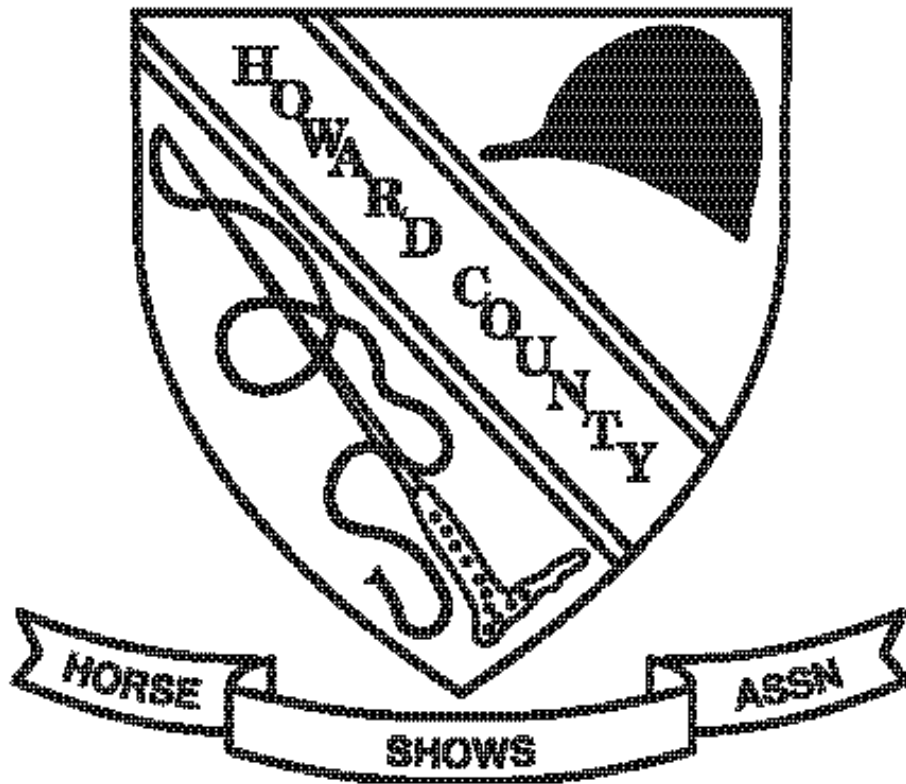


# Howard County Horse Show Association

## Rules, Regulations and Divisions



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# Section 1

## Rules and Regulations

### 1.1 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

#### 1.1.1 Membership Cost and Privileges

All Howard County Horse Show Association (HCHSA) shows are open to both members and non-members. Two types of annual memberships are available: individual Juniors and Seniors \$40. An annual registration fee of \$20.00 per animal is required to qualify for year-end awards. All riders and horses/ponies must be registered with the association annually for points to count in all divisions, including all equitation classes and HCHSA Medal Classes.

Rights and privileges available to members include:

- a. Right to vote as Senior Members.
- b. Senior Members eligible to serve on Board of directors or Committee member.
- c. Eligibility to compete in HCHSA High Score Awards.
- d. Eligibility to compete in HCHSA Medal Classes.
- e. Eligibility as a Senior Member, riding as an amateur, to compete in HCHSA Adult Amateur Medal Classes.
- f. Eligibility to compete for Junior Achievement Award Scholarship when offered.
- g. Electronic copy of the HCHSA Rules, Regulations, and divisions.
- h. Electronic copies of the HCHSA newsletters.
- i. A Measurement Card for Ponies.

#### 1.1.2 Points and Championships

Championships will be given in all divisions at the annual awards banquet to registered animals ridden by members of the HCHSA. Awards will be given 1 through 6.

Points will be scored 10-6-4-2-1-0.5. HCHSA will award Champion and Reserve Champion points (5 and 3 respectively) toward High Score award in divisions holding three (3) or more classes. Champion and Reserve Champion points will be awarded in Jumper divisions. Shows will still have the option of awarding Champion and Reserve Champion for divisions with two (2) classes; however, HCHSA will not award Champion and Reserve Champion points in these divisions. If an entry is disqualified from a class after the results have been forwarded to the Association, all point standings will be adjusted.

#### 1.1.3 Accumulation of Points and Year-end Awards

To be eligible for any year-end Award, a horse/pony must be registered annually with this association (Pony measurement cards must be submitted with annual registration) and its rider must be a member in good standing. No points will accumulate toward any high score award before the horse or pony is registered with the Association, the rider is a member, and all fees are paid.

To receive points from a horse show, the horse/pony must be registered with the association and the rider a member in good standing by or before the end of each competition day of that horse show.

No points will be awarded for that competition day unless the membership and horse/pony registration forms have been properly and completely filled out and all fees are paid by or before the end of that competition day. The steward will collect membership and horse/pony registration forms at the end of each day at each horse show.

Points accumulated before the day a horse/pony and/or rider is registered do not count toward year-end awards.

(Pony measurement cards must be submitted with annual registration, if not on file)

#### **1.1.4 Ensuring Accuracy of Points**

Members are responsible for the accuracy of their points. In order for correct calculation of points towards the year-end championships, horse/pony names must be entered on horse show entry blanks the same on the membership application. There will be no exceptions.

#### **1.1.5 Animal Sale/Lease**

In the event that an animal is sold or leased, points previously earned will be transferred to the new owner.

#### **1.1.6 Horse/Pony Name Change**

The rules for a horse/pony name change are as follows:

- a. The HCHSA recorded name of a horse or pony may be changed by submission of a request in writing to the Membership Chairman.
- b. The request must show the horse's current registered name and the new name that the registration is to reflect.
- c. There is a \$10.00 fee for name change during the show season.

#### **1.1.7 Violation of Rules and Regulations**

Anyone found in violation of any of the Rules and Regulations may be barred from membership and will forfeit all membership dues and points.

#### **1.1.8 Animal Registration**



Name, age, color, sex, size, and breed shall be clearly stated on form for registration of animals.

## **1.2 HORSE SHOW REQUIREMENTS**

### **1.2.1 Point Shows**

The term "Point Show" includes all shows that are member shows of this association where points count for year-end awards. Point shows must operate under the Rules of this association and facilities must meet the Association guidelines. Organizations and individuals interested in hosting a HCHSA Point Show should contact the Show Coordinator.

### **1.2.2 Qualification as an HCHSA Show**

In order for a horse show to host a HCHSA show, they must offer a minimum of eight( 8) divisions offered by the Association per day. A division consists of a minimum of three (3) classes, with the exception of the Leadline, Mini Stirrup, Junior equitation, and Adult equitation divisions, where two (2) classes must be offered. The Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup divisions must offer a minimum of three (3) classes per division. In Hunter divisions, a minimum of two (2) over fences classes must be offered and only one (1) under saddle class for points to count. A show may offer more than three (3) with a maximum of four (4) classes per hunter division, as long as they are classes within the guidelines of classes offered in that division, and will be counted for year-end awards. The HCHSA Junior, Adult, Pony, & 2'6" Children's Medal must be offered at each show. The Junior Achievement Benefit Hack must be held on each day of the show.

### **1.2.3 Show Limitations**

Any one organization/management shall be limited to a maximum of three HCHSA point shows per year.

A Rider/Horse may only compete in a division once if it is offered multiple times at a single competition (except for the HCHSA Benefit Hack).

### **1.2.4 Show Manager Requirements**

Each member show must have a show manager who is a current senior member of the HCHSA to be responsible for upholding rules and regulations of the HCHSA for that show. A licensed EMT is required to be on the grounds one hour prior to the start of the show through the conclusion of the show.

### **1.2.5 Prize List Required Information**

At all HCHSA member shows, the USHJA Rule regarding protective headgear will be enforced, and must be stated in the rules on the prize list.

Judges names must be printed on the prize list.

Maximum heights of fences of all classes must be set forth in the prize list, in accordance with heights specified in that division.

If a show offers a division that conflicts with HCHSA Rules and Regulations or divisions, the prize list must clearly indicate the conflict and specify that points acquired in that division do not count toward HCHSA year-end awards.

#### **1.2.6 Prize List and Entry Form Required Disclaimer**

HCHSA shows are required to include the following disclaimer statement on the prize lists and entry forms.

“ every entry shall constitute an agreement that the person making it, along with the leasee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver, rider, and the horse: (1) shall be subject to rules of the Association and the local rules of the show; (2) that every rider is eligible as entered; (3) that the owner and any of his representatives are bound by the rules of the HCHSA and the show and will accept as final the decision of the Hearing committee on any question arising under said rules and agree to hold the show, the HCHSA, their officials, directors, employees, and agents harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the show, whether or not such injury or loss resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligent acts or omissions of said officials, directors, employees, or agents of the HCHSA or show.”

In addition, must contain the following: “Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on this entry blank will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule.”

#### **1.2.7 Approval of Prize List Requirement**

All HCHSA shows must submit a draft of their prize list for approval to the HCHSA Horse Show Coordinator.

Once the prize list has been approved, no changes may be made, without approval.

#### **1.2.8 Judges**

A judge may not officiate for more than two days per year at any HCHSA member shows. A judge may not judge the same divisions at the same show for two consecutive years. exceptions will be made for extenuating circumstances, which must be cleared by the steward of that show.

#### **1.2.9 Steward**

Any HCHSA board members may act as steward for each member show.

- a. A steward should clearly understand that he/she has no authority in connection with the management or the judging of a competition (with exception noted at 1.2.8), but should point

out in a diplomatic manner any instance where Association rules are not enforced. He/she should immediately report to the appropriate officials any violations of the rules that might invalidate a class; should keep himself/herself 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 upheld.

- b. The other duties of a steward shall be, but are not limited to, the following:
  - 1. To protect the interests of exhibitors, judges and competition management.
  - 2. To investigate and act upon any alleged rule violations without waiting for a protest.
  - 3. To report to the show committee misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest.
  - 4. To measure all animals required to be measured and issue Measurement Cards on behalf of the Association.
  - 5. To conduct the breaking of ties.
  - 6. To collect all membership and horse registration forms and fees by the end of the day and forward immediately to the Membership Chairman.
- c. HCHSA Board of directors will appoint a non-partisan steward for the Medal Finals.

#### **1.2.10 Courses and Fence Heights**

HCHSA horse show courses must have a minimum of eight (8) fences. There must be a minimum of two (2) spread fences for Hunter over Fences classes with the exception of Limited Adult.

Maximum heights of fences of all classes must be set forth in the prize list, in accordance with heights specified in that division. Fence heights are “not to exceed” the maximum height or be more than 3” under maximum height with the exception of a trot fence.

#### **1.2.11 Schooling Area**

Show Management must provide a sufficient area for schooling horses. Schooling areas for hunters should contain adequate hunter-type fences, including a trotting fence, a vertical and/or an oxer. Three schooling fences are recommended for safety reasons.

#### **1.2.12 Classes With More Than 30 Entries/Divisions with Insufficient Entries**

Any class over fences with over 30 competitors must be pinned as two sections with points in both sections to count equally.

Divisions can be combined at the discretion of show management.

The combined divisions will be pinned as one division, but points will be allocated to the division entered. Must have a minimum of 3 entries to fill the combined divisions.

#### **1.2.13 Under Saddle Classes With More Than 20 Entries**

If any under saddle class has more than 20 entries, the class must be judged in two sections, but may be pinned as one class.

#### **1.2.14 Lead Line Classes With More Than 12 Entries**

Any Lead Line Class with more than 12 entries must be judged in two sections (split by age four and under and over four) and must be pinned as two sections with points in both sections to count equally.

#### **1.2.15 Closing a Class Due to Competitor Delay**

When the start of any class, with no posted jumping order, is being delayed by horses not ready to perform, the competition may be closed at the order of the Judges or Show Committee, provided warning is issued and exhibitors are given three (3) minutes in which to appear at the in-gate ready to participate.

#### **1.2.16 Points**

In all divisions and equitation classes, points will count 10-6-4-2-1-0.5 respectively. There must be at least three entries in a class for points to count, with the exception of Leadline and Mini Stirrup classes. In the Jr. Achievement Award Benefit Hack, points will be awarded 6-5-4-3-2-1. There is no minimum entry requirement.

#### **1.2.17 Horse Show Results**

All HCHSA member shows must return to the Association a copy of all result sheets, master list of entries, and judges' cards within ten (10) days of the show.

#### **1.2.18 Unsettled Accounts**

Show management must notify the HCHSA Board in writing with proof of unsettled accounts within two (2) weeks of the show. The HCHSA Board will immediately contact the member in question. Upon notification from the board the member has seven (7) days to settle the account. If the member fails to settle the account their membership will be suspended effective the date of the show.

### **1.3 HUNTER COURSES**

#### **1.3.1 Hunter Course Definition**

A hunter course shall be any course which management deems a fair test of a hunter. Fences shall simulate obstacles found in the hunting field such as post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence

or gate, aiken, oxer, et. oxers are not to be square; 3" difference is recommended for the back element. A ground line is recommended for all fences. in handy classes, fences shall simulate those found in trappy hunting country; the course must have at least two changes in direction and preferable one combination. A chicken coop hinged at the top and free at the bottom, and jumps such as a triple bar, hogsback, targets, etc., are prohibited.

### **1.3.2 Top Element of Fences**

The top element of all fences must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class.

### **1.3.3 Fence Alteration During a Class**

Except in the case of inclement weather, broken equipment or similar emergency, a course shall not be altered. if one or more original fences are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicates exist, management may substitute fences that approximate, as nearly as possible, the original.

### **1.3.4 Posted Courses**

It is recommended that courses be posted at least one (1) hour before scheduled time of the show. The plan or diagram of the course must show the obstacles that must be taken in the order indicated by numbers, but apart from this; the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow is used to indicate on the plan the direction in which each obstacle is to be taken. The distances in feet between elements must be noted on the course.

### **1.3.5 Definition of a "Simple Course"**

A simple course must include a minimum of eight (8) fences, and may not include an in-and-out.

## **1.4 TACK AND EQUIPMENT**

### **1.4.1 Bits, Nosebands, and Martingales**

A horse or pony with non-conventional types of bits or nosebands (i.e., dropped nosebands) may be penalized except in the jumper divisions. Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, with a cavesson, are required. In hack, under saddle and tie-breaking classes, martingales of any type are prohibited.

### **1.4.2 Bell-boots, Shin Guards, and Polo Wraps**

Bell-boots, shin guards, polo wraps, etc., are not allowed in hunter and pleasure classes unless otherwise specified by the show management.

### **1.4.3 Proper Attire**

Rules for Proper Attire are as follows:

- a. Conservative jacket,
- b. Breeches or jodhpurs,
- c. Boots or paddock shoes,
- d. Chaps, sneakers, and collarless shirts or tops are not proper attire and riders so attired will not be judged.
- e. Protective headgear must be worn when mounted. At all HCHSA member shows, the USHJA Rule regarding protective headgear will be enforced, and must be stated in the rules on the prize list.
- f. Jumper riders are exempt from wearing jackets.

In extreme weather, only the Judge has the right to excuse jackets. In the event jackets are excused, you must wear a shirt with a collar or a ratcatcher. Jackets will not be excused in equitation classes.

## **1.5 SOUNDNESS**

### **1.5.1 Soundness Requirements**

All animals must be serviceably sound for horse show purposes, i.e., such animals must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind.

### **1.5.2 Jogging for Soundness**

All animals being considered for an award may be jogged for soundness in the bridle the animal performed in and with the rider dismounted.

Judge has the prerogative to request soundness to be judged in your jog circle at the beginning of your course over fences.

### **1.5.3 Judges Decision on Soundness**

The decision of the judge as to the serviceable soundness of a horse or pony is final.

## **1.6 PERFORMANCE**

### **1.6.1 Eligibility for Championship Points and Year-end Awards**

At each show, to be eligible for Championship points and year-end awards, a horse/pony must enter and complete the course in at least one (1) over fences class per division.

### **1.6.2 Start and End of Performance**

When the class is held in a ring, the performance starts as the horse/pony enters and ends when it leaves. When the class is held outside, the performance starts at any spot designated by Show Management and ends at any spot so designated.

### **1.6.3 Hunter Under Saddle Classes**

Hunters under saddle are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with horse's mouth is required. Horses/ ponies should be obedient, alert and responsive and move freely.

Horses/ponies may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring at the judge's discretion, but never more than eight (8) at one time. Horse/ponies are not to gallop in Pre-Green Hunter Classes.

A Hunter under Saddle class may not be the first performance class held in a division, except in extenuating circumstances with the approval of the steward.

## **1.7 JUNIORS**

### **1.7.1 Definition of Junior**

A Junior is any person who has not reached his/her 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year.

### **1.7.2 Pony Classes**

Only Juniors may show in "Pony" classes.

### **1.7.3 Classes for Juniors Only**

Junior exhibitors must handle entries in all phases of a class designed for Juniors only.

## **1.8 PONIES**

### **1.8.1 Definition of Pony**

Ponies measure at 14.2 hands and under.

### **1.8.2 Measurement Cards**

For points to count, every pony must present a permanent or current measurement card from a recognized association or card should be on file. An animal must be measured each year until it reaches the age of six (6), at which time a permanent card may be issued. (Please refer to rule 1.1.3)

### **1.8.3 Classes Restricted to Horses Only**

Ponies are not eligible for horse classes where stated "open to horses."

## **1.9 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **1.9.1 Hunter Champion and Reserve Champions**

The Hunter Champion and Reserve titles shall be awarded to two of the four horses that have acquired the most points performing over fences. In addition to these points, only these four horses shall receive points for ribbons won in the under Saddle class. (Please note rule 1.2.16) 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 a tie still exists, horses/ponies shall hack off unless the riders opt to flip a coin. Champion and reserve will receive bonus points.

### **1.9.2 Pleasure and Equitation Champions**

All classes shall count 10-6-4-2-1-0.5 for Pleasure, equitation, Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, and Leadline. (Please note rule 1.2.16) in case of a tie, contestants shall be worked off as an independent class or may flip a coin at their option.

### **1.9.3 Jumper Champions**

All classes shall count 10-6-4-2-1-0.5 for all jumper divisions. In the event of a tie, contestants may flip a coin. Champion and reserve will receive bonus points.

### **1.10 PROTESTS**

All protests involving HCHSA horse shows must be lodged in writing with the Association within 72 hours of the horse show with a fee of \$25.00, at which time the Board of directors of the Association will take action with the parties involved. Money will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

### **1.11 GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **1.11.1 Drugs/Administration of Drugs on Show Grounds**

The HCHSA does not condone the use of drugs for purposes of showing horse; and absolutely no syringes, needles, narcotics, or drug paraphernalia will be allowed on show grounds.

#### **1.11.2 Stake Classes**

To be eligible for a stake class, the horse/pony must be entered, shown, and complete the course in at least one other (1) class in that section.

#### **1.11.3 Poor Sportsmanship**

The Board of directors of the HCHSA will censure persons showing poor sportsmanship.

#### **1.11.4 Ineligibility for Awards Due to Unsettled Accounts**



Any person/animal with unsettled accounts at a HCHSA horse shows will not be eligible for year-end awards. No points will count towards year-end awards until the account is settled. Points are not retroactive.

#### **1.11.5 Participant Responsibility for HCHSA Rules**

Every person who participates in the HCHSA horse shows is responsible for knowledge of and is subject to the Association and rules.

#### **1.11.6 Operation in Accordance with MHSA Rules**

The HCHSA operates in accordance with USHJA rules, and for any rule not covered herein the HCHSA will follow the USHJA rulebook. HCHSA encourages its member shows to honor the current suspensions and censures of the USHJA.

#### **1.11.7 Stallions**

Stallions are barred from HCHSA horse shows, and no stallions are permitted on the show grounds during an HCHSA show.

#### **1.11.8 Un-judged Rounds in Over Fences Classes**

Un-judged rounds are at show management's discretion.

#### **1.11.9 Combining Divisions**

The combining of divisions must be done in accordance with the HCHSA cross entry matrix, which can be found on page 14 of the rule book, within the show manager's packet, and on our website. The show manager must get approval from the HCHSA Steward prior to running any combined classes.



## Section 2

### Divisions

#### 2.1 EQUITATION DIVISIONS

##### 2.1.1 Leadline \*

Open to riders 7 and under as of December 1st of the previous year. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands. To be judged on suitability and control of mount. No martingales. Mount does not need to be registered for points to count.

CROSS ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: not eligible for any other division at that show except Short Stirrup Equitation and Short Stirrup Hunter.

1. Leadline
2. Leadline walk: Leadline detached. One leader must accompany each rider. May be asked to halt.

##### 2.1.2 Mini Stirrup

Open to riders 8 and under as of December 1st of the previous year. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands. To be judged on suitability and control of mount. No martingales. Mount does not need to be registered for points to count.

CROSS ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: not eligible for any other division at that show.

1. Mini Stirrup walk
2. Mini Stirrup walk-trot
3. Mini Stirrup walk-trot Combo: walk-trot, may be asked to go over obstacles not to exceed 12".

##### 2.1.3 Short Stirrup \*

Open to riders under 11 as of December 1st of the previous year. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands. Judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control. Fences not to exceed 18".

CROSS ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: Riders not eligible for any other division at the show except Leadline and Short Stirrup Hunter. Riders may not compete in any jumper classes.

1. Short Stirrup walk-trot: Shown at a walk and trot. May be asked to halt. No Martingales.
2. Short Stirrup walk-trot-Canter: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter. May be asked to halt. No Martingales.
3. Short Stirrup over Fences: Shown over a simple course of fences at a canter.

#### **2.1.4 Long Stirrup**

Open to riders who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year. Open to horses and ponies. Judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control. Fences not to exceed 2'.

CROSS ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: Riders not eligible for any other division at that show except Pleasure Horse/Pony, Low Children's Hunter, and Low Pony. Riders may not show in any Medal Class.

1. Long Stirrup walk-trot: Shown at a walk and trot. May be asked to halt. No Martingales.
2. Long Stirrup walk-trot-Canter: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter. May be asked to back. No Martingales.
3. Long Stirrup over Fences: Shown over a simple course of fences at a canter.

#### **2.1.5 Junior Equitation\***

Open to horses and ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor. May be split by age to 13 & under and 14-17 if entries warrant. To be judged equally on hands, seat, and control of mount and suitability to count.

Fences 2', 2'6 and 3', rider's preference.

1. Junior equitation under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter. No Martingales.
2. Junior equitation over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.

#### **2.1.6 Adult Equitation\***

Open to amateur riders who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year and meet the requirements of USEF rule GR1306. Open to horses. May be split by age (18-35 and 36& over) or jump height. Judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of mount.

Fences 2'6" and 3', rider's preference.

1. Adult equitation under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter. No Martingales.
2. Adult equitation over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.

#### **2.1.7 Limited Adult Amateur Equitation**

Open to amateur riders who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year and meet the requirements of USEF rule GR1306. (Adults may ride ponies) Riders not to have won three (3) blue ribbons in classes that requires them to jump greater than 2'3" in the past three years. Judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of mount. Fences not to exceed 2'.

CROSS ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: The rider is not eligible to compete in any other divisions at the show except Adult Pleasure Horse and Hopeful Hunter. Riders may not show in the Medal Class.

1. Limited Adult Amateur equitation walk-trot: Shown at a walk and trot.
2. Limited Adult Amateur equitation walk-trot-Canter: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter.

3. Limited Adult Amateur equitation over Fences: Shown over a simple course of 6 to 8 fences. Trotting and simple changes allowed.

## **2.2 PONY HUNTER DIVISIONS**

### **2.2.1 Small/Medium Pony Hunter\***

Open to ponies 13.2 hands and under. Ridden by a junior exhibitor. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going, suitability and soundness. Fences not to exceed 2', spreads not to exceed fence height. May be combined with Large Pony Hunter if there are less than four (4) entries in either section.

1. Small/ Medium Pony Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop. Not more than eight (8) to gallop at one time. No Martingales.
2. Small/ Medium Pony Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Small/ Medium Pony Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Small/ Medium Pony Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Small/ Medium Pony Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

### **2.2.2 Large Pony Hunter \***

Open to ponies over 13.2 and not to exceed 14.2 hands. Ridden by a junior exhibitor. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going, suitability and soundness. Fences not to exceed 2'6, spreads not to exceed fence height. May be combined with Small/Medium Pony Hunter if there are less than four (4) entries in either section.

1. Large Pony Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. Will not be asked to hand gallop or back. No Martingales.
2. Large Pony Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Large Pony Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Large Pony Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Large Pony Stake: Show over a course of fences. Money awarded with ribbons.

### **2.2.3 Low Pony Hunter \***

Open to ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going, suitability and soundness. Fences not to exceed 2', spreads not to exceed fence height. No oxers may be used. Low Children's Hunter Horse and Low Pony Hunter may be combined if there are less than four (4) entries in either section.

Cross Entry Restrictions: Rider may not cross enter into any other division at the same show where fence heights exceed 2' except age group equitation and medals not to exceed 2'6.

1. Low Pony Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. No Martingales.
2. Low Pony Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.

3. Low Pony Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Low Pony Handy: Shown over a course of Fences.
5. Low Pony Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money awarded with ribbons.

#### **2.2.4 Short Stirrup Hunter\***

Open to ponies ridden by junior exhibitors that have not reached their 11th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. A rider may only cross enter into the Short Stirrup Equitation, MHSA Regional Short Stirrup Equitation, MHSA Leadline where permitted, or other miscellaneous MHSA Regional Walk and Walk/Trot classes at the same show. Stallions shall be barred from all classes. No martingales allowed in under saddle classes. A course should consist of a minimum of 4 fences and a maximum of 8 fences. No oxers may be used. Fences shall be 18". Spreads not to exceed height of fence. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability of mount.

1. Short Stirrup Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences
2. Short Stirrup Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences
3. Short Stirrup Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter. No martingales.

### **2.3 CHILDREN'S HUNTER DIVISIONS**

#### **2.3.1 Pre-Children's Hunter**

Open to riders who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year. Open to horses only. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going, suitability and soundness. Fences 2'3".

**CROSS ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:** The same horse and rider combination may not show in Low Children's Hunter or Children's Hunter at the same show.

1. Pre-Children's Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop. Not more than eight (8) to gallop at one time. No Martingales.
2. Pre-Children's Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Pre-Children's Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Pre-Children's Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Pre-Children's Hunter Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

#### **2.3.2 Low Children's Hunter\***

Open to riders who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year. Open to horses only. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going, suitability and soundness. Courses to consist of no less than 8 fences. Fences not to exceed 2'6, spreads not to exceed height. Low Children's Hunter and Low Adult Hunter may be combined if there are less than four (4) entries in either section.

CROSS ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: The same horse and rider combination may not show in the Pre-Children's or Children's Hunter division at the same show. Not eligible to enter any division where the fences exceed 2'6 at the same show except age group equitation and medal classes.

1. Low Children's Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop. Not more than eight (8) to gallop at one time. No Martingales.
2. Low Children's Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Low Children's Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Low Children's Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Low Children's Hunter Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

### **2.3.3 Children's Hunter\***

Open to riders who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year. Open to horses only. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going, suitability and soundness. Courses to consist of no less than 8 fences. Fences not to exceed 3', spreads not to exceed height. Children's Hunter and Adult Amateur Hunter may be combined if there are less than four (4) entries in either section.

CROSS ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: The same horse and rider combination may not show in the Pre-Children's or Low Children's Hunter division at the same show.

1. Children's Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop. Not more than eight (8) to gallop at one time. No Martingales.
2. Children's Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Children's Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Children's Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Children's Hunter Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

## **2.4 ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER DIVISIONS**

### **2.4.1 Adult Amateur Hunter\***

Open to amateur riders who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year and meet the requirements of USEF rule GR1306. Open to horses. Judged on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. Fences 3', spreads not to exceed the height of the fence. Children's Hunter and Adult Amateur Hunter may be combined if there are less than four (4) entries in either section.

1. Adult Amateur Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop. Not more than eight (8) to gallop at one time. No Martingales.
2. Adult Amateur Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.

3. Adult Amateur Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Adult Amateur Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Adult Amateur Hunter Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

#### **2.4.2 Low Adult Hunter\***

Open to amateur riders who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year and meet the requirements of USEF rule GR1306. Open to horses. Judged on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. Fences 2'6, spreads not to exceed the height of the fence. Low Children's Hunter and Low Adult Hunter may be combined if there are less than four (4) entries in either section.

Cross Entry Restrictions: Rider is not eligible to cross enter in any other divisions where the fences exceed 2'6 at the same show except for age group equitation and medals.

1. Low Adult Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop. Not more than eight (8) to gallop at one time. No Martingales.
2. Low Adult Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Low Adult Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Low Adult Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Low Adult Hunter Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

### **2.5 HUNTER DIVISIONS**

#### **2.5.1 Pre-Green Hunter**

Open to horses that have never shown over fences 2'6" or higher prior to December 1st of the previous year.

1. Pre-Green Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. will not be asked to hand gallop. No Martingales.
2. Pre-Green Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Pre-Green Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Pre-Green Hunter Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

#### **2.5.2 Working Hunter\***

Open to horses only. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going, suitability and soundness. Fences 3'.

1. Open Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. will not be asked to hand gallop. No Martingales.
2. Open Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Open Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.



4. Open Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Open Hunter Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

#### **2.5.3 Low Hunter\***

Open to horses only. Judged on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. Fences 2'6 or 2'9, rider's preference.

1. Low Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop. Not more than eight (8) to gallop at one time. No Martingales.
2. Low Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Low Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Low Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Low Hunter Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

#### **2.5.4 Schooling Hunter**

Open to horses only. Judged on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. Fences not to exceed 2'9".

1. Schooling Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop. Not more than eight (8) to gallop at one time. No Martingales.
2. Schooling Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Schooling Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Schooling Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Schooling Hunter Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

#### **2.5.5 Thoroughbred Hunter\***

Open to horses only that are registered with The Jockey Club. Judged on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness.

Fences 2'6 or 3', rider's preference.

1. Thoroughbred Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop. Not more than eight (8) to gallop at one time. no Martingales.
2. Thoroughbred Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Thoroughbred Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Thoroughbred Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.
5. Thoroughbred Hunter Stake: Shown over a course of fences. Money to be awarded with ribbons.

#### **2.5.6 Hopeful Hunter**

Open to horses & ponies. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going, suitability, and soundness. Fences 2' or 2'3. Adults may ride ponies.

1. Hopeful Hunter under Saddle: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter. Will not be asked to hand gallop or back. No martingales.
2. Hopeful Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
3. Hopeful Hunter over Fences: Shown over a course of fences.
4. Hopeful Handy Hunter: Shown over a course of fences.

## **2.6 HCHSA JUNIOR AND ADULT MEDALS**

### **2.6.1 HCHSA Junior Medal**

Open to Junior Members of the HCHSA on horses. This class will be judged on performance of rider over a minimum of eight (8) fences. Fences to be 3'. To be judged on seat and hands, guidance and control of mount throughout the course. The judge will then select at least one fourth of the class, but not less than six (6) contestants, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter. (tack will follow the MHSA Hunter seat rules) one test of M.H.S.A. test 1-18 will be required. To qualify for the final competition in this event the contestant must (1) earned a minimum 15 points in the Medal class during the current show season, and (2) be in the top twenty based on points earned in the Medal class for the year. Points to be awarded on a 10-6-4-2-1-0.5 basis. Riders who qualify for the Junior Medal Final may not cross enter in either the Short Stirrup Medal or the Long Stirrup Medal. At the HCHSA medal Finals, three (3) tests of M.H. S.A. tests 1 - 18 may be required.

A minimum of three entries are required. Previous medal final winners are no longer eligible for this class. All horses must be registered annually with the association in order to compete in the medal class and finals.

### **2.6.2 HCHSA Adult Amateur Medal**

Open to all Adult Amateur members of the HCHSA. Adults must ride horses meet the requirements of USEF rule GR1306. This class will be judged on performance of rider over a minimum of eight (8) fences at 2'6" or 3', rider's preference. To be judged on seat and hands, guidance, and control of mount throughout the course. The judge will then select at least one fourth of the class, but not less than (6) contestants, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter. (tack will follow the MHSA Hunter seat rules) one tests of M.H.S.A. test 1-18 may be required. Points will be awarded in this class 10-6-4-2-1-0.5. To qualify for the competition in this event the contestant must (1) earned a minimum of 15 points in the Medal class during the current show season, and (2) be in the top twenty based on points earned in the Medal class for the year. Points to be awarded on a 10-6-4-2-1-1/2 basis. At the HCHSA medal Finals, three (3) tests of M.H.S.A. tests 1 - 18 may be required.

A minimum of three entries are required. Previous adult medal final winners are not eligible for the year following their win. All horses must be registered annually with the association in order to compete in the medal class and finals.

\*\*\*Designated board members will coordinate the medal finals\*\*\*

### **2.6.3 2'6" Children's Medal \***

Open to Junior Members of the HCHSA on horses. The top fifteen riders with a minimum of 15 points in the 2'6" equitation division during the show season will automatically qualify for the 2'6" Medal Finals. This class will be held at the HCHSA Medal Finals. No flat phase. May not cross enter into Junior Medal at the same competition.

Riders will be asked to perform under saddle and then compete over a course of fences not to exceed 2'6". Competitors will have the opportunity to walk the course beforehand. Horses and ponies must be registered with the HCHSA. Previous winners of the finals are no longer eligible to compete.

### **2.6.3 HCHSA Pony Medal**

Open to Junior Members of the HCHSA on ponies. This class will be judged on performance of rider over a minimum of eight (8) fences. Fences to be 2' for Small/Medium ponies and 2'6 for Larges. To be judged on seat and hands, guidance and control of mount throughout the course. The judge will then select at least one fourth of the class, but not less than six (6) contestants, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter. (tack will follow the MHSA Hunter seat rules) one test of M.H.S.A. test 1-18 will be required. To qualify for the final competition in this event the contestant must (1) earned a minimum 15 points in the Medal class during the current show season, and (2) be in the top twenty based on points earned in the Medal class for the year. Points to be awarded on a 10-6-4-2-1-0.5 basis. Riders who qualify for the Junior Medal Final may not cross enter in either the Short Stirrup Medal or the Long Stirrup Medal. At the HCHSA medal Finals, three (3) tests of M.H. S.A. tests 1 - 18 may be required.

A minimum of three entries are required. Previous medal final winners are no longer eligible for this class. All horses must be registered annually with the association in order to compete in the medal class and finals. If the class does not fill, it may be combined with the HCHSA Junior Medal. However, at MHSA Regional affiliated competitions, the class will no longer count for MHSA Children's Pony Medal points if combined.

### **2.6.4 Short Stirrup Medal**

Open to Junior Members of the HCHSA. The top ten riders with a minimum of forty(40) points in the Short Stirrup equitation division during the show season will automatically qualify for the Short Stirrup Medal Finals. This class will be held at the HCHSA Medal Finals.

Riders will be asked to perform under saddle and then compete over a course of fences not to exceed 18". Competitors will have the opportunity to walk the course beforehand. Ponies must be registered with the HCHSA.

### **2.6.5 Long Stirrup Medal**

Open to Junior Members of the HCHSA. The top ten riders with a minimum of forty(40) points in the Long Stirrup equitation division during the show season will automatically qualify for the Long Stirrup Medal Finals. This class will be held at the HCHSA Medal Finals.

Riders will be asked to perform under saddle and then compete over a course of fences not to exceed 2'. Competitors will have the opportunity to walk the course beforehand. Horses and ponies must be registered with the HCHSA.

### **2.6.6 Hunter Classic**

To be scored under the open numerical system. The top 12 horses from the first round will return to jump a second course in reverse order of their scores within their jump height in the first round, lowest score going first and highest score going last. Scores will be averaged from both rounds to determine the winner. A designated class of the division will be the first round of the classic. You must enter the classic prior to the start of the first round. Scratches are not permitted after the first round class has begun. Competitors must enter the entire division in which they are receiving their first round score.

## **2.7 PLEASURE HORSE AND/OR PONY DIVISIONS**

### **2.7.1 Pleasure Horse/Pleasure Pony\***

Horses and ponies shall be of any breed or combination of breeds suitable for English riding and normally used for pleasure. To be shown under English tack. Martingales are prohibited. Good manners are essential both in executing the gaits and while lined up in the ring. All horses or ponies must be serviceably sound. In the Pleasure Division, all animals over 14.2 hands are horses and all animals 14.2 hands and under are ponies. Classes may be divided by horses and ponies. Horse and pony classes with less than three entries will be combined. Pony classes may be divided by height of ponies. Small ponies under 13.2 hands. Large ponies over 13.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands. Ponies must have a current MHSA measurement card (if USEF card is not available) on file with the MHSA office prior to showing in this division. Ponies must be ridden by and handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class. Junior exhibitors shall not have reached their 18th birthday.

- 1. Pleasure Horse or Pony Under Saddle:** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. To be judged on suitability of horse or pony to purpose, manners and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.
- 2. Pleasure Horse or Pony Combination Hack:** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter. At least 8, if available, to jump 2 fences at a required height (ponies 2', horses 2'6"). To be judged on manners, willingness, suitability to purpose and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.

3. Pleasure Horse or Pony Over Fences: To be shown over obstacles and fences which might be found on a trail. Height to be 2' for ponies or 2'6" for horses. To be judged on willingness and on natural ability to jump, with emphasis on manners.

### **2.7.2 Limited Adult Pleasure Horse \***

Open to amateurs riding horses or ponies of any breed suitable for English riding. Good manners are essential both in executing the gaits and while lined up in the ring. No martingales. Fences not to exceed 2'.

CROSS ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: Horse and rider combination may not jump higher than 2'6" at the same horse show and may not show in the Medal Class.

1. Limited Adult Pleasure Horse under Saddle: Shown on a reasonable loose rein at a walk, trot and canter. to stand quietly and back easily. to be judged on suitability of horse to purpose, manners and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.
2. Limited Adult Pleasure Horse Combination: Shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to back. The judge will pick eight (8) entries, if available to jump two (2) fences not to exceed 2'. To be judged on performance, manners and suitability of mount to rider.
3. Limited Adult Pleasure Horse over Fences: Shown over a course of fences (not to exceed 2'). To be judged on willingness and on natural ability to jump, with emphasis on manner.

## **2.8 SCHOOLING JUMPER DIVISIONS**

### **2.8.1 Schooling Jumpers**

Fences 3' to 3'6". Open to all riders, horses, and ponies where cross entering allows. For this division, adults may ride ponies. (two timers are required)

1. Timed First Jump-off.
2. Timed First Round.
3. Power and Speed.

### **2.8.2 Open Jumpers \***

Fences 2'6". Open to all riders, horses, and ponies where cross entering allows. For this division, adults may ride ponies. (two timers are required)

1. Timed First Jump-off.

2. Timed First Round.
3. Power and Speed.

### **2.8.3 Hopeful Jumpers**

Open to all riders, horses, and ponies where cross entering allows. Adults may ride ponies. Fences 2' to 2'6. (two timers are required).

1. Timed First Jump-off.
2. Timed First Round.
3. Power and Speed.

### **2.8.4 Child/Adult Jumpers \***

Open to junior and amateur (meet the requirements of USEF rule GR1306) riders, horses, and ponies where cross entering allows. Adults may ride ponies. Fences 3'. (two timers are required).

1. Timed First Jump-off.
2. Timed First Round.
3. Power and Speed.

\*-Indicates division where MHSA Regional Program points may be accumulated in the respective division by members at MHSA pointed competitions

## **Section 3**

### **The Gretchen Moberley Jr. Achievement Benefit Hack**

#### **3.1 JR. THE GRETCHEN MOBERLEY JR. ACHIEVEMENT BENEFIT HACK**

Open to all riders (professionals, amateurs, juniors, seniors, members and non-members), to be judged 50% on the horse and 50% on the rider. All entry fees are donated to the scholarship fund. There are year-end awards to the top six horse and rider combinations in this class. Points will be awarded 6-5-4-3-2-1. No minimum number of entries required.

#### **3.2 JR. THE GRETCHEN MOBERLEY JR. ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$3,000 scholarship awarded annually to a Jr. Member of the Association who demonstrates excellence in academics and horsemanship. Special emphasis will be placed on HCHSA participation. Previous winners are not eligible. Eligible juniors must be a sophomore, junior or senior in high school on January 1, of the current year and submit a copy of their transcripts to the Chairman of the Jr. Achievement award by November 30th of the same year. Show records will be used for the current year only. Funding will be sent directly to the college in July of the following year.