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January Question: Translate the following fence heights into metric units: (a) 3'1", (b) 3'7", (c) 3'11", (d) 4'3".

Answer: (a) .95 m, (b) 1.10 m, (c) 1.20 m, (d) 1.30m.

Reference: *USEF 2010 Rule Book*, Jumper Division subchapter JP-4, Subject—Fence Heights and Spreads (pg. JP13)

February Question: (True/false) If the horse and its legal owner (or lessee) are members of OHJA at the time the horse is shown to accumulate points for an OHJA system, the rider does not have to be a current member of OHJA.

Answer: False! The horse, legal owner (or lessee) and rider *must all be current OHJA members* at the time the horse is shown to accumulate points. Members submitting registration at the horse show are deemed to have registered effective the first day of classes at the show.

Reference: 2009 OHJA Rules, Rule IV, Section C-Point Accumulation (pgs. 14-16)

March Question: If a member accumulates points at a horse show outside Oregon and its contiguous counties, what is the exhibitor's responsibility for assuring that the points count toward OHJA's year end awards?

Answer: The member must provide to the Points and Membership Chairperson their points accumulated at the show and also a letter stating that their official points are being forwarded from the horse show management. The Points and Membership Chairperson will notify the exhibitor upon receipt of the official points from the horse show management.

Reference: 2009 OHJA Rules, Rule IV, Section C (4), Recording and Reporting of Points Accumulated (pg. 17)

April Question: According to the USEF Rule Book, horses and/or ponies competing at licensed competitions may be subject to tests or procedures necessary to determine compliance with the Equine Drugs and Medications Program. Under the program requirements, which of the following is required of the owner/owner's representative as "cooperation" during the testing process:

- a. To immediately take the horse and/or pony and the veterinarian/agent to the location selected by said veterinarian/agent for testing and to present the horse/pony for testing;
- b. To assist the veterinarian and/or his agent in promptly procuring the sample, including but not limited to removing equipment from the horse and/or pony, leaving it quietly in the stall and avoiding any distractions to the animal;
- c. To exhibit polite actions and attitude toward the veterinarian and/or his agent(s);
- d. To cool out and/or bandage the horse before testing.

Answer: Answers "a", "b" and "c" are required for cooperation in the testing process. Cooling out and bandaging the horse before testing (answer "d") are construed as "noncooperation."

Reference: *USEF 2010 Rule Book*, General Rules: Chapter 4--GR 403, Subject-Drugs and Medications: Cooperation (pg. GR46)

May Question: Which of the rider's hands (inside or outside):

- (a) Regulates speed and pace?
- (b) Allows and controls the bend?
- (c) Asks for direction?

Answer: (a) Outside, (b) Outside, (c) Inside.

Reference: *The Pony Club Quiz Book No. 1*, page 13, question 158

June Question: What is a shoulder-in?

Answer: A shoulder-in is a diagonal movement in which the rider bends the horse around his inside leg by bringing the horse's shoulders inside the track, positioning them with the inside reins and holding them there by controlling the outside shoulder with the outside rein. The outside leg is used to prevent the horse's haunches from swinging out so that the horse is held on three tracks. (with its inside hind leg stepping in the same track as its outside front leg) The horse is curved and looking away from the direction in which it is moving. The shoulder-in is used to help make the horse more supple, obedient and responsive to the rider's aids and to increase its engagement and collection.

Reference: *Reflections on Riding and Jumping*, by William Steinkraus, 1997, p. 72-73

July Question: True/False: Once a rider has qualified for the Maclay regional final, the rider may continue to ride in Maclay classes until he/she has acquired 60 points. Any rider who willfully continues to compete in the Maclay classes after acquiring 60 points may be ineligible for the regional final.

Answer: True

Reference: *USEF 2010 Rule Book*, Subchapter EQ-2 Hunter Seat Equitation Section, EQ112 (pg. EQ12)

August Question: According to USEF rules, can draw reins be used in jumper classes?

Answer: Draw reins may be used when schooling or in classes with less than \$1000 in prize money.

Reference: *2010 USEF Rule Book*, Jumper Division JP111: Tack and Attire - Draw Reins (pg. JP7)