

# BY-LAWS & RULE BOOK

Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc.



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*Keep a copy handy for your reference. It is the responsibility of each member and trainer to read and know the rules.*

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# 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. (HHSA).

## II. Purposes

The purposes of the HHSA, 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 HHSA - To promote quality English horse shows.
- C. To encourage the growth of the number of exhibitors attending local English horse shows. 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 HHSA 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 HHSA 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 HHSA members, a majority of present registered voting members in good standing will elect adult directors to serve for a three (3) 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.
- C. 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 six (6) junior board members to serve one-year terms.
- D. Members may serve consecutive terms 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 HHSA 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.
- F. 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.
- G. It shall publish a calendar of HHSA associated shows for the current year.
- H. 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. 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 an 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 sub-committees that he/she deems necessary for the proper conduct of the HHSA.
- 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 HHSA, 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**

- A. Vacancies of the HHSA 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 seven
  - a. (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 three (3) years by HHSA.

#### **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. Members will be notified of open meetings through electronic communication and/or individual mailings.
- C. At least two (2) open meetings per year will be held with fair notice.
- D. All permanent rule changes must be voted on at the Spring Open Meeting which is to be held no later than three (3) weeks prior to the first show.
- E. All members must be advised of proposed rule changes prior to the Spring Open Meeting.

## **V. Infractions**

#### **Section 1 – Protests**

- A. An exhibitor, agent, trainer, or parent of a junior member for any violation of the rules may make a protest to the Board of Directors. The protest must be:
  - a. In writing.
  - b. Signed by the protestor.
  - c. All protests must have written documentation/evidence turned in to support protest within seven (7) days of filing or the Board of Directors, with automatic forfeit of deposit, will automatically dismiss the protests.

- d. Addressed or submitted to the Secretary of the HHSA
- e. Accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 and received by the Secretary within seven (7) days of the alleged violation of which, \$20.00 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 HHSA rules.
- C. In the event the steward cannot reach a decision regarding a protest, he/she must request a hearing through the HHSA committee.
- D. Such hearings shall be held within ten (10) 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 HHSA Board of Directors.
- E. If the protest is overruled, the entire deposit will be forfeited to the HHSA. If the protest is sustained, the deposit, less the \$20.00 non-refundable fee, shall be returned to the protestor and a fee of \$80.00 shall be assessed to the party found in violation.
- F. No prizes shall be awarded/collected at end of the season if any outstanding fee is unpaid.
- G. If fees are unpaid by the following show season, those members shall be subject to censure, suspension, expulsion, or forfeiture as outlined in Article V - Infractions, Section 3.

## **Section 2 - Violations of Members**

- A. Inspecting the judge's card without the permission of the judge is a violation.
- B. No member may approach a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the show steward or the Board of Directors.
- C. Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse by any person at an HHSA sanctioned event is forbidden and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Committee must bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the competition. It is the duty of the show committee and steward to report to the Board of Directors any person who indulges in this practice for such further action as may be deemed appropriate. Abuse includes but is not limited to excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, before, during or after a competition, by any person, and inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.
- D. No one will be allowed to assault another person physically or verbally.
- E. Members must obey penalties imposed by the HHSA.
- 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 HHSA newsletter recognizing that an offense has been committed and by whom.

- B. *Suspension* - The inability to participate in any form at any HHSA function, i.e. as an exhibitor, spectator, or participant. The period of suspension shall be at the discretion of the HHSA Adult executive committee. The terms of the suspension shall be published in the HHSA newsletter.
- C. *Expulsion* - The person(s) receiving expulsion from the HHSA will be unable to participate in any form in HHSA 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, HHSA will take those connected to the offense off the HHSA point book.
- E. The Board of Directors of the HHSA shall be responsible for deciding which penalty is appropriate for a violation of the HHSA rules.

## RULES

*If a rule or regulation is not clearly stated within this rulebook, HHSA will default and adhere to the rules and regulations standard to the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).*

### I. Exhibitor Information

#### **Section 1 - Calendar Year**

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

#### **Section 2 - Registration**

- A. All animals are registered for the current show season for a set fee, which will be announced before the first HHSA show of the current year.
- B. All animals, to compete in the HHSA Medal Finals, must be registered with HHSA.
- C. HHSA recorded animals are eligible for awards in all divisions for which they qualify.
- D. Registration forms must be filled out and all fees paid before any points will count. Forms must be filled in with complete information to ensure correct awarding of points and inclusion on HHSA associated shows' mailing lists.
- E. HHSA 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**

- A. All ponies must have a current HHSA issued card or a current Maryland Horse Show Association (MHSA), Virginia Horse Show Association (VHSA), Baltimore County Horse Show Association (BCHSA), or United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) issued measurement card.
- B. Cards will be available at each registered show.
- C. A committee designated by the HHSA Board of Directors will do measuring. Ponies shall be measured shod or unshod.



- D. MHSA, VHSA, or USEF measurement cards shall take precedence.
- E. All ponies must be measured for a current card before they can show.

#### **Section 4 - Divisions**

HSA recognized shows might offer any or all the following divisions:

*Equitation Divisions:*

- Leadline
- Mini Stirrup Equitation
- Short Stirrup Equitation
- Beginner Rider Equitation
- Long Stirrup Equitation
- Novice Equitation
- Equitation 13 & Under
- Equitation 14-17
- Adult Equitation
- USET Equitation Medal (*discontinued in 2023 until further notice*)
- Open Adult Equitation Medal (*all adults for 2023 season and beyond*)
- Harford Hunt Seat Equitation Medal - Child on a Pony & Child on a Horse

*Pleasure Divisions:*

- Pleasure Pony
- Pleasure Horse

*Performance Divisions:*

- Beginner Rider Hunter
- Special Hunter
- Short Stirrup Hunter
- Long Stirrup Hunter
- Green Pony Hunter
- Low Pony Hunter
- S/M/L Pony Hunter
- Hopeful Hunter
- Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter
- Low Hunter
- Baby Green Hunter
- Thoroughbred Hunter
- Low Children's Hunter
- Low Adult Amateur Hunter
- Children's Hunter
- Adult Amateur Hunter
- Green Horse Hunter (*discontinued in 2017 until further notice*)
- Open Hunter

## 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 (18 years of age or older) 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 twelve (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. HNSA 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. Exhibitors will 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 the HNSA By-Laws, 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 HNSA show or HNSA itself will not be allowed to participate in any HNSA functions until all debts are paid in full.
- N. Martingales are prohibited in all under saddle classes and Pleasure divisions.
- O. Stallions are prohibited from the grounds at HNSA shows.
- P. Proper Attire:
  - a. Anyone mounted must wear approved hard hats and proper footwear with heels.
  - b. All riders must wear, while mounted, a helmet approved by SEI and/or ASTM, with safety harness fastened.
  - c. 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).
- Q. Senior riders may ride ponies only in the Low Adult Amateur Hunter, Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter, Hopeful Hunter, Adult Equitation, Green Pony Hunter, Beginner Hunter, and Special Hunter 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.
- S. All animals exhibiting in over fences classes must trot at least one-half the opening or finishing circle 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.
- T. 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.

- U. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at all HHSA sanctioned shows.

## II. Show Management

### Section 1 - Show Registration & Dates

- A. Each participating show will pay a \$175.00 registration fee.
- B. HHSA 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 HHSA.
- D. The last show of the year will be sponsored by the HHSA committee and will be held no later than 10/31 of the current year.
- E. Cancellation of the shows will require that the show committee notify exhibitors registered with the HHSA within 21 days of the proposed show.
- F. 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.
- G. Shows may be held outside Harford County, Maryland with the permission of the committee. The committee will consider the number of shows, the location, and the expected quality of the show.
- H. 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 HHSA pointing for the show.
- I. Any dates loaned by HHSA must be done in writing, and borrower must pay all fees to HHSA.
- J. When HHSA is participating in a "bi-pointed show", the rule book that will be followed, including classes/divisions and jump heights, for that show will be that of the PRIMARY association of the hosting facility.

### 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 USEF or MHSAs.
- C. No judge may officiate more than three (3) times in HHSA pointed shows in any show year, nor may any judge officiate more than once in any twenty (20) day period.
- D. A judge may not judge the same division at the same show for two (2) consecutive years.
- E. Exceptions will be made for extenuating circumstances, which must be cleared by that year's governing board.

### Section 3 - Stewards

- A. The HHSA 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. He/she should keep themselves available to judges, exhibitors, and management at all times during the show day to clarify the application of association rules and investigate any situation where the rules are not upheld.
- E. The other duties of a steward shall be, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. To protect the interests of exhibitors, judges, and competition management.
  - b. To investigate and act upon any alleged rule violations without waiting for a protest.
  - c. To report to the show committee misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest.
  - d. To determine when and if the judges should be asked to excuse jackets for excessive heat.
  - e. To notify exhibitors in classes where, due to a violation, points will not count toward the year-end awards.
  - f. To determine when a show shall be stopped due to darkness, storm, or another emergency.
  - g. To excuse any horse and/or rider from the show grounds, in conjunction with the Board of Directors for the HHSA 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 (1) 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.
- E. Every pointed show is required to offer a Harford Hunter Seat class and a USET class.
- F. Each show must award ribbons through 6th place.
- G. In any under saddle class in a pointed division, if there are twenty (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.
- H. In any merited class, the minimum number of entries required to split a class is twelve (12) Classes may be split at show management's discretion.
- I. Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter must be split at eighteen (18) entries with two (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 HHSA committee. Non-acceptable material includes electric wiring, bailing twine, roping, etc. B. Rings must be of a suitable size to handle classes held therein safely.

### **Section 3 - Jumps**

- A. Hunter and pleasure fences must be twelve feet (12') in width if wing standards are not available. However, wing standards 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, i.e. post & rails, brush, stone wall, white board fence, gate, Aiken, chicken coop, hedge, etc. Pleasure fences should simulate obstacles found on the trail. A ground line is strongly recommended for all fences.
- C. All rails must be of solid wood.
- D. Jumps may have a maximum deviation of three inches (3") lower but never higher than regulation height at the show management's discretion.

### **Section 4 - Schooling Area**

- A. An area must be provided and contain at least two (2) schooling fences with proper poles and proper attachments.
- B. It must be available to exhibitors one (1) hour prior to show time.
- C. Two (2) schooling sessions shall be provided in each ring.
- D. Each show's respective show management will govern schooling breaks.

## **IV. Annual Awards**

- A. Year-end points will become final two (2) weeks after the final show of the season.
- B. Each year a permanent award and eight (8) ribbons are presented to the high point earners in each of the HHSA divisions.
- C. For Leadline, a Blue Merit award will be given when the rider has accumulated twenty (20) points. At that point, HHSA will no longer record points in that division for that rider. Riders must accumulate at least ten (10) points to receive a Red Merit in the Leadline division and five (5) points for a Yellow Merit.
- D. In the Mini Stirrup Equitation and Short Stirrup Equitation divisions, the riders will receive a Blue Merit award when they have accumulated forty-five (45) points. After the rider has reached forty-five (45) points, no additional points will be tabulated. Mini Stirrup Equitation and Short Stirrup Equitation riders who accumulate at least twenty (20) points, but less than forty-five (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 forty-five (45) points. After the rider has reached forty-five (45) points, no additional points will be tabulated. Long Stirrup Equitation riders who accumulate at least thirty (30) points, but less than forty-five (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 HHSA annual awards.

- J. For a horse and rider to qualify for a year-end prize, they must ride in three HHSA Sanctioned shows in the same division and have earned at least ten (10) points in that same division during the show season. Horse and rider must be a member 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 (18 years of age or older) must sign a receipt for the trophy before it can be removed from HHSA possession. The receipt shall specify the date the trophy is to be returned to the trophy coordinator.
- L. 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 1<sup>st</sup> shall forfeit all points accumulated by the member and any animals owned by the member during the show season.
- M. To be eligible to receive an HHSA High Points Show Series Trophy, performance horses, performance ponies, or equitation riders must have shown in at least two (2) shows managed by the HHSA Show Committee at the Bel Air Equestrian Center.

## V. Special Awards

### **EQUITATION SPECIAL MEDAL AWARDS:**

*Harford Hunt Seat Equitation Medal Child on a Pony - Donated by the Pyle Family*

Presented annually to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place junior rider on a pony in this special medal 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 eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) place.

*Harford Hunt Seat Equitation Medal Child on a Horse - Donated by the Pyle Family*

Presented annually to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place junior rider on a horse in this special medal 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 eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) place.

*USET Adult Equitation Medal - Donated by Mr. Richard Rhia*

Presented annually to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place adult rider in this special medal 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 eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) place.

### **EQUITATION YEAR-END DIVISION AWARDS:**

*The As You Wish Farm Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Lisa & Joe Sessa at As You Wish Farm*

Presented to the Beginner Rider Equitation year-end division champion.

*The Cop'n Attitude Perpetual Trophy - Donated by The Fair Family*

Presented to the Novice Equitation year-end division champion.

*The Christ Sisters Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Karen E. Cannon, Nancy L. Ogrysko, & Clare M. Owings*

Presented to the Equitation 13 & Under year-end division champion.

*The Brian F. Hennessey 9/11 Memorial Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Valerie Hennessey*

Presented to the Equitation 14-17 year-end division champion.

*The Split Second Farm Perpetual Trophy - Donated by The Scampton Family*

Presented to the Adult Equitation year-end division champion.

**PONY YEAR-END DIVISION AWARDS:**

*The Jarrettsville Saddlery Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Jarrettsville Saddlery*

Presented to the Short Stirrup Hunter year-end division champion.

*The James Monie Memorial Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Tranquility Manor Farm in Memory of Jim*

Presented to the Long Stirrup Hunter year-end division champion.

*The Foxfire Perpetual Trophy- Donated by The Trouland Family*

Presented to the Green Pony Hunter year-end division champion.

*\*Not currently awarded\**

*The Snowfields Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Snowfields Stud*

Presented to the Small/Medium Pony Pleasure year-end division champion.

*\*Not currently awarded\**

*The Maxwell Von Kurtzbeine Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Dr. & Mrs. J. Theissen*

Presented to the Large Pony Pleasure year-end division champion.

*The Skye's Fancy Beau Tye Perpetual Trophy - Donated by the Slowik Family*

Presented to the Pony Pleasure year-end division champion.

*If entries warrant that all Pony Pleasure divisions have been combined for the year, the above trophy will be awarded in place of the Snowfields Perpetual Trophy & the Maxwell Von Kurtzbeine Perpetual Trophy.*

*\*Not currently awarded\**

*The Baddpony's Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Rosemont Farm*

Presented to the Small/Medium Low Pony Hunter year-end division champion.

*\*Not currently awarded\**

*The Large Schooling Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc.*

Presented to the Large Low Pony Hunter year-end division champion.

*The Molly Hill Farm Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Molly Hill Farm*

Presented to the Low Pony Hunter year-end division champion.

*If entries warrant that all Low Pony Hunter divisions have been combined for the year, the above trophy will be awarded in place of the Baddpony's Perpetual Trophy & the Large Schooling Perpetual Trophy.*

*\*Not currently awarded\**

*The Daredevil Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Hand Me Down Stables*  
Presented to the Small Pony Hunter year-end division champion.

*\*Not currently awarded\**

*The Claddagh Manor Medium Pony Hunter Champion Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Claddagh Manor Farm*  
Presented to the Medium Pony Hunter year-end division champion.

*\*Not currently awarded\**

*The Taj Mahal Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Phyllis & Sally Zinkhan*  
Presented to the Large Pony Hunter year-end division champion.

*The Surprise Package Perpetual Trophy - Donated by the Krantz Family*  
Presented to the Pony Hunter year-end division champion.

*If entries warrant that all Pony Hunter divisions have been combined for the year, the above trophy will be awarded in place of the Daredevil Perpetual Trophy, The Claddagh Manor Medium Pony Hunter Champion Perpetual Trophy, & the Taj Mahal Perpetual Trophy.*

#### **HORSE YEAR-END DIVISION AWARDS:**

*The Summer Affair Perpetual Trophy - Donated by The Gillis Family*  
Presented to the Baby Green Hunter year-end division champion.

*The Thoroughbred Hunter Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Karen Cannon, HNSA Treasurer*  
Presented to the Thoroughbred Hunter year-end division champion.

*The Ron Schlicht Insurance Agency- State Farm Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Ron Schlicht*  
Presented to the Low Hunter year-end division champion.

*The One Hot Zip Memorial Perpetual Trophy - Donated by The Offindani Family*  
Presented to the Hopeful Hunter year-end division champion.

*The Stepping Stone Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Paddock Place Equestrian Center*  
Presented to the Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter year-end division champion.

*The Monterey Memorial Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Fox Creek Farm*  
Presented to the Pleasure Horse year-end division champion.

*The Low Children's Hunter Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sands Kiser*  
Presented to the Low Children's Hunter year-end division champion.

*The Meadow Branch Farm Perpetual Trophy - Donated by The Johnson Family*  
Presented to the Low Adult Amateur Hunter year-end division champion.

*\*Not currently awarded\**



*The Grandview Farm Green Hunter Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Dinning of Grandview Farm*

Presented to the Green Horse Hunter year-end division champion.

*\*Not currently awarded\**

*The Easy Rider's 4-H Junior Hunter Perpetual Trophy - Donated by the Easy Riders 4-H Club*

Presented to the Children's Hunter year-end division champion.

*The Lisa Hess Lynch Memorial Perpetual Trophy - Donated by the Hess Family*

Presented to the Adult Amateur Hunter year-end division champion.

*The Crammed Perpetual Trophy - Donated by the Sullivan Family*

Presented to the Open Hunter year-end division champion.

**GRAND CHAMPION AWARDS:**

*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 any (2) non-equititation divisions.

*The Here nor There Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Mary Ann Clarendon*

Presented to the Grand Champion Horse Overall. This award will be determined based on highest total points accumulated in any two (2) non-equititation divisions.

*The Quadra Sky Perpetual Trophy - Donated by the Bridges Family*

Presented to the horse that has accumulated the second highest total points in any two (2) non-equititation divisions.

*The Mona Lisa Perpetual Trophy - Donated by the Clarendon Family*

Presented to the Grand Champion pony overall. This award will be determined based on highest total points accumulated in any two (2) non-equititation divisions.

*The Bamm Bamm Perpetual Trophy - Donated by the Grace Family*

Presented to the pony that has accumulated the second highest total points in any two (2) non-equititation divisions.

*\*Not currently awarded\**

*The Tiffin Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Bonnie Tipton*

Presented to the Grand Champion Pony Hunter in the Regular Division (Small-Medium-Large Pony Hunter).

*\*Not currently awarded\**

*The Paddock Place Perpetual Trophy - Donated by Paddock Place Equestrian Center*

Presented to the Grand Champion Pleasure Pony.

*The Fran Hess Memorial Perpetual Trophy - Donated by the Hess Family*

Presented to the Grand Champion Equitation Rider. This award will be determined based on highest total points accumulated by a rider in one of the Equitation divisions. Leadline, Mini Stirrup Equitation, Short Stirrup Equitation, Long Stirrup Equitation, and Beginner Rider Equitation riders are not eligible for this award.

**THOROUGHBRED HIGH POINT AWARD:**

*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 for any of the HHSA year-end Thoroughbred awards, a horse must have proof of Jockey Club registration, state breed association membership, or a visible tattoo. The owner (or leaser) of the horse must be a registered member with HHSA and the horse must be recorded with HHSA, with proof of Thoroughbred eligibility on file with HHSA.

**ARABIAN/PART-ARABIAN HIGH POINT AWARD:**

*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 highest total points in all performance classes.

**BENEFIT SHOW AWARDS:**

*The HHSA Best Merit Rider - Donated by Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc.*

Awarded to the best merit member at the HHSA Benefit Show, as chosen by the judges and the HHSA committee. They will be chosen based on riding skills and ability at the HHSA Benefit Show.

*The HHSA Best Child Rider on a Pony - Donated by Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc.*

Awarded to the best junior member on a pony at the HHSA Benefit Show, as chosen by the judges and the HHSA committee. They will be chosen based on riding skills and ability at the HHSA Benefit Show.

*The HHSA Best Child Rider on a Horse - Donated by Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc.*

Awarded to the best junior member on a horse at the HHSA Benefit Show, as chosen by the judges and the HHSA committee. They will be chosen based on riding skills and ability at the HHSA Benefit Show.

*The HHSA Best Adult Rider - Donated by Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc.*

Awarded to the best adult member at the HHSA Benefit Show, as chosen by the judges and the HHSA committee. They will be chosen based on riding skills and ability at the HHSA Benefit Show.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:**

*The Lisa Hess Memorial Scholarship*

Each year HHSA will award a \$500.00 scholarship to an HHSA member who is a graduating high-school senior. A 500-word essay will be submitted to the Board of Directors. Only high-school seniors graduating in that calendar year are eligible. A check from the HHSA 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 HHSA who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship.

*The Senior Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy - Donated by the Earnest Family in memory of the ultimate good sport, Country Blazer*  
Presented to the adult member of the HHSA who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship.

The Junior and Adult Sportsmanship awards are to be respectively awarded to an HHSA member, nominated by the membership, and selected by the members of the Sportsmanship Award Committee, based on the following criteria:

- Must be an active member in good standing of the Harford Horse Shows Association, Inc. and is inclusive of both riders and non-riders.
- Demonstrates and exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship consistently throughout the show season, including but not limited to:
  - Integrity
  - Good character
  - Respect for themselves, their mount, fellow competitors as well as others
  - Demonstrate a positive attitude (grace) when faced with adversity
  - Promotion of the sport either in the saddle or on the ground
  - Fairness
  - Civility
  - Honesty
  - 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 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 and 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 (3-4) 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 Year-End 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:
- 1<sup>st</sup> place = 10 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 6 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 4 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place = 2 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place = 1 point
  - 6<sup>th</sup> place = 0.5 point
- B. There must be at least three (3) entries in a class for full points to count towards year-end awards.
- C. If there are only two (2) entries in a class, the class may be held but only half points will be awarded and count towards year-end awards. A class must have a minimum of two (2) entries to run and any points be awarded toward year-end awards.
- D. Double points may be allowed by the Board of Directors at HHSA shows and any double pointed show must be advertised in advance.
- E. No additional points will be awarded for champion and/or reserve champion ribbons.
- F. Shows are encouraged to tabulate and award championships in all divisions.

### Section 2 - Point Inquiries

- A. Point standings will be posted on the [www.hhsamd.org](http://www.hhsamd.org) website. If you have any questions concerning your points for the show season, submit an inquiry through the HHSA website.

## VII. Amateur Rule

### Section 1 – Eligibility

- A. Refer to the USEF Rulebook for Amateur status rules.

## DIVISION RULES & DESCRIPTIONS

### I. Equitation Divisions

All ages of riders are determined as of 12/1 of the previous year. In equitation classes, only the rider is being judged, specifically on hands, seat, and control of mount. Therefore, any horse or pony that is suitable for a particular style of riding and can perform the required routine is acceptable. Any rider not having control of his/her mount shall be dismissed from the ring and shall be disqualified from that class. No martingales will be allowed in the under saddle phase of any equitation division or class. In case of a tie for champion in an equitation division, a ride-off may be held to determine the champion and/or reserve.

Once an exhibitor in the Leadline, Mini Stirrup, Short Stirrup, or Long Stirrup Equitation divisions has accumulated 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 Section IV, Points C-E, for merit award information.

### **Leadline**

Open to junior riders ages 7 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year that have not earned a Blue Merit award in the Mini Stirrup division in the current competition year. Mounts are not to exceed 14.2 hands. The use of grazing reins is permitted in grass rings. Riders will not be allowed to trot. Leadline mounts need not be registered for points to count in this division. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, and suitability of mount. Leadline riders may not cross enter into any other division at the same show. See page 14, Section IV, Points C-E, for merit award information.

#### *Leadline*

To be shown at a walk both ways of the ring. Pony to be judged 50% on suitability to rider. Riders are to be judged 50% on hands, seat, and control.

#### *Leadline Walk (Off Lead)*

To be shown at a walk both ways of the ring. Pony to be judged 50% on suitability to rider. Riders are to be judged 50% on hands, seat, and control. Riders may be escorted without penalty if the pony or rider is not touched.

### **Mini Stirrup Equitation**

Open to junior riders ages 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year. Mounts are not to exceed 14.2 hands. The use of grazing reins is permitted in grass rings. Mini Stirrup Equitation mounts need not be registered for points to count in this division. Mini Stirrup Equitation riders in this division may only cross enter Beginner Rider Equitation at the same show. Please note that cross-entering into Beginner Rider Equitation is permitted ONLY at HHSA governed shows. Cross-entering into Beginner Rider Equitation is NOT permitted at shows where another association is the governing association. See Section IV, Points C-E, for merit award information.

#### *Mini Stirrup Equitation Walk*

To be judged at a walk both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

#### *Mini Stirrup Equitation Walk-Trot*

To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount

#### *Mini Stirrup Walk-Trot Pony*

To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on suitability of the mount as a Mini Stirrup Pony. Ponies' manners are to be emphasized.

#### *Mini Stirrup Equitation Over Fences*

To be shown over four (4 to 6) 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 who are not jumping higher than x- rails at the same show. Open to horses and ponies. Adults may ride ponies.

This division is not intended for green horses or ponies. A rider is not eligible to compete in this division if they have competed over a course of fences 18” or higher at any horse show.

Beginner Rider Equitation is a pointed division. Riders competing in this division may only cross enter HHSA merited classes at the same show (this includes Mini Stirrup Equitation, Short Stirrup Equitation, and Long Stirrup Equitation) so long as they are not jumping higher than x- rails at the same show. Please note that cross-entering is permitted ONLY at HHSA governed shows. Cross-entering is NOT permitted at shows where another association is the governing association.

#### *Beginner Rider Equitation Walk*

To be judged at a walk both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider’s hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

#### *Beginner Rider Equitation Walk-Trot*

To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider’s hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

#### *Beginner Rider Equitation Walk-Trot Hunter*

To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged 50% on rider’s hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount and 50% on the horse or pony's movement and their suitability as a Beginner Rider Equitation mount. Horses’ and Ponies’ manners are to be emphasized.

#### *Beginner Rider Equitation Over Fences*

To be shown over a course of four to six (4- 6) 12" x-rails (show management’s discretion for how many jumps) 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 ages 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year. Short Stirrup Equitation mounts may not exceed 14.2 hands.

Short Stirrup Equitation is a merited division. Short Stirrup Equitation mounts need not be registered for points to count in this division. Riders may only cross enter the Short Stirrup Hunter & Beginner Rider Equitation at the same show. (Please note that cross-entering into Beginner Rider Equitation is permitted ONLY at HHSA governed shows. Cross-entering into Beginner Rider Equitation is NOT permitted at shows where another association is the governing association.)

See Section IV, Points C-E, for merit award information. Short Stirrup riders who have earned a Blue Merit award in Short Stirrup Equitation may enter Short Stirrup Hunter and Novice Equitation

at the same show. Riders may not show in Short Stirrup Equitation and Novice Equitation at the same show.

*Short Stirrup Equitation Walk-Trot*

To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

*Short Stirrup Equitation Walk-Trot-Canter*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

*Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences*

To be shown over four to eight (4-8) fences in the ring not to exceed 18" in height (show management's discretion for how many jumps). Simple changes not to be penalized. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

**Long Stirrup Equitation**

Open to junior and amateur riders ages 11 and older as of 12/1 of the previous year. Junior riders ages 9 and 10, as of 12/1 of the previous year, that ride a mount exceeding 14.2 hands are also permitted to ride in this division. 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 mounts. Long Stirrup Equitation is a merited division. Long Stirrup Equitation mounts need not be registered for points to count in this division. Riders may only cross enter Long Stirrup Hunter & Beginner Rider Equitation at the same show. (Please note that cross-entering into Beginner Rider Equitation is permitted ONLY at HNSA governed shows. Cross-entering into Beginner Rider Equitation is NOT permitted at shows where another association is the governing association.)

See Section IV, Points C-E, for merit award information. Long Stirrup riders who have earned a Blue Merit award in Long Stirrup Equitation may enter Long Stirrup Hunter and Novice Equitation at the same show. Riders may not show in Long Stirrup Equitation and Novice Equitation at the same show.

*Long Stirrup Equitation Walk-Trot*

To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

*Long Stirrup Equitation Walk-Trot-Canter*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

*Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences*

To be shown over four to eight (4-8) fences in the ring not to exceed 18" in height (show management's discretion for how many jumps). Simple changes not to be penalized. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

### **Novice Equitation**

Open to junior and amateur riders who have not won three (3) blue ribbons in any open equitation class (excluding 4-H, Mini Stirrup Equitation, Beginner Rider Equitation, Short Stirrup Equitation, and Long Stirrup Equitation) as of 12/1 of the previous year. Eligibility determined as of the first HHSA sanctioned show of that year. Adults may ride ponies. To be judged on hands, seat, and control of mount. Division consists of one (1) hack and one (1) over fences class, with fence heights 2', 2'3" or 2'6" offered.

#### *Novice Equitation Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, general position, and control of mount.

#### *Novice Equitation Over Fences*

To be shown over approximately eight (8) fences. Fence heights offered are 2', 2'3", or 2'6", rider's discretion. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, legs, general position, and control of mount.

### **Equitation 13 & Under**

Open to junior riders ages 13 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, and control of mount. Division consists of one hack and one over fences class, with fence heights 2', 2'3", and 2'6" offered.

#### *Equitation 13 & Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, general position, and control of mount.

#### *Equitation 13 & Under Over Fences*

To be shown over approximately eight (8) fences. Fence heights offered are 2', 2'3", 2'6", rider's discretion. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, legs, general position, and control of mount.

### **Equitation 14-17**

Open to junior riders ages 14 and older, but not yet 18 as of 12/1 of the previous year. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, and control of mount. Division consists of one (1) hack and one (1) over fences class, with fence heights 2'3", 2'6", and 3' offered.

#### *Equitation 14-17 Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, general position, and control of mount.

#### *Equitation 14-17 Over Fences*

To be shown over approximately eight (8) fences. Fence heights offered are 2'3", 2'6" or 3', rider's discretion. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, legs, general position, and control of mount.



## **Adult Equitation**

Open to amateur and senior riders ages 18 and older as of 12/1 of the previous year. Adults may ride ponies. To be judged on hands, seat, and control of mount. Division consists of one (1) under saddle and one (1) over fences class, with fence heights 2'3", 2'6", and 3' offered.

### *Adult Equitation Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, general position, and control of mount.

### *Adult Equitation Over Fences*

To be shown over approximately eight (8) fences, Fence heights offered are 2', 2'6", or 3', rider's discretion. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, legs, general position, and control of mount.

## **II. Pleasure Divisions**

Championships will be awarded to the two (2) horses or ponies accumulating the most points in their divisions. All classes are counted equally toward championships. In case of a tie, the exhibitors may hack off to determine the winner. If less than four (4) pleasure ponies and pleasure horses are entered, ponies and horses will be combined. Points will be allocated to the proper division for year-end points.

### **Pleasure Pony**

Open to ponies not to exceed 14.2 hands of any breed suitable for English pleasure riding, exhibited only by juniors. All ponies must be serviceably sound and are to be shown in English tack. Suitability of a pony to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the pony, as well as the compatibility of the rider and pony. Judges may penalize, but shall not necessarily eliminate, any entry not having such qualification. Martingales are prohibited in all Pleasure classes. To be judged on performance, willingness, and their ability to give a safe and comfortable ride, with an emphasis on manners. Extreme speed shall be penalized. An entry may be judged for soundness on the pleasure circle. Fence height is 2'.

Small ponies showing in this division may not compete in any other division where fences are 2'3" or higher, except equitation and medal classes, at the same show. Medium ponies showing in this division may not compete in any other division where fences are 2'6" or higher, except equitation and medal classes, at the same show. Large ponies showing in this division may not compete in any other division where fences are 2'9" or higher, except equitation and medal classes, at the same show.

### *Pleasure Pony Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences, not to exceed 2' in height. To be judged on manners, soundness, willingness, suitability to purpose, and natural ability to jump.

### *Pleasure Pony Combination*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter on a light rein both ways of the ring. At least eight (8) competitors, if available, to jump a minimum of two (2) fences not to exceed 2'. To be judged on manners, soundness, willingness, and suitability to purpose.

*Pleasure Pony Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter on a light rein both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, willingness, and suitability to purpose.

**Pleasure Horse**

Open to horses over 14.2 hands of any breed suitable for English pleasure riding, exhibited by juniors, amateurs, or seniors. All horses must be serviceably sound and are to be shown in English tack. Martingales are prohibited in all Pleasure classes. To be judged on performance, willingness, and their ability to give a safe and comfortable ride, with an emphasis on manners. Extreme speed shall be penalized. Fence height is 2' or 2'6", rider's discretion. Horses showing in this division can show in all other divisions EXCEPT divisions where jump height is 2'9" or higher at the same show.

*Pleasure Horse Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences, To be judged on manners, soundness, willingness, suitability to purpose, and natural ability to jump.

*Pleasure Horse Combination*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter on a light rein both ways of the ring. At least eight (8) competitors, if available, to jump a minimum of two (2) fences. To be judged on manners, soundness, willingness, and suitability to purpose.

*Pleasure Horse Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter on a light rein both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, willingness, and suitability to purpose.

### III. Hunter Divisions

In hunter divisions, the animal will be judged on soundness, performance, manners, even hunting pace, way of going, and style of jumping together with faults. A hunter course should be a reasonable test for a hunting animal with obstacles simulating those found in the hunt field. Divisions will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class.

Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes and extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability.

It is up to the discretion of the show management as to whether soundness is to be judged by trotting on the hunter circle or jogging back at the end of the class.

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.

The champion and reserve champion shall be awarded to two (2) of the four (4) exhibitors that have acquired the most points over fences. In case of a tie score, the championship and/or reserve shall be awarded to the exhibitor that has accumulated the most points over fences. If exhibitors have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied exhibitors shall be hacked off.

### **Special Hunter**

Open to both horses and ponies who are not jumping higher than x-rails at the same show. Exhibited by juniors, amateurs, and seniors/professionals. This division is intended for green horses or ponies. To be judged on performance, manners, and soundness. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of a Walk-Trot under saddle class, Walk-Trot-Canter under saddle class, and two (2) over fences classes. Trotting the course and/or simple change of lead shall not be penalized. Fence height is 12" x-rails. Riders competing in this division may not cross enter into any merited division (Leadline, Mini Stirrup Equitation, Short Stirrup Equitation, or Long Stirrup Equitation) at the same show. Horses/Ponies competing in this division may not cross enter into any other division at the same show, with the exception of Leadline and Mini Stirrup. Any horse or pony showing in this division will continue to be eligible for green pony or baby green horse status.

#### *Special Hunter Walk-Trot*

To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

#### *Special Hunter Walk-Trot-Canter*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

#### *Special Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown in the ring over four to six (4-6) fences at 12" x-rails in height (show management's discretion for how many jumps) at the trot or canter, rider's preference, and not to be penalized. Simple changes of lead are not to be penalized. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

### **Beginner Rider Hunter**

Open to junior and Adult Amateur riders eligible to compete in the Beginner Rider Equitation division and are not jumping higher than x-rails at the same show. Open to horses and ponies. Adult Amateurs may ride ponies. Beginner Rider Hunter mounts must be registered for points to count. Mounts are allowed to cross enter any class where eligible.

This division is not intended for green horses or ponies. A rider is not eligible to compete in this division if they have competed over a course of fences 18" or higher at any horse show.

Manners and suitability of the mount to the rider shall be emphasized. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence height is 12" x-rails.

*Beginner Rider Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown in the ring over four to six (4-6) fences at x-rails 12” in height (show management’s discretion for how many jumps) at the trot or canter, rider’s preference and not to be penalized. Simple changes not to be penalized. Simple courses are suggested. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

*Beginner Rider Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance as a Beginner Rider mount. Martingales are prohibited.

**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 at the same show. Short Stirrup Hunter ponies must be registered for points to count.

Ponies are allowed to cross enter any class where eligible. Riders may only cross enter the Short Stirrup Equitation division at the same show, with the only exception being Short Stirrup riders who have accumulated sufficient points to earn a Blue Merit award in Short Stirrup Equitation. Short Stirrup riders who have earned a Blue Merit award in Short Stirrup Equitation may enter Short Stirrup Hunter and Novice Equitation 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. Suitability of a pony to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the pony, as well as the compatibility of the rider and pony. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence height is 18”.

*Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown in the ring over four to eight (4-8) fences at 18” in height. Simple changes not to be penalized. Simple courses are suggested. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

*Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

**Long Stirrup Hunter**

Open to ponies and horses. Open to riders who are eligible to compete in the Long Stirrup Equitation division at the same show. Long Stirrup Hunter mounts must be registered for points to count. Mounts are allowed to cross enter any class where eligible.

Riders may only cross enter the Long Stirrup Equitation division at the same show, with the only exception being Long Stirrup riders who have accumulated sufficient points to earn a Blue Merit award. Long Stirrup riders who have earned a Blue Merit award in Long Stirrup Equitation may

enter Long Stirrup Hunter and Novice Equitation at the same show. Riders may not show in Long Stirrup Equitation and Novice Equitation at the same show.

This division is not intended to be used for schooling green animals. Manners and suitability of the mount to the rider shall be emphasized. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence height is 18”.

#### *Long Stirrup Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown in the ring over four to eight (4-8) fences at 18” in height. Simple changes not to be penalized. Simple courses are suggested. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

#### *Long Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

### **Green Pony Hunter**

Open to ponies 14.2 hands and under, exhibited by a junior or senior. A green pony is a mount of any age that meets the criteria following. Ponies may only show in this division for two (2) years if they are otherwise eligible. A pony eligible for this division may exhibit in the under saddle class ONLY without breaking its green status. However, no under saddle points will count toward year-end awards unless the pony 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. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence height is 2’.

A “first-year” green pony has never been shown over fences of any height, with the exception of Mini Stirrup Equitation, Short Stirrup Equitation, Beginner Rider Equitation, and Special Hunter, in any show prior to 12/1 of the current competition year.

A “second year” green pony has only ever shown one (1) year and has never been shown over fences of the regulation pony hunter jump height or higher (equitation and merited divisions included) for its respective size prior to 12/1 of the current competition year.

A “first year” green pony that wishes 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.

#### *Green Pony Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at 2' in height in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

*Green Pony Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Green ponies do not gallop. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

**Low Pony Hunter**

Open to ponies 14.2 hands and under, exhibited by a junior. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence height is 2'.

*Low Pony Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at 2' in height in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going and performance.

*Low Pony Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop one at a time. To be judged on manners, soundness, and way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

**Small-Medium-Large Pony Hunter**

Open to ponies 14.2 hands and under, exhibited by a junior. Manners and suitability of pony shall be emphasized. Suitability of a pony to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the pony, as well as the compatibility of the rider and pony. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence heights are 2'3" (smalls), 2'6" (mediums), and 2'9" (larges).

*Small-Medium-Large Regular Pony Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at their respective height in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

*Small-Medium-Large Regular Pony Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop one at a time. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

**Hopeful Hunter**

Open to horses and ponies, exhibited by juniors and seniors. Seniors may ride ponies. Manners and suitability of mount shall be emphasized in all classes. To be judged on performance, manners, and soundness. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle

class. Simple changes are permitted and will not be penalized. Fence height is approximately 2' to 2'3".

#### *Hopeful Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences approximately at 2' to 2'3" in height in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

#### *Hopeful Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop one at a time. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

### **Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter**

Open to horses and ponies, exhibited by juniors and Amateurs. 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-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter division is not eligible to cross enter in any other division where the fence height exceeds 2'3" at the same show, except for age group Equitation and Medal classes. To be judged on performance, soundness, and way of going. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Simple changes are permitted and will not be penalized. Fence height is approximately 2' to 2'3".

#### *Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences approximately at 2' to 2'3" in height in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

#### *Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop one at a time. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

### **Low Hunter**

Open to horses over 14.2 hands, exhibited by juniors and seniors. Riders and mounts may cross enter into any other division where eligible. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes and extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence heights offered are 2'6" and 2'9" at the rider's discretion.

#### *Low Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at 2'6" or 2'9" in height, at the rider's discretion, in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

#### *Low Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

### **Baby Green Hunter**

Open to horses over 14.2 hands, exhibited by juniors and seniors. A baby green horse is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing over fences. Horses that have shown in the Special Hunter division will continue to be eligible to show in this division. A horse eligible for this division may go in the under saddle class ONLY without breaking its pre-baby green status for the year. However, no under saddle points will count toward year-end awards unless the horse also completes a course in an over fences class in the same division at the same show. Cross entering is eligible into any other division at the same show if the animal does not jump higher than 2'6". Baby green horses do not gallop. Simple courses are suggested, and horses may trot their courses without being penalized. Division will consist of at least two over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence heights offered are 2'3" or 2'6" at the rider's discretion.

#### *Baby Green Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at 2'3" or 2'6" in height, rider's discretion, in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

#### *Baby Green Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Baby green horses do not gallop. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

### **Thoroughbred Hunter**

Open to horses over 14.2 hands of the Thoroughbred breed ONLY, exhibited by juniors and seniors. Riders and mounts may cross enter any other division where eligible. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes and extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence heights offered are 2'3", 2'6" and 3', rider's discretion.

This is a Thoroughbred ONLY division. Thoroughbred-only divisions may be held at HHSA shows throughout the season. To be eligible for any of the HHSA year-end Thoroughbred awards, a horse must have proof of Jockey Club registration, state breed association membership, or a visible tattoo. The owner (or leaser) of the horse must be a registered member with HHSA and the horse must be recorded with HHSA, with proof of Thoroughbred eligibility on file with HHSA.

#### *Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at 2'6" or 3' in height, at the rider's discretion, in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

#### *Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle*



To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop one at a time. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

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

Open to horses over 14.2 hands, exhibited by juniors. Horses are allowed to cross enter any other class where eligible. The same horse and rider combination may not cross enter into classes where the fence height exceeds 2'9", except Equitation and Medal classes at the same show. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes and extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence height is 2'6". When there are less than 4 entries in the division, the division may be combined with Low Adult Amateur Hunter division. Points to be counted for the respective divisions for year-end points.

#### *Low Children's Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at 2'6" in height in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

#### *Low Children's Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop one at a time. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

### **Low Adult Amateur Hunter**

Open to horses and ponies, exhibited by Amateurs. Seniors competing in classes restricted to Amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF's rule GR1306. Horses and ponies are allowed to cross enter any other class where eligible. The same mount and rider combination may not cross enter into classes where the fence height exceeds 2'9", except Equitation and Medal classes at the same show. Any senior 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 shall be emphasized in all classes and extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence height is 2'6". When there are less than 4 entries in the division, the division may be combined with Low Children's Hunter division. Points to be counted for the respective divisions.

#### *Low Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at 2'6" in height in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

#### *Low Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop one at a time. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

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

Open to horses over 14.2 hands, exhibited by juniors. Horses are permitted to be shown in any other division where eligible at the same show, and not necessarily by a junior. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes and extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence height is 2'9" or 3', rider's discretion. When there are less than 4 entries in the division, the division may be combined with Adult Amateur Hunter division. Points to be counted for the respective divisions.

#### *Children's Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences 2'9" or 3' in height in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

#### *Children's Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop one at a time. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

#### **Adult Amateur Hunter**

Open to horses over 14.2 hands, exhibited by Amateurs. Seniors competing in classes restricted to Amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF's rule GR1306. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes and extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence height is 2'9" or 3', rider's discretion. When there are less than 4 entries in the division, the division may be combined with Children's Hunter division. Points to be counted for the respective divisions.

#### *Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at 2'9" in height in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

#### *Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop one at a time. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

**Green Horse Hunter** (*discontinued in 2017 until further notice*)

Open to horses over 14.2 hands, exhibited by juniors and seniors. A first-year green horse is a horse of any age that is showing at 2'9" fence height 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' fence height for the current year that has not previously jumped at that height or any higher heights in previous years. Any horse that shows as a second-year green horse will lose his green status the following year. Green horses are not to gallop. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence heights are first year at 2'9" and second year at 3'.

*Green Horse Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at 2'9" or 3', per horse's respective year, in height in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

*Green Horse Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Green hunter horses do not gallop. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

**Open Hunter**

Open to horses over 14.2 hands, exhibited by juniors and seniors. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes and extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a mount to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the mount, as well as the compatibility of the rider and mount. Judges may penalize, but not necessarily eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Division will consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and an under saddle class. Fence heights offered are 2'9" and 3', rider's discretion.

*Open Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences at 2'9" or 3' in height, at the rider's discretion, in the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance.

*Open Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Eight (8) or more entries, if available, may be asked to hand gallop one at a time. To be judged on manners, soundness, way of going, and performance. Martingales are prohibited.

#### IV. Merit Equitation Special Medal Classes

All animals, to compete in any of the HHSA Medal Finals, must be registered with HHSA in the current competition year and have shown in at least one (1) HHSA pointed division prior to the year-end medal finals in the same competition year.

Horses and ponies may only exhibit with one rider at the equitation medal finals. Additionally, each rider will only be eligible to ride in one division at the medal final.

### **Short Stirrup Equitation Medal**

- A. Junior members ages 10 and under as of 12/1 of the previous year are eligible for the Short Stirrup Equitation Medal Final.
- B. To be eligible for the Short Stirrup Equitation Medal Final, a rider must have received at least twenty (20) points (red merit) in the Short Stirrup Equitation Division prior to the Benefit Show.
- C. A rider may accumulate points in both the Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Equitation divisions during the competition year but must select only one medal final class in which to participate.
- D. A rider may only ride in one medal final per year, i.e. a rider may not ride in the Harford Hunt Seat Medal Final and the Short Stirrup or Long Stirrup Equitation Medal Finals in the same year.
- E. Exhibitors must be paid members of HHSA prior to entering the ring.
- F. To be shown over a course of a minimum of six (6) fences. Fences are not to exceed 18" in height.  
Simple changes not to be penalized.
- G. Judge is to select eight (8), if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring.  
This is mandatory at the year-end finals.
- H. Judged on hands, seat, guidance, and control of mount throughout.
- I. The same mount must be used in all phases.
- J. Martingales are permitted in the over fences phase but prohibited in the under saddle phase.

### **Long Stirrup Equitation Medal**

- A. Members ages 11 and older as of 12/1 of the previous year, or riders ages 9 or 10 as of 12/1 of the previous year that ride a mount exceeding 14.2 hands, are eligible for the Long Stirrup Equitation Medal Final.
- B. To be eligible for the Long Stirrup Equitation Medal Final, a rider must have received at least thirty (30) points (red merit) in the Long Stirrup Equitation Division prior to the Benefit Show.
- C. A rider may accumulate points in both the Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Equitation divisions during the competition year but must select only one medal final class in which to participate.
- D. A rider 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 Stirrup or Long Stirrup Medal Finals in the same year.
- E. Exhibitors must be paid members of HHSA prior to entering the ring.
- F. To be shown over a course of a minimum of six (6) fences. Fences are not to exceed 18" in height. Simple changes not to be penalized.
- G. Judge to select eight (8), if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring.  
This is mandatory at the year-end finals.

- H. Judged on hands, seat, guidance, and control of mount throughout.
- I. The same mount must be used in all phases.
- J. Martingales are permitted in the over fences phase but prohibited in the under saddle phase.

## V. Equitation Special Medal Classes

To be eligible to participate in the year-end equitation medal finals, a rider must accumulate twelve (12) points in a special medals class during the current competition year. Qualifying medal classes held during the year shall be scored on a cumulative basis.

All animals, to compete in any of the HHSA Medal Finals, must be registered with HHSA in the current competition year.

Horses and ponies may only exhibit with one rider at the equitation medal finals. Additionally, each rider is only eligible to ride in one division at the medal final.

### **Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Equitation Medal**

- A. Open to juniors and senior amateurs, who are paid members of the HHSA prior to entering the ring and have accumulated the required amount of points (12 points) in the special medal classes during the competition year.
- B. This is a special equitation medal class which is to be run at the beginning of the Pre-children's/Preadult division.
- C. Juniors and seniors may ride a pony or horse.
- D. Rider does not need to ride the mount they qualified on. However, all animals, in order to compete in any of the HHSA Medal Finals, must be registered with HHSA in the same competition year.
- E. When a rider has accumulated the required amount of points to be eligible to compete in the year-end finals, he/she may not enter the special medal classes at shows during the competition year again. Exceptions can be made for a qualified rider to compete when needed to fill the class at the discretion of the show management. The steward will be notified immediately.
- F. To be shown over a course of eight (8) fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights offered are 2' or 2'3", at the rider's discretion.
- G. Judge to select eight (8) riders, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring.
- H. Judged on hands, seat, and control of mount throughout.
- I. The same mount and tack must be used in all phases (i.e. saddle, bridle, bit, spurs, crop, etc).
- J. Martingales are permitted in the over fences phase but prohibited in the under saddle phase.
- K. At judge's discretion, a minimum of four (4) riders to be tested, selecting from tests A – H only.

**USET Equitation Medal** (*discontinued in 2023 season until further notice*)

- A. Open to senior Amateurs, who are paid members of the HHSA prior to entering the ring and have accumulated the required amount of points (12 points) in the special medal classes during the competition year.
- B. This is a special equitation medal class.
- C. Senior Amateurs may ride a pony or horse.
- D. Rider does not need to ride the mount they qualified on. However, all animals, to compete in any of the HHSA Medal Finals, must be registered with HHSA in the same competition year.
- E. When a rider has accumulated the required amount of points to be eligible to compete in the yearend finals, he/she may not enter the special medal classes at shows during the competition year again. Exceptions can be made for a qualified rider to compete when needed to fill the class at the discretion of the show management. The steward will be notified immediately.
- F. To be shown over a course of eight (8) fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights offered are 2'3", 2'6", and 3', at the rider's discretion.
- G. Judge to select eight (8) riders, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This phase is by judge's discretion for special medal classes at shows throughout the season, but mandatory at the year-end finals.
- H. Judged on hands, seat, and control of mount throughout.
- I. The same mount and tack must be used in all phases (i.e. saddle, bridle, bit, spurs, crop, etc).
- J. Martingales are permitted in the over fences phase but prohibited in the under saddle phase.

**Open Adult Equitation Medal**

- A. Open to all seniors, who are paid members of HHSA and have accumulated the required amount of points (12 points) in the special medal classes during the competition year.
- B. This is a special equitation medal class.
- C. Seniors may ride a pony or horse.
- D. Riders do not need to ride the mount they qualified on. However, all animals, to compete in any of the HHSA Medal Finals, must be registered with HHSA by 6/1 of the current competition year and have shown in at least one (1) HHSA pointed division prior to the year-end medal finals in the same competition year.
- E. When a rider has accumulated the required amount of points to be eligible to compete in the year-end finals, he/she may not enter the special medal classes at shows during the competition year again. Exceptions can be made for a qualified rider to compete when needed to fill the class at the discretion of the show management. The steward will be notified immediately.
- F. To be shown over a course of eight (8) fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights offered are 2'3", 2'6" or 3' at rider's discretion.
- G. Judge to select eight (8) riders, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This phase is by judge's discretion for special medal classes at shows throughout the season, but mandatory at the year-end finals.
- H. Judged on hands, seat, and control of mount throughout.

- I. The same mount and tack must be used in all phases (i.e. saddle, bridle, bit, spurs, crop, etc.).
- J. Martingales are permitted in the over fences phase but prohibited in the under saddle phase.
- K. If entries warrant, this class can be combined with the USET Equitation special medal class, except at the year-end medal finals.

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

- A. Two distinct classes are to be offered at the year-end finals:
  - 1. Harford Hunt Seat Child on a Pony (mounts 14.2 hands or under)
  - 2. Harford Hunt Seat Child on a Horse (mounts over 14.2 hands)
- B. The Harford Hunt Seat Equitation Medal Finals will be divided into a Harford Hunt Seat Child on a Pony Medal Final and Harford Hunt Seat Child on a Horse Medal Final. Throughout the show season, the Harford Hunt Seat Equitation Medal class may or may not be divided; only the Finals must be divided into horse and pony.
- C. Open to juniors who are paid members of the HHSA prior to entering the ring and have accumulated the required amount of points (12 points) in the special medal classes during the competition year.
- D. These are special equitation medal classes.
- E. Riders may show in Child on a Pony and Child on a Horse special medal classes during the regular competition season.
- F. When a rider has accumulated the required amount of points to be eligible to compete in the year-end finals, he/she may not enter the special medal classes at shows during the competition year again. Exceptions can be made for a qualified rider to compete when needed to fill the class at the discretion of the show management. The steward will be notified immediately.
- G. Rider does not need to ride the mount they qualify on. However, all animals, to compete in any of the HHSA Medal Finals, must be registered with HHSA in the same competition year.
- H. To be shown over a course of eight (8) fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights to be offered are 2', 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", and 3' (per show management), at the rider's discretion.
- I. Judge to select eight (8), if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. This phase is by judge's discretion for special medal classes at shows throughout the season, but mandatory at the year-end finals.
- J. Judged on hands, seat, guidance, and control of mount throughout.
- K. The same mount and tack must be used in all phases (i.e. saddle, bridle, bit, spurs, crop, etc.).
- L. Martingales are permitted in the over fences phase but prohibited in the under saddle phase.

### **Equitation Medal Final Tests**

A minimum of four (4) of the following tests will be required during the year-end finals. Any may be required in a special medal class during the competition year, per judge's discretion. Judge to test a minimum of four (4) riders during medal finals, more if judge desires.

- A. Rein back

- B. Hand gallop and halt
- C. Figure-eight at a trot with change of diagonal
- D. Figure-eight at a canter with simple change of lead
- E. Work collectively at a walk, trot, and canter
- F. Pull up and halt between fences
- G. Ride without stirrups or drop stirrups and pick up stirrups
- H. Jump low fences at a walk, trot, or canter
- I. Jump fences on a figure-eight course
- J. Dismount and mount
- K. Turn on the forehand
- L. Figure-eight at a canter, demonstrating a flying change of lead
- M. Serpentine at a trot and/or canter with simple or flying changes of lead
- N. Change leads down center of ring with simple or flying changes of lead
- O. Canter on counter lead
- P. Turn on the haunches
- Q. Change of mounts (*\*Test option for year-end finals ONLY*)