooling for jumpers

\$15 fee— schooling **after** show Saturday only, open until 8pm. Must reset jumps if you change any.

Sunday:

6:30am-7:05am—18" Riders

7:05am-7:35am—Cross-rail Schooling

7:35-7:55am—Pleasure Schooling

- Proper show attire required with exception of Classes 1-3 (attire rules to be found at www.nwahja.com or in the NWAHJA Rule Book). ATSM/SEI protective headgear required when mounted.
- Attire for Pleasure Division only, Classes 32 - 36. Although we encourage traditional riding attire, pleasure attire of a hard heeled shoe or boot, neutral colored schooling tights (with belt if loops), approved helmet and a shirt with collar and sleeves will be acceptable. No jeans and/or cowboy boots allowed.
- One year negative Coggins is **REQUIRED** and will be checked upon arrival.
- Classes 32-44 will be pinned through 10th place if entries warrant (Year-End Awards awarded through 6th place). Ribbons for Champion and Reserve Champion. Only horses receiving points over fences are to receive under saddle points toward determining champion and reserve champion of each division.*
- A horse/rider combination may only cross enter divisions with fence heights of six (6) inch difference. This includes flat and under saddle classes, jumper classes excluded.
- A horse/pony may not be ridden in more than (10) individual classes per show day. This limit does not apply to any "challenge" classes or the Pleasure walk/trot division.*
- In the event that a division does not fill (3 or more riders) and cannot be combined with another division, the class will run with half points being awarded.
- Entry into one over fences class in a division is prohibited. Rider must enter the whole division or only the under saddle/flat class.
- The One Minute Rule will be enforced at all times. A rider will have one (1) minute to enter the arena when called or be penalized by disqualification in that class. Out of respect for other competitors and the judge, this rule is not up for discussion. **BE PREPARED!**
- NWAHJA Steward is on duty for show safety, management, schooling and questions. Please do not approach the judge during the show.

- Any horse or pony known to kick must wear a red ribbon in its tail as a warning to other competitors.
- A formal request from a rider or trainer to view the card can be made to the Show Steward. The rider and their trainer must wait until after the last class of the day to speak with the judge.
- **It is a NWAHJA policy that ANY help or encouragement in ANY class (Hunter/Jumper/Equitation/Medal) from the ringside by adult guardians or instructor/trainers is prohibited.**
- Horses owned by a registered NWAHJA member may receive a year-end award once the horse has competed and received points in that division in a minimum of 2 NWAHJA sanctioned shows during the show year.*
- A rider in an equitation or medal class or division may receive a year-end award if the rider has competed in and received points in that class or division at a minimum of 2 NWAHJA sanctioned shows during the show year.
- A rider will not be disqualified for the purposes of this rule if, by virtue of when the rider becomes a member of NWAHJA, the rider competes in and receives points in all shows at which the rider was eligible to accumulate points during the show year.

Please read through the NWAHJA Rule Book to acquaint yourself with class descriptions and other conditions of entry.

Please **return your number** to the registration table before leaving the show.

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NWAHJA Perpetual Trophies

Best Child Rider on a Pony Award

To be awarded to the Amateur NWAHJA member in good standing, ages 17 and under, same pony/ rider combination, who has accumulated the most points in divisions with fence heights of 18" verticals or higher. Medal and Jumper class points do not count towards year end points for this trophy. A pony is an equine that is 14.2h or less.

Best Child Rider on a Horse Award

To be awarded to the Amateur NWAHJA member in good standing, ages 17 and under, same horse/ rider combination, who has accumulated the most points in divisions with fence heights of 18" verticals or higher. Medal and Jumper class points do not count towards year end points for this trophy.

Best Amateur Adult Rider Award

To be awarded to the Amateur NWAHJA member in good standing, 18 yrs of age and over, same horse/pony, same rider combination, who has accumulated the most points in divisions with fence heights of 18" verticals or higher. Medal and Jumper classes do not count towards this trophy .

Horse/Pony of the Year Award

To be awarded to an owned or leased horse/pony ridden by a NWAHJA member or members in good standing, professional or amateur, who has accumulated the most points in hunter divisions with fence heights of 2' or higher. Medal, Jumper, and Equitation classes do not count towards year end trophy.

Pony of the Year

To be awarded to an owned or leased horse ridden by a NWAHJA member or members in good standing, professional or amateur, who has accumulated the most points in hunter divisions with fence heights of 2' or higher. Medal, Jumper and Equitation classes do not count towards year end trophy.

Privately Sponsored Trophies

Serendipity Award

Awarded to the school horse/pony earning most points in classes beginning with: Beginner Walk/Trot 12" Crossbars. Multiple Riders are acceptable. Pleasure Division and Open Walk/Trot are excluded. However, in the one day show format, the Open Walk/trot u/saddle will count for Maiden Hunter points and count for the Serendipity Award. Provided by Morning Star Farm.

Cocoa Puff Memorial Spirit Award

This special award will be given to the rider, 17 and under, who has exhibited good sportsmanship and horsemanship skills throughout the year both at horse shows and at their home barn. At the end of each show season, trainers may submit, in writing, a descriptive paragraph about the exhibitor to the NWAHJA Board. This is not about the number of points accumulated or the number of ribbons won, but about kindness, self control, generosity and putting the horse's needs first. This award is donated by Kayvonne Primm and Morning Star Farm in remembrance of the special pony, Cocoa Puff, who selflessly taught dozens of children to ride and jump.

Kit Kalypso Award

To be awarded to the horse or pony ridden by a NWAHJA member in good standing who accumulates the most points in the Jumper Divisions. This trophy is being offered by Laura McKenzie of Lakepoint Farm in remembrance of Kit Kalypso, a horse who was champion in victory and defeat.