



# BY-LAWS & RULE BOOK H.H.S.A., INC.

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*Please keep this copy handy for your reference.*

*It is the responsibility of each member and trainer to read and know the rules.*

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# Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc. - By-Laws

## ARTICLE I - Name

As adopted by a plurality vote of the executive committee, the association's name shall be: Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc. ("H.H.S.A.")

## ARTICLE II - Purposes

- a. The purposes of the H.H.S.A., Inc. shall be:
- b. To stimulate interest in the sport of horse showing.
- c. To provide healthy competition and sportsmanship among exhibitors registered with the H.H.S.A.
- d. To promote quality English horse shows.
- e. To encourage the growth of the number of exhibitors attending local English horse shows.
- f. To support the financial cause of the organizations or groups that hold local English horse shows.

## ARTICLE III

### Section 1 - Membership

- a. Membership in the H.H.S.A. is not restricted to place of residence.
- b. Adult members are members over 17 years of age as of 12/1 of the previous year.
- c. Junior members are members 17 years of age and under as of 12/1 of the previous year.
- d. Non-riding voting member is a member of any age who does not ride for points, but wishes to be a part of the H.H.S.A. and have voting privileges.
- e. Family membership consists of household occupants. Each occupant may ride for points. The family is entitled to only one vote regardless of the number of Adult members in the household.

### Section 2 - Registration

- a. Membership fee will be announced prior to each show season.
- b. Payment of membership fee enrolls the voting member for one show season and the Fall Open meeting following that show season.
- c. Tabulation of points will be effective as of the date of registration.
- d. Animals are to be registered separately.

### Section 3 - Voting

- a. Only Adult members may nominate and vote for members to serve on the Board of Directors.
- b. Only junior members may nominate and vote for a maximum of 6 junior board members to serve one year terms.

## ARTICLE IV - Operating Procedures

### Section 1 - Committee Elections

- a. At an annual final meeting, open to all H.H.S.A. members, a majority of present registered voting members in good standing will elect Adult directors to serve for a three year term.
- b. There shall be nine (9) Adult directors on the board of directors. Beginning in 2007, the first year after implementation of this rule, three directors will be elected to three year terms, three directors

will be elected to two year terms and three directors will be elected to one year terms. Thereafter, elections for those directors whose terms are expiring will be for three year terms. Junior members may nominate and vote for a maximum of 6 junior board members to serve one year terms.

- c. Members may serve consecutive terms on the board of directors.
- d. Any Director who misses three meetings of the board of directors in a one year period shall be removed as a director.
- e. The Board of Directors, in addition to the nine directors referred to above, shall include the officers referred to in Section 3. In addition, the past president shall be offered the opportunity to sit on the Board of Directors.

## **Section 2 - General Committee Powers**

- a. Only Adult members of the Board of Directors shall be eligible to vote. A simple majority of the Adult members must be present for official business.
- b. The Board of Directors shall serve to conduct and manage the affairs of the H.H.S.A. for the current year.
- c. It shall establish the divisions in which riders and equines compete.
- d. The Board of Directors shall maintain records of competing members and recorded horses and ponies.
- e. It shall make or suggest amendments, additions, or deletions to these rules subject to membership approval by majority vote of members in good standing at an open meeting. However in extenuating circumstances, and when deemed for the benefit of the membership, the committee will have the power to amend, add or delete a rule mid-season but may not make a permanent rule unless approved by a majority vote of members in good standing at the next open meeting.
- f. It shall publish a calendar of H.H.S.A. associated shows for the current year.
- g. The Board of Directors shall make decisions (by majority vote) on issues not covered by these rules.

## **Section 3 - Officers**

- a. Officers of the HHSA shall include, but not be limited to, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be voted to their positions by the voting members of the association in good standing. The term of each office shall be two years. In order to serve as President, the individual must have served on the board for at least one year within the prior three years as a director.
- b. The President shall be Adult member and shall preside at all meetings of members and directors at which he/she shall be present and shall perform duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors. The president shall appoint, from the committee members, sub-committees that he/she deems necessary for the proper conduct of the H.H.S.A.
- c. The Vice President shall be an Adult member and in the absence of the president shall preside at all meetings and shall perform all other duties of the president. He/she shall have such powers and perform such duties as assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.
- d. The Secretary shall be an Adult member and shall give notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors, keep minutes for all executive and open meetings, possess a current mailing list, and perform such duties as assigned by the president.

- e. The Treasurer shall be an Adult member and shall collect all monies due the association and have the care and custody of all funds, receipts, and disbursements. Funds shall be deposited in the name of the H.H.S.A., Inc., in a bank that is most convenient for the Treasurer. He/she shall render to the President and Board of Directors an account of the financial condition at all meetings. Only receipts deemed proper by the Board of Directors shall be accepted for reimbursement. The Treasurer shall be responsible for filing annual tax material.

#### **Section 4 - Vacancies**

Vacancies of the H.H.S.A. Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 5 - Point Tabulation**

- a. The President will appoint an individual to assume the duty of point tabulator.
- b. The point tabulator will record and tabulate all points earned by registered members and animals.
- c. Points will be as follows:

1st place - 10 points	4th place - 2 points
2nd place - 6 points	5th place - 1 point
3rd place - 4 points	6th place - ½ point

- d. There must be at least 3 entries in a class for points to count towards year-end awards. In the event that there are only 2 entries in a class, the class may be held but only half of the points awarded for placements will count towards year end awards.
- e. Double points may be allowed by the Board of Directors at H.H.S.A.shows; and any double pointed show must be advertised in advance.
- f. No additional points will be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons.
- g. Shows are encouraged to tabulate and award championships in all divisions.
- h. All show managers must forward Judge's Cards, or copies of same, to Point Tabulator within 7 days following show.
- i. A penalty of \$50.00 will be assessed if the Horse Show does not submit show data as indicated in 5 (h) above.
- j. All show results will be kept for 3 years by H.H.S.A.

#### **Section 6 - Open Meetings**

- a. The purpose of open meetings is to inform the general membership of current policy and to ascertain general membership approval of that policy by majority vote of members present.
- b. Open meetings will be conducted under simplified "Roberts Rules of Order."
- c. Members will be notified of open meetings through electronic communication and/or individual mailings.
- d. At least 2 open meetings per year will be held with fair notice.
- e. All permanent rule changes must be voted on at the Spring Open Meeting.
- f. All members must be advised of proposed rule changes prior to the Spring Open Meeting

## ARTICLE V - Infractions

### Section 1 - Protests

- a. A protest may be made to the Board of Directors by an exhibitor, an agent, a trainer, or the parent of a junior member for any violation of these rules. The protest must be:
  1. In writing.
  2. Signed by the protestor.
  3. All protests must have written documentation/evidence turned into support protest within 7 days of filing or protests will automatically be dismissed by the Board of Directors with automatic forfeit of deposit. Protests and deposit fees must be repaid/resubmitted if after 7 days.
  4. Addressed or submitted to the Secretary of the H.H.S.A. 3 published April 2010
  5. Accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 and received by the Secretary within 7 days of the alleged violation of which, \$20 will be non-refundable.
- b. Protests requiring immediate attention will be taken to the show steward for a decision, which must be made in accordance with H.H.S.A. rules.
- c. In the event the steward cannot reach a decision in regard to a protest, he must request a hearing through the H.H.S.A. committee.
- d. Such hearings shall be held within ten days' notice to the concerned parties. All persons concerned shall be notified and may, at their option, attend the hearing and may bring witnesses, sworn statements, or other evidence in their own behalf. After the hearing, if the protest is upheld, final penalty will be handed down by the H.H.S.A. Board of Directors.
- e. If the protest is overruled, the entire deposit will be forfeited to the H.H.S.A. If the protest is sustained, the deposit, less the \$20 non-refundable fee, shall be returned to the protestor and a fee of \$80 shall be assessed to party found in violation.
- f. No prizes shall be awarded/collected at end of season if any outstanding fee is unpaid.
- g. If fees are unpaid by following show season, those members shall be subject to censure, suspension, expulsion or forfeiture as outlined in Article V – Infractions, Section 3.

### Section 2 - Violations of Members

- a. Inspecting the judge's card without the permission of the judge is a violation.
- b. No member may approach a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the show steward or the Board of Directors.
- c. Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse by any person at an HHSA sanctioned event is forbidden and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Committee must bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the competition. It is the duty of the show committee and steward to report to the Board of Directors any person who indulges in this practice for such further action as may be deemed appropriate. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, before, during or after a competition, by any person; and inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.

- d. No one will be allowed to physically or verbally assault another person.
- e. Members must obey penalties imposed by the H.H.S.A.
- f. Riding, exhibiting, coaching, or training for the benefit, credit, reputation, or satisfaction of a suspended person is prohibited.
- g. Any violations (for which members may be subject to penalty) not covered by this set of guidelines, but which may occur and necessitate action by the committee, will be judged according to standards prescribed in the current Recognized Show Rules.

### **Section 3 - Penalties**

- a. Censure - Formal notification in writing and published in the H.H.S.A. newsletter recognizing that an offense has been committed and by whom.
- b. Suspension - The inability to participate in any form at any H.H.S.A. function, i.e. as an exhibitor, spectator, or participant. The period of suspension shall be at the discretion of the H.H.S.A. Adult executive committee. The terms of the suspension shall be published in the H.H.S.A. newsletter.
- c. Expulsion - The person(s) receiving expulsion from the H.H.S.A. will be unable to participate in any form in H.H.S.A. sponsored functions permanently. The expulsion shall be a formal notification in writing and published in the newsletter.
- d. Forfeiture - The person involved in the offense must return all trophies, ribbons, and prize money in connection with offense committed. Of the points earned by the involved person or animal, H.H.S.A. will take those connected to the offense off the H.H.S.A. point book.
- e. The Board of Directors of the H.H.S.A. shall be responsible for deciding which penalty is appropriate for a violation of the H.H.S.A. rules.

# Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc. - Rules

## EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

### RULE I

#### *Section 1 - Calendar Year*

All eligibility will be determined as of 12/1 of the previous year. This includes both horse and rider eligibility.

#### *Section 2 - Registration*

All animals are registered for the current show season for a set fee, which will be announced before the first H.H.S.A. show of the current year. All animals, in order to compete in the H.H.S.A. Medal Finals must be registered 45 days prior to the Medal Finals. H.H.S.A. recorded animals are eligible for awards in all divisions for which they qualify. Registration 4 published April 2010

forms must be filled in with complete information to ensure correct awarding of points and inclusion on H.H.S.A. associated shows' mailing lists. Registration forms must be filled out and all fees paid before any points will count. H.H.S.A. will not be responsible for errors made because of failure of the exhibitor, owner, agent, or trainer to complete the registration form correctly or to adhere to the responsibilities described in these guidelines, or to show an animal as registered.

#### *Section 3 - Measurement*

All ponies must have a current H.H.S.A. card or a current Maryland Horse Show Association (M.H.S.A.), Virginia Horse Show Association (V.H.S.A.), Baltimore County Horse Show Association (B.C.H.S.A.) or United States Equestrian Federation (U.S.E.F.) measurement card. Cards will be available at each registered show. Measuring will be done by a committee designated by the H.H.S.A. Board of Directors. Ponies shall be measured shod or unshod. M.H.S.A., V.H.S.A., or USEF measurement cards shall take precedence. All ponies must be measured for a current card before they can show.

#### *Section 4 - Divisions*

H.H.S.A. recognized shows may offer any or all of the following divisions:

#### EQUITATION

Lead line	Equitation 13 & under
Mini-Stirrup	Equitation 14-17
Short Stirrup Equitation	Adult Equitation
Long Stirrup Equitation	Harford Hunt Seat Medal
Novice Equitation	USET Medal

## HUNTER & PLEASURE DIVISIONS

### *PONY DIVISIONS*

Short Stirrup Hunter	Green Pony Hunter
Long Stirrup Hunter (any size mount)	Small Pleasure Pony
Small Pony Hunter	Medium Pleasure Pony
Medium Pony Hunter	Large Pleasure Pony
Large Pony Hunter	Small Schooling Pony
Modified Hunter (any size mount)	Medium Schooling Pony
Large Schooling Pony	

### *HORSE DIVISIONS*

Baby Green Horse Hunter	Low Amateur Adult Hunter
Schooling Horse Hunter	Junior Hunter
Children's Hunter Horse	Amateur Adult Hunter
Pleasure Horse	Green Horse Hunter
Working Horse Hunter	

## **Section 5 - Annual Awards**

- a. Each year a permanent award and 8 ribbons are presented to the high point earners in each of the H.H.S.A. divisions.
- b. For the leadline, a blue merit award will be given when the rider has accumulated 20 points. At that point, H.H.S.A. will no longer record points in that division for that rider. Riders must accumulate at least 10 points in order to receive a red merit in the leadline division and 5 points for a yellow merit.
- c. In the mini-stirrup and short stirrup divisions, the riders will receive a blue merit award when they have accumulated 45 points. After the rider has reached 45 points, no additional points will be tabulated. Mini-stirrup and short stirrup riders who accumulate at least 20 points but less than 45 points will receive a red merit award.
- d. In the long stirrup division the riders will receive a blue merit award when they have accumulated 45 points. After the rider has reached 45 points, no additional points will be tabulated. Long stirrup riders who accumulate at least 30 points but less than 45 points will receive a red merit award.
- e. In any Hunter division, no under saddle points will count towards year end awards unless the animal also completes a course in an over fences class in the same division at the same show.
- f. If the animal is leased, the lease may be transferred between persons during the year without affecting the animal's score.

- g. In the event of a tie, a high score award will be given to each of the tied competitors for year end awards.
- h. Two classes in each division are necessary for points in that division to count for H.H.S.A. annual awards.
- i. In order to be eligible to receive a year end award, the exhibitor must have accumulated at least ten (10) points in the division.
- j. Any exhibitor who wins a perpetual trophy at either the benefit show or the annual awards banquet is responsible for the prompt return of the trophy in the same condition as it was received. An adult must sign a receipt for the trophy before it can be removed from H.H.S.A. possession. The receipt shall specify the date the trophy is to be returned to the trophy coordinator. Any exhibitor failing to return the trophy by the date specified by the trophy coordinator will be assessed a late fee of \$150.00. Any member who fails to return a Benefit Show trophy by the Wednesday preceding the benefit show of the following year shall forfeit all points accumulated by the member and any animals owned by the member during the show season. Those members shall also be barred from participating in the Benefit Show and the Medals Finals of that season. Any member failing to return a year end perpetual trophy by November 1st shall forfeit all points accumulated by the member and any animals owned by the member during the show season.
- k. To be eligible to receive an HHS A High Points Show Series Trophy, performance horses, performance ponies or equitation riders must have shown in at least two out of three shows managed by the HHS A Show Committee at the Bel Air Equestrian Center.

## **Section 6 - Special Awards**

### ***HARFORD HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION MEDAL- CHILD ON A PONY***

### ***HARFORD HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION MEDAL- CHILD ON A HORSE***

To be given annually to the first place rider in each of these special class. Junior riders must qualify for the ride-off held at the Medal Finals at the end of the season. Ribbons will also be awarded to 8th place. Donated by the Pyle Family

### ***UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN TEAM BENEFIT CUP EQUITATION MEDAL***

To be given annually to the first place Adult rider in this special class. Ribbons will also be awarded to 8th place. Adult riders must qualify for the ride-off held at the Medals Finals at the end of the season. Donated by Mr. Richard Rhia.

### ***SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS***

Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Criteria: The Junior and Adult Sportsmanship award is to be awarded to a member, nominated by the membership and selected by the members of the Sportsmanship Award Committee, based on the following criteria:

- a. Must be an active member in good standing of the Harford Horse Shows Association Inc. and is inclusive of both riders and non-riders.

- b. Demonstrates and exemplifies the ideals of Sportsmanship, consistently throughout the show season, including and not limited to:
1. Integrity
  2. Good Character
  3. Respect for themselves, their mount, fellow competitors as well as others.
  4. Demonstrate a positive attitude (grace) when faced with adversity.
  5. Promotion of the sport either in the saddle or on the ground.
  6. Fairness
  7. Civility
  8. Honesty
  9. Respect for the Rules that govern our sport as well as judge's decisions.

Nominations: Nominations are to be made using the "Nomination Form". This form must be completed in its entirety in order for it to be accepted by the Sportsmanship Award Committee. These forms will be placed at the entry booth for each show. They will be mailed back to the chairperson who will, in turn, share / review with the other members of the Committee.

Committee Selection: Each member of the governing board will nominate a person to serve on the Sportsmanship Award Committee. Three to four Committee members will be chosen by lottery from the nominees suggested by the governing board. The President of the governing board will act as chairperson for this committee.

Review of Nomination Forms: The recipient of the award will be chosen based on the review of the nomination forms by the Sportsmanship Award Committee. The name will be presented to the board prior to the Awards Banquet. The recipient(s) will receive their award at the Year End Awards Banquet.

HOWARD F. JEFFERSON MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY - To be presented to the junior member of the H.H.S.A. who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship. Donated by Diplomat Title.

THE PEPPERMILL ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented to the Adult member of the H.H.S.A. who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship. Donated by The Peppermill Restaurant.

#### ***PONY DIVISION SPECIAL AWARDS***

JARRETTSVILLE SADDLERY PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the short stirrup hunter champion.  
Donated by Jarrettsville Saddlery.

THE FOXFIRE PERPETUAL TROPHY - For green pony hunter champion. Donated by The Trouland Family.

THE SNOWFIELDS PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the small/medium pony pleasure champion.  
Donated by Snowfields Stud.

MAXWELL VON KURTZBEINE PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the large pony pleasure champion.  
Donated by Dr. and Mrs. J. Theissen.

BADDPONYS PERPETUAL TROPHY – For the small/medium schooling pony champion. Donated by Rosemont Farm.

THE LARGE SCHOOLING PERPETUAL TROPHY – For the large schooling pony hunter champion. Donated by Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc.

THE DAREDEVIL PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the small pony hunter champion. Donated by Hand Me Down Stables.

THE CLADDAGH MANOR MEDIUM PONY HUNTER CHAMPION - For the medium pony hunter champion. Donated by Claddagh Manor Farm.

THE TAJ MAHAL PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the large pony hunter champion. Donated by Phyllis and Sally Zinkhan.

THE STEPPING STONE TROPHY-For the modified hunter champion. Donated by Paddock Place Equestrian Center.

#### ***HORSE DIVISION SPECIAL AWARDS***

THE ROGREEK PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the baby green hunter champion. Donated by Donita Dietz and Michelle Deise Tauson.

THE BADDPONYS PERPETUAL TROPHY – For the schooling horse hunter champion. Donated by Rosemont Farm.

SHANNON DALE MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the pleasure horse champion. Donated by David & Cherie Stunkard.

THE CHILDREN’S HUNTER PERPETUAL TROPHY – For the Children’s Hunter champion. Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sands Kiser.

THE HUNTING GROUND FARM PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the low adult amateur hunter champion. Donated by The Mace Family.

THE GRANDVIEW FARM GREEN HUNTER PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the green horse hunter champion. Donated by Grandview Farm - Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dinning.

THE EASY RIDER’S 4-H JUNIOR HUNTER PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the junior horse hunter champion. Donated by Easy Riders 4-H Club.

THE LISA HESS LYNCH MEMORIAL TROPHY - For the adult amateur hunter champion. Donated by The Hess Family

THE CRAMMED PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the working hunter champion. Donated by The Sullivan Family.

### ***GRAND CHAMPION AWARDS***

HNSA LONG STIRRUP HUNTER TROPHY – For the long stirrup hunter champion. Donated by Harford Horse Shows Association.

HERE NOR THERE PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented to the Grand Champion Overall Horse. The award will be determined on the basis of total points accumulated in any two non-equitation divisions. Donated by Mary Ann Clarendon.

QUADRA SKY PERPETUAL TROPHY - For grand champion horse in open divisions. Donated by The Bridges Family.

THE MONA LISA PERPETUAL TROPHY - For grand champion pony overall. The award will be determined on the basis of total points accumulated in any two non-equitation divisions. Donated by The Clarendon Family.

THE TIFFIN PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the grand champion pony hunter in the regular division. Donated by Bonnie Tipton. \* Small - Medium – Large

THE GALLIMAUFREY PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the grand champion pleasure pony. Donated by Gallimaufrey Farm.

THE HARFORD HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION, INC. PERPETUAL TROPHY - To be presented to the horse or pony that has accumulated the highest total points in the open performance divisions. (Open includes pleasure, schooling horse, working hunter, and schooling pony hunter.)

THE RANDOM GUESS MEMORIAL TROPHY - To be presented to the horse or pony that has accumulated the second highest total points in the open performance divisions as described above. Donated by The Gepp Family.

### ***EQUITATION AWARDS***

THE DEEP RUN WELSH PERPETUAL TROPHY - For Novice equitation champion. Donated by Deep Run Welsh Ponies.

THE CHRIST SISTERS PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the equitation 13 and under champion. Donated by Karen E. Cannon, Nancy L. Ogrysko and Clare M. Owings.

THE H.H.S.A PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the equitation 14-17 champion. Donated by Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc.

THE H.H.S.A. ADULT EQUITATION PERPETUAL TROPHY - For the adult equitation champion. Donated by The Scampton Family.

### ***ARABIAN/PART ARABIAN HIGH POINT***

THE AAZRAK MEMORIAL TROPHY - Presented to the Registered Arabian or part-Arabian (minimum 25% Arabian blood) horse or pony with the most points in all Performance classes. Donated by the friends of Ann McKay.

### ***SPECIAL LAST SHOW AWARDS***

H.H.S.A. BEST MERITED RIDER - Donated by H.H.S.A

H.H.S.A. BEST CHILD RIDER ON A PONY - Donated by H.H.S.A. and the Kiser Family in loving memory of Jonathan Kiser

H.H.S.A. BEST CHILD RIDER ON A HORSE - Donated by H.H.S.A. and the Carrico Family

H.H.S.A. BEST ADULT RIDER- Donated by H.H.S.A. the Heops Family

The above trophies will be awarded to the Best Junior member on a pony, the Best Junior member on a horse and Best Adult at the H.H.S.A. Benefit show, as chosen by the Judges and the H.H.S.A. committee. They will be chosen on the basis of riding skills and ability at the H.H.S.A. Benefit Show.

### **Section 7 - Exhibitor Responsibilities**

- a. Exhibitors are required to use the same name for their mounts at every show.
- b. Exhibitors are required to wear the correct number.
- c. Rider's name must be included on entry blanks. Adults must sign entry forms and should make entries when possible.
- d. All exhibitors are required by Maryland law to show proof of a negative coggins test for any equine brought to the show grounds. It must be current within 12 months of the date of the show.
- e. All ponies must have a valid measurement card.
- f. Juniors and Adults may show the same horse at the same show, when eligible.
- g. Exhibitors should be familiar with the requirements of point tabulation.
- h. H.H.S.A. registered shows will set a 3-minute time limit when calling a class. Gate person, ring person, and/or announcer must be notified of any legitimate tack change or class conflict. Elimination from the class will result if this procedure is not followed. Exhibitors should make every effort to help the show keep moving.
- i. Please leave the show grounds clean of trash and other debris, including stones or wood used to block trailer tires and manure, shavings or other bedding.
- j. If the exhibitor has a question for the judge, see Article V, Section 2.
- k. Judges should not be harassed or insulted.
- l. Unruliness, profanity, or any other serious loss of control by an exhibitor will be penalized. See Article V, Section 2.
- m. Any exhibitor who is in debt to an H.H.S.A. show or the H.H.S.A. itself will not be allowed to participate in any H.H.S.A. functions until all debts are paid in full.
- n. Martingales are prohibited in all under saddle classes and the pleasure division.
- o. Stallions are prohibited from the grounds at H.H.S.A. shows.
- p. Proper Attire:
  1. Anyone mounted must wear approved hard hats and proper footwear with heels.
  2. All riders must wear, while mounted, a helmet approved by SEI and/or ASTM, with safety harness fastened.

3. All exhibitors must be neatly and appropriately attired for their respective riding classes, including tack (i.e. riding coat, riding shirt, riding boots, appropriate bits, appropriate bridles, appropriate saddles, etc., for hunter and pleasure).
  4. Chaps are not allowed except in the schooling division.
- q. Adult riders may ride ponies only in the modified hunter, equitation, and green divisions.
  - r. All hunters must be serviceably sound without exceeding the legal level limits of medications; i.e., such animals must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind. All animals exhibiting in over fences classes must trot at least one-half the opening circle, or if there is no opening circle on a particular course, shall trot approximately 40 feet, before beginning to canter the course to allow the judge to assess soundness. Any animal determined by the judge to be unsound or which fails to trot as described above, shall be excused from the class as soon as possible. Any animal in an under saddle class determined to be unsound by the judge shall be excused from the class as soon as possible. The Judge shall further determine whether the animal is disqualified only for the class, for example if the unsoundness is caused by stepping on a stone or hitting a jump; or for the duration of the show. The judge's decision as to soundness is final.
  - s. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at all H.H.S.A. sanctioned shows.

## HUNTER DIVISIONS

### Rule II

#### *Section 1 - GENERAL*

- a. The animal will be judged on an even hunting pace, manners, jumping style together with faults, performance manners and way of going over the course.
- b. A hunter course should be a reasonable test for a hunting horse with obstacles simulating those found in the hunt field.
- c. It will be up to the discretion of the show management as to whether soundness is to be judged by trotting in a courtesy circle or jogging back at the end of the class. In case of jogging back, all horses must be jogged back in the same complete bridle as shown in that same class.
- d. In any Hunter division, no under saddle points will count towards year end awards unless the animal also completes a course in an over fences class in the same division at the same show.
- e. Championships - The champion and the reserve champion shall be awarded to two of the four horses that have acquired the most points over fences. In addition to these points, only these four horses shall receive points for under saddle classes. In case of a tie score, the championship and/or reserve shall be awarded to the horse that has accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses shall be hacked off.

#### *Section 2 - HORSE HUNTER DIVISIONS*

	Jump Height	Combination Distance
Working Hunter	3'3"	24' - 26'

Green Hunter	1st yr 2'9"; 2nd yr 3'	22' - 24'
Baby Green Hunter	2'6"	22' - 24'
Amateur Adult Hunter	3'	24' - 26'
Junior Hunter	3'	24' - 26'
Schooling Hunter	2'6"	22' - 24'
Children's Hunter	2'6"	22' - 24'
Low Adult Amateur	2'6"	22' - 24'
Modified Hunter – Horse	2'3"	20' – 22'

**WORKING HORSE HUNTER** - This division is open to all horses. To be judged on manners, jumping style, even hunting pace, way of going, soundness, and suitability as a hunter. Fence height 3'3".

**GREEN HUNTER** - A first year green horse is a horse of any age that is showing at 2'9" and has not previously jumped at that height or any higher heights in previous years. A second year green horse is a horse showing at 3' for the current year that has not previously jumped at that height or greater in previous years. Any horse that shows as a 2nd year Green Hunter will lose his Green status the following year. Green horses are not to gallop. Fence heights 1st year 2'9" and 2nd year 3'.

**BABY GREEN HUNTER** - A baby green horse is a horse of any age in its first year of showing over fences. May enter into any other division on that date so long as the jump heights do not exceed 2'6". A horse eligible for this division may go in the under saddle class only without breaking its pre-baby green status for the year. Baby green horses are not to gallop. Simple courses are suggested, and horses may trot their courses without being penalized. Fence heights 2'6".

**JUNIOR HUNTER** - Riders in this division shall not have reached their 18th birthday as of 12/1 of the previous year. This division is open to horses over 14.2 hands. The horse may be shown in other divisions at the same show and not necessarily by a junior. Manners and suitability of horse and rider to be emphasized. Extreme speed to be penalized. Fence height 3'

**SCHOOLING HORSE HUNTER** - This division is open to all horses and to both junior and Adult riders. Riders and mounts may cross enter into other divisions where eligible. Fence height 2'6"

**AMATEUR ADULT HUNTER** - This division is open to Adults on horses. Riders must be eligible under the USEF's amateur qualifications. To be judged on manners, jumping style, even hunting pace, way of going, soundness, and suitability as a hunter. Fence height 3'

**CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE** - Open to horses over 14.2 hands ridden by junior riders. Horses are allowed to cross enter into any class where eligible. Riders may not cross enter into classes where fences exceed 2'6" except pony hunter classes, medal and equitation classes at the same show. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a horse to a

rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider and the horse. Fence height 2'6".

**LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER HORSE** - Open to horses over 14.2 hands ridden by Adult riders. Horses are allowed to cross enter into any class where eligible. Riders may not cross enter into classes where fences exceed 2'6" except medal and equitation classes at the same show. Any adult amateur rider may ride a horse in adult amateur low hunter under saddle class and not be subject to the fence height restrictions, provided that the horse has jumped in at least one of the adult amateur low over fences classes at the same show. Riders in this division must be eligible to hold an AHSA Amateur card. Manners and suitability of a horse shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider and horse. Judges may penalize but shall not eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. Fence height 2'6".

### **Section 3 - SAMPLE CLASSES**

**HUNTER UNDER SADDLE** - To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. Eight or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop at one time. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going.

**HUNTER OVER FENCES** - To be shown over a minimum of 6 jumps in the ring. Judged on performance, jumping style, manners, and way of going.

**HANDY HUNTER** - To be shown over a minimum of 6 fences. May be held in the ring or on an outside course. Emphasis on handiness and promptness. There should be 2 changes of direction and preferably one combination. Entries may be required to trot one fence.

\*\*The above classes are just sample classes. Shows are not limited to these events.

## **MODIFIED HUNTER**

### **Rule III**

- a. Open to horses and ponies.
- b. Horse/rider combination may not show in any other pointed performance division at that show except equitation classes.
- c. Ponies jump 2';
- d. horses jump 2'3".
- e. Adults may ride ponies.

Sample classes: Modified Hunter O/F, Modified Hunter Combo, Modified Hunter U/S.

This division is intended to provide a stepping stone for long stirrup riders not yet ready to ride in pointed performance divisions and to provide a division for green animals, not yet ready to ride in pointed divisions or jump the regulation jump height for respective divisions. Horse and rider combination may ride in Equitation Divisions. This is a pointed division. Placements 1 – 6 with champion and reserve at each show.

Horse shown in this division, will not be eligible for Baby-Green Hunter the following year.

## **GREEN PONY HUNTER DIVISION**

### **RULE IV**

A green pony is an equine mount, not exceeding 14.2 hands, of any age that meets the following criteria:

A first year green pony has never been shown over fences of any height, equitation and merited divisions included, in any show, prior to December 1st of the current competition year. A pony eligible for this division may go in the hack class ONLY without breaking its green status. No under saddle points will count toward green pony year-end awards unless the animal also completes a course in an over fences class, in the same division at the same show. Junior and Adults may ride ponies in this division. Green ponies do not gallop. Simple change of lead shall not be penalized. Ponies may simultaneously show in any other division. Ponies may only show in this division two years if they are otherwise eligible

A second year green pony has only ever shown one year and has never been shown over fences the regulation pony hunter jump height, or higher, equitation and merited divisions included, for its respective size prior to December 1st of the current competition year.

A first year green pony that wished to maintain eligibility for a second year will not be eligible to compete in green pony in its second year if it jumps above the following jump heights:

Small Pony may never have jumped 2'3" or higher in any show.

Medium Pony may never have jumped 2'6" or higher in any show.

Large Pony may never have jumped 2'9" or higher in any show.

Fence height for this division will be: 2'

## **PONY HUNTER DIVISIONS**

### **RULE V**

#### ***Section 1-GENERAL***

- a. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going, style of jumping, with an emphasis on suitability as a child's mount.
- b. The suitability of a pony to a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of a rider as related to the size of the pony as well as the compatibility of the rider and pony.
- c. Open to junior riders.

## ***Section 2 - PONY HUNTER DIVISIONS***

	Pony Height	Jump Height	In & Out
Short Stirrup Hunter	14.2 hands and Under	18"	
Small Pony	12.2 & under	2'3"	20'
Medium Pony	over 12.2 to 13.2 hands	2'6"	22'
Large Pony	over 13.2-14.2	2'9"	24'
Sm/Med Schooling	13.2 & under	2'	22'
Large Schooling	over 13.2 - 14.2	2'6"	24'
Modified Hunter Pony	14.2 and Under	2"	22'

## ***Section 3 - SAMPLE CLASSES***

see Horse Hunter

## **SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER PONY DIVISION**

### **RULE VI**

- a. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands.
- b. To be judged as a hunter division, with emphasis on suitability and manners.
- c. Open to riders 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year.
- d. Short Stirrup Riders may not cross enter into any other division at the same show except those short stirrup equitation riders who have accumulated sufficient points to earn a blue merit award may enter Novice Equitation and Short Stirrup Hunter at the same show. Riders may not show in Short Stirrup Equitation and Novice Equitation at the same show.
- e. Jumps not to exceed 18". Simple courses suggested.
- f. Division will consist of two over fences classes and a hack class.
- g. No under saddle points will count towards year-end awards unless the animal also completes a course in an over fences class in the same division at the same show.

## **LONG STIRRUP HUNTER DIVISION**

### **RULE VII**

- a. Mounts may be any size.

- b. To be judged as a hunter division, with emphasis on suitability and manners.
- c. Eligibility- A rider may not cross enter between this division and any other division at the same show with the exception of Long Stirrup Equitation and Long Stirrup Equitation Medal.
- d. Open to riders age 11 and over as of December 1 of the prior year riding any size mount and to riders age 9 or 10 years of age that ride a mount over 14.2 hands tall. This division is intended to be for older beginner riders and those riders not yet able to show in regular pointed divisions.
- e. This division is not intended to be used for schooling green animals.
- f. Long Stirrup Riders may not cross enter into any other division at the same show except those Long stirrup equitation riders who have accumulated sufficient points to earn a blue merit award may enter Novice Equitation and Long Stirrup Hunter at the same show. Riders may not show in Long Stirrup Equitation and Novice Equitation at the same show.
- g. Jumps not to exceed 2'. Simple courses suggested.
- h. Division will consist of two over fences classes and a hack class.
- i. No under saddle points will count towards year-end awards unless the animal also completes a course in an over fences class in the same division at the same show.

## PLEASURE DIVISION

### RULE VIII

#### *Section 1 - GENERAL*

- a. Open to horses and ponies of any breed suitable for English riding and normally used for pleasure.
- b. To be shown in English tack. Martingales are prohibited.
- c. Judged on performance, willingness and their ability to give a safe and comfortable ride, with an emphasis on manners.
- d. All animals must be serviceably sound.
- e. Horses may cross enter into Baby Green and Schooling.
- f. Ponies may cross enter into Green Pony and Schooling Pony.
- g. Horses and ponies may enter Modified Hunter with a different rider.
- h. Ponies may enter Short Stirrup Hunter with a different rider.
- i. Horses and ponies may be shown in Equitation Divisions.

#### *Section 2 - PLEASURE HORSE AND PONY DIVISIONS*

	Jump Height	Mount Height
Small/Medium Pleasure Pony	2'	13.2 and under
Large Pleasure Pony	2'	over 13.2 to 14.2
Pleasure Horse	2'6"	over 14.2

### ***Section 3 - CHAMPIONSHIPS***

To be straight points (all classes counted equally). The championships will be awarded to the two horses or ponies accumulating the most points in their divisions. In case of a tie, the animals must have a hack-off to determine the winner. (Shows holding pleasure divisions may not have 2 over fences classes.)

### ***Section 4 - SAMPLE CLASSES***

PLEASURE UNDER SADDLE - To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on suitability of a horse/pony to purpose, manners, and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.

PLEASURE TRAIL - To be shown over and through obstacles simulating those found on the trail. Judged on promptness and suitability to purpose with an emphasis on manners.

PLEASURE COMBINATION - To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter. Judge to select 8 if available to jump 2 or more fences. To be judged on willingness, suitability to purpose, and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.

PLEASURE OVER FENCES - To be shown over obstacles and fences that might be found on the trail. To be judged on manners, willingness, and natural ability to jump.

## **EQUITATION DIVISION**

### **RULE IX**

#### ***Section 1 - Divisions Offered***

- a. Leadline: Open to riders 7 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year who have not earned a blue merit award in the mini stirrup division in the current competition year.
- b. Mini-Stirrup: Open to riders 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year who have not earned a blue merit award in the short stirrup division in the current competition year.
- c. Short Stirrup: Open to riders 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year.
- d. Long Stirrup: Open to riders age 11 and over as of 12/1 of the previous year or riders 9 or 10 years of age, as of 12/1 of the previous year, that ride a mount exceeding 14.2 hands
- e. Equitation 13 and under: Open to riders 13 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year.
- f. Equitation 14 – 17: Have reached their 14th but not their 18th birthday as of 12/1 of the previous year.
- g. Adult equitation: 18 years and older as of 12/1 of the previous year.
- h. Novice equitation: No age limit.

#### ***Section 2 - General Description***

- a. All ages of riders are determined as of 12/1 of the previous year.
- b. Shows may hold one or all of the above divisions.
- c. Adults may ride ponies in the adult equitation divisions and USET, suitability to count.
- d. In case of a tie for champion in the equitation division, a ride-off will be held to determine the champion and/or reserve.

- e. Any rider not having control of his mount shall be dismissed from the ring and shall be disqualified from that class.
- f. Judged on hands, seat and control of mount.
- g. Riders may not wear chaps in equitation classes.
- h. Fence heights to be as follows (rider's choice):

13 & under:	2' or 2'6"
14 - 17:	2'6" or 3'
Adult:	2'6" or 3'
Short Stirrup:	Not to exceed 18"
Long Stirrup:	Not to exceed 2'
Novice:	2' or 2'6"

- i. Once an exhibitor in the lead line or mini stirrup division accumulates the number of points required to earn a blue merit award, points are no longer tabulated but the exhibitor remains eligible to continue competing in that division.

### ***Section 3 - Leadline***

- a. Open to riders 7 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year who have not earned a blue merit award in the mini stirrup or short stirrup divisions in the current competition year.
- b. Leadline mounts not to exceed 13.2 hands.
- c. Will not be allowed to trot.
- d. Leadline Walk - To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk with no leadline attached. May be escorted without penalty.
- e. Leadline entries may not cross enter into any other division at the same show.

### ***Section 4 - Mini-Stirrup***

- a. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands.
- b. Mini stirrup riders may not cross enter into any other division at the same show.
- c. Open to riders 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year who have not earned a blue merit award in the short stirrup division in the current competition year.
- d. Sample Classes -

MS Walk - To be judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk.

MS Walk-Trot - To be judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk and trot.

MS Pleasure Pony - Judged as a performance class on performance, manners, willingness, suitability to purpose, and ability to give a safe comfortable ride at a walk and trot.

### ***Section 5 - Short Stirrup***

- a. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands.
- b. Open to riders 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year
- c. Short Stirrup riders may not cross-enter into any other division at the same show, with the exception of S.S. Hunter Pony.
- d. See page 5 for merit award information.
- e. Sample Classes -

S.S. Walk - Judged both ways at a walk.

S.S. Walk, Trot - Judged both ways at a walk and trot.

S.S. Walk, Trot, Canter - Judged both ways at a walk, trot, and canter.

S.S. Over Fences - Over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 fences in the ring. Jumps not to exceed 18". Simple courses suggested.

### ***Section 6- Long Stirrup Division***

- a. Merit Awards (See Exhibitor Information, Rule I, Section 5d, Annual Awards)
- b. Eligibility- A rider may not cross enter between this division and any other division at the same show.
- c. Judged totally on equitation.
- d. Open to riders age 11 and over as of December 1 of the prior year riding any size mount and to riders age 9 or 10 years of age that ride a mount over 14.2 hands tall. This division is intended to be for older beginner riders and those riders not yet able to show in regular pointed divisions.
- e. Riders may not cross-enter into any other division at the same show with the exception of Long Stirrup Medal Equitation Class.
- f. This division is not intended to be used for schooling green animals.
- g. Sample Classes

Walk Trot

Walk, Trot, Canter

Over fences not to exceed 2'

\*Championships- All classes are counted equally. Ties to be hacked off.

### ***Section 7 - Novice Equitation***

Open to all riders, juniors and Adults, who have not won 3 blue ribbons in any open equitation class (any class judged on the rider), excluding 4-H, Long Stirrup and Short Stirrup, as of 12/1 of the current competition year. Adults may ride ponies. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Division consists of one hack and one over fences class. Jumps at 2' and 2'6", rider's choice. Points to accumulate toward a year-end award. Eligibility determined as of 1st H.H.S.A. show of that year.

### ***Section 8- Equitation 13 years and under***

Open to all riders under 14 years of age as of December 1 of the Previous year. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Division consists of one hack and one over fences class. Jumps at 2' and 2'6", rider's choice. At the discretion of the judge, other tests may be required. Points to accumulate toward a year-end award.

### ***Section 9- Equitation 14-17***

Open to riders who have reached their 14th birthday, but not their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the previous year. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Division consists of one hack and one over fences class. Jumps at 2'6" and 3', rider's choice. At the discretion of the judge, other tests may be required. Points to accumulate toward a year-end award.

### ***Section 10- Adult Equitation***

Open to riders 18 years and older as of 12/1 of the previous year. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Division consists of one hack and one over fences class. Jumps at 2'6" and 3', rider's choice. At the discretion of the judge, other tests may be required. Points to accumulate toward a year-end award. Adults may ride ponies.

## **SPECIAL CLASSES**

### **RULE X**

#### ***Section 1 - General Rules***

- a. All animals, in order to compete in an H.H.S.A. Equitation Medals Final must be registered 45 days prior to the Equitation Medals Final.
- b. Once a rider has qualified they may ride either a horse a pony which has been registered with the Association 45 days prior to the Equitation Medals Final.
- c. Horses and ponies may only exhibit with one rider at the Equitation Medals Finals.

#### ***Section 2 - UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN TEAM BENEFIT CUP – SPECIAL EQUITATION MEDAL***

- a. For Adult amateurs who are paid members of the H.H.S.A. prior to entering the ring.
- b. This is a special equitation medal class.
- c. To be shown over a course of 8 fences with at least one change of direction.
- d. Ponies or horses.
- e. Fence heights are 2'6" and 3' (rider's choice).
- f. Judge to select 8, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This is mandatory at each show and at the year end finals.
- g. The same mount and tack must be used in all phases. Martingales are permitted over fences but prohibited under saddle.
- h. Judged on hands, seat, and control of mount.
- i. The test will be the same as for the Harford Hunter Seat.
- j. In order to be eligible for the year-end finals, a rider must accumulate 12 points during the current show year.
- k. After a rider has won the year-end finals, he/she may enter again after a 1 year ineligibility period.

- l. \$1.00 of the entry fee will be donated to the USET.
- m. A rider who wins this special medals equitation class during a regular season show is automatically qualified for the year end finals.

***Section 3 - HARFORD HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION MEDAL -***

- a. 2 Distinct Classes to be offered:
  - 1. Hartford Hunter Seat – Child on a Pony
  - 2. Hartford Hunter Seat – Child on a Horse
- b. For juniors who are paid members of the H.H.S.A prior to entry of ring.
- c. This is a special equitation medal class.
- d. Only one rider per animal.
- e. Riders may simultaneously show in Child on a Pony and Child on a Horse classes during the regular season.
- f. Rider does not need to ride mount they qualify on.
- g. Shown over a course of 8 fences with at least one change of direction.
- h. Judge to select 8, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This is mandatory at each show and at the year end finals.
- i. In order to be eligible for the year-end finals, a rider must accumulate 12 points.
- j. When a rider has qualified for the year-end finals, he/she may not enter again.
- k. A rider who wins the special medals equitation class during a regular season show is automatically qualified for the year end finals.
- l. Once he/she has won the Harford Hunt Seat Child on a Pony or Harford Hunt Seat Child on a Horse, rider must observe a one year ineligibility period after which they may come back and compete.
- m. Judged on hands, seat, guidance and control throughout.
- n. Jump heights 2', 2'3", 2'6", 2'9" and 3' per show management.

***Section 4 - UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN TEAM BENEFIT CUP and HARFORD HUNTER SEAT TEST***

A minimum of 4 of the following tests will be required at the yearly ride-off:

1. Back
2. Hand gallop and halt
3. Figure 8 at a trot, change of diagonal
4. Figure 8 at a canter, simple change of lead
5. Work collectively at a walk, trot, and canter
6. Pull up and halt between fences
7. Jump fences on a figure 8 course
8. Jump low fences at a walk, trot, or canter
9. Ride without stirrups or drop stirrups and pick up stirrups
10. Dismount and mount
11. Turn on the forehand
12. Figure 8 at a canter, demonstrating a flying change of lead
13. Serpentine at a trot and/or canter, simple or flying changes of lead
14. Change leads down center of ring, simple or flying changes of lead

15. Canter on counter lead
16. Turn on the haunches
17. Change of mounts\*\*\*\*\*Option for finals only

### ***Section 5 - SHORT STIRRUP AND LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION MEDALS -***

- a. For H.H.S.A. Junior Members.
- b. This is a special equitation medal class.
- c. Members 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year are eligible for the Short Stirrup Equitation Medal.
- d. Members 11 and over as of 12/1 of the previous year are eligible for the Long Stirrup Equitation Medal.
- e. Exhibitors must be paid members of H.H.S.A. prior to entering the ring.
- f. Riders must be entered in the Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup division on the day they ride in the qualifying class and on the day of the Equitation Medal Finals.
- g. Shown over a course of a minimum of 6 jumps.
- h. Judge to select 8, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This is mandatory at each show and at the year end finals.
- i. In order to be eligible for the year-end finals, a rider must accumulate 12 points before the final show.
- j. Riders may only ride in one medal final per year; i.e. they may not ride in both the Harford Hunt Seat Equitation Medal Final and the Long Stirrup Equitation Medal Finals.
- k. Once he/she has won the Short Stirrup or Long Stirrup Equitation Medals, rider must observe a one year ineligibility period after which they may come back and compete.
- l. Judged on hands, seat, guidance and control throughout.
- m. The same mount and tack must be used in all phases.
- n. Martingales are permitted over fences but prohibited under saddle. Fence height not to exceed 18 inches.
- o. A rider who wins the special medals equitation class during a regular season show is automatically qualified for the year end finals.

## **SHOW MANAGEMENT**

### **RULE XI**

#### ***Section 1 - Show Registration & Dates***

- a. Each participating show will pay a \$175.00 registration fee, which will cover the cost of address labels for all names on the H.H.S.A. mailing list and USET and Harford Hunter Seat Equitation Medals.
- b. H.H.S.A. will make every effort to help make the show successful, but cannot guarantee profits or be held responsible for conditions beyond its control.
- c. Dates of shows will be arranged to the satisfaction of show management and the H.H.S.A. The last show of the year will be sponsored by the H.H.S.A. committee and will be held no later than 10/31 of the current year.

- d. Cancellation of the shows will require that the show committee notify exhibitor registered with the H.H.S.A. within 21 days of the proposed show.
- e. Unless a definite rain date is printed on the program, shows will be held rain or shine. A show that would like the option of cancellation in case of rain must include a phone number to call the morning of the show. Show management may cancel a show in the case of emergency or extraordinary circumstances. Management must use its best efforts to advise members of any such change.
- f. Shows may be held outside Harford County with the permission of the committee. The committee will consider the number of shows, the location, and the expected quality of the show.
- g. All shows must submit a class list to the committee for approval at least 30 days prior to the show. This class list must have the names of the judges and the steward. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiting of H.H.S.A. pointing for the show.
- h. Any dates loaned by H.H.S.A must be done in writing, and borrower must pay all fees to H.H.S.A.

### *Section 2 - Judges*

- a. The hiring of a judge or judges of the show is the responsibility of the show management.
- b. Judge's qualifications:
- c. Judges must be Registered, Recorded or Learner Judge of the U.S.E.F. or M.H.S.A.
- d. No judge may officiate more than 3 times in H.H.S.A. pointed shows in any show year nor may any judge officiate more than once in any 30 day period.
- e. A Judge may not judge the same division at the same show for two consecutive years. Exceptions will be made for extenuating circumstances, which must be cleared by that years' governing board.

### *Section 3 - Stewards*

- a. The H.H.S.A. Board of Directors shall appoint a steward for each member show from a list of qualified stewards maintained by the Board.
- b. A steward should clearly understand that he/she has no authority in connection with the management or the judging of a competition, but should point out in a diplomatic manner any instance where Association rules are not enforced.
- c. He/she should immediately report to the appropriate officials any violations of the rules that might invalidate a class
- d. Should keep him/her available to judges, exhibitors and management at all times to clarify the application of Association rules and investigate any situation where the rules are not uphold.
- e. The other duties of a steward shall be, but are not limited to, the following:
- f. To protect the interests of exhibitors, judges and competition management.
- g. To investigate and act upon any alleged rule violations without waiting for a protest.
- h. To report to the show committee misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest.
- i. To determine when and if the Judges should be asked to excuse jackets for excessive heat;
- j. Notify exhibitors in classes where, due to a violation, points will not count toward the year-end awards.

- k. To determine when a show shall be stopped due to darkness, storm or other emergency.
- l. To excuse any horse and/or rider from the show grounds, in conjunction with the Board of Directors for the H.H.S.A. and the Show Management.
- m. H.H.S.A. Board of Directors will appoint a non-partisan steward for the Special Equitation Medal Finals.

## **SHOW STANDARDS**

### **RULE XII**

#### ***Section 1 - Rings***

- a. Rings must be made of wood, snow fence, or other proper material as approved by the H.H.S.A. committee.
- b. Non-acceptable material includes electric wiring, baling twine, roping, etc. Rings must be of a suitable size to handle classes held therein safely.

#### ***Section 2 - Jumps***

- a. Hunter and pleasure fences must be 12' in width if wings are not available. However, wings are strongly recommended as a safety feature. Proper attachments must be easily adjustable to the proper height.
- b. Hunter fences shall simulate obstacles found in the hunt field, such as post & rails, brush, stone wall, white board fence, gate, aiken, chicken coop, hedge, etc. A ground line is strongly recommended for all fences. Pleasure fences should simulate obstacles found on the trail. All rails must be of solid wood.
- c. Jumps may have a maximum deviation of 3" lower but never higher than regulation height (at the show committee's discretion).

#### ***Section 3 - Schooling Area***

- a. An area must be provided and contain at least two schooling fences with proper poles and proper attachments.
- b. It must be available to exhibitors one hour prior to show time.
- c. Two schooling sessions shall be provided in each ring.
- d. During the morning schooling session (prior to the start of the show), only those exhibitors participating in classes in that ring prior to the afternoon schooling break shall be permitted to school.
- e. During the afternoon schooling break, only those exhibitors participating in classes after the afternoon schooling break who have not yet schooled the animal.
- f. Each horse/rider combination shall only school in one schooling session.
- g. The Steward may grant an exception to this rule in his discretion.
- h. Violators will forfeit any points earned at that show and will be eliminated from all remaining classes in that show.

#### ***Section 4 - General***

- a. The entry booth is required to be open and in operation at least 45 minutes prior to show time.

- b. Grounds shall be open at least one hour prior to show time.
- c. Only proper equipment and authorized personnel are permitted in the show ring while a class is in progress.
- d. The point tabulator shall have free access to the entry booth and all pertinent information he/she might need during the running of the show. Every pointed show is required to offer a Harford Hunter Seat and a USET.
- e. Each show must award ribbons through 6th place.
- f. In any under saddle class in a pointed division, if there are 20 or more entries, the class must be split and held in at least two sections with one set of awards. The class will be split using a method specified by the judge. Only one section shall be in the ring at a time, except as may be required to split the class. If conditions warrant, the class may be divided at a lower number of entries at the judges' discretion.
- g. In any merited class, the minimum number of entries required to split a class is 12, unless the class is held in an indoor facility, in which case the class must be split at 12. All other merited classes must be split if the number of entries is 18 or more.
- h. In any pointed division, if there are 39 or more entries, the class is to be split and two sets of ribbons are to be awarded
- i. Modified Hunter must be split at 18 entries with 2 sets of ribbons awarded.

## **AMATEUR RULE**

### **RULE XIII**

#### ***Section 1-Eligibility***

Regardless of one's equestrian skills and or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for all competitions who after his/her 18th birthday, has not engaged in any of the following activities which would make him/her a professional:

- a. Accepts remuneration for riding, driving, showing in halter/in hand, training, schooling or conducting clinics or seminars.
- b. Accepts remuneration for giving instructions in equitation or horse training. (Persons acting as counselors at summer camps, who are not hired in the exclusive capacity of riding instructors and persons giving instruction and training to the handicapped are excluded.)
- c. Accepts remuneration for employment in other capacity (i.e., secretary bookkeeper, veterinarian, groom, farrier) and gives instruction, rides, drives, shows in halter/in hand, trains or schools horses, other than horses actually owned or leased by him/her, when his/her employer or a member of the family of said employer or corporation which a member of his/her family controls, owns, boards or trains said horses.
- d. Accepts remuneration for the use of his name, photograph or other form of personal association as a horseman in connection with any advertisement or article to be sold.
- e. Accepts prize money in equitation or showmanship classes.

- f. Rides, drives or shows in halter/in hand in competitions, any horse for which he/she or a member of his/her family controls, receives remuneration for boarding, training, riding, driving or showing in halter/hand.
- g. Gives instruction to any person or rides, drives or shows in halter/in hand in competitions any horse, for which activity another person in his/her family or corporation which a member of his/her family controls will receive remuneration for the activity.

### *Section 2-Exemptions*

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

- a. The writing of books or articles pertaining to horses.
- b. 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.
- c. Accepting remuneration for expenses without profit.
- d. Accepting a token of appreciation, other than money, for riding, driving or showing in halter/in hand. (Note: Horse board, prize money, partial support or objects of more than \$300 are considered remuneration, not small tokens of appreciation). (Also note: accepting any amount of money, whether more or less than \$300, is considered remuneration.)
- e. Having the occupation of veterinarian, groom, farrier, or owning a tack shop or breeding or boarding stable in itself, does not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified.