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Show Committees receiving this Rule book in preparation for conducting a horse show that is to be approved by The Illinois Hunter and Jumper Association, Inc., should pay particular attention to the restrictions defining those Divisions that are approved by The Illinois Hunter and Jumper Association in order for points accumulated by Exhibitors at said show to be counted for the Year-End Awards in those Divisions.

Show committees should also note that the requirements for The Illinois Hunter and Jumper Association Medal Class should be printed in the prize list as shown in the section of this Rule Book regarding the conduct of Medal Class.

Members of The Illinois Hunter and Jumper Association are encouraged to carefully read this Rule Book because of the recent Rule changes that will affect tabulation of points for Year-End Awards, and the addition of new Divisions and changes in existing Divisions.

Members are responsible for checking the accuracy of their points. For corrections, please e-mail the Web Master at Points@IHJA.com. All corrections must be made two weeks prior to the banquet date. After this date, all points will be deemed final.

All inquiries regarding Rule changes or proposals for future Rule changes should be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting.

**AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE ILLINOIS HUNTER AND
JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this Association shall be **THE ILLINOIS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

The Association is organized for the sole purposes of enhancing and stimulating the sport of riding and showing in the Hunter and Jumper Divisions in the State of Illinois and in the Midwest with the following objectives:

- A. To service, promote, and protect the best interests of the Association Shows for the Exhibitors.
- B. To insure uniform and consistent standards at all Association Shows for the Exhibitors.
- C. To make objective and fair rules governing competition and enforce the rules in relation to the objective benefit of the Association Shows and the Exhibitors.
- D. To adjudicate questions of violation of the rules and to inflict penalties in accordance with the rules.
- E. To maintain proper records in connection with the sport for the use of the members.
- F. To assign dates to all events recognized by the Association.
- G. To establish and maintain an office.
- H. To further the art of riding and to encourage horsemanship and the welfare of horses and ponies.
- I. To make every effort possible to help each individual Show Manager have the best possible shows, with emphasis on assisting the show, stable owners and Exhibitors as well as creating and promoting high spectator interest.
- J. To encourage the individual Exhibitors, by the Association providing special awards for their total performance. These high score awards will be presented at an Annual Banquet which shall honor the accomplishments of the winning Exhibitors.
- K. Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining, after payment of its obligations shall have been made or provide for, and which shall not be held upon condition requiring return, transfer of conveyance, which condition occurs by reason or such dissolution or final liquidation shall be transferred to such charitable organization, having purpose substantially similar to those for which the Corporation is organized, as the Board of Directors of the Corporation may, by majority vote, designate.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Individual Memberships

JUNIOR MEMBER - shall be those persons who have not reached the age of 18 years by December 1st of the show year. Junior members may register one (1) horse.

SENIOR MEMBER – shall be those persons who will have reached their 18th birthday by December 1st of the show year. Senior members may register one (1) horse.

Section 2: Group Memberships

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - Shall be two (2) members and two (2) horses.

STABLE MEMBERSHIP - Shall be that of a non-teaching barn and register two (2) members and unlimited horses.

TRAINER MEMBERSHIP – All Trainers must be an IHJA member in order for their clients points to count.

PROFESSIONAL STABLE – Shall be that stable under ownership or management of a professional horseman and shall be entitled to register any of their horses. No Equitator/rider shall be entitled to point accumulation under this membership.

SHOW MANAGER – The Show Manager must be a Member of the Association and be regulated by the rules and regulations set forth by the Association.

Section 3: Voting Rights of Members

Junior Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Senior Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Family Memberships shall be entitled to two votes.

Professional and Stable Memberships shall be entitled to two (2) votes.

Section 4: Dues

Dues for all individuals, group and horse show memberships shall be set at the Annual Meeting by vote of the general membership.

Section 5: Unsettled Debts

Any unsettled debts with the IHJA affiliated shows will prohibit the rider from competing or accumulating points until the debt is PAID IN FULL. Non-sufficient checks will incur a service charge. Upcoming IHJA shows will be notified of outstanding debts.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

The following positions shall be the elected officers of the Association and shall be elected from the general membership on an alternate year basis at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Association. The President and Recording Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years and the Vice President and Executive Secretary Treasurer shall be elected in odd number years.

PRESIDENT - Shall be the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting and any other meetings that may be called of the Association. The President shall execute all documents relative to the functions of the Association. The President shall perform other duties as may be delegated to him or her.

VICE PRESIDENT - Shall act in place of the President in all matters and shall have the powers and duties of the President in his or her absence.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER - Shall be that person who is responsible for the Association's information mailings and for creating and keeping an office of the Association to receive correspondence and respond to the same or, in the alternative, forward the same to the proper party. He or she shall also be responsible for keeping records of the membership and for returning to the members their properly completed membership card with the Association. The Executive Secretary, with the approval of the Officers and Directors, shall employ such clerical help as may be necessary to maintain books and records of the Association. The Executive Secretary will also be responsible for keeping the records and books of the organization. He or she shall make timely reports of receipts and disbursements for the organization.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Shall be the person responsible for keeping records and minutes of all meetings.

Section 1: Vacancies

Vacancies of any of the above-mentioned officers shall be filled from the Directors of the organization and any Director vacancy shall be filled by the Officers of the Association.

Section 2: Compensation

The Executive Secretary shall receive compensation for his or her position and the rate of such compensation shall be set by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3: Directors

There shall be six (6) Directors appointed by the officers of the Association to sit on the Board of Directors and shall come from the general membership.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors by August 1st, and said Committee shall report by September 15th of the same year to the Board of Directors with their slate of Officers for the ensuing year.

A Publicity Chairperson may be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association at the first Governing Meeting of the new Board of Directors and shall be responsible for publicizing the Association and its related events.

The Board of Directors may appoint any further Committees, from time to time, as the need may arise.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Membership shall be held no later than one (1) week prior to the Banquet.

At the Annual Meeting there shall be an election of the officers of the Association as set forth herein and the transaction of other business as may come before the meeting. Notice of such Annual Meeting shall be given by mail, to all Regular Members, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, stating the location, time and date of such meeting.

At such election, a quorum shall be present, which represents ten percent (10%) of the members of the organization, present or by proxy vote. If less than a quorum shall be present, then such meeting maybe adjourned without further notice. If a quorum is present, then an affirmative vote of the majority present, or by proxy, shall be determined to be the act of the Association. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are not open to the general membership, unless permission to address a specific issue has been granted.

Section 2: Special Meetings

Special meetings of the regular membership may be called by the President, and may be called by any officer or Director at a request, in writing, of at least ten (10) members. Such request shall state the purpose of the proposed meeting, in writing and shall be sent (10) days prior to such meeting, to the regular members of the Association.

**ARTICLE VII
SEAL**

The Seal of the Association shall be in the form of a circle and shall bear the name of the Association, the name of the State of Illinois and the words "Corporate Seal".

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENT**

These By-Laws may be amended, altered or modified by a two-thirds vote of the Members of the Association at an Annual or Special Meeting, provided a written proposal of the Amendment be sent to the General Membership at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting. Only that proposed Amendment shall be voted on at that meeting and no other Amendments shall be taken into consideration, unless a separate mailing and notice have taken place and notice given.

**THE ILLINOIS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC.
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

GENERAL

Provide on the show grounds, qualified medical personnel with no other duties, and suitable medical equipment during all scheduled performances. Qualified medical personnel is defined as a person who is currently certified or licensed in their profession and trained in pre-hospital trauma care. EMT/Paramedics would serve as the highest qualified for that responsibility followed next by doctors, nurses and/or certified athletic trainers certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association. This person must be identified and the area where this person is available must be designated and readily identifiable. An ambulance must be on call or on the grounds. An operational telephone and/or other emergency call priority system must be provided by the competition. Management must post, in the office and by the telephone and/or emergency call equipment, emergency telephone numbers, plus directions to the competition which could be quickly relayed to the off-site responder.

SHOW QUALIFICATIONS

All shows must have majority Board approval. USEF recognized shows have approval precedence over non-recognized shows. In-state shows have precedence over out-of-state shows. Out-of-state shows may be accepted on the same dates as in-state shows only with approval of the Board and the Management of the in-state horse show. In-state non-recognized shows may be accepted on the same date as out-of-state recognized shows.

In order to be IHJA sanctioned, the fee for in-state shows is \$75.00 per day, plus \$10.00 per Medal Class entry. Out of state shows are required to pay a \$50.00 application fee if they are reporting their results electronically. If the out of state shows are reporting on hard copy the fee is \$75.00. All in-state shows must include IHJA Medal classes: out-of-state shows are prohibited from holding IHJA Medal classes, except IHJA "B" Circuit shows sanctioned by the IHJA. The out-of-state IHJA shows may hold medal classes pending approval from the Board of

Directors. All IHJA approved shows must mail a prize list to all members of the Association TWENTY ONE (21) days prior to said show.

Applications for IHJA approved shows must be received by the IHJA Executive Secretary by November 1st. Applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee. Cancellation of an "A" or "B" show less than sixty (60) days prior to such show, will result in a fine of \$75.00 and possible cancellation of your show's IHJA sanctioning for the following show year. This action is determined by the Board of Directors.

Show results must be sent to the appropriate Point Secretary within ten (10) days after the show or be subject to a fine of \$100.00 plus an accumulative \$10.00 per day beyond the initial ten days, and possible cancellation of your show's sanctioning for the following show year. This action is determined by the Board of Directors.

The Secretary check list, completed, with a check that includes a fee of \$10.00 per medal rider, plus a \$75.00 per day fee. A list of medal winners and a list of competitors by Division, along with a Steward's report must be sent to the Executive Secretary and postmarked within ten (10) days after the horse show. Failure to comply will result in a \$500.00 fine and could result in the loss of your IHJA sanctioning.

MANAGERS AND OWNERS OF SHOW DATES OF IHJA "A" OR "B" APPROVED HORSE SHOWS MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE IHJA AT DATE OF APPLICATION, OR SAID SHOW WILL NOT BE SANCTIONED.

The Horse Show at which the IHJA Medal Finals are held must have a large "R" rated Judge, and a large "R" rated course designer. No Judge may adjudicate at more than two (2) IHJA recognized horse shows within the same horse show year. Said horse shows must be at least 45 days apart.

Horse Show dates may not be sold, assumed or assigned to another manager. The IHJA controls the sanctioning of the horse show dates.

PROTESTS

Protests may be made by an Owner, Rider or Trainer of any Horse (Pony) or Exhibitor that is in violation of the Association rules. Such violation must take place within the class that the Protestor was entered in, and the burden or proof of such violation shall be borne by the Protestor. The protest must be made in writing on the appropriate Protest Form, signed by the Protestor and accompanied by a check made payable to the IHJA in the amount of \$100.00 and tendered to the Horse Show Steward by the end of the show day in which the alleged violation occurred. Upon receipt, the Hearing committee shall set a date for the hearing of said protest.

HORSE SHOW CRITERIA

VIOLATION OF THESE CRITERIA MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF COMPARABLE SHOW DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR, AND THE IMPOSITION OF A FINE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. All shows must run in accordance with IHJA Rules.
2. Schooling area should be a minimum of 80' x 80'.
3. Show area size should be minimum of 75' x 180'.
4. The schooling area must offer at least three (3) fences; 1 cross pole, 1 vertical and 1 oxer.
5. All courses should be posted a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the class on a diagram no smaller than 8 ½" x 11".
6. Stabling must be made available for a minimum of fifty (50) horses.
7. Shows must have the following and they must be acknowledged on the prize list:
 - Judges must have at least a small "r" rating
 - An USEF Steward must be present ("B" shows may have a board and/or a professional member serve as Steward)
 - A specific Course Designer
 - A Show Secretary
 - A Show Manager
 - A Show Announcer
8. All shows must have an adequate amount of jumps and equipment (gates, poles, standards, flower boxes, etc.), available, in good condition, to satisfy all classes and arenas.
9. An adequate Show Secretary's office must be made readily available, and the Show Secretary must complete the duties listed in the Horse Show guidelines of the IHJA.
10. All Management personnel should be present at least one (1) hour prior to the show.
11. All shows should have proper arena maintenance equipment.
 - Tractor with drag or rake
 - Hand rakes and brooms
 - Adequate watering equipment
12. There should be an adequate ring crew. Recommended: 3 people.
13. All shows must have proper communication between the Announcer, Secretary, In-Gate Personnel, Stabling area, and Judge, and all should be in good working order.
14. An in-gate person is required with proper communication equipment for all indoor and outdoor shows.
15. Proper footing must be provided for the show rings:
 - Sand ring a minimum of 4" base
 - Grass ring leveled and/or rolled prior to the show

16. Proper footing must be provided for the schooling area:
 - Sand ring a minimum of 4" base
 - Grass ring leveled and/or rolled prior to the show
17. The schooling area, if sand, must be cared for and dragged just as the show arena.
18. Adequate parking and loading/unloading facilities must be provided for the exhibitors, as well as for trucks and trailers.
19. JUMPS – HUNTERS
 - A minimum of eight (8) different obstacles, with at least four (4) oxers.
 - Standards-wing standards a minimum of 5' in height.
 - At least six (6) fences must have flower boxes or brush.
 - Proper fill for all jumps (coops, boxes, brush, flower boxes must be placed 1' in front of rails.
 - Gaps must not exceed 4".
20. JUMPS – JUMPERS
 - A minimum of ten (10) different obstacles, including one (1) combination.
 - A minimum of five (5) colored jumps.
 - All fences must be flagged and numbered.
21. EQUITATION – MEDAL
 - The order of go and the course must be posted one (1) hour prior to the class.
 - A minimum of nine (9) different obstacles, with at least one (1) combination.
 - Three (3) changes of direction and/or leads.
22. Bathroom facilities should be located convenient to the arena and the stabling areas, and be maintained daily.
23. Convenient and adequate telephone facilities must be made available.
24. All shows must offer all of the Year-End Award Divisions.
25. Prize lists must be received by the membership at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the show.
26. Sixty-five (65) horses must be present and showing to keep dates for the following year. If not, next year's sanctioning of said show will be subject to approval by the IHJA Board of Directors.
27. All shows must have proper liability insurance, with proof of such insurance presented to the IHJA office TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR to the show.
28. An adequate food concession should be open for the duration of the horse show, and be conveniently located.

29. Horse shows may NOT exceed a period of fourteen (14) hours in duration. Time may be extended in the event of extenuating circumstances (i.e. accident, weather, etc.) and must be explained in the Steward's Report. In the event the actual duration of the show exceeds 14 hours, a fine of \$50.00 per each hour in excess if the allotted time shall be imposed.
30. "B" Show Circuit - Any class that has twenty (20) or more riders MUST split the class and award a separate set of ribbons.
31. "B" Show Circuit - All horse show records, including but not limited to judges' cards, entry blanks and computer data, upon request by the Board of Directors of the IHJA, shall be made available and delivered to the IHJA office within (5) days of such request. Failure to present such records shall result in a fine of \$50.00 per day until such records have been delivered to the IHJA offices.
32. Competition management for both "A" and "B" Circuits shall place at least one Sharp's container per fifty occupied stalls for disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. It is competition management's responsibility to replace such containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, and their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp instruments. Competition management will place a notice of this requirement either in its prize list or on a specific handout given to trainers on check in at the competition.
33. "B" Show Circuit – All equitation (Pony, Adult, Jr 14 and Under, Jr. 15 – 17) levels will have two jumping and one under saddle class. This will now be considered a division and awarded such points.

YEAR-END AWARDS

The purpose of the Year-End Awards is to encourage participation in IHJA Recognized Shows. Awards will be offered in the following Divisions of sections recognized by this Association.

EQUITATION DIVISION

Division	Circuit	"A" Heights	"B" Heights
Equitation 11 & Under	A	2'3"	
Equitation 12-14 Ponies	A	2'3"	
Pony Equitation	B		2', 2'3", 2'9"
Short Stirrup Equitation	A&B	1'6"	1'6"
Long Stirrup Equitation - Adult	B		1'0"
Long Stirrup Equitation - Children	B		1'0"
Open Adult Equitation	B		2'3"-2'6"
Open Junior Equitation	B		2'3"-2'6"
Equitation 12-14 Horses	A	3'0"	
Equitation 14 & Under	B		2'6"
Equitation 15-17	A&B	3'6"	3'3"
Adult Equitation	A&B	3'0"	3'0"
IHJA Adult Medal	A&B	3'0"	2'9"
IHJA Junior Medal	A&B	3'3"-3'6"	3'0"
IHJA Pony Medal	A&B	2'3", 2'6", 3'	2', 2'3", 2'9"
IHJA Adult Mini-Medal	A&B	2'6"	2'6"
IHJA Children's Medal	A	3'	
IHJA Children's Mini-Medal	A&B	2'6"	2'6"
Limit Equitation – Adult	B		2'0"
Limit Equitation – Children	B		2'0"

JUMPER DIVISION

Division	Circuit	"A" Heights	"B" Heights
Training Jumper	A&B	Level 1	Level 1
Children's Jumper	A	Level 3/4	
Adult Jumper	A	Level 3/4	
Children's/Adult Jumper	B		Level 2/3
Junior/Amateur Jumper	A	Level 5/7	
Modified Jumper	A&B	Level 4/7	Level 4/6
Modified Child Adult Jumper	A	Level 2	
Novice Child Adult Jumper	B		Level 0
Pony Jumper	A	Level 2	
Low Children's Jumper	A	Level 1/2	
Low Adult Jumper	A	Level 1/2	
Schooling Jumper	B		Level 1

HUNTER DIVISION

Division	Circuit	"A" Heights	"B" Heights
Baby Green Hunter	A&B	2'6"	2'6"
Pre Green Hunter	A&B	2'9" – 3'0"	2'9"
Green Conformation Hunter	A	3'6" – 3'9"	
First Year Green Working Hunter	A&B	3'6"	3'3"
Second Year Green Working Hunter	A&B	3'9"	3'6"
Regular Working Hunter	A&B	4'0"	3'9"
Regular Conformation Hunter	A	4'0"	
Amateur Owner Hunter 18-35	A&B	3'6"	3'0" - 3'3"
Amateur Owner Hunter 36 & over	A&B	3'6"	3'0" - 3'3"
Low Working Hunter	A&B	3'0"	3'0"
Non-Thoroughbred Working Hunter	A&B	3'0"	3'0"
Amateur Adult Hunter 18-35	A	2'9" – 3'3"	
Amateur Adult Hunter 36-50	A	2'9" – 3'3"	
Amateur Adult Hunter Over 51	A	2'9" – 3'3"	
Amateur Adult Hunter	B		2'6" – 2'9"
Novice Adult Hunter	A&B	2'6"	2'6" – 2'9"
Small Junior Working Hunter	A	3'6"	
Large Junior Working Hunter	A	3'6"	
Junior Working Hunter 14 & Under	B		3' – 3'3"
Junior Working Hunter 15-17	B		3' – 3'3"
Novice Children's Working Hunter	A	2'6"	
Children's Working Hunter	B		2'9"
Children's Working Hunter 14 & Under	A	3'0"	
Children's Working Hunter 15-17	A	3'0"	
Green Pony Hunter	A	2'0", 2'3", 2'9"	
Small Pony Hunter	A&B	2'3"	2'0"
Medium Pony Hunter	A&B	2'6"	2'3"
Large Pony Hunter	A&B	3'0"	2'9"
Children's Pony Hunter	A	2' – 2'6"	
Short Stirrup Hunter	A&B	1'6"	1'6"
Long Stirrup Hunter Children/Adult	B		1'0"
Beginner Children's Hunter	B		2'3" – 2'6"
Beginner Adult Hunter	B		2'3" – 2'6"
Limit Hunter Children/Adult	B		2'
Modified Children/Adult	A	2'6"	2'6"
Hunter Breeding – Yearling	A		
Hunter Breeding 2 year old	A		
Hunter Breeding 3 year old	A		
Non-Professional Hunter			2'9" – 3'0"

SPECIAL AWARDS “A” or “B” CIRCUIT

HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR

SPECIAL AWARDS “A” CIRCUIT

“A” HORSE SHOW OF THE YEAR

AMATEUR ADULT HUNTER GRAND CHAMPION – Sponsored By: Stanley Luke Farm/Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kennedy. The horse with the most points in any of the Amateur Adult Divisions.

GRAND HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY – Sponsored by Our Day Farm/Silas & Lynn Jayne. The horse with the most points showing in either First Year Green, Second Year Green, or Regular Working Hunter Division. May be shown by either a professional or non-professional.

JUNIOR HUNTER GRAND CHAMPION – Sponsored By: Mark Boyle Equine Services. The horse with the most points shown by a Junior in either the Small or Large Junior Hunter Divisions.

GREEN CONFORMATION HUNTER CHAMPION – Sponsored By: Showplace Productions/Patrick Boyle. The horse accumulating the most points in its First or Second year of showing in the Green Conformation Hunter Division.

SHOWPLACE PRODUCTIONS JUNIOR RIDER CHALLENGE TROPHY – A perpetual trophy awarded to the junior hunter rider with the most overall points with equitation and either the small or large junior division combined.

JENNIFER HANKS TROPHY CIRCUIT – The pony with the most points exhibiting in the Green, Small, Medium, or Large Pony Hunter Divisions.

ESCAPADE PERPETUAL TROPHY – Donated by The Hanlon Group. The pony with the most points in the Green Pony Division, combined with either the Small, Medium or Large Division.

FRENCH SILK PERPETUAL TROPHY – Modified Adult Grand Hunter Champion – Sponsored by Stacey Lefton Glick. The horse with the most points in the Modified Adult Division.

LITTLE BLACK DRESS PERPETUAL TROPHY – Donated by Judy Stahr. The horse with the most points in the Novice Adult Hunter Division.

CAPTAIN VIDEO/MARKET RULES PERPETUAL TROPHY – Donated by Blue Mountain Farm/Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cerra. The horse with the most points in the Junior Jumper Division.

THE GEORGE Z. AND MAGDA LEFTON PERPETUAL TROPHY – Sponsored By: Stacey Lefton Glick and King's Crossing LLC. The horse with the most points in the Non-Thoroughbred Hunter Division.

THE GENTRY FAMILY PERPETUAL TROPHY – Sponsored by King's Crossing LLC. The horse with the most points showing in the Pre-Green Division.

SHORT STIRRUP HIGH POINT RIDER - Sponsored By: Plantation Farms/Ken Stien. The rider with the most points in the Short Stirrup Hunter and Equitation Divisions combined.

AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER GRAND CHAMPION – Sponsored by the Ianello Family. The horse with the most points exhibiting in either Amateur Owner 18-35 or Amateur Owner over 35 divisions.

CHILDREN'S GRAND HUNTER CHAMPION – Armani Perpetual Trophy - Sponsored by The Johnson Family. The horse with the most points in either Children's 14 & Under or Children's 15 -17 divisions.

PONY JUMPER PERPETUAL TROPHY – Sponsored by the Ross Family. The pony with the most points in the Pony Jumper Division.

LOW CHILDREN'S ADULT JUMPER PERPETUAL TROPHY – Sponsored by Team Yeterian. The horse with the most points in either the Low Childrens or Low Adult Jumper Divisions.

CHILDREN'S ADULT JUMPER CHALLENGE TROPHY – Sponsored by Ledges Sporting Horses. The horse with the most points in either the Childrens or Adult Jumper Divisions.

SPECIAL AWARDS "B" CIRCUIT

"B" HORSE SHOW OF THE YEAR

AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY – Sponsored by Showplace Productions/Patrick Boyle. The horse with the most points in either of the Amateur Owner 18 – 35 or Amateur Owner 36 & Over Divisions.

GRAND HUNTER CHAMPION – Jeff Katz Memorial Trophy

Sponsored By: Illinois Hunter Jumper Association. The horse with the most points showing in either First Year Green, Second Year Green, or Regular Working Hunter Division. May be shown by either a professional or non-professional.

AMATEUR ADULT HUNTER GRAND CHAMPION – Sponsored By: Stacy and David Bell. The horse with the most points in any of the Amateur Adult Divisions.

JUNIOR HUNTER GRAND CHAMPION – Sponsored By: Mark Boyle Equine Services. The horse with the most points shown by a Junior in either the Junior 14 & Under or the Junior 15-17 Division.

SHOWPLACE PRODUCTIONS JUNIOR RIDER CHALLENGE TROPHY – A perpetual trophy awarded to the overall high-point Junior Hunter rider with equitation to count.

JOHN R. DEBEIR MEMORIAL – The horse with the most points in the Children's/Adult Jumper Division.

THE INFORMANT PERPETUAL TROPHY – Sponsored By: Bell Farms. The horse with the most points in the Beginner Adult Hunter Division.

NON-THOROUGHBRED HUNTER CHAMPION – Sponsored By: Perfecta Farm. The horse with the most points in the Non-Thoroughbred Hunter Division.

THE PONY HUNTER GRAND CHAMPION – Sponsored By: Perfecta Farm. The pony with the most points exhibiting in the Small, Medium or Large Pony Hunter Division.

SHORT STIRRUP HIGH POINT RIDER – Sponsored By: The Buchmiller Family. The rider with the most points in both the Short Stirrup Hunter and Equitation Divisions combined.

LONG STIRRUP HIGH POINT RIDER – Sponsored By: The Pottenger Family. The rider with the most points in both the Long Stirrup Hunter and Equitation Divisions combined.

PONY HIGH POINT RIDER – Donated by Michael & Susan Plaster. The rider with the most points in the Pony Equitation and the Pony Hunter Divisions combined.

CHILDREN'S GRAND HUNTER CHAMPION – Sponsored by Ledges Sporting Horses. The horse with the most points in either Children's 14 & Under or Children's 15 – 17 divisions.

ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for an award, the horse and/or pony must be owned and/or leased by a current member of the IHJA.
2. To be eligible for an equitation award, the rider must be a current member of the IHJA.
3. To be eligible for a Year-End Award, riders and horses must declare, on their membership form, which show circuit they intend to compete in and only points accumulated on that circuit will be counted toward end of the year awards. Transfers between show circuits must be recorded with the Executive Secretary. Points may not be transferred between show circuits.
4. **POINT TABULATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** – “A” Circuit: The top four (4) horses over fences are eligible for Championship and Reserve. Only these four (4) horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes (full points for Regular Conformation Model classes) and full points for ribbons won in the under saddle classes. “B” Circuit: The top four (4) horses over fences providing they are entered in the entire division are eligible for Championship and Reserve. Only these four (4) horses receive points for ribbons won in the Under Saddle class.

TRANSFER FOR OWNERSHIP

Ownership of a horse and/or pony may be transferred during the show season without affecting the animal's accrued points. Awards will be made to the owner as shown in the IHJA recording files at the time the horse wins its last point in competition. It is the responsibility of the new owner to notify the Executive Secretary of a transfer of ownership.

TERMS OF COMPETITIONS

Winners shall be those equitation riders and horses and/or ponies who accumulate the highest number of points in their Divisions at IHJA Recognized shows from October 1st through September 30th. No credit will be given for in-state classes whose specifications are not in accordance with IHJA rules. Out-of-state classes may have different specifications, however, they **MUST** be IHJA sanctioned.

POINT VALUE

Points will be awarded as follows:

“A” Circuit Shows

USEF “A” Rating

USEF “B” Rating

USEF “C” Rated Local Member and unrelated

“B” Circuit Shows – IHJA recognized

Hunter/Jumper and Equitation Points For All Circuits					
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
10	6	4	2	1	½
Championship and Reserve Championship Points					
Champion			Reserve		
20			12		

TABULATION OF POINTS

Show Championships will be awarded on points: Blue (1st) 10; Red (2nd) 6; Yellow (3rd) 4; White (4th) 2; Pink (5th) 1; Green (6th) ½. Ribbons shall have the same point value, even if less than the specified six (6) places are awarded, due to lack of entries.

Scores of all horses and/or ponies and equitation riders shall be kept by the IHJA Points Secretaries. Results received from IHJA recognized shows shall be the sole basis upon which the scores are tabulated and the IHJA tally; thus derived, shall be the final authority in determining the winners.

Members are responsible for checking the accuracy of their points. For corrections, please email the Web Master at Points@IHJA.com. All corrections must be made two weeks prior to the banquet date. After this date, all points shall be deemed final.

In the event of a tie, a Year-End Award will be presented to each competitor.

Points begin tabulating for the new show year at the first horse show following the A & B Medal Final Horse Shows. The points will accumulate from October 1st until September 30th.

POINT TABULATION FOR “B” CIRCUIT

B-1 Shows – Shows with (100) horses or less, horses and riders will receive the standard tabulation of points.

B-2 Shows – Shows with more than (100) horses will receive double the point tabulation.

RECOGNIZED DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS “A” CIRCUIT SHOWS

HUNTER DIVISION

HUNTER BREEDING

The Hunter Breeding Division is open to horses only.

- a) Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Transmissible unsoundness is only to be considered in case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be walked and/or jogged before being moved on the line in order of preference. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two-year olds and Three-year olds are to walk and jog.
- b) Four (4) classes must be offered consisting of Yearlings, Two-year olds, Three-year olds and Best Young Horse. Only these classes will count for IHJA Horse Of The Year Awards.

PRE GREEN HUNTER

Open to horses of any age in their first or second year of showing at an USEF or IHJA "A" Circuit recognized show. Horses may cross-enter into any other sections at any show, provided the height of the fences shown over does not exceed 3'3". Any horse who enters any other class with fence heights over 3'6" is NO LONGER ELIGIBLE to compete in this Division, and forfeits points accumulated for Year-End Awards. See Current Zone Specifications.

GREEN CONFORMATION WORKING HUNTER

Horses are to jump 3'6" - 3'9" for their respective section. Combined sections are to be judged 60% on performance, 40% on conformation. Model classes to count ½ point.

GREEN WORKING HUNTER

A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing at a Regular Member competition. When shown in a Green section, a horse in his first year of showing must show as a First Year Green horse and a horse in his Second year of showing, must be shown as a Second Year Green horse. A horse's Green status is not affected if the horse has not been shown at more than three competitions prior to May 15th of any competition year. In order to maintain Green status for the next competition year, the horse must be withdrawn from competition over obstacles 3'6" or higher and the owner must notify the IHJA office by letter, via certified/ return receipt mail prior to December 1st of the year of withdrawal. The horse's name and recording number must be included in the letter. If the horse is not recorded, it must be recorded at that time. Failure to do so will result in the horse losing his Green status. This exemption will only be granted one (1) time. If a competition starts prior to or on October 1st, Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition. **Fence Height: 1st Year 3'6", 2nd Year 3'9".**

REGULAR WORKING HUNTER

A Regular Working Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing. **Fence height – 4’.**

REGULAR CONFORMATION HUNTER

A Regular Conformation Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing. **Fence Height – 4’.**

AMATEUR OWNER WORKING HUNTER 18 – 35

To be ridden by Amateur Owners or an amateur member of the owner’s family. In either case, classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior exhibitors. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.

Competitions may stipulate, provided it is so stated in the prize list, that all horses shown in an Amateur Owner class must be ridden by the same amateur or an amateur member of the owner’s family, if shown in any other Hunter class in a Green or Regular section at the same competition.

An amateur who rides for a person outside of his family may not ride in a class restricted to Amateur Owner at the same competition. Amateur Owner riders may, however, ride for other exhibitors in Under Saddle classes and for other Amateur Owners who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle classes.

If an Under Saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age. **Fence Height 3’6”.**

AMATEUR OWNER WORKING HUNTER OVER 35

Same as rules for Amateur Owner working Hunter 18-35.

AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3’3”

Same as rules for Amateur Owner working Hunter Sections. **Fences 3’3”**

LOW WORKING HUNTER

Open to all levels of horse, pony and rider. Ponies must be ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult rider. Fences set at 3’ and will remain the same for horses and ponies. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter.

Horses and ponies need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his/her decision. Entries in this section MAY cross-enter other sections at the same horse show. **Fence Height 3’.**

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

To be ridden by Amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors. Riders may not compete in any other classes at the same competition where fences exceed 3’3”, except the Adult Amateur Jumper and Amateur Owner Hunter. Any rider showing in the Amateur Owner Hunter division may compete 1 horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter division and must own or have an USEF registered lease of said horse. Fences to be set between 2’9” to 3’; spreads not to exceed fence height. Ponies may be shown by Adults, Suitability to count. Entries need not be jogged for soundness.

NOVICE ADULT WORKING HUNTER

Open to all riders 18 years of age and over who have not won six (6) Blue Ribbons over fences in any rated/recognized division as a Junior or Amateur at an USEF or IHJA rated show. Riders who meet the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the section for the entire season, regardless of wins during that season. However, their eligibility for the next season will be dependent upon those wins. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his/her decision. Riders in this section may cross-enter into other sections at the same horse show. Any rider that cross-enters into other jumping classes higher than 3' is no longer eligible to compete in this division. **Fence Height 2' 6"**.

NON THOROUGHBRED WORKING HUNTER

Open to all horses without Thoroughbred papers and/or Thoroughbred tattoo. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his/her decision. Horses shown in this section MAY cross-enter into other sections at the same horse show. **Fence Height 3'**.

SMALL JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER

To be ridden by a junior exhibitor.
Horses must measure under 16 hands.
Stallions are prohibited. **Fence Height 3'6"**

LARGE JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER

Same as Small Junior Working Hunter.
Horses must measure 16 hands and over
Stallions are prohibited. **Fence Height 3'6"**.

CHILDREN'S HUNTER

To be ridden by a Junior Exhibitor. Neither horses nor riders may cross-enter into the Junior Hunter section at the same Horse show. Rider may cross-enter into Medal classes, age group equitation classes and Children's Jumper classes. Ponies may not compete in the children's section if also entered in the pony division at the same show. If no separate Children's Hunter Pony division is offered, fences must be set at 2' for small and medium and 2'6" for large ponies; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Entries need not be jogged for soundness. See Current Zone V specifications.

MODIFIED CHILDREN/ADULT HUNTER

Open to any non professional/horse rider combination no restrictions. End of year awards will be split if warranted. **Fence Height 2' 6"**.

NOVICE CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Open to horses and ponies ridden by a Junior rider who has not won six blue ribbons over fences at a USEF Equestrian show. Ribbons won on ponies excluded. Entrants in this section can only cross-enter into the Children's Working and Pony Working Hunter sections and Equitation division where applicable. Riders who meet the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the section for the entire season regardless of wins during that season. However, the eligibility for the next season will be dependent on these wins. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his/her decision. Any rider who cross-enters into other jumping class higher than 3' is no longer eligible to compete in this division. **Fence Height 2' 6"**.

PONY HUNTER

The following Pony Divisions shall be governed by the Current USEF rules:

DIVISION	SIZE	FENCE HEIGHT
GREEN PONY HUNTER	SMALL	2'
GREEN PONY HUNTER	MEDIUM	2'3"
GREEN PONY HUNTER	LARGE	2'9"
PONY HUNTER	SMALL	2'3"
PONY HUNTER	MEDIUM	2'6"
PONY HUNTER	LARGE	3'
CHILDREN'S PONY HUNTER		2' – 2'6"

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER

Open to horses or ponies ridden by a Junior rider, 10 years and under. Riders in this section may only cross-enter into an 11 and under Equitation class and the Pony or Children's under saddle classes at the same horse show. Martingales are allowed in both the "A" & "B" Circuits. **Fence Height 1' 6"**.

BABY GREEN HUNTER

Open to all horses not shown in a USEF recognized show prior to October 1st of the current show season. **Fence Height 2'6"**.

CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

Open to ponies ridden by a Junior Exhibitor. The combination pony/rider is not eligible for USEF Equestrian rated classes at the same show. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, and suitability as a Children's Hunter Pony. To be offered at two heights: fences 2' for small and medium and 2' 6" for large ponies; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Ponies need not be jogged for soundness. Zone award will be presented annually as one section.

GREEN PONY HUNTER

A green pony is a pony of any age not exceeding 14.2 hands that has not been shown over fences the regulation heights for its respective section (sm-med-lg) prior to December 1st of the current competition year at a regular competition of the Federation or Canada or any national or international competition. Fence heights small – 2'3" , medium – 2'6" , large 3'.

EQUITATION DIVISION

All Medal Riders may only compete in one Medal Finals Class.

IHJA PONY MEDAL

"A" Circuit: Open to ponies ridden by junior members of the IHJA. To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at standard pony heights, which must include at least one combination, and three changes of direction. Two or more tests for the top four contestants are required; USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-9. Only one rider per pony, a minimum of four (4) ponies **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. To be eligible to compete, riders must be declared in the "A" Circuit, and may not compete in classes where the fences **EXCEED 3' 6"** at the same competition, except for Medal classes, Children's Jumpers, Green Pony Hunters and Pony Jumpers. Rider may not cross-enter into the IHJA Junior Medal at the same show. Rider can not show in the IHJA Junior Medal Finals and the IHJA Pony Medal Finals in the same year. All medal winners will automatically qualify for a final ride-off at a special show at the end of the season. A minimum of forty (40) riders will be invited to participate in the final ride-off. The forty (40) riders will be selected from medals won and points earned, if necessary. Riders must declare to ride in only one medal class at the end of the year Medal Finals.

IHJA CHILDREN'S MEDAL

"A" Circuit: Open to Junior members of the IHJA To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at least 3', which may include at least one combination and three changes of direction. To be eligible to compete, riders must be declared "A" and must ride in the circuit they are declared a member. Riders may show in the Children's Mini Medal, but not at the same show. Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other class over 3'3" at the same show. They will only be able to show in one Medal Finals. Two or more tests for the top four contestants are required USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse, minimum of (4) horses **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. All Medal winners will be automatically qualified for a final ride-off at a special show at the end of the season. A minimum of (40) riders will be invited to participate in the final ride off. The 40 riders will be selected from medals won and points earned if necessary.

IHJA CHILDREN'S MINI-MEDAL

"A" Circuit: Open to Junior members of the IHJA. To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at 2' 6" which may include one combination and three changes of direction. To be eligible to compete, riders must be declared "A" and must ride in the circuit they are declared a member. Two or more tests of the top four contestants are required, USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse, a minimum of four (4) horses **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other IHJA Medal class nor compete in any other class over 3' at any USEF recognized show. All Medal winners will automatically qualify for a final ride-off at a special show at the end of the season. A minimum of forty (40) riders will be invited to participate in the final ride-off. The forty (40) riders will be selected from medals won and points earned, if necessary. Riders must declare to ride in only one medal class at the end of the year Medal Finals.

IHJA JUNIOR MEDAL

"A" Circuit: Open to Junior members of the IHJA. To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at 3' 3" - 3' 6", which must include at least one combination and three changes of direction. To be eligible to compete, riders must be declared "A" and must ride in the circuit they are declared a member. Two or more tests for the top four contestants are required USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse, a minimum of four (4) horses **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. All medal winners will automatically qualify for a final ride-off at a special show at the end of the season. A minimum of forty (40) riders will be invited to participate in the final ride-off. The forty (40) riders will be selected from medals won and points earned, if necessary. Riders must declare to ride in only one medal class at the end of the year Medal Finals.

IHJA ADULT MINI-MEDAL

"A" Circuit: Open to adult members of the IHJA who are 18 years of age and older. To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at 2'6", which may include one combination and three changes of direction. To be eligible to compete, riders must be declared "A" and must ride in the circuit they are declared a member. Two or more tests for the top four contestants are required, USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse, a minimum of four (4) horses **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other IHJA Medal class nor compete in any other class over 3' at any USEF recognized show. All Medal winners will automatically qualify for a final ride-off at a special show at the end of the season. A minimum of forty (40) riders will be invited to participate in the final ride-off. The forty (40) riders will be selected from medals won and points earned, if necessary. Riders must declare to ride in only one medal class at the end of the year Medal Finals.

IHJA ADULT MEDAL

"A" Circuit: Open to adult members of the IHJA who are 18 years of age or older. To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at 3', which must include at least one combination and three changes of direction. To be eligible to

compete, riders must be declared "A ", and must ride in the circuit they are declared a member. Two or more tests for the top four contestants are required, USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse, a minimum of four (4) horses **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. Any rider who has won two (2) IHJA Medals during the current show year may not participate in this class for the balance of the current show year. All medal winners will automatically qualify for a final ride-off at a special show at the end of the season. A minimum of forty (40) riders will be invited to participate in the final ride-off. The forty (40) riders will be selected from medals won and points earned, if necessary. Riders must declare to ride in only one medal class at the end of the year Medal Finals.

SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION

Open to horses or ponies ridden by a Junior rider, 10 years and under. Riders in this section may only cross-enter into the 11 and under Equitation Division and the Pony or Children's class under saddle at the same horse show. Martingales are allowed in both the "A" & "B" Circuits. **Fence Height 1' 6"**.

EQUITATION CLASSES

The following classes should be offered under these current rules:

Equitation 11 & Under
Equitation 12 - 14 (Ponies)
Equitation 12 - 14 (Horses)
Equitation 15 – 17
Adult Equitation
USEF Hunt Seat Medal Class
ASPCA Horsemanship Class
USEF Pony Medal Class
WIHS Junior Medal
USEF Talent Search Medal
IHJA Jr. Medal
IHJA Adult Medal
IHJA Pony Medal
IHJA Adult Mini-Medal
IHJA Children's Mini-Medal
IHJA Children's Medal

- Riders in classes for Junior exhibitors cannot have reached their 18th birthday before December 1st of the competition year.
- In Equitation classes, only the rider is being judged, therefore, any horse that is suitable and capable of performing the required class routine is acceptable.
- Stallions are prohibited, (Exception: USEF Talent Search Medal class).

2009 ZONE 5 SPECIFICATIONS

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

To be ridden by Amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors. Riders may not compete in any other classes at the same competition where fences exceed 3'3",

except the Adult Amateur Jumper and Amateur Owner Hunter. Any rider showing in the Amateur Owner Hunter division may compete 1 horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter division and must own or have an USEF registered lease of said horse. Fences to be set between 2'9" to 3'; spreads not to exceed fence height. Ponies may be shown by Adults, Suitability to count. Entries need not be jogged for soundness. An unrestricted Children's/Adult Hunter division may be offered and be open to all Amateurs and Juniors and fences are not to exceed 3'3".

CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Open to horses and ponies. To be ridden by a Junior Exhibitor. Neither horses nor riders may cross enter into the Junior Hunter section at the same show. Riders may not cross enter into any classes in which fences exceed 3'3" at the same show, except Medal classes, age group equitation classes and Children's Jumper classes. Ponies may not compete in the children's section if also entered in the pony division at the same show. Fence heights 2'9" to 3'0"; spreads not to exceed fence heights. Entries need not be jogged for soundness. An unrestricted Children's/Adult Hunter division may be offered and be open to all Amateurs and Juniors; fence heights not to exceed 3'3".

CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

Open to horses and ponies ridden by a Junior Exhibitor. The combination pony/rider is not eligible for USEF rated classes at the same show. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, and suitability as a Children's Hunter Pony. To be offered at two heights: fences 2' for small and medium and 2'6" for large ponies; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Ponies need not be jogged for soundness. Zone award will be presented annually as one section.

PRE-GREEN HUNTER

A Pre-Green Hunter is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing over 3' to 3'3" fences at a USEF Regular Member or Canadian Equestrian Federation or any national or international competition. Fences not to exceed 3'3". A 3' section must be offered and a 3'3" section may be offered. Horses may only compete in one height section at a show but may alternate from one show to another. Once a horse has shown 3'6" he is not eligible the following year to compete in that division, regardless of age. There will not be an annual award for this division.

CHILDREN'S JUMPER

Open to horse and ponies. To be ridden by a junior exhibitor. Horse/Rider combinations may not cross enter into any junior jumper section at the same show. Riders may cross enter into low junior jumper section if offered on a different horse at the same show. Riders may not compete above Level 6 in any open class at the same show. Sections may be divided by age of rider or by horse/pony and may also be combined with the Adult Amateur Jumper Section, if so stated in the prize list. Fences to be set at USEF Level 3, however shows may offer on class at Level 4.

ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER

Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by exhibitors who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. All exhibitors must be Amateurs in accordance with GR 808 and must show USEF Amateur certification. Horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any Amateur Owner Jumper section at the same show. Riders may cross enter into the Low Amateur Owner Jumper Section if offered on a different horse at the same show. Riders may not compete above Level 6 in any open class at the same show. Sections may be divided by age of rider or by horse/pony and may be combined with the Children's Jumper Section, if so stated in the prize list. Fences to be set at USEF Level 3, however shows may offer one class at Level 4.

JUMPER DIVISION

TRAINING JUMPER

Open to any horse or rider. Fence Height Level 1.

CHILDREN'S JUMPER

Open to horses and ponies. To be ridden by a Junior exhibitor. Horse/rider combination may not cross enter into any Junior Jumper section at the same show. Riders may cross enter into Low Junior Jumper section if offered on a different horse at the same show. Riders may not compete above Level 6 in any open class at the same show. Sections may be divided by age of rider or by horse/pony and may also be combined with the Adult Amateur Jumper section, if so stated in the prize list. USEF Levels not to exceed 3; spreads to 4'. If section is split into High and Low, one class in the High section may be offered at Level 4.

Fences Level 3-4.

ADULT JUMPER

Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by exhibitors who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors. All exhibitors must be Amateurs in accordance with GR 808 and must show USEF Amateur certification. Horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any Amateur Owner Jumper section at the same show. Riders may cross enter into the Low Amateur Owner Jumper section if offered on a different horse at the same show. Riders may not compete above Level 6 at any open at the same show. Sections may be divided by age of rider or by horse/pony and may be combined with the Children's Jumper section, if so stated in the prize list. USEF Levels not to exceed 3; spreads to 4'. If section is split into High and Low, one class in the High sections may be offered at Level 4.

Fences Level 3-4.

LOW CHILDREN'S JUMPER

Open to all Children's jumper riders. Low children's jumper riders may not cross-enter into any other jumping class at 3'6" or higher at the same show. Speed calculated at 382 yards per minute. Once a rider has jumped over 3'6" at any USEF recognized show they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. **Fences Level 1-2.**

LOW ADULT JUMPER

Open to Adult jumper riders. Low adult jumper riders may not cross-enter into any other jumping class at 3'6" or higher at the same show Speed calculated at 382 yards per minute. Once a rider has jumped over 3'6" at any USEF recognized show they are no longer eligible to compete in this division.

Fence Level 1-2.

JUNIOR/AMATEUR JUMPER

Awards to be given on points earned - not money won.

Fence Level 5 - 7.

MODIFIED JUMPER

Open to any horse/rider combination.

Fence Level 5 - 7.

PONY JUMPER

For division specifications, please see USEF Equestrian Rule XXVII. Open to all ponies 14.2 hands and under. To be ridden by Junior exhibitors. Speed calculated at 360 yards per minute.

Fence level 1-2.

MODIFIED CHILD/ADULT JUMPERS

Open to all children/adult jumper riders. No restrictions.

Fence level 2

USEF Levels: The following fence dimensions define each Level or Standard:

LEVEL	HEIGHTS	SPREADS
Level 0	Fences 2'9" in height	
Level 1	Fences 3'0"	3'0" to 3'6" in spread
Level 2	Fences 3'3"	3'3" to 3'9" in spread
Level 3	Fences 3'6"	3'6" to 4'0" in spread
Level 4	Fences 3'9"	3'9" to 4'3" in spread
Level 5	Fences 4'0"	4'0" to 4'6" in spread
Level 6	Fences 4'3"	4'3" to 4'9" in spread
Level 7	Fences 4'6"	4'6" to 5'0" in spread
Level 8	Fences 4'9"	4'9" to 5'3" in spread
Level 9	Fences 5'0"	5'0" to 5'6" in spread

Note: At all Levels, Triple Bars may be up to 6" wider than the maximum spread shown

“Attention all Exhibitors”

For your reference we have included the table below as a guide to aid in the conversion of the fence heights from feet and inches to meters. Beginning in 2009 all shows will be converting over to the metric system.

USEF Metric Fence Height Conversion

0.70m = Fences 2'3" in height
0.75m = Fences 2'5" in height
0.80m = Fences 2'7" in height
0.85m = Fences 2'9" in height
0.90m = Fences 2'11" in height
0.95m = Fences 3'1" in height
1.00m = Fences 3'3" in height
1.05m = Fences 3'5" in height
1.10m = Fences 3'7" in height
1.15m = Fences 3'9" in height
1.20m = Fences 3'11" in height
1.25m = Fences 4'1" in height
1.30m = Fences 4'3" in height
1.35m = Fences 4'5" in height
1.40m = Fences 4'7" in height
1.45m = Fences 4'9" in height
1.50m = Fences 4'11" in height
1.55m = Fences 5'1" in height
1.60m = Fences 5'3" in height

IHJA B CIRCUIT SHOWS

HUNTER DIVISIONS

LOW WORKING HUNTER

Open to all levels of horse, pony and rider. Fences set at 3' and will remain the same for horses and ponies. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses and ponies need not be jogged, but soundness must be taken into consideration by the Judge when making his or her decision. Entries in this section MAY cross-enter into other sections at the same horse show.

Fence Height 3'.

PRE-GREEN

Open to horses of any age in their first or second year of showing at any USEF or IHJA recognized horse shows. Horses may cross-enter into any other sections at any show, provided the height of the fence shown over does not exceed 3'. Any horse who enters any other class with fence heights over 3' is NO LONGER ELIGIBLE to compete in this Division, and forfeits points accumulated for Year-End Awards. **Fence Height 2' 9".**

GREEN HUNTER - 1st Year & 2nd Year

A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing at any recognized USEF or IHJA shows requiring the horse to jump 3' 3" or higher. When shown in a Green section, a horse in his first year of showing must show as a First Year Green horse, and a horse in his second year of showing must show as a Second Year Green horse. **Fence Height: First Year 3' 3 " ; Second Year 3' 6".**

REGULAR HUNTER

A Regular Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing. **Fence Height 3' 9".**

AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER

To be ridden by Amateur Owners, or an amateur member of the owner's family. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family. Amateur owner riders may ride for other exhibitors in Under Saddle classes and for other Amateur Owners who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle class. If an Under Saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs, but need not be eligible by age. **Fence Height 3' - 3' 3 ".**

NON-THOROUGHBRED WORKING HUNTER

Open to all horses and ponies without thoroughbred papers and/or thoroughbred tattoo. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. Horses/ponies shown in this Section MAY cross-enter into other sections at the same horse show. **Fence Height 3'.**

AMATEUR ADULT WORKING HUNTER

Open to amateur riders 18 years of age or older. Riders entered in the Amateur Adult Division may cross-enter into either the NOVICE ADULT Division or the AMATEUR OWNER Division. The Amateur Adult rider has the option to ride Novice Adult and Amateur Adult, or Amateur Adult and Amateur Owner. Once the Novice Adult rider steps up into the Amateur Owner Division from the Novice Adult Division, they **CANNOT** return to the Novice Adult Division.

Fence Height 2' 6" – 2'9".

NOVICE ADULT WORKING HUNTER

Open to adult amateur riders 18 years of age or older who have not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any rated/recognized Division as a Junior or Amateur at an USEF or IHJA rated show, Open Adult Equitation and Beginner Adult Hunter NOT to count. Any rider who meets the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the section for the entire season. To be judged on performance, manners and way of going as a hunter. **Fence Height 2' 6" – 2'9"**.

JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER 14 AND UNDER

Open to Junior riders who are 14 years old or under as of the beginning of the show year. **Fence Height 3' - 3'3"**.

JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER 15 - 17

Open to Junior riders who are 15 years old through 17 years old as of the beginning of the show year. **Fence Height 3' - 3'3"**.

CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTER

Open to horses and ponies ridden by a Junior rider. Entrants in this section may cross-enter into any other Junior Division at the same show. **Fence Height 2' 9"**.

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER

Open to horses or ponies ridden by a Junior rider. Riders in this section **MAY ONLY** cross-enter into the Limit Equitation and Limit Hunter Divisions. "B" Circuit only. **Fence Height 1' 6"**.

LONG STIRRUP HUNTER

Open to riders who have not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF/IHJA horse show. Riders may cross-enter into the Limit Equitation and Limit Hunter Divisions. Riders may cross enter into the Mini-Medal. This division may be split to 17 years and under and 18 years and older if entries warrant.

Fence Height 1'0"

LIMIT HUNTER

Open to junior and non-professional riders. Riders may only cross enter into either the Short or Long Stirrup Divisions. Riders may compete in the Mini-Medal. End of year awards may be split if warranted. **Fences 2' 0" – 2' 3" with no oxers.**

MODIFIED CHILD/ADULT HUNTER

Open to all junior and amateur riders. No restrictions. **Fences 2' 6"**.

BEGINNER CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Open to any Junior rider who has not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF or IHJA recognized show, in any division with the exception of the Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup and Pony Divisions. Fences not to exceed 2' 6". Any rider who enters any other class with fence heights over 3' is NO LONGER ELIGIBLE to compete in this division, and forfeits points toward End of the Year Awards. **Fence Height 2' 3" - 2' 6"**.

BEGINNER ADULT HUNTER

Open to any Adult rider (18 & Over), who has not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF or IHJA recognized show, in any division with the exception of the Long Stirrup Division. Any rider who enters any other class with fence heights over 3' is NO LONGER ELIGIBLE to compete in this division, and forfeits points toward End of the Year Awards. Riders MAY NOT compete in the IHJA Adult Medal. **Fence Height 2' 3" - 2' 6"**

BABY GREEN HUNTER

Open to all horses not shown prior to October 1st of the current show season. **Fence Height 2'6"**.

NON PRO HUNTER

Open to all non-professional riders. **Fence Height 2'9" – 3'0"**.

PONY WORKING HUNTER

Open to all ponies to be shown in their prospective size group.

Pony	Measurement	Fence Height
Small	12.2 hands & under	2'
Medium	12.2 to 13.2 hands	2'3"
Large	Over 13.2 to 14.2 hands	2'9"

PONY MEASUREMENT RULE

All ponies entered in the Horse Show must either be measured for a Pony Measurement Card, or present their active measurement card obtained from the IHJA. In the event the owner is not a member of the IHJA, a Non-member Measurement Fee of \$15.00 will be charged by the Secretary along with the measurement forms. The Fee and forms will then be forwarded to the IHJA Executive Secretary. In which case, the measurement will be for that Horse Show only and no Permanent card will be issued.

A Pony must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of six. Upon attaining the age of six years, the Pony will be issued a Permanent Measurement Card, upon which the card does not have to be renewed again.

Measurement must take place at an IHJA sanctioned Horse Show and the Pony shall be measured in the presence of the Horse Show Steward, and either the Horse Show Manager or a designee of the Board of Directors. No Pony shall be issued an Official Measurement Card unless it is entered and shown at that competition.

Measurement shall be performed by the Steward and/or Board Member at a time and place set prior to the first Pony Class. Such measurement shall be taken with an approved measuring stick, and signed by the Steward and Manager of the show, or person approved by the Board of Directors of the IHJA.

Upon submission of a written protest to the IHJA Steward and/or Board Member and the appropriate fee of \$100.00, the owner or trainer may protest the height of any pony competing in a class in which he/she is also competing. Such protest must be tendered no less than one hour prior to the end of competition on the day which the pony was exhibited.

Upon receiving payment of the written Protest and payment of the appropriate Fee, the Steward and/or Board Member shall immediately measure the pony in order that the height of the heel may not be altered. If the Pony exceeds the height of the section entered by 1/2 ", then the Pony shall forfeit all winnings for that Show and points to date accumulated in that section shall be forfeited. The Pony may then transfer to the appropriate section. The Owner may appeal this decision. In the event of an appeal, the Owner shall post \$100.00 with the IHJA and be given a date, time and place for the appeal hearing. Present at the hearing shall be the Steward and/or Board Member measuring the protest, either the Horse Show Manager or the designee of the Board of Directors who witnessed and signed the Measurement Form and the Hearing Committee.

Upon such determination of the Hearing Committee, the Pony shall either have it's points reinstated, or points accumulated shall remain forfeited. The results of the Committee shall be final.

A new measurement may be required by an owner for a pony that has never been protested and would need to change it's present shoeing status for medical purposes, injury or new ownership.

MEASUREMENTS ARE SOLELY FOR THE INTERNAL USE OF THE ILLINOIS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION FOR COMPETITION HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE ANY REPRESENTATION OF WARRANTY REGARDING MEASUREMENT INFORMATION; ACCORDINGLY, THE ILLINOIS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION, LICENSED OFFICIALS AND RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS AND SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR MEASUREMENT ERRORS.

THIS CARD MUST BE PRESENTED TO ALL HORSE SHOW OFFICIALS BEFORE THE PONY BEING ENTERED MAY SHOW.

**PERTAINING TO ALL HUNTER AND JUMPER COMPETITORS:
RIDERS WHO MEET THE ELIGIBILITY RULE AT THE FIRST SHOW IN WHICH THEY COMPETE WILL REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR THAT SECTION FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON, REGARDLESS OF WINS DURING THE SEASON. HOWEVER, THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE NEXT SEASON WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON THOSE WINS**

EQUITATION DIVISION

PONY EQUITATION

Open to any junior rider. Riders showing in this division may not compete in any other division where fences exceed 3', and may not compete in the 15 - 17 Equitation or the Junior Medal.

SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION

Open to horses or ponies ridden by a Junior rider 10 years and under. Riders in this section **MAY ONLY** cross-enter into the Limit Equitation and Limit Hunter Divisions. "B" Circuit only. **Fence Height 1' 6"**.

LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION

Open to riders who have not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences in any USEF/IHJA horse show. Riders may cross-enter into the Limit Equitation and Limit Hunter Divisions at the same horse show. Riders may cross enter into the Mini-Medals. This division may be split to 17 years and under and 18 years and older if entries warrant. **Fence Height 1'0"**.

LIMIT EQUITATION

Open to junior and non-professional riders. Riders may cross enter into either the Short or Long Stirrup Divisions. Riders may compete in the Mini Medal. End of year awards may be split if warranted. **Fences 2' 0" – 2' 3" with no oxers.**

OPEN JUNIOR EQUITATION

Open to all Junior riders. Once a rider jumps higher than 3' the rider is no longer eligible for this class, and forfeits points for the Year-End Awards. Riders may not cross enter into the Limit Hunter or Limit Equitation Divisions.
Fence Height 2' 3"-2' 6".

OPEN ADULT EQUITATION

Open to all Adult Amateur riders 18 and over. Once a rider jumps higher than 3' , the rider is no longer eligible for this division, and forfeits points for the Year-End Awards. Riders may not cross enter into the Limit Hunter or Limit Equitation Divisions.
Fence Height 2' 3 "- 2' 6".

All Medal Riders may only compete in one Medal Finals Class.

IHJA PONY MEDAL

“B” Circuit: Open to ponies ridden by Junior members of the IHJA. To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at standard pony heights, which must include at least one combination and three changes of direction. Two or more tests for the top four contestants are required, USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-9. To be eligible to compete, riders must be declared in the “B” Circuit, and **MAY NOT COMPETE IN DIVISIONS WHERE THE FENCES EXCEED 3’**. Only one rider per pony, a minimum of four (4) ponies **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. All medal winners will automatically qualify for a final ride-off at a special show at the end of the season. A minimum of forty (40) riders will be invited to participate in the final ride-off. The forty (40) riders will be selected from medals won and points earned, if necessary. Once you compete in a division where the fences exceed 3’, you forfeit all points accumulated toward the medal and eligibility for the Pony Medal Finals. Riders must declare to ride in only one medal class at the end of the year Medal Finals.

IHJA CHILDREN'S MINI-MEDAL

“B” Circuit: Open to Junior members of the IHJA. To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at 2’ 6”, which may include one combination and three changes of direction. To be eligible to compete, riders must be declared “B” and must ride in the circuit they are declared a member. Two or more tests of the top four contestants are required, USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse, a minimum of four (4) horses **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other Medal class nor compete in any other class over 3’. All Medal winners will automatically qualify for a final ride-off at a special show at the end of the season. A minimum of forty (40) riders will be invited to participate in the final ride-off. The forty (40) riders will be selected from medals won and points earned, if necessary. Riders must declare to ride in only one medal class at the end of the year Medal Finals.

IHJA JUNIOR MEDAL

“B” Circuit: Open to Junior members of the IHJA. To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at 3’, which must include at least one combination and three changes of direction. To be eligible to compete, riders must be declared “B” and must ride in the circuit they are declared a member. Two or more tests of the top four (4) contestants are required, USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse, a minimum of four (4) horses **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. A minimum of forty (40) will be selected to participate in the final ride-off. The forty (40) riders will be selected from medals won and points earned, if necessary. Riders must declare to ride in only one medal class at the end of the year Medal Finals.

IHJA ADULT MINI-MEDAL

“B” Circuit: Open to Adult members of the IHJA who are 18 years of age and older. To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at 2' 6", which may include one combination and three changes of direction. To be eligible to compete, riders must be declared “B” and must ride in the circuit they are declared a member. Two or more tests for the top four contestants are required, USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse, a minimum of four (4) horses **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. Riders in this class may not cross-enter into any other Medal class nor compete in any other class over 3'. All Medal winners will automatically qualify for a final ride-off at a special show at the end of the season. A minimum of forty (40) riders will be invited to participate in the final ride-off. The forty (40) riders will be selected from medals won and points earned, if necessary. Riders must declare to ride in only one medal class at the end of the year Medal Finals.

IHJA ADULT MEDAL

“B” Circuit: Open to adult members of the IHJA who are 18 years of age or older. To be shown over a course of not less than nine obstacles at 2' 9", which must include at least one combination and three changes of direction. To be eligible to compete, riders must be declared “B” and must ride in the division they are declared a member. Two or more tests for the top four (4) contestants are required, USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Division tests 1-19. Only one rider per horse, a minimum of four (4) horses **MUST BE ENTERED AND COMPETE** in order to pin the class. All medal winners will automatically qualify for a final ride-off at a special show at the end of the season. A minimum of forty (40) riders will be invited to participate in the final ride-off. The forty (40) riders will be selected from medals won and points earned, if necessary. Riders must declare to ride in only one medal class at the end of the year Medal Finals.

JUMPER DIVISION

CHILDREN'S/ADULT JUMPER

Open to all horses and ponies ridden by a Junior or Adult rider. Horse/rider combination in this section **MAY** cross-enter at the same show into the MODIFIED JUMPER DIVISION. **Fence Level 2 - 3.**

MODIFIED JUMPER

Open to any horse/rider combination. **Fence Level 3 – 5.**

TRAINING JUMPER

Open to any horse/rider combination. **Fence Level 1**

SCHOOLING JUMPER

Open to any horse/rider combination. **Fence Level 1**

SHOW STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Terri Storino

This Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Co-Chairman, and a panel of eight persons who have been selected from a list of volunteers.

The object of this Committee is to assist all Show Managers in having a successful horse show. This is achieved through maintaining an updated set of guidelines for the Show Managers for reference. RE: pages 9 & 10 in this IHJA Rule Book, Horse Show Criteria. Also, the Committee is responsible for keeping the Horse Show Secretary's office stocked with Horse Show standards reports. These are forms which the exhibitors and trainers may fill out at each show and send to the Chairman of this Committee, enabling them to voice their opinion on the condition of the show, be it good or bad. It also allows the exhibitors to make any suggestions as to the betterment of the show.

These reports are then reviewed by the Show Standards Committee throughout the year, and brought up to the Board of Directors during the show season. The Show Standards Committee will review this information and take the appropriate action with the assistance of the Board of Directors. This is the only way that we, the IHJA, can be kept abreast of the likes and dislikes of our members. We need your opinions to keep the quality of the show circuits both "A" & "B" at a standard above other associations.

HEARING COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Barbara Stitt

The Hearing Committee shall hear protests and charges against alleged violations of the Association.

The Hearing Committee, its members and participants shall act in an impartial manner. A participating member of the Committee may disqualify him/herself from a hearing in which they could not act impartially. Upon submission of evidence substantiating the alleged allegations contained in the Protest, the committee shall hear testimony and evidence, and then the Committee shall make a ruling. All decisions of the Committee shall be final.

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