



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

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*Please keep this copy handy for your reference.*

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

*New rules for 2017 are highlighted.*

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# **HARFORD HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAWS**

## **I – NAME**

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

## **II – PURPOSES**

The purposes of the H.H.S.A., Inc. shall be:

- A.** To stimulate interest in the sport of horse showing.
- B.** To provide healthy competition and sportsmanship among exhibitors registered with the H.H.S.A.
- C.** To promote quality English horse shows.
- D.** To encourage the growth of the number of exhibitors attending local English horse shows.
- E.** To support the financial cause of the organizations or groups that hold local English horse shows.

## **III – MEMBERS**

### **Section 1: Membership**

- A.** Membership in the H.H.S.A. is not restricted to place of residence.
- B.** Senior members are members over 18 years of age as of 12/1 of the previous year.
- C.** Junior members are members 17 years of age and under as of 12/1 of the previous year.
- D.** Non-riding members are members of any age who do not ride for points, but wish to be a part of the H.H.S.A. and have voting privileges.

### **Section 2: Registration**

- A.** Membership fee will be announced prior to each show season.
- B.** Payment of membership fee enrolls the voting member for one show season and the Fall Open meeting following that show season.
- C.** Tabulation of points will be effective as of the date of registration.

- D. Animals are to be registered separately.

### **Section 3: Voting**

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

## **IV – OPERATING PROCEDURES**

### **Section 1: Committee Elections**

- A. At an annual final meeting, open to all H.H.S.A. members, a majority of present registered voting members in good standing will elect Adult directors to serve for a three year term.
- B. There shall be nine (9) Adult directors on the board of directors. Beginning in 2007, the first year after implementation of this rule, three directors will be elected to three year terms, three directors will be elected to two-year terms and three directors will be elected to one year terms. Thereafter, elections for those directors whose terms are expiring will be for three year terms. Junior members may nominate and vote for a maximum of 6 junior board members to serve one-year terms.
- C. Members may serve consecutive terms on the board of directors.
- D. Any Director who misses three meetings of the board of directors in a one year period shall be removed as a director.
- E. The Board of Directors, in addition to the nine directors referred to above, shall include the officers referred to in Section 3. In addition, the past president shall be offered the opportunity to sit on the Board of Directors.

### **Section 2: General Committee Powers**

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

- F. It shall publish a calendar of H.H.S.A. associated shows for the current year.
- G. The Board of Directors shall make decisions (by majority vote) on issues not covered by these rules.

### **Section 3: Officers**

- A. Officers of the HHSA shall include, but not be limited to, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be voted to their positions by the voting members of the association in good standing. The term of each office shall be two years. In order to serve as President, the individual must have served on the board for at least one year within the prior three years as a director.
- B. The President shall be Adult member and shall preside at all meetings of members and directors at which he/she shall be present and shall perform duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors. The president shall appoint, from the committee members, sub-committees that he/she deems necessary for the proper conduct of the H.H.S.A.
- C. The Vice President shall be an Adult member and in the absence of the president shall preside at all meetings and shall perform all other duties of the president. He/she shall have such powers and perform such duties as assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.
- D. The Secretary shall be an Adult member and shall give notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors, keep minutes for all executive and open meetings, possess a current mailing list, and perform such duties as assigned by the President.
- E. The Treasurer shall be an Adult member and shall collect all monies due the association and have the care and custody of all funds, receipts, and disbursements. Funds shall be deposited in the name of the H.H.S.A., Inc., in a bank that is most convenient for the Treasurer. He/she shall render to the President and Board of Directors an account of the financial condition at all meetings. Only receipts deemed proper by the Board of Directors shall be accepted for reimbursement. The Treasurer shall be responsible for filing annual tax material.

### **Section 4: Vacancies**

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

### **Section 5: Point Tabulator**

- A. The President will appoint an individual to assume the duty of point tabulator.
- B. The point tabulator will record and tabulate all points earned by registered members and animals.
- C. All show managers must forward Judge's Cards, or copies of same, to Point Tabulator within 7 days following show.
- D. A penalty of \$50.00 will be assessed if the Horse Show does not submit show data as indicated in Section 5 (C) above.

- E. All show results will be kept for 3 years by H.H.S.A.

## **Section 6: Open Meetings**

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

## **V – INFRACTIONS**

### **Section 1: Protests**

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



## **Section 2: Violations of Members**

- A.** Inspecting the judge's card without the permission of the judge is a violation.
- B.** No member may approach a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the show steward or the Board of Directors.
- C.** Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse by any person at an H.H.S.A. sanctioned event is forbidden and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Committee must bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the competition. It is the duty of the show committee and steward to report to the Board of Directors any person who indulges in this practice for such further action as may be deemed appropriate. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, before, during or after a competition, by any person; and inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.
- D.** No one will be allowed to physically or verbally assault another person.
- E.** Members must obey penalties imposed by the H.H.S.A.
- F.** Riding, exhibiting, coaching, or training for the benefit, credit, reputation, or satisfaction of a suspended person is prohibited.
- G.** Any violations (for which members may be subject to penalty) not covered by this set of guidelines, but which may occur and necessitate action by the committee, will be judged according to standards prescribed in the current Recognized Show Rules.

## **Section 3: Penalties**

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

# **HARFORD HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION, INC. RULES**

## **I – EXHIBITOR INFORMATION**

### **Section 1: Calendar Year**

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

### **Section 2: Registration**

All animals are registered for the current show season for a set fee, which will be announced before the first H.H.S.A. show of the current year. All animals, in order to compete in the H.H.S.A Medal Finals, must be registered with H.H.S.A by June 1 and have shown in at least one (1) H.H.S.A pointed division prior to the year-end medal finals in the same year. If the animal is registered after June 1, a \$20 late fee will be charged on top of the set horse membership fee. H.H.S.A. recorded animals are eligible for awards in all divisions for which they qualify.

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

### **Section 3: Measurement**

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

## **Section 4: Divisions**

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

### ***EQUITATION DIVISIONS***

Leadline	Equitation 13 & Under
Mini-Stirrup	Equitation 14-17
Short-Stirrup Equitation	Adult Equitation
<b>Beginner Rider Equitation</b>	Open Adult Medal
Long Stirrup Equitation	USET Medal
Novice Equitation	
Harford Hunt Seat Medal	

### ***HUNTER DIVISIONS***

Low Hunter	Low Children's Hunter
Baby Green Hunter	Low Adult Amateur Hunter
Thoroughbred Hunter	Children's Hunter
Hopeful Hunter (any size mount)	Adult Amateur Hunter
Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter (any size mount)	Green Horse Hunter
Open Hunter	

### ***PONY HUNTER DIVISIONS***

Short Stirrup Hunter	Green Pony Hunter
Long Stirrup Hunter (any size mount)	Small Pony Hunter
Small/Medium Low Pony Hunter	Medium Pony Hunter
Large Low Pony Hunter	Large Pony Hunter
Hopeful Hunter (any size mount)	
Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter (any size mount)	

### ***PLEASURE DIVISIONS***

Pleasure Horse	Small/Medium Pleasure Pony
Large Pleasure Pony	

## **Section 5: Exhibitor Responsibilities**

- A.** Exhibitors are required to use the same name for their mounts at every show.
- B.** Exhibitors are required to wear the correct number.
- C.** Rider's name must be included on entry blanks. Adults must sign entry forms.

- D.** All exhibitors are required by Maryland law to show proof of a negative coggins test for any equine brought to the show grounds. It must be current within 12 months of the date of the show.
- E.** All ponies must have a valid measurement card.
- F.** Juniors and Seniors may show the same horse at the same show, when eligible.
- G.** Exhibitors should be familiar with the requirements of point tabulation.
- H.** H.H.S.A. registered shows will set a 3-minute time limit when calling a class. Gate person, ring person, and/or announcer must be notified of any legitimate tack change or class conflict. Elimination from the class will result if this procedure is not followed. Exhibitors should make every effort to help the show keep moving.
- I.** Please leave the show grounds clean of trash and other debris, including stones or wood used to block trailer tires, and manure, shavings or other bedding.
- J.** If the exhibitor has a question for the judge, see Rule V - Infractions, Section 2, Point B.
- K.** Judges should not be harassed or insulted.
- L.** Unruliness, profanity, or any other serious loss of control by an exhibitor will be penalized.
- M.** Any exhibitor who is in debt to an H.H.S.A. show or the H.H.S.A. itself will not be allowed to participate in any H.H.S.A. functions until all debts are paid in full.
- N.** Martingales are prohibited in all under saddle classes and the pleasure division.
- O.** Stallions are prohibited from the grounds at H.H.S.A. shows.
- P.** Proper Attire:
  - 1. Anyone mounted must wear approved hard hats and proper footwear with heels.
  - 2. All riders must wear, while mounted, a helmet approved by SEI and/or ASTM, with safety harness fastened.
  - 3. All exhibitors must be neatly and appropriately attired for their respective riding classes, including tack (i.e. riding coat, riding shirt, riding boots, appropriate bits, appropriate bridles, appropriate saddles, etc., for hunter and pleasure).
  - 4. Chaps are not allowed except in the Low Hunter division.
- Q.** Senior riders may ride ponies only in the Low Adult Amateur Hunter, Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter, Hopeful Hunter, Equitation, and Green divisions.
- R.** All hunters must be serviceably sound without exceeding the legal level limits of medications; i.e., such animals must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind. All animals exhibiting in over fences classes must trot at least one-half the opening circle, or if there is no opening circle on a particular course, shall trot approximately 40 feet, before beginning to canter the course to allow the judge to assess soundness. Any animal determined by the judge to be unsound or which fails to trot as described above, shall be excused from the class as soon as possible. Any animal in an under saddle class determined to be unsound by the judge shall be excused from the class as soon as possible. The Judge shall further determine whether the animal is disqualified only for the class, for example, if the unsoundness is caused by stepping on a stone or hitting a jump; or for the duration of the show. The judge's decision as to soundness is final.
- S.** Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at all H.H.S.A. sanctioned shows.

## **II – SHOW MANAGEMENT**

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

- A.** Each participating show will pay a \$175.00 registration fee.
- B.** H.H.S.A. will make every effort to help make the show successful, but cannot guarantee profits or be held responsible for conditions beyond its control.
- C.** Dates of shows will be arranged to the satisfaction of show management and the H.H.S.A. The last show of the year will be sponsored by the H.H.S.A. committee and will be held no later than 10/31 of the current year.
- D.** Cancellation of the shows will require that the show committee notify exhibitor registered with the H.H.S.A. within 21 days of the proposed show.
- E.** Unless a definite rain date is printed on the program, shows will be held rain or shine. A show that would like the option of cancellation in case of rain must include a phone number to call the morning of the show. Show management may cancel a show in the case of emergency or extraordinary circumstances. Management must use its best efforts to advise members of any such change.
- F.** Shows may be held outside Harford County with the permission of the committee. The committee will consider the number of shows, the location, and the expected quality of the show.
- G.** All shows must submit a class list to the committee for approval at least 30 days prior to the show. This class list must have the names of the judges and the steward. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiting of H.H.S.A. pointing for the show.
- H.** Any dates loaned by H.H.S.A must be done in writing, and borrower must pay all fees to H.H.S.A.

### **Section 2: Judges**

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

### **Section 3: Stewards**

- A.** The H.H.S.A. Board of Directors shall appoint a steward for each member show from a list of qualified stewards maintained by the Board.

- B.** A steward should clearly understand that he/she has no authority in connection with the management or the judging of a competition, but should point out in a diplomatic manner any instance where Association rules are not enforced.
- C.** He/she should immediately report to the appropriate officials any violations of the rules that might invalidate a class
- D.** Should keep him/her available to judges, exhibitors and management at all times to clarify the application of Association rules and investigate any situation where the rules are not upheld.
- E.** H.H.S.A. Board of Directors will appoint a non-partisan steward for the Special Equitation Medal Finals.
- F.** The other duties of a steward shall be, but are not limited to, the following:
  1. To protect the interests of exhibitors, judges and competition management.
  2. To investigate and act upon any alleged rule violations without waiting for a protest.
  3. To report to the show committee misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest.
  4. To determine when and if the Judges should be asked to excuse jackets for excessive heat.
  5. To notify exhibitors in classes where, due to a violation, points will not count toward the year-end awards.
  6. To determine when a show shall be stopped due to darkness, storm or other emergency.
  7. To excuse any horse and/or rider from the show grounds, in conjunction with the Board of Directors for the H.H.S.A. and the Show Management.

### **III – SHOW STANDARDS**

#### **Section 1: General**

- A.** The entry booth is required to be open and in operation at least 45 minutes prior to show time.
- B.** Grounds shall be open at least one hour prior to show time.
- C.** Only proper equipment and authorized personnel are permitted in the show ring while a class is in progress.
- D.** The point tabulator shall have free access to the entry booth and all pertinent information he/she might need during the running of the show. Every pointed show is required to offer a Harford Hunter Seat and a USET.
- E.** Each show must award ribbons through 6th place.
- F.** In any under saddle class in a pointed division, if there are 20 or more entries, the class must be split and held in at least two sections with one set of awards. The class will be split using a method specified by the judge. Only one section shall be in the ring at a time, except as may be required to split the class. If conditions warrant, the class may be divided at a lower number of entries at the judges' discretion.

- G. In any merited class, the minimum number of entries required to split a class is 12, unless the class is held in an indoor facility, in which case the class must be split at 12. All other merited classes must be split if the number of entries is 18 or more.
- H. In any pointed division, if there are 39 or more entries, the class is to be split and two sets of ribbons are to be awarded.
- I. Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter must be split at 18 entries with 2 sets of ribbons awarded.

### **Section 2: Rings**

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

### **Section 3: Jumps**

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

### **Section 4: Schooling Area**

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

## IV – ANNUAL AWARDS

- A. Year-end points will become final two weeks after the final show of the season.
- B. Each year a permanent award and 8 ribbons are presented to the high point earners in each of the H.H.S.A. divisions.
- C. For Leadline, a blue merit award will be given when the rider has accumulated 20 points. At that point, H.H.S.A. will no longer record points in that division for that rider. Riders must accumulate at least 10 points in order to receive a red merit in the Leadline division and 5 points for a yellow merit.
- D. In the Mini-Stirrup and Short Stirrup Equitation divisions, the riders will receive a blue merit award when they have accumulated 45 points. After the rider has reached 45 points, no additional points will be tabulated. Mini-Stirrup and Short Stirrup Equitation riders who accumulate at least 20 points but less than 45 points will receive a red merit award.
- E. In the Long Stirrup Equitation division, the riders will receive a blue merit award when they have accumulated 45 points. After the rider has reached 45 points, no additional points will be tabulated. Long Stirrup Equitation riders who accumulate at least 30 points but less than 45 points will receive a red merit award.
- F. In any Hunter division, no under saddle points will count towards year end awards unless the animal also completes a course in an over fences class in the same division at the same show.
- G. If the animal is leased, the lease may be transferred between persons during the year without affecting the animal's score.
- H. In the event of a tie, a high score award will be given to each of the tied competitors for year-end awards.
- I. Two classes in each division are necessary for points in that division to count for H.H.S.A. annual awards.
- J. In order for a horse and rider to qualify for a year-end prize, they must ride in two H.H.S.A. shows in the same division and have earned at least 10 points in that same division during the show season. In any show, horse and rider must be a member in order for points to be counted.
- K. Any exhibitor who wins a perpetual trophy at either the Benefit Show or the Annual Awards Banquet is responsible for the prompt return of the trophy in the same condition as it was received. An adult must sign a receipt for the trophy before it can be removed from H.H.S.A. possession. The receipt shall specify the date the trophy is to be returned to the trophy coordinator. Any exhibitor failing to return the trophy by the date specified by the trophy coordinator will be assessed a late fee of \$150.00. Any member who fails to return a Benefit Show trophy by the Wednesday preceding the benefit show of the following year shall forfeit all points accumulated by the member and any animals owned by the member during the show season. Those members shall also be barred from participating in the Benefit Show and the Medals Finals of that season. Any member failing to return a year end perpetual trophy by November 1st shall forfeit all points accumulated by the member and any animals owned by the member during the show season.
- L. To be eligible to receive an H.H.S.A. High Points Show Series Trophy, performance horses, performance ponies or equitation, riders must have shown in at least two out of three shows managed by the H.H.S.A. Show Committee at the Harford County Equestrian Center.



## V – SPECIAL AWARDS

### Equitation Medals

#### **Harford Hunt Seat Equitation Medal – Child on a Pony**

*Donated by the Pyle Family*

Presented annually to the first place Junior rider in this special class. Junior riders must qualify for the ride-off held at the Medal Finals at the end of the season. Ribbons will also be awarded to 8th place.

#### **Harford Hunt Seat Equitation Medal – Child on a Horse**

*Donated by the Pyle Family*

Presented annually to the first place Junior rider in this special class. Junior riders must qualify for the ride-off held at the Medal Finals at the end of the season. Ribbons will also be awarded to 8th place.

#### **U.S.E.T Equitation Medal**

*Donated by Mr. Richard Rhia.*

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

### Equitation Awards

#### **The As You Wish Farm Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Lisa and Joe Sessa at As You Wish Farm*

Presented to the Beginner Rider Equitation champion.

#### **The Cop’N Attitude Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Fair Family*

Presented to the Novice Equitation champion.

#### **The Christ Sisters Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Karen E. Cannon, Nancy L. Ogrysko and Clare M. Owings*

Presented to the Equitation 13 & Under champion.

#### **The Brian F. Hennessey 9/11 Memorial Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Valerie Hennessey*

Presented to the Equitation 14-17 champion.

**The H.H.S.A Adult Equitation Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Scampton Family*

Presented to the Adult Equitation champion.

**Pony Division Awards**

**The Jarrettsville Saddlery Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Jarrettsville Saddlery*

Presented to the Short Stirrup Hunter champion.

**The James Monie Memorial Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by*

Presented to the Long Stirrup Hunter champion.

**The Foxfire Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Trouland Family*

Presented to the Green Pony Hunter champion.

**The Snowfields Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Snowfields Stud*

Presented to the Small/Medium Pony Pleasure champion.

**The Maxwell Von Kurtzbeine Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Dr. and Mrs. J. Theissen*

Presented to the Large Pony Pleasure champion.

**The Baddpony's Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Rosemont Farm*

Presented to the Small/Medium Low Pony Hunter champion.

**The Large Schooling Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc.*

Presented to the Large Low Pony Hunter champion.

**The Daredevil Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Hand Me Down Stables*

Presented to the Small Pony Hunter champion.

**The Claddagh Manor Medium Pony Hunter Champion Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Claddagh Manor Farm*

Presented to the Medium Pony Hunter champion.

**The Taj Mahal Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Phyllis and Sally Zinkhan*

Presented to the Large Pony Hunter champion.

**Horse Division Awards**

**The Summer Affair Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Gillis Family*

Presented to the Baby Green Hunter champion.

**The Meadow Woods Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Megan Doran at Meadow Woods Training Center*

Presented to the Thoroughbred Hunter champion.

**The Baddpony's Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Rosemont Farm*

Presented to the Low Hunter champion.

**The One Hot Zip Memorial Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Offidani Family*

Presented to the Hopeful Hunter Champion.

**The Stepping Stone Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Paddock Place Equestrian Center*

Presented to the Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter champion.

**The Monterey Memorial Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Fox Creek Farm*

Presented to the Pleasure Horse champion.

**The Children's Hunter Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sands Kiser*

Presented to the Low Children's Hunter champion.

**The Meadow Branch Farm Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Johnson Family*

Presented to the Low Adult Amateur Hunter champion.

**The Grandview Farm Green Hunter Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Grandview Farm - Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dinning*

Presented to the Green Horse Hunter champion.

**The Easy Rider's 4-H Junior Hunter Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Easy Riders 4-H Club*

Presented to the Children's Hunter champion.

**The Lisa Hess Lynch Memorial Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Hess Family*

Presented to the Adult Amateur Hunter champion.

**The Crammed Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Sullivan Family*

Presented to the Open Hunter champion.

**Grand Champion Awards**

**The Here Nor There Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Mary Ann Clarendon*

Presented to the Grand Champion Overall Horse. The award will be determined on the basis of total points accumulated in any two non-equitation divisions.

**The Quadra Sky Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Bridges Family*

Presented to the Grand Champion Horse in Open Divisions.

\*Open includes Pleasure, Low Hunter, Open Hunter, **Hopeful Hunter**, and the Low Pony Hunter divisions.

**The Mona Lisa Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Clarendon Family*

Presented to the Grand Champion Pony Overall. The award will be determined on the basis of total points accumulated in any two non-equitation divisions.

### **The Tiffing Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Bonnie Tipton*

Presented to the Grand Champion Pony Hunter in the Regular Division.

\* Small - Medium – Large Pony Hunter

### **The Gallimaufry Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Gallimaufry Farm*

Presented to the Grand Champion Pleasure Pony.

### **The Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc. Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc.*

Presented to the horse or pony that has accumulated the highest total points in the Open Performance Divisions.

\*Open includes Pleasure, Low Hunter, Open Hunter, **Hopeful Hunter**, and the Low Pony Hunter divisions.

### **The Random Guess Memorial Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Gepp Family*

Presented to the horse or pony that has accumulated the second highest total points in the Open Performance Divisions.

\*Open includes Pleasure, Low Hunter, Open Hunter, **Hopeful Hunter**, and the Low Pony Hunter divisions.

### **The Asherman Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Gina Kazimir in loving memory of PR Right Now's Asherman*

Presented to the OTTB with the most points in all performance divisions. To be eligible, the horse must be registered with Jockey Club or have a visible tattoo.

### **The Fran Hess Memorial Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Hess Family*

Presented to the Grand Champion Equitation Rider. The award will be determined on the basis of total points accumulated by a rider in one of the Equitation divisions.

\*Leadline, Mini-Stirrup, Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup Equitation, and Beginner Rider Equitation divisions/riders are not eligible for this award.

## **Arabian/Part-Arabian High Point Awards**

### **The Aazrak Memorial Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by the friends of Ann McKay*

Presented to the Registered Arabian or part-Arabian (minimum 25% Arabian blood) horse or pony with the most points in all Performance classes.

## **Benefit Show Awards**

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

### **The H.H.S.A. Best Merited Rider**

*Donated by H.H.S.A*

### **The H.H.S.A. Best Child Rider on a Pony**

*Donated by H.H.S.A. and the Kiser Family in loving memory of Jonathan Kiser*

### **The H.H.S.A. Best Child Rider on a Horse**

*Donated by H.H.S.A. and the Carrico Family*

### **The H.H.S.A. Best Adult Rider**

*Donated by H.H.S.A. the Heaps Family*

## **Scholarship Awards**

Each year HHSA will award a \$500 Scholarship to a graduating senior. A 500-word essay will be submitted to the board of directors. Seniors graduating in that calendar year are eligible. The scholarship will be awarded to the member in the fall of that year. A check from the Treasurer will be sent directly to the college of their choice.

## **Sportsmanship Awards**

### **The Howard F. Jefferson Memorial Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by Diplomat Title*

Presented to the junior member of the H.H.S.A. who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship.

### **The Peppermill Adult Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy**

*Donated by The Peppermill Restaurant*

Presented to the Adult member of the H.H.S.A. who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **VI – POINTS**

### **Section 1: General Information**

**A.** Points will be as follows:

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

- B.** There must be at least 3 entries in a class for full points to count towards year-end awards. In the event that there are only 2 entries in a class, the class may be held but only half points will be awarded and count towards year-end awards.
- C.** Double points may be allowed by the Board of Directors at H.H.S.A.shows; and any double pointed show must be advertised in advance.
- D.** No additional points will be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons.
- E.** Shows are encouraged to tabulate and award championships in all divisions.

- F. The champion and the reserve champion shall be awarded to two of the four horses that have acquired the most points over fences. In addition to these points, only these four horses shall receive points for under saddle classes. In case of a tie score, the championship and/or reserve shall be awarded to the horse that has accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses shall be hacked off.

### **Section 2: Point Inquiries**

Point standings will be posted on the [hhsamd.org](http://hhsamd.org) website. If you have any questions concerning your points for the show season, contact [pointkeeper@hhsamd.org](mailto:pointkeeper@hhsamd.org) or submit an inquiry through the HHSa website.

## **VII – AMATEUR RULE**

### **Section 1: Eligibility**

#### **Amateurs and Professionals**

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

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



## **Section 2: Exemptions**

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

- A.** The writing of books or articles pertaining to horses.
- B.** Accepting remuneration for officiating as a judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer or participating as a TV commentator, or accepting bona fide remuneration for services as a veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator or breeder, or for accepting bona fide remuneration for boarding services.
- C.** Accepting remuneration for expenses without profit.
- D.** Accepting a token of appreciation, other than money, for riding, driving or showing in halter/in hand. (Note: Horse board, prize money, partial support or objects of more than \$300 are considered remuneration, not small tokens of appreciation). (Also note: accepting any amount of money, whether more or less than \$300, is considered remuneration.)
- E.** Having the occupation of veterinarian, groom, farrier, or owning a tack shop or breeding or boarding stable in itself, does not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified.

# **DIVISION RULES & DESCRIPTIONS**

## **I – EQUITATION DIVISIONS**

All ages of riders are determined as of 12/1 of the previous year. All equitation classes will be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Any rider not having control of his mount shall be dismissed from the ring and shall be disqualified from that class.

Riders may not wear chaps in equitation classes.

In case of a tie for champion in the equitation division, a ride-off will be held to determine the champion and/or reserve.

Once an exhibitor in the Leadline, Mini-Stirrup, Short Stirrup, or Long Stirrup Equitation divisions accumulate the number of points required to earn a blue merit award, points are no longer tabulated but the exhibitor remains eligible to continue competing in that division. See page 16 for merit award information.

### **Leadline**

Open to Junior riders 7 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year who have not earned a blue merit award in the Mini-Stirrup division in the current competition year. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands. Riders will not be allowed to trot. Leadline entries may not cross enter into any other division at the same show. The use of grazing reins is permitted in grass rings. See page 16 for merit award information.

Sample Class:

Leadline Walk - To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk with no leadline attached. May be escorted without penalty.

### **Mini-Stirrup Equitation**

Open to Junior riders 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands. Mini-stirrup riders may only cross enter into Beginner Rider Equitation or Short Stirrup Equitation at the same show. The use of grazing reins is permitted in grass rings. See page 16 for merit award information.

Sample Classes:

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

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

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

MS 4 X-Rails O/F – To be shown over four (4) 12" x-rails around the outside of the ring at the trot or canter, rider's preference and not to be penalized. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

### **Beginner Rider Equitation**

Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Only riders in merited divisions can cross enter into this division (i.e. Mini Stirrup, Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup). Open to riders who are not jumping higher than cross rails at that horse show. This division is not intended for green horses. Adults may ride ponies. This is a pointed division.

Sample Classes:

Beginner Rider Walk – To be judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk.

Beginner Rider Walk, Trot – To be judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk and trot.

Beginner Rider Walk, Trot Pony – Judged as a performance class on performance, manners, willingness, suitability to purpose, and ability to give a safe comfortable ride at a walk and trot.

Beginner Rider X-Rails O/F – To be shown over four (4) 12" x-rails around the outside of the ring at the trot or canter, rider's preference and not to be penalized. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

### **Short Stirrup Equitation**

Open to Junior riders 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands. Riders may only cross enter into Beginner Rider Equitation, Short Stirrup Hunter, or any other non-pointed divisions at the same show. See page 16 for merit award information.

Sample Classes:

Walk – To be shown both ways at a walk. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount.

Walk, Trot – To be shown both ways at a walk and trot. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount.

Walk, Trot, Canter – To be shown both ways at a walk, trot, and canter. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount.

Over Fences – To be shown over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 fences in the ring. Fences not to exceed 18" in height. Simple courses suggested. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount.

### **Long Stirrup Equitation**

Open to riders age 11 and over as of 12/1 of the previous year or riders 9 or 10 years of age, as of 12/1 of the previous year, that ride a mount exceeding 14.2 hands. Riders may only cross enter into Beginner Rider Equitation, Long Stirrup Hunter or any other non-pointed divisions at the same show. This division is intended to be for older beginner riders and riders not yet able to show in regular pointed divisions. This division is not intended to be used for schooling green animals. See page 16 for merit award information.

Sample Classes:

Walk, Trot – To be shown both ways at a walk and trot. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount.

Walk, Trot, Canter – To be shown both ways at a walk, trot, and canter. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount.

Over fences – Fences not to exceed 2' in height. Simple courses suggested. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount.

### **Novice Equitation**

Open to all riders, Juniors and Seniors, who have not won 3 blue ribbons in any open equitation class (any class judged on the rider), excluding 4-H, Long Stirrup and Short Stirrup, as of 12/1 of the current competition year. Eligibility determined as of 1st H.H.S.A. show of that year. Seniors may ride ponies. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Division consists of one hack and one over fences class. Fence heights offered are 2' or 2'6".

### **Equitation 13 & Under**

Open to Junior riders 13 years of age and under as of 12/1 of the previous year. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Division consists of one hack and one over fences class. Fence heights offered are 2' and 2'6".

### **Equitation 14 - 17**

Open to Junior riders who have reached their 14th but not their 18th birthday as of 12/1 of the previous year. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Division consists of one hack and one over fences class. Fence heights offered are 2'6" and 3'.

### **Adult Equitation**

Open to Senior riders 18 years and older as of 12/1 of the previous year. Seniors may ride ponies. To be judged on hands, seat and control of mount. Division consists of one hack and one over fences class. Fence heights offered are 2'6" and 3'.

## **II – PLEASURE DIVISIONS**

Open to horses and ponies of any breed suitable for English riding and normally used for pleasure. All animals must be serviceably sound. Judged on performance, willingness and their ability to give a safe and comfortable ride, with an emphasis on manners. Extreme speed shall be penalized.

To be shown in English tack. Martingales are prohibited in all Pleasure divisions.

Horses and ponies may cross enter into any eligible Hunter Division. Horses and ponies may be shown in Equitation Divisions.

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

### **Pleasure Horse**

Open to horses 14.2 hands and over, ridden by Juniors and Seniors. Fence height 2'6".

### **Small/Medium Pleasure Pony**

Open to ponies 13.2 hands and under, ridden only by Juniors. Judges may penalize, but shall not necessarily eliminate any entry not having such qualification. Fence height 2'.

### **Large Pleasure Pony**

Open to ponies over 13.2 hands but not exceeding 14.2 hands, ridden only by Juniors. Judges may penalize, but shall not necessarily eliminate any entry not having such qualification. Fence height 2'.

### **Pleasure Sample Classes**

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

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

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

### **III – PONY HUNTER DIVISIONS**

In all pony hunter divisions, the animal will be judged on performance, manners, way of going, style of jumping, with an emphasis on suitability as a child's mount.

No under saddle points will count towards year-end awards unless the animal also completes a course in an over fences class in the same division at the same show.

Open to Junior riders unless otherwise designated. (Hopeful Hunter and Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter).

See page 23 - Rule VI - Section 1 for Champion and Reserve Champion information.

#### **Short Stirrup Hunter**

Open to ponies 14.2 hands and under. Open to riders who are eligible to compete in the Short Stirrup Equitation division. Ponies are allowed to cross enter into any class where eligible. Short Stirrup Riders may not cross enter into any other pointed division at the same show except those Short Stirrup Equitation riders who have accumulated sufficient points to earn a blue merit award may enter Novice Equitation and Short Stirrup Hunter at the same show. Riders may not show in Short Stirrup Equitation and Novice Equitation at the same show. Manners and suitability of the pony to the rider shall be emphasized. Judges may penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of two over fences classes and an under saddle class. Simple courses suggested. Fence height 18".

#### **Long Stirrup Hunter**

Open to horses and ponies. Open to all riders who are eligible to compete in the Long Stirrup Equitation Division at the show. Long Stirrup riders may not cross enter into any other division at the same show except those Long Stirrup Equitation riders who have accumulated sufficient points to earn a blue merit award may enter Novice Equitation and Long Stirrup Hunter at the same show. Riders may not show in Long Stirrup Equitation and Novice Equitation at the same show. Horses and ponies are allowed to cross enter into any class where eligible. This division is not intended to be used for schooling green animals. Division will consist of two over fences classes and an under saddle class. Simple courses suggested. Fence height 2'.

\*Long and Short Stirrup Hunter Mounts must be registered in order for points to count in the above divisions.

#### **Green Pony Hunter**

Open to ponies 14.2 hands and under, ridden by a Junior or a Senior. A green pony is an equine mount of any age that meets the following criteria. Ponies may only show in this division two years if they are otherwise eligible. Fence height 2'.

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

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

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

- Small Pony may never have jumped 2'3" or higher in any show.
- Medium Pony may never have jumped 2'6" or higher in any show.
- Large Pony may never have jumped 2'9" or higher in any show.

### **Small/Medium Low Pony Hunter**

(Previously Small/Medium Schooling Pony Hunter)

Open to small and medium ponies 13.2 hands and under, ridden by Juniors. Fence height 2'.

### **Large Low Pony Hunter**

(Previously Large Schooling Pony Hunter)

Open to large ponies over 13.2 hands but under 14.2 hands, ridden by Juniors. Fence height 2'6".

### **Small Pony Hunter**

Open to small ponies 12.2 hands and under, ridden by Juniors. May be combined with Medium Pony Hunter if there are less than 3 entries in either division. However, points will always be recorded separately by size in order to present high point awards in each division. Fence height 2'3".

### **Medium Pony Hunter**

Open to medium ponies over 12.2 hands but under 13.2 hands, ridden by Juniors. May be combined with Small Pony Hunter if there are less than 3 entries in either division. However, points will always be recorded separately by size in order to present high point awards in each division. Fence height 2'6".

### **Large Pony Hunter**

Open to large ponies over 13.2 hands but under 14.2 hands, ridden by Juniors. Fence height 2'9".

### **Hopeful Hunter**

Open to horses and ponies ridden by Juniors and Seniors. Seniors may ride ponies. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes. To be judged on performance and soundness. Simple changes allowed and not penalized. Fences shall be approximately 2' to 2'3" in height.

## **Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter**

(Previously Modified Hunter)

Open to horses and ponies ridden by Junior and Amateur riders only. Amateurs may ride ponies. Seniors competing in classes restricted to Amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF's rule GR1306. A rider in the Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter division is not eligible to cross enter in any other division where the fences exceed 2'3" at the same show except age group Equitation and Medal classes. To be judged on performance, soundness, and way of going. Simple changes allowed and not penalized. Fences shall be approximately 2' to 2'3" in height.

## **Pony Hunter Sample Classes**

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

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

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

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

## **IV – HORSE HUNTER DIVISIONS**

In all horse hunter divisions, the animal will be judged on an even hunting pace, manners, jumping style together with faults, performance manners and way of going over the course. A hunter course should be a reasonable test for a hunting horse with obstacles simulating those found in the hunt field. Horses are considered to be over 14.2 hands in height.

It will be up to the discretion of the show management as to whether soundness is to be judged by trotting in a courtesy circle or jogging back at the end of the class. In case of jogging back, all horses must be jogged back in the same complete bridle as shown in that same class.

In any horse hunter division, no under saddle points will count towards year-end awards unless the animal also completes a course in an over fences class in the same division at the same show.

See page 23, Rule VI, Section 1 for Champion and Reserve Champion information.

### **Low Hunter**

(Previously Schooling Hunter)

Open to all horses ridden by Juniors and Seniors. Riders and mounts may cross enter into other divisions where eligible. Fence heights offered are 2'6" and 2'9".

### **Baby Green Hunter**

Open to horses ridden by Juniors and Seniors. A baby green horse is a horse of any age in its first year of showing over fences. May enter into any other division on that date so long as the jump heights do not exceed 2'6". A horse eligible for this division may go in the under saddle

class only without breaking its pre-baby green status for the year. Baby green horses are not to gallop. Simple courses are suggested, and horses may trot their courses without being penalized. Fence height 2'6".

### **Thoroughbred Hunter**

Open to Thoroughbred horses ridden by Juniors and Seniors. Riders and mounts may cross enter into other divisions where eligible. This is a Thoroughbred-only division and may be held at HHSA shows throughout the show season. To be eligible for the HHSA year-end Thoroughbred awards, a horse must have proof of Jockey Club registration, state breed association membership, or a visible tattoo. Also, the horse must be registered with HHSA, the owner (or leaser) must be a registered member, and an HHSA Thoroughbred Registration form must be completed and on file with HHSA. Fence heights offered are 2'6" and 3'.

### **Hopeful Hunter**

Open to horses and ponies ridden by Juniors and Seniors. Seniors may ride ponies. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes. To be judged on performance and soundness. Simple changes allowed and not penalized. Fences shall be approximately 2' to 2'3" in height.

### **Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter**

**(Previously Modified Hunter)**

Open to horses and ponies ridden by Junior and Amateur riders only. Amateurs may ride ponies. Seniors competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF's rule GR1306. A rider in the Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter division is not eligible to cross enter in any other division where the fences exceed 2'3" at the same show except age group Equitation and Medal classes. To be judged on performance, soundness, and way of going. Simple changes allowed and not penalized. Fences shall be approximately 2' to 2'3" in height.

### **Low Children's Hunter**

**(Previously Children's Hunter)**

Open to horses ridden by Juniors. Horses are allowed to cross enter into any class where eligible. The same horse/rider combination may not cross enter into classes where the fences exceed 2'9" except medal and equitation classes at the same show. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a horse to a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider and the horse. Fence height 2'6".

### **Low Adult Amateur Hunter**

Open to Amateurs on horses or ponies. Seniors competing in classes restricted to Amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF's rule GR1306. Horses and ponies are allowed to cross enter into any class where eligible. The same horse/rider combination may not cross enter into classes where the fences exceed 2'9" except medal and equitation classes at the same show. Any adult amateur rider may ride a horse in the Low Adult Amateur Hunter under saddle class and not be subject to the fence height restrictions, provided that the horse has jumped in at least



one of the Low Adult Amateur Hunter over fences classes at the same show. Manners and suitability of a horse shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider and horse. Judges may penalize but shall not eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. Fence height 2'6".

### **Children's Hunter**

**(Previously Junior Hunter)**

Open to horses ridden by Juniors. The horse may be shown in other divisions at the same show and not necessarily by a Junior. Manners and suitability of horse and rider to be emphasized. Extreme speed to be penalized. Fence height 3'.

### **Adult Amateur Hunter**

Open to horses ridden by Amateurs. Seniors competing in classes restricted to Amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF's rule GR1306. To be judged on manners, jumping style, even hunting pace, way of going, soundness, and suitability as a hunter. Fence height 3'.

### **Green Horse Hunter**

**(Discontinued for 2017 season)**

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

### **Open Hunter**

**(Previously Working Hunter)**

Open to horses ridden by Juniors and Seniors. To be judged on manners, jumping style, even hunting pace, way of going, soundness, and suitability as a hunter. **Fence heights offered are 2'9" and 3'.**

### **Horse Hunter Sample Classes**

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

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

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

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

## V – SPECIAL MEDALS CLASSES

To be eligible for the Short or Long Stirrup Medal Final, a rider must have received at least 12 points in the Short or Long Stirrup Equitation Division.

All animals, in order to compete in the H.H.S.A Medal Finals, must be registered with H.H.S.A by June 1 and have shown in at least one (1) H.H.S.A pointed division prior to the year-end medal finals in the same year. If the animal is registered after June 1, a \$20 late fee will be charged on top of the set horse membership fee.

Horses and ponies may only exhibit with one rider at the Equitation Medals Finals.

### **Short Stirrup Equitation Medal**

- A. The H.H.S.A Short Stirrup Equitation Medal Final will be held at the H.H.S.A Benefit Horse Show.
- B. Members 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year are eligible for the Short Stirrup Medal Final.
- C. To be eligible for the Short Stirrup Medal Final, a rider must have received at least 12 points in the Short Stirrup Equitation Division.
- D. A rider may accumulate points in both Short and Long Stirrup Equitation divisions during the year, but must select only one Medal Final class at the Benefit Horse Show in which to participate.
- E. Riders may only ride in one medal final per year; i.e. rider may not ride in the Harford Hunt Seat Medal Final and the Short or Long Stirrup Medal Finals in the same year.
- F. Exhibitors must be paid members of H.H.S.A. prior to entering the ring.
- G. Riders must be entered in the Short Stirrup division on the day of the Medal Finals.
- H. To be shown over a course of a minimum of 6 jumps.
- I. Judge to select 8, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This is mandatory at the year-end finals.
- J. Judged on hands, seat, guidance and control throughout.
- K. The same mount and tack must be used in all phases.
- L. Martingales are permitted over fences but prohibited under saddle.
- M. Fence height not to exceed 18”.

### **Long Stirrup Equitation Medal**

- A. The H.H.S.A Long Stirrup Equitation Medal Final will be held at the H.H.S.A Benefit Horse Show.
- B. Members 11 and over as of 12/1 of the previous year or riders 9 or 10 years of age, as of 12/1 of the previous year, that ride a mount exceeding 14.2 hands are eligible for the Long Stirrup Medal Final.
- C. To be eligible for the Long Stirrup Medal Final, a rider must have received at least 12 points in the Long Stirrup Equitation Division.

- D. A rider may accumulate points in both Short and Long Stirrup Equitation divisions during the year, but must select only one Medal Final class at the Benefit Horse Show in which to participate.
- E. Riders may only ride in one medal final per year; i.e. rider may not ride in the Harford Hunt Seat Medal Final and the Short or Long Stirrup Medal Finals in the same year.
- F. Exhibitors must be paid members of H.H.S.A. prior to entering the ring.
- G. Riders must be entered in the Long Stirrup division on the day of the Medal Finals.
- H. To be shown over a course of a minimum of 6 jumps.
- I. Judge to select 8, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This is mandatory at the year-end finals.
- J. Judged on hands, seat, guidance and control throughout.
- K. The same mount and tack must be used in all phases.
- L. Martingales are permitted over fences but prohibited under saddle.
- M. Fence height not to exceed 2'.

## **VI – SPECIAL MEDALS CLASSES**

In order to be eligible for the year-end finals, a rider must accumulate 12 points in a special medals class during the current show year.

All animals, in order to compete in the H.H.S.A Medal Finals, must be registered with H.H.S.A by June 1 and have shown in at least one (1) H.H.S.A pointed division prior to the year-end medal finals in the same year. If the animal is registered after June 1, a \$20 late fee will be charged on top of the set horse membership fee.

Medals classes held during the year shall be scored on a cumulative basis as follows: 60% based on jumping and 40% based on flat.

Horses and ponies may only exhibit with one rider at the Equitation Medals Finals.

### **U.S.E.T Equitation Medal**

- A. Open to Adult Amateurs who are paid members of the H.H.S.A. prior to entering the ring.
- B. This is a special equitation medal class.
- C. To be shown over a course of 8 fences with at least one change of direction.
- D. Amateurs may ride a pony or horse.
- E. Fence heights offered are 2'6" and 3', rider's choice.
- F. Judge to select 8 riders, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This is mandatory at each show and at the year-end finals.
- G. The same mount and tack must be used in all phases. Martingales are permitted over fences but prohibited under saddle.
- H. Judged on hands, seat, and control of mount.
- I. In order to be eligible for the year-end finals, a rider must accumulate 12 points in a special medals class during the current show year.

### **Open Adult Equitation Medal**

- A. Open to all Seniors not riding in any Amateur division during the current show year.
- B. This is a special equitation medal class.
- C. Seniors may ride a pony or horse.
- D. To be shown over a course of 8 fences with at least one change of direction.
- E. Fence heights offered are 2'6" or 3', rider's choice.
- F. Judge to select 8 riders, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This is mandatory at each show and at the year-end finals.
- G. The same mount and tack must be used in all phases. Martingales are permitted over fences but prohibited under saddle.
- H. Judged on hands, seat, and control of mount.
- I. In order to be eligible for the year-end finals, a rider must accumulate 12 points in a special medals class during the current show year.
- J. If entries warrant, this class can be combined with the U.S.E.T. except at the Medals Finals.

### **Harford Hunt Seat Equitation Medal**

- A. Two Distinct Classes to be offered:
  - 1. Harford Hunt Seat – Child on a Pony
  - 2. Harford Hunt Seat – Child on a Horse
- B. Open to Juniors who are paid members of the H.H.S.A prior to entering the ring.
- C. This is a special equitation medal class.
- D. Only one rider per animal.
- E. Riders may simultaneously show in Child on a Pony and Child on a Horse classes during the regular season.
- F. Rider does not need to ride the mount they qualify on.
- G. Shown over a course of 8 fences with at least one change of direction.
- H. Judge to select 8, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This is mandatory at each show and at the year-end finals.
- I. When a rider has qualified for the year-end finals, he/she may not enter again.
- J. In order to be eligible for the year-end finals, a rider must accumulate 12 points in a special medals class during the current show year.
- K. Judged on hands, seat, guidance and control throughout.
- L. Jump heights 2', 2'3", 2'6", 2'9" and 3' per show management.

## **Medal Finals Tests**

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

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