

Northwest Arkansas Hunter Jumper Association

NWAHJA

Rulebook



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RULEBOOK

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

RULE 1000: GENERAL:

1000 The 'show season' begins December 1 of the previous year. A rider's age for the upcoming show season is determined by their age on December 1. For example, a rider that is 17 years old on December 1 2021, is considered 17 for the entirety of the 2022 season, regardless of when they turn 18.

1100 Each rider who is not a member of NWAHJA and is competing at a NWAHJA recognized show will be required to pay a non-member fee.

1200 Points at the horse shows towards the year-end awards will not accumulate until you have become a paid member (Individual, Family, Barn membership). Having your membership dues paid in full is the responsibility of the rider, not the trainer.

1300 Checks returned NSF will be addressed in the following manner. The Treasurer will contact the individual on the first NSF occurrence and this will be forgiven. On the second occurrence the treasurer will call and request all future payments for the current show year be made in cash.

1400 All shows except the NWAHJA hosted shows are managed by the facility. They have the responsibility of running their show by the NWAHJA rules and guidelines, but the decisions are made by the facility management.

1500 Decisions regarding show time changes or cancellations will be made by 4am, and available via email sent to membership and posted on social media platforms.

1600 The NWAHJA Show Steward has the responsibility to make suggestions and resolve problems at all NWAHJA shows.

1700 Prize lists will be electronically available on the website and emailed to membership three (3) weeks prior to the show.

RULE 2000: CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

2100 Classes:

2101 A horse/rider combination may only cross enter at a show into divisions with fence heights of less than or equal to a six (6) inch difference. This includes flat and under saddle classes. Jumper classes excluded.

2102 NWAHJA Show steward will only remove points for the show where the 6" rule is broken.

2103 ~~Entry into one over fences class in a division is prohibited. Rider must enter the whole division or only the under saddle/flat class.~~

2104 A horse/pony may not be ridden in more than (11) individual classes per show day. ~~This limit does not apply to any "challenge" classes or the Pleasure walk/trot division.~~

2105 It is the responsibility of the rider to change the number worn if they are riding more than one horse.

2105 Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all riders must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/ SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.

2106 The One Minute Rule will be enforced at all times. A rider will have one (1) minute to enter the arena when called by the paddock master or be disqualified in that class.

2107 Classes which have 12 or more riders will be split into multiple sections. A random split will occur either from the show secretary, paddock master or judge. A & B sections will be held with 1-6th place awarded and points given in each section. There will only be one set of year end awards given for a division regardless of the number of times it had A & B sections through the year. Year End placings may be through 12th or in sections at the discretion of the NWAHJA board: factors including how many times divisions split through the year, etc.

2108 A rider may only compete in one medal class at any given show regardless of which day the medal is held. Medal participants may ride in multiple medals through the year at different shows as long as the 6" rule applies. In the event a rider is the Year End winner of a medal that rider may not compete in that same medal class again unless there is not a medal offered at a higher height.

2109 - All Jumper courses will be the same course when the entrants are 6 or less. However, set Tables will still apply to the given classes as far as time, jump off, etc.

2200 Entries

2201 All riders (or adult guardian of minor riders) at any NWAHJA sanctioned event must sign a legal waiver to be permitted to participate. If the legal guardian will not be present at the show then it is the responsibility of the rider to bring the signed form with them to the show.

2202 Riders are required to leave an open form of payment (check, cash or electronic payment) with the secretary to receive your competition number. After you are finished showing for the day, please return to the secretary's desk to check out.

2203 It is the responsibility of the rider to make sure that any changes in the class entries (additions or scratches) are made at the Secretary's table well before that class is called.

2204 Without exception, a current (within one year) negative coggins (original, paper, or digital copy) is required for all horses entering the show grounds. NWAHJA sanctioned shows will be attended by a certified Coggins checker.

2205 Please return your show number to the registration table before leaving the show.

RULE 3000: PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS:

NWAHJA follows all current USEF rules regarding Professional/Amateur status

USEF Rulebook SUBCHAPTER 13-B AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS

GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status

GR1307 Amateur Status

3100 Professionals

3101 A professional (pro) as defined by NWAHJA is any person who **receives remuneration** (monetary or any compensation (board, training, rent, gifts, bartering services, buying and selling horses/ponies, taking horses on consignment or acting as an agent for someone purchasing a horse, etc.) for riding, training, or instructing a horse or rider. Or accepts remuneration AND acts as an intern, apprentice, or working student whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, riding, driving, showmanship, handling, showing, training, or assisting in training, giving lessons/coaching and/or schooling horses other than horses actually owned by him. Or accepts remuneration AND acts as an employee in a position such as a groom, farrier, bookkeeper, veterinarian or barn manager AND instructs,

rides, drives, shows, trains or schools horses that are owned, boarded or trained by his employer, any member of his employer's family, or a business in which his employer has an ownership interest. These conditions are not exhaustive and are further elaborated on in USEF Rulebook GR 1306 and 1307.

3102 Professionals may ride in OPEN divisions and classes ONLY. The prize list will indicate the classification and specifics for entry. The Warm Up, Baby Green Hunter, Open Hunter, and all jumper classes are Open unless otherwise specified.

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

3201 Accepting remuneration for officiating as a judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer or participating as a TV commentator, or accepting bona fide remuneration for services as a veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator or breeder, or for accepting bona fide remuneration for boarding services.

3202. Accepting a token of appreciation, other than money, for riding, driving or showing in halter/in hand. Horse board, prize money, partial support or objects of more than \$1000 are considered remuneration, not small tokens of appreciation. Accepting any amount of money, whether more or less than \$300 is considered remuneration.

3203 All Junior riders are considered Amateurs until the Dec 1st following their 18th birthday.

RULE 4000: SHOW SAFETY:

4100 General Show Safety

4101 All dogs must be on a leash or otherwise confined. NO EXCEPTIONS!

4102 Any horse or pony known to kick must wear a red ribbon in its tail as a warning to other riders.

4103 When a horse is in the ring being judged, the judge will make decisions regarding hazardous behavior, and may excuse an entry from the ring if the horse is deemed a hazard to the rider or others in the show ring.

4104 The Show Steward may excuse from the show site any horse which is deemed to be unruly or out of control of the rider, groom, owner, trainer or agent, and constitutes a hazard or threat to himself or any other persons, animals or property, i.e. kicking, bucking or rearing repeatedly. All horses on the show site, whether entered or un-entered, will be held to the same standards

4105 Spectators must remain in designated areas (bleachers, outside arena) well clear of the in and out gates to the arenas. This area is for riders and trainers only.

4106 No one is allowed to run up and down the aisles and/or bleachers at the arena or climb on the arena rails.

4107 Children are to be under adult supervision at all times.

4200 Schooling

4201 The Show Steward will direct any schooling to be done. The number of riders permitted will be limited to what the steward feels is appropriate.

4202 Limited jumps will be open for schooling. The steward will designate what jumps are open, and jumping a jump that is closed will be cause for immediate dismissal from the schooling ring.

4203 Supervision of schooling by a Junior rider under the age of 18 must be done by the adult guardian or instructor/trainer.

4204 Junior riders may not jump unless the adult guardian or instructor/trainer is present in the schooling ring.

4205 Only the adult guardian or instructor/trainer and riders can be in the schooling ring.

4206 The show steward may eliminate anyone from competition who does not use proper conduct in the schooling ring.

4207 Horses/ponies are ONLY permitted to be in the schooling ring for the schooling break designated for classes they are entered in. Open schooling is available Sunday morning.

4300 Warm-Up/Schooling Ring Procedures

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

4400 Show Ring Procedures

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

RULE 5000 PROTESTS AND SPORTSMANSHIP

5100 Protests

- 5101 Any member may make a protest to the board following a show. Protests should be made in writing and presented or mailed to the President or Show Steward.
- 5102 The participants at a show may bring a problem or issue to the attention of the assigned Show Steward. The presiding Show Steward will confer with those persons necessary and make a decision regarding the problem or issue. All decisions made by NWAHJA are final. Any challenged rule not specifically addressed in the prize list or NWAHJA rule book will be decided based on current USEF rulebook standards.
- 5103 Changes will not be made once a class has begun unless it seriously affects the safety of the rider or the horse.
- 5104 It is the option of the judge to allow viewing of their cards. A formal request from a rider or trainer to view the card can **ONLY** be made to the Show Steward. In the event the judge grants the request, the rider and their trainer must wait until after the last class of the day to speak with the judge.
- 5105 All protests/petitions from a show will be noted by the Show Steward on their daily report and reviewed by the board.
- 5106 Any matters needing immediate attention by the Board at a show/event will be addressed by the Board at an emergency meeting called pursuant to the procedures of Article VI, Section 5 in the By-Laws.

5200 Outside Assistance

5201 Excessive help or encouragement from the ringside by adult guardians or instructor/trainer during a judged Hunter, Equitation, or Medal class is prohibited and is cause for elimination. Jumper classes excluded. The offending trainer/adult will be given one verbal warning. The final decision on what is deemed excessive will be made by the Show Steward or Judge.

5300 Disciplining your horse

- 5301** A tap with the crop on your mounts rump before entering the arena may be needed, but please refrain from unnecessary smacks. No more than TWO taps should be used prior to entry, and more will be addressed by the Show Steward.
- 5302** If you need to use your crop on your horse in the ring, it may only be used behind the girth. Any use of the whip in the show ring will be penalized by the judges as they see fit. Any use of the whip other than behind the girth will be cause for elimination.
- 5303** Continually striking a horse with your crop or whip while in the warm-up ring, schooling ring, or show ring, will be cause for immediate dismissal from the show grounds and/or forfeiture of all entry fees as well as receive follow-up disciplinary action from the NWAHJA board.

5400 Code of Conduct

5401 The following will not be tolerated by NWAHJA:

- 5401.1 Physical abuse of horses on the show grounds
- 5401.2 The use of profane language
- 5401.3 Derogatory slang or gestures
- 5401.4 Possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs
- 5401.5 Possession of any unauthorized weapon - note: events at Pauline Whitaker Arena will adhere to University of Arkansas policy on weapons.
- 5401.6 Assault
- 5401.7 Use of tobacco in tobacco-free locations
- 5401.8 Harassment – using words that intimidate threaten or persecute others
- 5401.9 Stealing or cheating
- 5401.10 Intentionally destroying property
- 5401.11 Defiance of authority or stated rules

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

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

5500 Fines

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

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

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

5503 Fines left unpaid will be cause for offender, and if offender is a trainer - any affiliated riders/students, to be barred from entry to any upcoming shows or events until debts are paid in full

RULE 6000 POINTS

6100 Hunter/jumper points follow the horse.

6200 Equitation points follow the rider.

6300 Only horses receiving points over fences are to receive under saddle points toward determining champion and reserve champion at individual shows and Year End Awards

6400 Hunter, Equitation, and Jumper divisions require three (3) entries to fill. Medal classes require two (2) entries to fill. In the event that a division does not fill and cannot be combined with another division, the class will still run with only half points being awarded.

6410 Whether or not a division fills will be based on the # of riders in the 1st over fences class

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

6600 Points regarding split classes reference rule Rule 2017.

6700 TIES

6700.1 In case of a tie, the horse with the most points over fences is the champion.

6700.2 If still tied, the horse with more points over fences in the 1st over fences round is the champion.

6700.3 If still tied, a hack-off must occur. If one horse cannot participate for any reason, the other horse wins by default.

6800 Points for all Divisions

Points for each class will be awarded as follows, double points will be awarded at Summer Classic.

| | All shows EXCEPT Summer Classic | Summer Classic |
|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| First (1st) | 10 points | 20 points |
| Second (2nd) | 6 points | 12 points |
| Third (3rd) | 4 points | 8 points |
| Fourth (4th) | 2 points | 4 points |
| Fifth (5th) | 1 point | 2 points |
| Sixth (6th) | 0.5 point | 1 point |
| Seventh (7th) | 0 | 0 |
| Eighth (8th) | 0 | 0 |

RULE 7000: YEAR-END AWARDS

7100 Volunteer Hours

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

7200 Horses ridden or owned by a registered NWAHJA member may receive a year-end award once the horse has competed in and received points in that division in a minimum of 2 NWAHJA sanctioned shows during the show year AND the owner OR rider has completed at least 4 volunteer hours..

7300 A rider may receive a year-end award in an Equitation division if the rider has competed in and received points in that class or division at a minimum of 2 NWAHJA sanctioned shows during the year, and the rider has completed at least 4 volunteer hours. Year-end awards for Medal classes will be awarded to the winner of the Final only.

7301 A rider will not be disqualified from Year End Awards for the purposes of Rule 7200/7300 if, by virtue of when the rider becomes a member of NWAHJA, the rider competes in and receives points in all shows at which the rider was eligible to accumulate points during the show year.

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

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

RULE 8000 TACK AND SHOW ATTIRE

8100 Rider Attire

8101 Accepted forms of attire are; traditional color ratcatchers (with long, short or sleeveless), riding pants; either jodhpurs with paddock boots, or breeches with tall riding boots. Polo shirts may only be worn in Jumper classes. Full chaps may not be worn in any class. Wearing coats may be waived in extreme heat. Helmets will be conservative colored with no additional adornments and the boots will be black, tall on the adults and older juniors and black or brown paddock boots on the younger kids with a leather garter worn at the top of the calf over the jodhpurs. Tee-Shirts without collars, "crop" tops, tank tops or other fashion statements are not acceptable.

8102 Shirts for boys/men may be common button-down worn with a man's style tie, or for either gender, collar with choker, with or without a pin in the front, and/or with or without monogramming. The shirt should be tucked neatly into breeches or jodhpurs and worn with a belt.

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

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

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

8200 TACK

8201 HUNTER DIVISION

- 8201.1 Regulation snaffles, Pelham's and full bridles, all with cavesson nosebands, are recommended. A judge may penalize non-conventional types of bits or nosebands. Bit-less bridles are not allowed.
- 8201.2 Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, Equitation on the Flat and tie-breaking classes.
- 8201.3 Standing and running martingales are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales may be considered unconventional.
- 8201.4 Boots, wraps and bandages are prohibited in all hunter classes. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.

8202 JUMPER DIVISION

- 8202.1 No martingale restriction. Bit-less bridles are allowed.

8203 EQUITATION DIVISION

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

RULE 9000 NWAHJA COURSE DESIGN

- 9100** There will be a course designer for each show and the courses will follow the guidelines of USEF and NWAHJA. All of the courses will be posted at the gate for review 30 minutes prior to the start of the show, or 30 minutes prior to the class.
- 9200** If the arena at a venue is too narrow to set up jumps with adequate space around the outside of the jumps for the flat classes to be run in a normal manner, there may be a change in the usual order of go. The flat classes may be grouped together after the jumping classes.
- 9300** Striding
 - 9301** Course designers and show managers will set show fences on an 11 ½ foot stride up to 2'3". Courses with jumps 2'6" and above will be set on the 12' stride. Course designer and show management will set courses based on USEF recommendations. Course designer, judge and show steward may make adjustments as deemed necessary.
 - 9302 Ponies.** Ponies will not be penalized for adding a stride as appropriate for their size.
 - 9303 In and Outs.** An in and out (1 stride = 24' 2 stride 36') may be offered at fence heights of 2'9" and higher in the Hunter, Equitation, and Medal divisions. In and outs are allowed at any height in Jumper divisions, and will follow Rule 9300 for striding.
 - 9304** All shows should have the footage for the lines on the posted courses.
- 9400** All lines should be jumped in one direction only.
- 9500** All shows should have the footage for the lines on the posted courses.
- 9600** When facilities grounds permit a schooling area a warm up jump will be provided.
- 9700** If a safe schooling area for jumpers is not available, then jumpers will have the opportunity to jump (2) designated jumps in a short schooling break before Jumper classes start.
- 9800** No course may have exhibitors trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate; any exhibitor choosing to trot or canter through the in-gate or out-gate will be eliminated.

SECTION 10000 HOW A CLASS IS JUDGED

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

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

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

The following constitute elimination.

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

10003 Warm-Up: Warm-Up rounds can be ridden before any hunter and most equitation classes, and will be judged. Riders cannot ride a warm-up round before any **Medal or Jumper** class. Warm-Up rounds are judged as a hunter round.

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

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

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

11002 On the Flat: Riders shall enter ring and proceed at least once around at each gait, and upon command, reverse and repeat. At classes 2'6" and above, the riders may be asked to work collectively without stirrups.

11003 Tests from which judges may choose for Medal Classes (based on USEF EQ113)

NOTE: In Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes, any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those competitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. If exhibitors are called back collectively to test, they must remain in the ring until all exhibitors have completed the test. Equitation tests must not have exhibitors trotting or cantering through in gate or out gate; any exhibitor choosing to trot or canter through the in-gate or out-gate must be eliminated (see EQ108). Obstacles jumped in an equitation test must have been included in the original course. Jumps must be jumped in the original direction unless otherwise specified.

1. Work collectively or individually at a walk, rising/posting trot, and/or sitting trot, and/or canter.
2. Downward Transition Test: a) Walk (4-5 steps)
b) Halt (4-6 seconds)
c) Halt and Back for (3-5 steps). When riders working collectively are asked to halt and then back, they should walk forward a few steps and halt again after backing and then proceed with any further instructions from the judge.
3. Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack or equipment and/or conformation. The judge may ask question(s) that are appropriate for the level of expected skill of any given class or specifications.
4. Working either collectively, or individually, riders may demonstrate the lengthening or collection of strides on the flat at the walk, sitting or posting/rising trot and/or canter.

5. Figure Eight at the trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. In any Figure Eight movement, the rider should start at a center point at the halt. To finish the movement the rider is to return to the halt at same position as the point of commencement.
6. Figure Eight at the canter on the correct lead. In this movement, the rider will begin at the halt and demonstrate a simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into the walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judges specifies) and then restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. In the center of the figure, then will proceed to the second circle on the opposite lead. The rider will halt in the center at the same point of commencement to finish the figure.
7. Jump a shortened course. The riders must jump all obstacles in the same direction of the original course unless the judge clearly states that a jump be attempted in the opposite direction of the original course. If the judge requests that a jump be used in the opposite direction it must be a vertical and the ground lines must be correct. (See EQ 102.11)
8. Jump low obstacles at a trot as well as a canter. The maximum height of trot jump is determined as 6" lower than class requirements and is not to exceed 3' for horses and 2' for ponies. Oxers may be used as a trot jump in classes listed at 3'6" or higher.
9. Demonstrate a half- turn or a half-turn in the reverse. In all cases where a figure is requested between 2 jumps that requires a change of direction, the rider will not be charged for crossing their path nor will this count as a refusal between the obstacles.
10. Change leads on a line demonstrating simple or flying changes. The simple change is whereby the horse is brought back into the walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judges specifies) and then restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. The flying change is performed in one stride with the front and hind legs changing at the same moment. The change of the leading front and hind leg takes place during the moment of suspension.
11. Figure Eight at the canter demonstrating flying changes of leads. Like all Figure Eight movements, the rider is to first halt at a center point. The flying change is performed in one stride with the front and hind legs changing at the same moment. The change of the leading front and hind leg takes place during the moment of suspension.
12. Collection of strides between 2 fences. It is recommended that a line chosen for this test be not less than 70'.
 - a. For safety purposes, judges may only ask for additional strides to be added and must not ask rider to leave out a stride.
13. Work collectively or individually at the walk, posting/rising trot and/or canter without irons. In any case where riders are asked to perform without irons they must be allowed to walk or halt and be afforded the opportunity to cross their irons if they wish.
14. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on the correct leads. If trotting, the rider is to demonstrate the changes of diagonals at the center points of the figure, if cantering, the rider should demonstrate the simple or flying changes of lead in the center of the figure. This is a change whereby the horses is brought back into the walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judges specifies) and then restarted into a canter on the opposite lead
15. Canter on the counter lead on the flat. For the purposes of Hunt Seat Equitation on the flat, a counter canter is defined as a balanced canter on the outside lead. If working collectively, no more than 12 riders may counter canter at one time. Riders must complete one full revolution around the arena in each direction.
16. A canter on the counter lead may be used on the approach to a jump. For the purposes of Hunt Seat Equitation over fences, the counter canter is rider-invented gymnastic exercise designed to improve balance and suppleness.

When utilizing this test, rider may be asked to:

 - a) Approach a single jump on a counter lead. This test requires riders make at least ONE turn or bend of a course of not less that 90* and not more than 120* on the counter lead.
 - b) Demonstrate a counter canter between 2 jumps on the course. For this test, the rider upon landing off the first jump can choose from the following acceptable options:
 - a) If the rider lands firstly on the inside lead, they may demonstrate a simple or flying change of lead before cantering through the first 90*-120* turn and continue to hold the counter lead to the next jump. Either the simple or flying change is acceptable.
 - b) If the rider lands firstly on the outside lead, they may continue to hold the outside lead to the next required obstacle.
 - c) A judge can not require a rider to land on the counter lead.
17. Demonstrate a turn on the forehand done through the halt.
18. Demonstrate a turn on the haunches done from the walk.
19. Demonstrate Shoulder-in, Shoulder-out, Haunches-in, Haunches-out, Half pass or Leg Yield in both

directions at either the walk or the sitting trot.

20. Hand Gallop. A hand gallop may be used either when riders are working collectively or individually on the flat and it may also be used on the approach to a jump. The rider must be in a half-seat when executing the hand gallop. A hand gallop may not be requested into or out of a related distance line.

21. Ride without stirrups over fences. The riders must be allowed to remove the irons from the saddle or cross them if they wish.

22. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Riders must advise the judge(s) beforehand what ride they plan to demonstrate.

23. Change horses. (Note: this is the equivalent of two tests.) Riders will only change horses for Championship classes. Riders will not be asked to ride a different horse unless they have ridden the course on their own horse first.

a) When a swap of horses is requested, the rider must be given a minimum of 90 seconds to do a brief flat and jump no more than two (2) schooling jumps.

b) Riders may be requested to jump a previous course or a portion of the previous course. Tests 1 – 22 shall not be included even if included in the former course. BOD 6/20/22 Effective 12/1/22

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

12001 Faults will be incurred as follows:

Exceeding Time Allowed – 1 fault for each commenced second over the time allowed

Knockdown – 4 faults

First Refusal – 4 faults

Second cumulative refusal – 4 faults

Third cumulative refusal – elimination

Off Course – elimination

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

12002 Speed, Time Allowed, Time Limit, and Optimum Time

12002.1 **Calculation.** The Time Allowed to complete the course should be calculated from an actual measurement of the course's length for all rounds and jump-offs. However, if the number of turns on the course or the size of the ring suggests that the calculated Time Allowed may prove unfair in practice, speed may be adjusted prior to the start of the competition.

12002.2 **Speed.** The Time Allowed is based on a minimum speed of 350 meters per minute (382 yards per minute). If a speed other than 350 m/m (382 yards per minute) is to be used, it must be printed in the prize list. Where the arena size is 5,000 square meters or more (approximately 55m x 90m [180ft x 300ft]) the maximum speed to be used for any division shall be 375 meters/min. In arenas of less than 5,000 square meters the maximum speed to be used shall be 350 meters/minute.

12002.3. **Reference Times.** The Time Allowed must be announced and posted prior to the start of the class. After the first competitor has completed his round, the Time Allowed and the competitor's time should be announced. In cases where an electronic read out board is not visible to riders in the in-gate area, the reference times for the first three riders should be announced.

12002.4. **Adjustment of the Time Allowed.** The Time Allowed may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the Judge(s), if they feel it is inaccurate, but only after consultation with the course designer. However, the time allowed may only be adjusted once during the early rounds of a given competition, never later than after the third competitor to complete the course without a disobedience or if any of the first three take more than 45 seconds to cross the start line. The time allowed can never be lowered so that time faults will be awarded to any previous competitor that has started the course within the 45 seconds and completed the course without a disobedience.

12002.5. **Time Limit.** The 'Time Limit' is defined as double the Time Allowed.

12002.6. **Optimum Time.** For classes scored under Table IV the optimum time is defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed.

12003 USEF Jumper Tables relevant to NWAHJA Classes

Table II, Sec. 1 The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. Horses with clear rounds or equal faults are classified according to their time taken to complete the course.

Table II, Sec. 2 (a)—The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In the event of equality of faults after the first round, there will be one jump-off for first place only in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults.

Table II, Sec. 2 (b)—The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon the audible signal to begin his/her round, the competitor is responsible for adhering to the 45 seconds rule. In case of a fall of a Rider and/or Horse after crossing the finish line of the first round, the Rider/Horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their Score in the first round. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off. If there are no clear rounds and a tie exists for first place, the results will be determined by the scores and time from that round. It is recommended that no more than twelve numbered obstacles be included in the first round when the class is scored under this table.

Optimum Time Jumper Tables:

Classes are scored on Faults under Table II, however, all ties are broken on the basis of Optimum Time.

Table IV Sec. 1—The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In the case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an “Optimum Time” (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc.

Table IV Sec. 2 (b)—The first round and first jump-off are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. In case of a fall of a Rider and/or Horse after crossing the finish line of the first round, the Rider/Horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their Score in the first round. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon the audible signal to begin his/her round, the competitor is responsible for adhering to the 45 seconds rule. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off. In the case of equality of faults in the jump-off, ties will be broken on the following basis: an “Optimum Time” (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc. If there are no clear rounds, a jump-off, scored as described above, will take place among those tied for first place.

Jumpers

All jumper classes are open to all. See Table Descriptions page for more info.

0.60m Jumper (NO oxers, NO Combinations)-- Optimum Time USHJA Outreach .60m

First **and Second** Class: Table IV, Sec. 1

0.70m Jumper (NO oxers, NO Combinations)-- Optimum Time USHJA Outreach .70m

First **and Second** Class: Table IV, Sec. 1

0.75m Jumper-- USHJA Outreach .75-.80m

First Class: Table II, Sec. 1

Second Class: Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

0.85m Jumper USHJA Outreach .85 m

First Class: Table II, Sec. 1

Second Class: Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

0.95m Jumper USHJA Outreach .90-.95m

First Class: Table II, Sec. 1

Second Class: Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Hunters, Equitation, and Medals

Introductory Hunter / Equitation Poles

This division is for entry-level riders only. The purpose of this class is to provide an initial showing experience for individuals. Riders may not enter any other classes at show, except Saturday 101 Poles/Crossrail Warm Up. The course for this division will be of four (4) poles on the ground. The rider will jump once around only. The rider may trot the entire course or trot to the line and canter away. Riders may not canter into any first fence of a line. On the flat, the riders will be asked to show at the walk and trot in both directions. **If during the season the rider would like to move up into the Stepping Stone Crossrails divisions, they may do so and carry half (50%) of their Introductory points into the Stepping Stone division.** No cross-entry into any other division is allowed by that rider. Jr/Am only. *USHJA Outreach WT Poles / WT Equitation*

Stepping Stone Hunter / Equitation Crossrails

This division is for entry-level riders only. The purpose of this class is to provide a bridge between the Introductory poles division and showing over a course of fences. Riders may not enter any other classes at that show, except 101 Saturday Poles/Crossrail Warm Up. The course for this division will be of four (4) 12" crossrails set on the outside lines. The rider will jump once around only. The rider may trot the entire course or trot to the line and canter away. Riders may not canter into any first fence of a line. On the flat, the riders will be asked to show at the walk and trot in both directions. No cross-entry into any other division is allowed by that rider at the same show. Jr/Am only.

Crossrail Hunter / Equitation (now held Sunday morning)

12" Crossrails. The courses will be six (6) 12" crossbars with diagonal lines or single fence present including flowers. The rider may trot the entire course, trot to the line and canter away, or canter the entire course. **Simple changes not to be penalized.** On the flat, the rider will be asked to show at the walk and trot in both directions. No cross-entry into any other class or division is allowed by that horse/rider combination, except Sunday's Crossrail Warm Up. Jr/Am Only. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 18" or crossrails / Equitation 18" or crossrails*

Low Open Hunter

Can be ridden at any height 18" to 2'3" on **Saturday**. Rounds will be ridden throughout the day as course heights are changed for other divisions. Under Saddle class will run all together after the 18" Schooling Break. Walk trot and canter to be shown in the under saddle. Open to all. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 18" / 2' / 2'3"*

Short/Long Stirrup Hunter / Equitation

The courses are simple with seven (7) or eight (8) small 18" verticals. Entrants are encouraged to canter the courses. On the flat the riders will be asked to show at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions. **Simple changes not to be penalized. Juniors Only** (under 18 per USEF guidelines.) *USHJA Outreach Hunters 18" or crossrails / Equitation 18" or crossrails*

Low Adult Hunter

2' **OR** 2'3 verticals, NO oxers or fill except for flowers. Rider choice of height, judged together. Riders may move up and down in height throughout the season without penalty. Riders will be asked to show at the walk, trot, and canter in the flat class. Riders Must be 18 or older, Amateurs only. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 2' **OR** 2'3.*

Low Adult Medal

2' **OR** 2'3 verticals, NO oxers or fill except for flowers. Rider choice of height, judged together. Additional testing of Top 2, and up to Top 6, after first round required. USEF Tests 1-8 may be used. Riders Must be 18 or older, Amateurs only.

Maiden Hunter

12" Crossrails in, 18" verticals out, **OR** 18" verticals in, 2' verticals out. Riders may move up and down in height throughout the season without penalty. The courses will be six jumps with diagonal lines or single fences present including flowers. The rider may trot the entire course, trot to the line and canter away, or canter the entire course. **Simple changes not to be penalized.** On the flat, the rider will be asked to show at the walk and trot in both directions. In the under saddle: only walk and trot to be judged, canter optional and not judged. Horse/pony in **FIRST YEAR** of showing only. Open to all. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 18"*

Baby Green Hunter

2' with fill, NO oxers. **Simple changes not to be penalized.** Riders will be asked to show at the walk, trot, and canter in the under-saddle class. Horse/pony in first TWO YEARS of showing only. Open to all. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'*

Very Low Hunter / Equitation

2' with fill. NO oxers. Riders will be asked to show at the walk, trot, and canter in the under-saddle class. **Simple changes not to be penalized.** Jr/Am Only. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 2' / Equitation 2'*

2' Medal

2' with fill. NO oxers. **Simple changes not to be penalized.** Additional testing of Top 2, and up to Top 6, after first round required. USEF Tests 1-8 may be used. Jr/Am only. *USHJA Outreach Equitation 2'*

Beginner Hunter / Beginner **Scholarship** Equitation

2'3". May have oxers with maximum spread of 2'3". Riders will be asked to show at the walk, trot, and canter in the under-saddle class. Jr/Am Only. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'3" / Equitation 2'3"*

Open Hunter

Can be ridden at any one chosen height 2' to 3' on **Sunday**. Rounds will be ridden throughout the day as course heights are changed for other divisions. Under saddle class will run all together, and will show walk, trot, and canter. Open to all. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 2' / 2'3" / 2'6" / 2'9" / 3'*

NWAHJA Medal

2'6". Additional testing of Top 2, and up to Top 6, after first round required. USEF Tests 1-14 may be used. Jr/Am Only.

NWAHJA Hunter

2'6". Jr/Am Only. Under-saddle class will show walk, trot, and canter. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'6"*

NWAHJA **Scholarship** Equitation

2'6" **OR** 2'9". Riders may choose fence height and may move up and down in height throughout the season without penalty. Rounds will be ridden throughout the day as course heights are changed for other divisions. Jr/Am only. *USHJA Outreach Equitation 2'6" / 2'9"*

~~Modified Child/Adult Hunter~~

~~2'9". Under saddle class will show walk, trot, and canter. Jr/Am Only. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'9"*~~

Child/Adult Medal

2'9 OR 3' Riders may choose fence height and may move up and down in height throughout the season. The course must also include at least three of the following: bending lines, narrow jump (5'6" - 8'), rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump. To be judged on style, execution, rider's position, seat, and the correctness and the effect of the aids. Class consists of a Flat Phase and Over Fences Phase, each to count for 50% of score. Flat phase will run first, riders will be asked to show at the working walk, walking trot sitting, working trot rising, and working canter. Counter canter, as well as lengthening and collection of each gait may be included at judge's discretion. Upon completion of the flat phase, all riders will return for an over fences phase on the same horse. Additional testing of Top 2, and up to Top 6, after both phases required using USEF Tests 1-23. Ponies not to be penalized for adding a stride as appropriate for their size. Riders may not cross enter into any other medal class. Jr/Am Only. *USHJA Outreach Equitation 2'9 or 3'*

Child/Adult Hunter

2'9 OR 3' Riders may choose fence height and may move up and down in height throughout the season. Under saddle class will show walk, trot, and canter. Jr/Am only. *USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'9 or 3'*

Warm-Ups

Open to all. **UNJUDGED.** Warm-up rounds can be ridden before any class EXCLUDING any Jumper class. Offered as Saturday Poles/Xrails Warm Up, Warm Up (Saturday 18"-2'3), Sunday Crossrail/Maiden Warm Up and Warm Up (Sunday all day, all heights).

Leadline

No age limit. Offered both days. Horse or pony must be led/controlled by a qualified horse leader. Riders may not enter any other classes.

Medal Class additional information

Junior and Amateurs only. The rider must be a member of NWAHJA in good standing and the horse must be owned by a member of NWAHJA in good standing to enter this class. This is an equitation class over a course that is moderately more difficult than a typical hunter course. The course stresses competent and accurate riding skills. All medal classes will have a **required** work-off after the first round, of the top 2-6 riders at the judges discretion, with the Top 4 riders being standard. All riders accumulating 13 points or more in their medal division through the show season will qualify for the medal finals held at the NWAHJA Year-End show. There will be qualifying medal classes held at the Year-End Show with the finals held after. Only two (2) riders are required for medal classes to fill. Please visit <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/XdvTAt99tBw/eq-equitation-division> for a full description of tests from which the judge may choose (EQ113).

Scholarship Class additional information

All equitation classes are now eligible to qualify riders for Scholarship application. Riders wishing to compete for the scholarship must meet the requirements outlined on the Scholarship page of this prize list or at <https://nwahja.org/scholarship/>

NWAHJA Perpetual Trophies

Best Child Rider on a Pony Award

To be awarded to the Amateur NWAHJA member in good standing, ages 17 and under, same pony/rider combination, who has accumulated the most points in ALL divisions with fence heights of 18” verticals or higher. A pony is an equine that is 14.2h or less.

Best Child Rider on a Horse Award

To be awarded to the Amateur NWAHJA member in good standing, ages 17 and under, same horse/rider combination, who has accumulated the most points in ALL divisions with fence heights of 18” verticals or higher.

Best Amateur Adult Rider Award

To be awarded to the Amateur NWAHJA member in good standing, 18 yrs of age and over, same horse/pony, same rider combination, who has accumulated the most points in ALL divisions with fence heights of 18” verticals or higher.

Horse of the Year Award

To be awarded to an owned or leased horse/pony ridden by a NWAHJA member or members in good standing, professional or amateur, who has accumulated the most points in Hunter divisions with fence heights of 18” or higher. Multiple riders allowed. Medal, Jumper, and Equitation classes do not count towards year end trophy.

Pony of the Year

To be awarded to an owned or leased horse ridden by a NWAHJA member or members in good standing, professional or amateur, who has accumulated the most points in hunter divisions with fence heights of 18” or higher. Multiple riders allowed. Medal, Jumper and Equitation classes do not count towards year end trophy.

Spirit Award

This special award may be given to a rider from each barn, 17 and under, who has exhibited good sportsmanship and horsemanship skills throughout the year both at horse shows and at their home barn. At the end of each show season, trainers may submit, in writing, a descriptive paragraph about the exhibitor to the NWAHJA Board. This is not about the number of points accumulated or the number of ribbons won, but about kindness, self control, generosity and putting the horse’s needs first. This award is provided by NWAHJA.

Privately Sponsored Trophies

Serendipity Award

Awarded to the school horse/pony earning most points in classes beginning with: Crossrail Hunters. Provided by Morning Star Farm.

Tater Tot Award

Awarded to the Horse and Rider pair earning the most total points across the Introductory Hunter and Equitation and Crossrail Hunter and Equitation divisions. Provided by Deer Creek Farm.

Kit Kalypso Award

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

Champion Thoroughbred - In Honor of Up Late

Awarded to the registered Thoroughbred with the most total points across all divisions, multiple riders are acceptable. This trophy is presented by Jen Sweeney in honor of Up Late, “Gunner,” who exemplifies the heart, athleticism, and inimitable quality of Thoroughbreds.