

## BYLAWS OF THE OREGON HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Oregon Hunter Jumper Association," hereinafter referred to as "The Association," "The Corporation," or "OHJA."

### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose and objective of this organization shall be: (a) to promote the interests of owners and exhibitors of Hunters, Jumpers and Hunt Seat Equitation; (b) to organize the exhibition of horses of the Hunters, Jumpers, and Hunt Seat Equitation classes; (c) to cooperate with exhibitors and officials of exhibitions and fairs sponsoring or featuring public interest in the support of exhibitions and fairs; (d) to publicize and advertise such exhibitions and fairs in the Northwest; and (e) to encourage and assist owners, exhibitors, and breeders of horses to maintain, develop and improve the qualities and strains of horses of the Hunter, Jumper and Hunt Seat Equitation classes.

This Association shall follow the current rules and regulations of the US Equestrian Federation ("USEF") unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, and/or accompanying Rules.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND HORSE REGISTRATION

A. There shall be eight (8) classes of membership as follows:

1. Senior Amateur Member: Any person eighteen (18) years of age and over, acceptable to the Board, may become a Senior Amateur member upon filing an application for membership. A Senior Amateur member is entitled to one (1) vote. The fee for a Senior Amateur membership shall be as follows: (a) in the Open System, \$55.00; (b) in the Regional System, \$45.00; and (c) in the Local System, \$25.00.

2. Senior Professional Member: Any person eighteen (18) years of age and over, acceptable to the Board, may become a Senior Professional member upon filing an application for membership. A Senior Professional member is entitled to one (1) vote. A Senior Professional member may accumulate points *as a rider* on clients' horses in both the Open and Regional Systems upon payment of their membership fee. A Senior Professional member may accumulate points *as an owner* upon designating his/her horse in either the Open, Regional, or Local System upon payment of the applicable horse registration fee. The fee for a Senior Professional membership is \$55.00.

3. Junior Member: Any person under eighteen (18) years of age, acceptable to the Board, may become a junior member upon filing an application for membership. A Junior member is entitled to one (1) vote. The fee for a Junior Membership shall be as follows: (a) in the Open System, \$45.00; (b) in the Regional System, \$35.00; and (c) in the Local System, \$25.00.

4. Family Membership: Parents and children under eighteen (18) years of age living at home, acceptable to the Board, may become family members upon filing an application for membership. Each family member is entitled to one (1) vote. Each family member must designate whether he/she will accumulate points in the Open, Regional, or Local system. The Family membership is open to parents who are amateurs or professionals. As of March 31, 2015, the fee for a Family membership shall be as follows: (a) if at least one family member designates the Open System, \$85.00; (b) if no family member designates the Open System and at least one family member designates the Regional System, \$65.00; and (c) if all family members designate the Local System, \$45.00.

5. Affiliate Membership: An Affiliate member is entitled to ride in the OHJA medal classes only. No Affiliate member is eligible for any other year-end awards, nor does an Affiliate member have a vote. The fee for an Affiliate membership is \$20.00. An Affiliate member may reside in any state.

6. Business Membership: A Business Member is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or individual using an assumed business name. No Business Member is eligible for any year-end awards nor does a Business Member have a vote. A Business Member is entitled to the following benefits: (1) receiving a complementary subscription to *Flying Changes*, (2) receiving a complementary listing and/or website links on the OHJA website's service directory, (3) obtaining an electronic version of the OHJA membership list once annually (restrictions/fees may apply), (4) OHJA broadcasting one email advertisement, notice, or other similar material to the full OHJA membership per quarter, and (5) any additional benefits the Board may deem appropriate. The fee for a Business Membership is \$125.00.

7. Show Managers: All managers of OHJA Outreach shows must be current Senior Amateur members, Senior Professional members, part of a Family Membership, Business, or Lifetime members.

8. Lifetime Member: Any person acceptable to the Board may become a Lifetime member upon filing an application for membership. A Lifetime member is entitled to one (1) vote. The fee for a Lifetime membership shall be \$500.00, regardless of system.

B. Horse Registration: Horses may be registered under a business name providing one of the owners or principals is a member in good standing. Horses registered under individual or family memberships must be owned or leased by the individual or family. Information needed to register horses includes name and address of owner or lessee (business/farm registration name, if applicable), name of horse, and copy of lease agreement, if applicable. In the Open and Regional Systems, the fee to (1) register a horse is \$20.00, (2) transfer the horse's registration to a new owner or lessee is \$20.00, and (3) change a horse's registration name is \$20.00; if a horse's (a) registered owner or lessee and (b) registered name are recorded at the same time, then the total fee is \$20.00. In the Local System, the fee to (1) register a horse is \$5.00, (2) transfer the horse's registration to a new owner or lessee is \$5.00, and (3) change a horse's registration name is \$5.00; if a horse's (a) registered owner or lessee and (b) registered name are recorded at the same time, then the total fee is \$5.00.

For a horse that has been transferred to a new owner or lessee after the start of the membership year, the owner or lessee of record with the OHJA as of the close of that membership year shall receive any applicable year-end division award if no transfer reflecting the new owner or lessee has been recorded with OHJA prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>.

A horse, regardless of rider, can only accumulate points in one system; no horse can accumulate points in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems.

C. Membership Required to Accumulate Points: All owners/lessees and riders must be current members of the OHJA in order to accumulate points toward a year-end division championship.

D. Open System, Regional System, vs. Local System: There are three (3) systems, Open, Regional, and Local, in which members may compete and accumulate points for year-end division championships. All members, other than Senior Professional members showing their own horses, must declare on their membership form in which system they wish to compete and accumulate points.

Generally, members competing within the Open System compete primarily at USEF and Equine Canada rated shows, both within Oregon and its contiguous counties and out-of-state, including but not limited to shows in Washington, California, Arizona, and British Columbia.

Generally, members competing within the Regional System compete primarily at USEF rated shows, as well as a limited number of non-USEF rated shows eligible for OHJA point accumulation, within Oregon and its contiguous counties.

Generally, members competing within the Local System compete primarily at non-USEF rated shows eligible for OHJA point accumulation, but may also compete at USEF “Regional I Hunter,” “Regional II Hunter,” and “Jumper Rating 1” rated shows and a limited number of USEF “National Hunter,” “Premier Hunter, and Jumper Rating 2” or higher rated shows within Oregon and its contiguous counties.

A horse and/or rider may change from one system to another during a show year; *however*, unless otherwise provided herein, all points accumulated in the prior system will be lost. A move from one system to another may only occur once per show year. The year-end division championships will be determined pursuant to current OHJA rules.

E. Membership Year: The membership year begins December 1<sup>st</sup> and ends November 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS**

A. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members of this organization shall be on a day selected by the Board of Directors during January of each year, and if the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter. The Board of Directors of the Association shall be elected prior to the annual meeting and hold such office for a term of three (3) years or until their successors are elected or appointed by the Board.

B. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Association may be held at any time upon call of the President. Notice of the time, place, and objective of any special meeting shall be given to all Board members and members in good standing, in writing, by United States Mail or via e-mail not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for holding such meeting. The place of such meeting shall be fixed by the Board.

C. Board Meetings: Board meetings may be called by the President at any time. Two-thirds of the board members shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall meet at least six (6) times annually as the Board determines is appropriate; however, the Board shall meet monthly during the first and fourth quarters of the calendar year. The Board shall remain in regular contact via email, conference call, or other means as appropriate to conduct OHJA business throughout the calendar year.

D. Membership Meetings: There may be at least one membership meeting each quarter to give members a chance to voice their opinions on the policies of the Association.

E. Quorum: A quorum of members at any general meeting shall consist of not less than ten (10) members in addition to the majority of the Board of Directors present. Voting may be done by proxy. Each proxy must have a written statement of the exact nature of the issue at the top of each page of signatures and be made available for inspection at the time of the meeting, if requested. Individual members may sign-over their voting privileges to another member.

F. All meetings of the Association and its Board of Directors shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

## **ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. Directors: The officers of the Association, a Hunter Representative, a Jumper Representative, an Equitation Representative, and two (2) or four (4) members-at-large, acting together, shall constitute the Board of Directors, who shall be current members, elected by the general membership by ballot prior to the annual meeting and to hold office for the term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected or appointed. The Board shall have general supervision and control of all the business and activities of the Association, in accordance with the general policies of the Association. All actions of the Board shall be reported to the entire membership within thirty (30) days or at the next general meeting. There shall be up to three (3) Young Rider representatives on the Board, who do not vote on Board matters. A Young Rider is twenty-one (21) years of age or younger. Once elected and at the discretion of the Young Rider members and the Board, one or both Young Rider representatives may elect to serve either a one (1) or two (2) year term.

B. Any vacancy in the Board of the Association must be filled by appointment by the Board within thirty (30) days. Consideration should be given to the first runner-up in the previous Board election.

C. Any board member missing three (3) meetings, or more than one (1) meeting per quarter either physically, or via conference call, will be reviewed by the board for poor attendance. At

that time, they may be removed from the board and a successor will be appointed by the board to fulfill the term.

## **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS**

Officers of this Association shall be (a) President, (b) Vice-President, (c) Secretary, and (d) Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

A. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and of the Board of Directors, and shall act as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President shall vote only in the case of a tie. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to the office. The President must be a member in good standing of the USEF.

B. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of or at the request of the President at general or special meetings. The Vice-President shall serve as Chairman of the Rules Committee. The Vice-President must be a member in good standing of the USEF.

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a true record of all the meetings of the members and Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify the members and the Board of Directors of all meetings pertaining to them. The Secretary shall have the custody of the records of the Association. The Secretary shall have a current list of all OHJA members from the Points & Membership Chairperson. The Secretary is responsible for notifying horse show management of horse show date confirmation and mailing any pertinent information requested.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Association and shall place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer or President and for the payment of only such bills as shall have been previously approved by the Board. The Secretary shall deliver to the Treasurer a list of all members and all dues and fees collected. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his/her transactions and render a detailed report, with vouchers, at any meeting of the Board, when requested, and an annual report to the members of the Association at its annual meeting.

E. Points & Membership Chairperson: The Board shall appoint a Points & Membership Chairperson; however, the Points & Membership Chairperson is not an officer of the OHJA or a member of the OHJA Board. All membership applications, horse registrations, and horse name changes shall be filed with the Points & Membership Chairperson. The Points & Membership Chairperson is responsible for collecting all fees and dues and remitting the same to the Treasurer, as well as keeping a current list of point standings. The Points & Membership Chairperson shall not advise any member as to which system, Open, Regional, or Local, he/she should join in order to compete and accumulate points, and shall advise any member with such an inquiry to consult with his/her trainer.

## **ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS**

A. There will be a nine (9) or eleven (11) senior member and up to three (3) junior member Board of Directors. These members will be elected by the membership. Every year, up to four (4) Board members and up to three (3) junior members will be elected.

B. The board will appoint the Nominating Committee for the new board members. It will consist of three (3) members, one (1) of whom must be an outgoing board member and two (2) members from the ranks of the general membership. Nominees must be presented to the general membership via electronic and/or online ballot. At least thirty (30) days prior to the deadline for submitting completed ballots, said nominees must be presented to the members via (a) email to each member's last recorded email address, and/or (b) the official OHJA website. Members wishing to be on the ballot must submit their names and a biography to the Secretary for inclusion. Votes for board members may be cast via mail or electronically, as the Board deems appropriate.

C. The Board will elect its officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers must be selected from current Board members. The President may not be selected from Board members serving their first year. The Board may appoint committees as necessary.

## **ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Rules Committee: The Board of Directors will select a committee of three (3) or more members to serve as a Rules Committee. Committee members must be current members of USEF. The Rules Committee may review the bylaws and the rules of the Association and recommend any changes to the Board prior to presentation to the members. Substantive rule changes will be voted on by the membership and results will be presented at the first general meeting of the new year held in January.

B. Show Oversight Committee: The Board of Directors will constitute the Show Oversight Committee. The Board will (a) suggest any changes to show management, (b) oversee show management's compliance with the host competition agreement, (c) provide show management with those forms and materials (member labels, OHJA medals and ribbons) as required by the host competition agreement.

C. Year-End Finals Committee: To be approved by the Board of Directors whose duty it shall be to organize a OHJA Year-End Finals show or, if such a show is deemed inadvisable, shall select and coordinate with an existing show to conduct the OHJA Medal Finals and such other classes as may be appropriate.

D. Awards Banquet Committee: The Board of Directors will select a committee whose duty it shall be to organize the annual OHJA Awards Banquet.

E. Scholarship Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee's duties shall include: (a) reviewing applications from potential

OHJA scholarship recipients; (b) in conjunction with the Board, voting on applicants to determine finalists for consideration; (c) conducting interviews with finalists; and (d) in conjunction with the Board, selecting up to three (3) applicants to receive the OHJA scholarships. All finalists will be interviewed when the finalists can reasonably be expected to attend (i.e., summer, school vacations, etc.).

F. Education Committee: The Board of Directors will select an Education Committee, whose duties shall include organizing and providing educational opportunities to members, including by leveraging other events and OHJA's relationships with other equestrian groups.

G. Information & Technology Committee: The Board of Directors will select an Information and Technology Committee, whose duties shall include developing and implementing strategies to enhance social media and technology to benefit and serve OHJA's mission and membership.

H. Membership Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Membership Committee, whose duties shall include encouraging membership in the OHJA, increasing membership participation in OHJA's operation and governance, and developing membership benefits.

I. Nominating Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Nominating Committee, whose duties shall include soliciting sufficient nominees to fill all vacant and new positions on the Board of Directors.

J. Fundraising & Development Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Fundraising and Development Committee, whose duties shall include conducting revenue and fundraising activities to meet the needs and promote the mission of the OHJA.

K. Communication Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Communications Committee, whose duties shall include integrating and enhancing communication between and among the Board and OHJA members to increase membership engagement.

L. JEF Advisory Committee: The Board of Directors will select a JEF Advisory Committee, whose duties shall include establishing guidelines for, organizing, and promoting JEF fundraising and other activities.

M. Policy & Procedures Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Policy and Procedures Committee, whose duties shall include developing and maintaining OHJA's Policy and Procedures Manual.

N. Special Committees: The Board of Directors may select a committee for any purpose or function as requested by three (3) or more members.

O. Reporting to the Board: All committees must report quarterly to the Board.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS**

A. The OHJA bylaws and/or rules may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part, by a fifty-one percent (51%) affirmative vote of the members present or represented by proxy at the meeting designated for such purpose, or responding to an electronic, and/or online ballot. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the date set to act on any proposed changes, said proposed must be presented to the members via (a) email to each members last recorded email address, and/or (b) the official OHJA website. The process must have a written statement of the exact nature of the issue at the top of each page of signatures and be made available for inspection at the time of the meeting, if requested. Individual members may sign-over their voting privileges to another member.

B. The Board may amend the nomenclature and classification of the Bylaws and rules to align with USEF and/or USHJA. No amendment shall change the purpose, intent or design of the applicable bylaw or rule. *(e.g. the change voted on at the 2016 annual meeting which changed the age classifications to align with USEF/USHJA would be allowed to be changed by a board vote. However, the change approved at the July of 2016 to allow double points at the year-end final show would NOT be amended without a vote of the members)*

#### **ARTICLE XI - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

The provision for distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation is: all assets to be distributed and paid-over to the United States Equestrian Team.

#### **ARTICLE XII – PROTESTS**

Protests must be made to the OHJA Board of Directors and accompanied by a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) fee. All protests will be reviewed according to the review process as stated in Rule VI of the USEF manual.

#### **ARTICLE XIII - GENERAL STANDARDS FOR DIRECTOR CONDUCT**

Directors shall discharge their duties, including duties as a member of any committee: (1) in good faith; (2) with the care an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and (3) in a manner the Director reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the Corporation. In discharging the duties of a Director, a Director is entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by: (1) one or more officers or employees of the Corporation whom the Director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (2) legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters the Director reasonable believes are within the person's professional or expert competence; and (3) a committee of which the Director is not a member as to matters within its jurisdiction, if the Director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence. A Director is not acting in good faith if the Director has knowledge concerning the matter in question that makes reliance otherwise permitted unwarranted. A Director is not liable to the Corporation, any member, or any other person for any action taken or not taken as a Director, if the Director acted in compliance with this section. In addition, even if so liable, the Director's liability for monetary damages shall be limited as stated in the Articles of Incorporation. A Director shall not be deemed to be a trustee with respect



to the Corporation or with respect to any property held or administered by the Corporation, including without limit, property that may be subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or transferor of such property.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - OFFICER LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH LITIGATION**

An officer of the Corporation who serves the Corporation without compensation for personal services as an officer shall be considered a "qualified director" within the meaning of that term as used in these Bylaws. An uncompensated officer of the Corporation shall be entitled to indemnification and advancement of litigation-related expenses to the same extent as a qualified Director. As officer of the Corporation who receives compensation for personal services to the Corporation shall receive such indemnity, limitation of liability, and advancement for suit related expenses as shall be consistent with the laws of the State of Oregon, these Bylaws, and the extent the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, determines such limitation on liability, indemnification, advancement of expenses, or any combination thereof, to be reasonable.

#### **ARTICLE XV - AUTHORITY TO INDEMNIFY DIRECTORS; ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR DIRECTORS**

If any Director of the Corporation is made a party to a proceeding because that individual is or was a director, the Corporation shall indemnify that individual against liability or damages to the full extent provided by ORS 65.391, 65.394, and 65.404, as amended. It shall be proper for the Corporation to pay for or reimburse reasonable expenses incurred by a Director who is a party to a proceeding, in advance of final disposition in that proceeding, if the Board so authorizes and the Director complies with the provisions of ORS 65.398, as amended.

#### **ARTICLE XVI - LIABILITY OF QUALIFIED DIRECTORS**

Civil liability of a qualified Director of the Corporation for the negligent performance of duties shall be limited to acts of gross negligence, intentional acts, or both, and shall also be limited by any limitation on monetary damages set forth in the Articles of Incorporation. The term "qualified Director," as used in these Bylaws, means a person who serves as a Director without compensation for personal services as director. An otherwise qualified Director shall not be considered to be compensated if the Director receives payments only for actual expenses incurred in attending meetings or performing Director's duties or receives a stipend which is paid only to compensate the Director for average expenses incurred over the course of a year.

#### **ARTICLE XVII - INDEMNIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS**

In its sole discretion, by general or specific action, the Board of Directors may indemnify and advance expenses to any employee or agent of the Corporation to the extent allowed by applicable law.

***END OF BYLAWS***

# OREGON HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION RULES

## **RULE I – DEFINITIONS**

### **Section A - Horse Show Year**

The horse show year shall begin December 1 and end November 30.

### **Section B - Medal Classes**

The term "Medal Class," as used in these rules, denotes an equitation class in which the rider competes in order to qualify for a "Medal Final" at the end of the year. To qualify, a rider must accumulate a minimum of ten (10) points as set forth in Rule V, Section C.3.

## **RULE II – BENEFIT PROGRAMS**

### **A. Scholarship Program**

The OHJA may award scholarships to three (3) applicants yearly. Applications must be made to the OHJA Secretary and be postmarked at least ten (10) days prior to the interview date as published in "Flying Changes" or similar official publication. The amount of the scholarship will be based on the funds available. Scholarships are to be used for continuing education. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and they, along with the OHJA Board, will vote on applicants to determine finalists for consideration. All finalists will be interviewed. The OHJA Board and the Scholarship Committee will determine recipients of the award. Monies will be paid directly to the school of the recipient's choice. A recipient may only receive one (1) scholarship. There will be a limit of two (2) years in which to collect scholarship monies.

### **B. Junior Equestrian Fund (JEF)**

JEF was established to give money to young riders, twenty-one (21) years of age and under, who compete at Medal Finals or in other Finals classes, including the Young Rider and USET. Riders will participate in fundraising activities to add money to this fund. For consideration of monies to be awarded, the applying young rider must have actively participated in the fundraising activities that current year and must make a formal application to the OHJA Board.

### **C. Local System Medal Finals Program**

The Local System Medal Finals Program was established to provide financial assistance to Local System members, both juniors and amateurs, who compete in the OHJA Medal Finals. Riders will participate in fundraising activities to add money to this fund. For consideration of monies to be awarded, the applying rider must have actively participated in the fundraising activities that current year and must make a formal application to the OHJA Board.”

## **RULE III - GENERAL RULES FOR SHOWS**

### **Section A – Show Eligibility for OHJA Point Accumulation**

#### 1. USEF- or Equine Canada-Rated Shows:

Any and all horse shows that are USEF or Equine Canada rated are approved for OHJA point accumulation as “Rated Shows.”<sup>1</sup>

*Application and Fees:* No application for Rated Show approval by OHJA is required. In lieu of payment a points tracking fee as provided herein, all Rated Shows approved for OHJA point accumulation must pay OHJA one-half (1/2) of all entry fees received from the OHJA medal classes. OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA medal classes.

Before permitting any rider to compete in an OHJA Medal class, show management must confirm the rider’s membership status by (1) checking the current membership list, (2) requiring the rider to provide his/her current membership card, or (3) requiring the rider to provide proof of payment of the applicable OHJA membership fee.

#### 2. Outreach Shows:<sup>2</sup>

Any and all non-USEF rated shows in Oregon or its contiguous counties that are approved by the USHJA Outreach program are eligible for OHJA point accumulation as “Outreach Shows.”<sup>3</sup> OHJA holds and provides no regulatory function regarding the Outreach Shows, nor does OHJA sanction or license such shows. Therefore, OHJA will not hear grievances or become involved in the regulatory process of Outreach Shows. Compliance with OHJA host competition requirements and the USHJA Outreach program requirements is the responsibility of show management.

*Application and Fees:* For OHJA to track points and for OHJA members to accumulate points at an Outreach Show, show management must submit the following at least thirty (30) days in advance of the applicable show date: (1) an application; (2) a host competition agreement between OHJA and show management; and (3) payment of a point tracking fee (“Points Fee”). The Points Fee shall be \$25.00 per day per Outreach Show, which is subject to doubling if the application, agreement, and Points Fee are untimely. An additional \$25.00 per day per Outreach Show shall be due within two (2) weeks of conclusion of the show if the show results are not submitted in the manner provided herein. The Points Fee does not cover medals and ribbons for OHJA Medal classes.

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<sup>1</sup> This definition of a “Rated Show” applies throughout the OHJA Rule Book.

<sup>2</sup> Outreach Show managers may submit to the OHJA Board a written request to defer implementation of the 2017 rule changes specifically applicable to Outreach (formerly Non-Rated) shows at their show(s) until June 1, 2017. Any such request must explain show management’s reason for requesting such deferral. It is within the sole discretion of the OHJA Board to accept or deny such request.

<sup>3</sup> This definition of an “Outreach Show” applies throughout the OHJA Rule Book.

If the Outreach Show elects to offer OHJA Medal classes, the show must also pay OHJA \$50.00 or twenty-five percent (25%) of all entry fees received from the OHJA Medal classes, whichever is greater (“Medal Fee”). OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA Medal classes. Payment of the Medal Fee is due within two (2) weeks of conclusion of the show.

*Class Eligibility for OHJA Points:* Horses and riders can accumulate points for OHJA Regional or Local System year-end division championships and Certificate of Merit awards only in classes named and conducted according to OHJA specifications. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USHJA Outreach hunter and equitation classes (1) offered over fences 2’ in height are eligible for OHJA year-end championship points in the Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup hunter and equitation divisions, and (2) offered over fences 2’6” in height are eligible for OHJA year-end championship points in the Pre-Children’s/Pre-Adult hunter and equitation divisions.

*Show Requirements:* All Outreach Shows must provide or comply with the following conditions, requirements, and specifications:

1. Submit an application to, and sign a host competition agreement with, OHJA at least thirty (30) days prior to the show date(s)
2. Submit to OHJA proof that such show has been approved by the USHJA Outreach program
3. Stabling - for all Outreach multi-day shows, and single-day Outreach shows offered the same weekend as a Rated Show, at least twenty (20) stalls, on site, must be available for use by show participants. For all other single-day Outreach Shows, management is encouraged, but not required, to provide at least twenty (20) available stalls, on site, for use by show participants.
4. Parking - ample parking for trailers, cars, and/or recreation vehicles
5. Suitable warm up and exercise areas
6. EMT or First Responder
7. Eating facility(ies)
8. Safe and suitable footing
9. Restrooms
10. Water facilities
11. Telephone for public use

12. Insurance coverage that meets or exceeds the requirement established by the USHJA for USHJA Outreach competitions, naming OHJA as an additional insured on such policy(ies), and providing OHJA with proof thereof as provided herein.
13. Entry forms – for all Outreach shows, all entry forms must include the OHJA-approved waiver of liability and release language
14. Pay the Points Fee, and any fees and fines associated with the submission of show results as provided herein
15. If applicable and in addition to the Points Fee, pay the Medal Fee, which equals the greater of \$50.00 or twenty-five percent (25%) of the entry fees of all entry fees received from the OHJA Medal Classes. OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA Medal classes
16. Comply with the OHJA Code of Conduct
17. Have a copy of the current OHJA Rules available for reference
18. Make copies of the current OHJA membership application or maintain an internet connection so that OHJA members can join or renew online at the show
19. Forward show results to OHJA in the format and in a timely manner as provided herein
20. Courses are designed (a) consistent with USEF hunter, equitation, and/or jumper course designing guidelines and OHJA class specifications, and (b) by a professional trainer or an amateur rider at least 21 years of age under the supervision of the designated professional trainer. If the OHJA class specifications are more restrictive than the USEF course designing guidelines, then the OHJA class specifications take priority over USEF guidelines.
21. Safety equipment – breakaway cups or pins must be used on the back rail of all oxers

*EMT or First Responder:* Show management shall retain the services of one or more EMT(s) or First Responder(s), licensed or accredited by the applicable state and/or local authorities in which the Outreach Show is located, to provide emergency medical care at the Outreach Show. All EMT(s) or First Responder(s) shall: (a) carry or otherwise be covered by a professional liability insurance policy as required by applicable state law, with proof thereof provided by show management to OHJA at least two (2) weeks prior to the Outreach Show; (b) be designated by first and last name as the EMT(s) or First Responder(s) on the Outreach Show's application; and (c) remain on the show premises, and in proximity to the competition arenas and/or schooling areas at all times throughout the Outreach Show, including any school session(s) open to exhibitors on the day(s) of the show. Any change to the EMT(s) or First Responder(s) designated on the Outreach Show's application must be reported to OHJA as soon as practicable, along with proof of insurance coverage.

*Proof of Liability Insurance:* Show management shall (1) maintain liability insurance coverage that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements established by USHJA for USHJA Outreach competitions, (2) name OHJA as an additional insured with respect to any and all such policies, and (3) provide OHJA with proof thereof at least two (2) weeks prior to the applicable show. Proof of emergency medical personnel's professional liability insurance shall also be provided as required herein.

If proof of insurance is not provided as required, the host competition shall pay to OHJA a one hundred seventy-five dollar (\$175.00) fine for exhibitors to remain eligible to receive OHJA points toward year-end awards based upon their results at the applicable show. Until such fine is paid, show management shall be in breach of the host competition agreement, no OHJA member may accumulate points at the applicable Outreach Show(s), and no OHJA member may accumulate points at any future Outreach Show to which the applicable host competition agreement applies. OHJA will not track points from any show for OHJA year-end awards unless and until all fees and fines are paid. Show management is solely responsible for notifying all Regional and Local System exhibitors at the affected Outreach Shows that they will not accumulate OHJA points at such shows.

*Submitting Show Results:* Within two (2) weeks after an Outreach Show, show management must submit to OHJA the following: (1) show results submitted directly to OHJA via the OHJA website's data entry portal or in the electronic format provided by OHJA to show management (i.e., Excel document); (2) all OHJA membership applications, horse registrations, and fees received at the show; (3) for combined age group classes, the correct age group of the riders; and (4) a copy of the show's prize list. If results are not submitted electronically via the OHJA website or in the required Excel format, then the Points Fee shall increase to \$50.00 per day per Outreach Show, with the balance due paid at the time the results are submitted to OHJA. Further, if results are not submitted and/or the Medal Fee is not paid in a timely manner, then an additional two-hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine is due. OHJA will not track points from any show for OHJA year-end awards unless and until all fees and fines are paid.

*Limit on Number of Outreach Shows:* Show management is limited to conducting four (4) Outreach Shows at the same location per competition year offering hunter/hunt seat equitation classes, and four (4) Outreach Shows at the same location per competition year offering jumper classes; if both hunter/hunt seat equitation and jumper classes are offered at the same show, that show counts as one show for each discipline.

*Rule Book and Membership Applications:* During each Outreach Show, show management shall (1) have a copy of OHJA Rules available for reference, and (2) make OHJA membership applications available for exhibitors. Alternatively, show management shall provide internet access to the OHJA website for access to the OHJA Rules and for online membership applications and horse registrations.

*Confirming OHJA Membership for Medal Classes:* Before permitting any rider to compete in any OHJA Medal class, show management must confirm the rider's membership status by (1) checking the current membership list, (2) requiring the rider to provide his/her current

membership card, or (3) requiring the rider to provide proof of payment of the applicable OHJA membership fee.

## **Section B - Stakes Classes**

1. See USEF rule book.
2. All stakes classes in Outreach Shows must have a minimum purse of thirty dollars (\$30.00). All add-back money must be in addition to the purse for hunter classes.

## **Section C - Point Accumulation**

1. Open System:

Open System horses and riders *may compete* in any Rated and Outreach horse shows. However, Open System horses and riders *may accumulate points only* at Rated Shows. If the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals is a USEF “Regional I Hunter” or “Regional II Hunter” Rated Show, double points will be offered if such show is a benefit for OHJA. *However*, if the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals is a USEF “Premier Hunter” or “National Hunter” Rated Show, double points *will not* be offered, regardless of whether such show is a benefit for OHJA.

Out of state horses and riders must accumulate points in three (3) or more Oregon shows to be eligible for the OHJA year-end awards. An out of state horse is one that is owned or leased by an OHJA member who is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of county contiguous to Oregon. An out of state rider is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of a county contiguous to Oregon.

The horse, legal owner (or lessee), and rider must all be members of OHJA 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 for that show.

Points in the hunter, hunt seat equitation, and jumper divisions are calculated according to the USEF increment system, excluding bonus points. In addition, derbies, classics, and similar classes will count based on the current Zone increment system. For USHJA International and National Derbies, the horse owner or rider must declare the division in which the horse’s points, if any, will accumulate. However, no points will be earned in any classes restricting entries, e.g., Zone Qualifying classes, Hunter Championship classes, etc. Double points will be offered at the horse show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals when that horse show is a benefit for OHJA. The show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals will be eligible to award double points for USEF and OHJA sections. The show will automatically award double points unless the OHJA Board of Directors votes otherwise, no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Board must provide good reason to not allow the show to award double points.

Points for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place are accumulated based upon the number of exhibitors competing according to the USEF Hunter Increment System as follows:

**USEF “REGIONAL II HUNTER” AND “JUMPER 1 RATING” RATED SHOWS**

<b>Number of Exhibitors</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>9-15</b>	<b>16-25</b>	<b>26+</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	20	25	30	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15	20	25	35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10	15	20	30
4 <sup>th</sup>	5	10	15	25
5 <sup>th</sup>	4	5	10	20
6 <sup>th</sup>	3	4	5	15

**USEF “NATIONAL HUNTER,” “REGIONAL I HUNTER,” AND “JUMPER 2 RATING” RATED SHOWS**

<b>Number of Exhibitors</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>9-15</b>	<b>16-25</b>	<b>26+</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	40	50	60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	25	35	45	55
3 <sup>rd</sup>	20	30	40	50
4 <sup>th</sup>	15	25	35	45
5 <sup>th</sup>	14	24	34	44
6 <sup>th</sup>	13	23	33	43

**USEF “PREMIER HUNTER” AND “JUMPER 3 – 6 RATING” RATED SHOWS**

<b>Number of Exhibitors</b>	<b>3- 8</b>	<b>9 – 15</b>	<b>16 – 25</b>	<b>26+</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	40	50	60	70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	35	45	55	65
3 <sup>rd</sup>	30	40	50	60
4 <sup>th</sup>	25	35	45	55
5 <sup>th</sup>	24	34	44	54
6 <sup>th</sup>	23	33	43	53

2. Regional System:

Regional System horses and riders *may compete* in any Rated and Outreach horse shows. However, Regional System horses and riders *may accumulate points only* at the following shows *within Oregon and its contiguous counties*: (1) the first three (3) Outreach Shows in which the horse and/or rider accumulates points; and (2) any and all Rated Shows. If the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals is a USEF “Regional I Hunter” or “Regional II Hunter” Rated Show, double points will be offered if such show is a benefit for OHJA. *However*, if the show hosting the



OHJA Medal Finals is a USEF “Premier Hunter” or “National Hunter” Rated Show, double points *will not* be offered, regardless of whether such show is a benefit for OHJA.

***Out of state horses and riders are not eligible for OHJA points in the Regional System.*** An out of state horse is one that is owned or leased by an OHJA member who is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of a county contiguous to Oregon. An out of state rider is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of a county contiguous to Oregon.

The horse, legal owner (or lessee), and rider must all be members of OHJA 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 for that show.

Points in the hunter, hunt seat equitation, and jumper divisions are calculated according to the USEF increment system, excluding bonus points. In addition, derbies, classics, and similar classes will count based on the current Zone increment system. For USHJA International and National Derbies, the horse owner or rider must declare the division in which the horse’s points, if any, will accumulate. However, no points will be earned in any classes restricting entries, e.g., Zone Qualifying classes, Hunter Championship classes, etc. Double points will be offered at the horse show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals when that horse show is a benefit for OHJA. The show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals will be eligible to award double points for USEF and OHJA sections. The show will automatically award double points unless the OHJA Board of Directors votes otherwise, no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Board must provide good reason to not allow the show to award double points.

Regional System horses and riders will accumulate points as follows: (1) for USEF “Premier Hunter” and “Jumper 3 – 6” Rated Shows, using the current USEF Hunter Increment point system noted *above*; (2) for USEF “National Hunter,” “Regional I Hunter,” and “Jumper 2 Rating” Rated Shows, using the current USEF Hunter Increment point system noted *above*; and (3) for USEF “Regional II Hunter” and “Jumper 1 Rating” Rated Shows, using the current USEF Hunter Increment point system noted *above*; and (4) for Outreach Show, using the current USEF Hunter Increment point system *below*:

<b><i>Number of Exhibitors</i></b>	<b><i>OUTREACH SHOWS<sup>4</sup></i></b>			
	<b><i>3-8</i></b>	<b><i>9-15</i></b>	<b><i>16-25</i></b>	<b><i>26+</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	20	25	30	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15	20	25	35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10	15	20	30
4 <sup>th</sup>	5	10	15	25
5 <sup>th</sup>	4	5	10	20
6 <sup>th</sup>	3	4	5	15

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<sup>4</sup> This reference to Outreach shows applies only to the Regional System; horses and riders in the Open System may not accumulate points in Outreach shows.

### 3. Local System:

Local System horses and riders *may compete* in any and all Rated and Outreach Shows. However, Local System horses and riders *may accumulate points only* in Oregon and its contiguous counties: (a) Outreach Shows, (b) Rated Shows that are USEF “Regional I Hunter,” “Regional II Hunter,” or “Jumper Rating 1” rated, and (c) up to three (3) Rated Shows that are USEF “Premier Hunter,” “National Hunter,” or “Jumper 2 – 6 Rating” rated. *Unless otherwise provided herein, only points from the first three (3) USEF “Premier Hunter, “National Hunter,” or “Jumper 2 – 6 Rating” Rated Shows in which the Local System member and/or horse accumulates points will count toward year-end championship awards.* USEF “Premier Hunter,” “National Hunter,” and “Jumper 2 – 6 Rating” Rated Shows in which the member and/or horse accumulates points *only* in USEF “Opportunity” classes over fences less than 2’ in height do not count toward such limit; *however*, points accumulated in classes over fences 2’ or higher will count toward such limit. Once the member and/or horse accumulates points in three (3) USEF “Premier Hunter” and/or “National Hunter” Rated Shows as provided herein, no additional points will accumulate unless and until the member and/or horse is upgraded to the Regional System and all applicable Regional System membership and horse registration fees are paid. If the member upgrades to the Regional System, credit will be given for Local System membership fees previously paid and all points previously accumulated will follow the member/horse to the Regional System and be recalculated under the Regional System increment rules. If the show hosting the OHJA Mini Medal Finals is USEF “Regional I Hunter” or “Regional II Hunter” rated, double points will be offered if such show is a benefit for OHJA. *However*, if the show hosting the OHJA Mini Medal Finals is a USEF “Premier Hunter” or “National” Rated Show, double points *will not* be offered, regardless of whether such show is a benefit for OHJA. The show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals will be eligible to award double points for USEF and OHJA sections. The show will automatically award double points unless the OHJA Board of Directors votes otherwise, no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Board must provide good reason to not allow the show to award double points. Local System riders who qualify for and compete in the Medal Finals will accumulate double points at the Medal Finals host show regardless of how many rated horse shows they have already attended in the current year.

The horse, legal owner (or lessee), and rider must all be members of OHJA 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 for that show.

For points to count in any class, a minimum of three (3) exhibitors must compete in the class. Regardless of the number of exhibitors beyond three (3) in a class, Local System horses and riders will accumulate points as follows:

1st–10	2nd–6	3rd–4	4th–3	5th–2
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### 4. Recording and Reporting of Points Accumulated:

The Board will appoint a Points & Membership Chairperson to maintain a year-to-date accounting of points toward year-end division championships. The Points & Membership Chairperson shall be compensated at a rate determined by a vote of the Board.

Any discrepancies in point accumulations noted by a member shall be reported to the Points & Membership Chairperson, who will research and correct the reported discrepancy as appropriate. Point standings shall be posted on the OHJA website, and other public site(s), and updated at least every two (2) months. Any member may request a printed copy of point standings by submitting a written request to the Points & Membership Chairperson. No member may make more than three (3) such requests per show year.

Exhibitors attending shows outside of Oregon and contiguous counties must provide the Points & Membership Chairperson with their points and a letter stating that their official points are being forwarded from the horse show management. Upon receipt of the official points, the Points & Membership Chairperson will notify the exhibitor.

#### **RULE IV – YEAR END DIVISION AWARDS**

##### **A. Open System:**

OHJA Open System offers year-end championships in those divisions (a) having at least five (5) members, regardless of whether such members are registered in the Open or Regional System, accumulating points in any division at three (3) or more shows in Oregon, and (b) in which the leading horse/rider accumulates at least twenty-five (25) points. The exceptions shall be the following divisions, which will offer a year-end championship *if* at least three (3) members accumulate points over fences in any division at two (2) or more shows:

##### ***Open/Professional Divisions***

Green Hunter 3’  
Green Hunter 3’3”  
Green Hunter 3’6”  
Green Hunter 3’9”  
Young Hunter 3’  
Young Hunter 3’3”  
Performance Hunter 3’3”  
Performance Hunter 3’6”  
Conformation Hunter  
High Performance Hunter

##### ***Junior/Amateur Divisions:***

Green Pony Hunter  
Pony Working Hunter  
Junior Working Hunter 3’3”  
Junior Working Hunter  
Amateur Owner Working Hunter 3’3”  
Amateur Owner Working Hunter

*However*, the leading horse/rider must still accumulate at least twenty-five (25) points. In each division, Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded.

USEF-rated amateur and junior divisions (i.e., Children’s, Junior, Adult Amateur, Amateur Owner) cannot be combined with one another for year-end championships. However, if the division does not otherwise qualify for a year-end championship award as set forth above, OHJA reserves the right to (a) combine age groupings among amateurs and among juniors in any USEF-rated divisions conducted under the same class specifications (i.e., Children’s 13 & Under and Children’s 14 – 17 combined, Adult Amateur 18 – 35 and Adult Amateur 40 - 55 combined), and (b) combine divisions, regardless of rider age, in any non-USEF-rated divisions conducted

under the same class specifications (i.e., Pre-Children's and Pre-Adult combined). The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine the separate Small, Medium, and Large Pony Working Hunter divisions into one or more Pony Working Hunter division(s).

The Board has discretion to award year-end championships in divisions that do not meet the criteria set forth above. However, OHJA welcomes sponsors of divisions that do not meet the criteria set forth above. The deadline for sponsorships of division that do not meet eligibility requirements is October 31 of the current show year. Sponsorship costs will be arranged with the OHJA Board.

B. Regional System:

OHJA Regional System offers year-end championships to those divisions (a) having at least three (3) members, regardless of whether such members are registered in the Open or Regional System, acquiring points in any division at two (2) or more shows, and (b) in which the leading horse/rider accumulates at least twenty-five (25) points. In each division, Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded.

Except for combining the Junior Hunter and Amateur Owner Hunter divisions, USEF-rated amateur and junior divisions cannot be combined with one another for year-end championships (i.e., no Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter). However, if the division does not otherwise qualify for a year-end championship award as set forth above, the OHJA Board reserves the right to (a) combine age groupings among amateurs and among juniors in any USEF-rated divisions conducted under the same class specifications (i.e., Children's 13 & Under and Children's 14 – 17 combined, Adult Amateur 18 - 39 and Adult Amateur 40 - 55 combined), and (b) combine divisions, regardless of rider age, in any non-USEF-rated divisions conducted under the same class specifications (i.e., Pre-Children's and Pre-Adult combined). The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine the separate Small, Medium, and Large Pony Working Hunter divisions into one or more Pony Working Hunter division(s).

The Board has discretion to award year-end championships in divisions that do not meet the criteria set forth above. However, OHJA welcomes sponsors of divisions that did not meet the criteria set forth above. The deadline for sponsorships of division that do not meet eligibility requirements is October 31 of the current show year. Sponsorship costs will be arranged with the OHJA Board.

C. Local System:

Generally, the Local System will award two types of awards at the end of the competition year: (1) merit awards for divisions with fences less than 2' in height, and (2) year-end championships for divisions with fences between 2' and 3' (for hunters and equitation) or 1.00m (for jumpers) in height. No hunter or equitation divisions or classes higher than 3' in height will be eligible for Local System points or year-end championships. No jumper divisions or classes higher than 1.00m in height will be eligible for Local System points or year-end championships.

Unless specifically listed in this Section V.C, no classes or divisions that are open to professional riders are eligible for year-end championships.

1. Certificate of Merit Divisions:

OHJA will recognize rider achievements through the Certificate of Merit program. Members who earn at least twenty-five (25) points in Certificate of Merit divisions will earn a Certificate of Merit, based on the following point system, to be presented at the Year-End Awards Banquet. Points are accumulated according to the Local System rules set forth above. Divisions that count toward the Certificate of Merit are those divisions and classes limited to non-professionals as follows:

<i><b>Junior/Amateur Hunter Classes</b></i>	<b>LOCAL</b>
Flat Hunter	CM
Trot a Pole Hunter	CM
Trot a Course Hunter, Under 12”	CM
Trot a Course Hunter, 12” – 15”	CM
Beginning Rider Hunter	CM
Green Rider Hunter	CM
<i><b>Junior/Amateur Equitation Classes</b></i>	
Flat Equitation	CM
Trot a Pole Equitation	CM
Trot a Course Equitation, Under 12”	CM
Trot a Course Equitation, 12” – 15”	CM
Beginning Rider Equitation	CM
Green Rider Equitation	CM

For points to count toward the Certificate of Merit, the classes or divisions must be (1) offered at a Outreach Show or (2) “Opportunity” classes run in accordance with USEF rules at a Rated Show. There will be a point system of Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels:

Gold = 75 and up  
Silver = 50-74  
Bronze = 25-49

***Certificate of Merit Hunter Specifications:***

Flat Hunter: Points from any and all flat hunter classes not otherwise eligible for a division championship at a Outreach or Rated Show to count toward Certificate of Merit, including but not limited to English Pleasure, Walk/Trot, and Walk/Trot/Canter.

Trot a Pole Hunter: Points over poles and under saddle to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Trot a Course Hunter, Under 12”: Fence height less than 12”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Points over fences and under saddle to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Trot a Course Hunter, 12” – 15”: Fence height 12” – 15”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Points over fences and under saddle to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Beginning Rider Hunter: Fence height 12” – 15”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. Points over fences and under saddle to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Green Rider Hunter: Fence height 18” – 23”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. Points over fences and under saddle to count toward Certificate of Merit.

***Certificate of Merit Equitation Specifications:***

Flat Equitation: Points from any and all flat equitation classes not otherwise eligible for a division championship at a Outreach or Rated Show to count toward Certificate of Merit, including but not limited to Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/Canter.

Trot a Pole Equitation: Points over poles and on the flat to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Trot a Course Equitation, Under 12”: Fence height less than 12”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Points over fences and on the flat to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Trot a Course Equitation, 12” – 15”: Fence height 12” – 15”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Points over fences and on the flat to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Beginning Rider Equitation: Fence height 12” – 15”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. Points over fences and on the flat to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Green Rider Equitation: Fence height 18” – 23”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. Points over fences and on the flat to count toward Certificate of Merit.

***Certificate of Merit Jumper Specifications:***

Beginning Rider Jumper: Fence height 12” – 15”. May include cross rails. No oxers, in and outs, or combinations. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. All classes to be run as Clear Round classes in accordance with USEF JP 143.1, Table II.

Green Rider Jumper: Fence height 18” – 23”. May include cross rails. No oxers, in and outs, or combinations. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. All classes to be run as Clear Round classes in accordance with USEF JP 143.1, Table II.

2. Year-End Championship Divisions:

OHJA Local System offers year-end championships to those divisions (a) having at least three (3) members acquiring points in any division at two (2) or more shows, and (b) in which the leading horse/rider accumulates at least twenty-five (25) points. In each division, Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded.

The following divisions are eligible for Local System year-end championships:

***Open/Professional Divisions***

Baby Green Hunter  
 Small Working Hunter  
 Large Working Hunter  
 Green Hunter 3’  
 Thoroughbred Hunter  
 Young Hunter 3’  
 Beginning Jumper  
 0.70m – 0.80m Jumper  
 0.85m – 0.90m Jumper  
 0.95m – 1.00m Jumper

***Junior/Amateur Divisions:***

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Working Hunter  
 Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation  
 Pre-Children’s/Pre-Adult Working Hunter  
 Pre-Children’s/Pre-Adult Equitation  
 Children’s Working Hunter, 17 & Under  
 Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 18 & Over  
 Restricted Equitation, 17 & Under  
 Amateur Equitation, 18 & Over  
 Low Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper  
 Pony Jumper

The Board has discretion to award year-end championships in divisions that do not meet the criteria set forth above. However, OHJA welcomes sponsors of divisions that did not meet the criteria set forth above. The deadline for sponsorships of division that do not meet eligibility requirements is October 31 of the current show year. Sponsorship costs will be arranged with the OHJA Board.

D. Year End Division Championships:

1. Hunters: Subject to the conditions set forth above, the following hunter divisions will receive year-end championship awards. OHJA year end Child and Adult Amateur Hunter awards will be divided to coincide with current USHJA Zone 9 division groupings. *As noted above, all divisions over courses with fences less than 2’ are eligible for merit awards only; these divisions are not eligible for year-end championships.* Divisions not defined by USEF are defined at the end of this list.

<b><i>Professional/Open Hunter Divisions</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>
Baby Green Hunter	X	X	X
Large Working Hunter	X	X	X
Small Working Hunter	X	X	X
Thoroughbred Hunter	X	X	-
Green Hunter 3’	X	X	X
Green Hunter 3’3”	X	X	-
Green Hunter 3’6”	X	X	-

Green Hunter 3'9"	X	X	-
Young Hunter 3'	X	X	X
Young Hunter 3'3"	X	X	-
Young Hunter 3'6"	X	X	-
Conformation Hunter	X	X	-
Performance Hunter 3'3"	X	X	-
Performance Hunter 3'6"	X	X	-
High Performance Hunter	X	X	-

<b><i>Junior/Amateur Hunter Divisions</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>
Short Stirrup Hunter	X	X	-
Long Stirrup Hunter	X	X	-
Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Hunter	-	-	X
Pre-Children's Working Hunter	X	X	-
Pre-Adult Working Hunter	X	X	-
Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Working Hunter	-	-	X
Children's Working Hunter Pony	X	X	X
Green Working Pony Hunter	X	X	-
Small Pony Working Hunter	X	X	-
Medium Pony Working Hunter	X	X	-
Large Pony Working Hunter	X	X	-
Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter	X	X	X
Children's Working Hunter, 12 & Under	X	X	-
Children's Working Hunter, 13 – 17	X	X	-
Children's Working Hunter, 17 & Under	-	-	X
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 18-39	X	X	-
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 40-55	X	X	-
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 56 & Over	X	X	-
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 18 & Over	-	-	X
Modified Junior/Amateur Hunter	X	X	-
Junior Working Hunter 3'3"	X	X	-
Small Junior Working Hunter, 15 & Under	X	X	-
Small Junior Working Hunter, 16 – 17	X	X	-
Large Junior Working Hunter, 15 & Under	X	X	-
Large Junior Working Hunter, 16 – 17	X	X	-
Amateur Owner Working Hunter 3'3"	X	X	-
Amateur Owner Working Hunter	X	X	-



### ***Hunter Division Specifications:***

*Small Working Hunter:* A horse under 16 hands. At Rated Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'3"; at Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'.

*Large Working Hunter:* A horse 16 hands and over. At Rated Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'3"; at Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'.

*Thoroughbred Hunter:* At Rated shows, fence height minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'. At Outreach Shows, fence height minimum of 2'3" and not to exceed 2'9". Horses with Jockey Club papers, a lip tattoo, and/or verifiable purebred Thoroughbred parentage are eligible.

*Baby Green Hunter:* A horse or pony in its first year of showing, regardless of age. A baby green pony may be shown by a professional, however, may not be shown by a child in any other division at the same show. Cross entry into the Green division is permitted, but uses up one (1) year of the horse's "Green" status. Fence height not to exceed 2'9".

*Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Working Hunter:* At Rated Shows, fence height 2'3" – 2'9". At Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 2'6" and no in and outs. If cross entry between 2'6" and 3' divisions is allowed by horse show management, a rider obtaining points in both the 2'6" and 3' divisions at the same show will forfeit any points accumulated in the 2'6" division at that show. Horses and ponies may be ridden by a different rider in a 3' division without forfeiting 2'6" points. Specifications for this division are to be written in the prize lists. Horse show management is encouraged to split Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Working Hunter at 20 entries. At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined for year-end championship awards in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems.

*Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Hunter:* At Rated Shows, fence height 2' – 2'3." At Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 2' and no oxers or in and outs. Show management is encouraged to split Short/Long Stirrup as long as entries warrant. Specifications for this division are to be written in the prize lists. At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined for year-end championship awards in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems.

*Children's Hunter Pony:* Open to any pony. At Rated Shows, small ponies jump 2'; medium ponies jump 2'3"; large ponies jump 2'6." At Outreach Shows, small ponies jump 2'; medium and large ponies jump 2'3" to 2'6."

*Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter:* Fence height is 2'6" – 2'9." Cross-entry from the Pre-Children's, Pre-Adult, Children's, and Adult Amateur hunter divisions is allowed.

*Children's Working Hunter:* Fence height at Outreach Shows is 2'9"-3'. At Outreach Shows, if Children's and Adult Amateur Working Hunter divisions are combined due to less than three (3) entries in either division, points count toward year-end championship awards if show management provides the exhibitor age group in the official show results. In the Local System, may be combined with the Adult Amateur Working Hunter division for year-end championship awards.

Adult Amateur Working Hunter: Fence height at Outreach Shows is 2’9”-3’. At Outreach Shows, if Children’s and Adult Amateur Working Hunter divisions are combined due to less than three (3) entries in either division, points count toward year-end championship awards if show management provides the exhibitor age group in the official show results. In the Local System, may be combined with the Children’s Working Hunter division for year-end championship awards.

Modified Junior/Amateur Hunter: Fence height 3’3.” Cross-entry from the Children’s, Adult Amateur, Junior, and both Amateur Owner hunter divisions is allowed.

Junior Working Hunter: Fence height at Outreach shows is 3’3”-3’6”. Junior Working Hunters will be split Small and Large and 15 & Under and 16 – 17 for year-end awards. For year-end championship awards, if any divisions do not meet the requirements to fill, they will be combined first by age groups and then by Small/Large.

Amateur Owner Working Hunter 3’3”: Fence height is 3’3”. Riders *may* cross-enter between the Amateur Owner Working Hunter divisions at the same show; *however*, horses *may not* cross-enter between the divisions.

Amateur Owner Working Hunter: Fence height is 3’3”-3’6”.

2. Equitation: Subject to the conditions set forth above, the following equitation divisions will receive year-end championship awards. OHJA year end open Equitation awards will be divided to coincide with current USHJA Zone 9 division groupings. Divisions not defined by USEF are defined at the end of the list.

<b><i>Equitation Divisions</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>
Short Stirrup Equitation	X	X	-
Long Stirrup Equitation	X	X	-
Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation	-	-	X
Pre-Children’s Equitation	X	X	-
Pre-Adult Equitation	X	X	-
Pre-Children’s/Pre-Adult Equitation	-	-	X
Pony Equitation	X	X	-
Modified Children’s/Adult Amateur Equitation	-	-	X
Restricted Equitation, 13 & Under	X	X	-
Equitation, <u>12</u> & Under	X	X	-
Restricted Equitation, 14 – 15	X	X	-
Equitation, 13 – 15	X	X	-
Restricted Equitation, 16 – 17	X	X	-
Restricted Equitation, 17 & Under	-	-	X
Equitation, 16 – 17	X	X	-
Amateur Equitation, 18 & Over	X	X	X

### ***Equitation Division Specifications:***

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation: At Rated Shows, fence height 2' – 2'3". At Outreach Shows, fence height 2' and no oxers or in and outs. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two divisions may be combined for year-end championship awards in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems.

Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Equitation: At Rated Shows, fence height 2'3" – 2'9". At Outreach Shows, fence height 2'3" - 2'6" and no in and outs. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. May not cross enter into Restricted Equitation, Equitation, or Amateur Equitation. At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two divisions may be combined for year-end championship awards in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems.

Pony Equitation: Fence heights shall be the same as those used in the USEF-rated Pony Hunter division. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award.

Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation: Fence height 2'6" – 2'9". Points accumulated in both classes over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined for year end championship awards in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems.

Restricted Equitation, 13 & Under: Fence height 2'9" - 3'. May not cross enter into any class at the same competition higher than 3'/0.93m except the USEF Medal and the ASPCA/Maclay classes. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 13 & Under and Restricted Equitation, 13 & Under are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year end standings.

Equitation, 12 & Under: Fence height 2'9" – 3'. May not cross enter into any Restricted Equitation classes at the same competition. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 13 & Under and Restricted Equitation, 13 & Under are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year end standings.

Restricted Equitation, 14 – 15: Fence height 3'. May not cross enter into any class at the same competition higher than 3'/0.93m except the USEF Medal and the ASPCA/Maclay classes. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 14 - 15 and Restricted Equitation, 14 - 15 are

eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.

Equitation, 13 – 15: Fence height 3' – 3'6". May not cross enter into any Restricted Equitation classes at the same competition. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 14 - 15 and Restricted Equitation, 14 – 15 are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.

Restricted Equitation, 16 – 17: Fence height 3'. May not cross enter into any class at the same competition higher than 3'/0.93m except the USEF Medal and the ASPCA/Maclay classes. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 16 - 17 and Restricted Equitation, 16 - 17 are eligible for only one year-end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.

Equitation, 16 – 17: Fence height 3' – 3'6". May not cross enter into any Restricted Equitation classes at the same competition. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 16 - 17 and Restricted Equitation, 16 – 17 are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.

Amateur Equitation, 18 & Over: At Rated Shows, fence height minimum of 3'. At Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'. Points accumulated in both classes over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award.

### 3. OHJA Medal Classes:

Year-end championships will be awarded in all OHJA Medal classes. All OHJA Medal Class participants must be junior or amateur members in good standing of the OHJA. Except for the qualifying classes held at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals, a minimum of three (3) riders must complete the course for the class to count toward the OHJA Medal Finals and for the medal to be awarded. There must be a "ride-off" in each medal class between at least the top two (2) riders with four (4) recommended. In each of the OHJA Medal Finals, prizes shall be awarded through tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) place, entries permitting. In the event of a Medal final tie – The highest riding score is the tiebreaker

Except as provided herein, riders must accumulate ten (10) points in medal classes to qualify for the OHJA Medal Finals. Points are accumulated toward the Medal Finals as follows: (a) 1<sup>st</sup> – 10 points; (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6 points; (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 points; (d) 4<sup>th</sup> – 3 points; and (e) 5<sup>th</sup> – 2 points. After the close of entries for the show holding the OHJA Medal Finals, the Board, in consultation with the

Medal Finals Committee and show management, may invite up to ten (10) additional riders based on number of points accumulated to date, starting with the highest, that have not yet reached the ten (10) point minimum but who ride in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. All participants in the Medal Finals will take a written test of twenty (20) questions, and each question shall be worth one-half (1/2) a point, for a maximum of ten (10) points possible. Each competitor's score from the written test will be combined with the competitor's score from the first round of competition over fences in the OHJA Medal Finals to determine those competitors who qualify for the second round of competition in the OHJA Medal Finals.

*OHJA Mini Medal:* Fence height not to exceed 2'6". At Outreach Shows, no less than two (2) fences on course must be 2'6" in height. No cross entry with 3' medals. No one or two stride in-and-outs are permitted on course. *Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until they accumulate twenty-five (25) points. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Mini Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals.* Medal winners in Mini Medal classes may compete in Children's or Adult medal classes; *however*, if they qualify for the Children's Medal Finals or Adult Medal Finals, they forfeit their right to compete in the Mini Medal Finals. In *qualifying classes* at Outreach Shows, show management is encouraged to limit the final phase to flat work in accordance with USEF Rule EQ 113(5), and/or horsemanship questions in accordance with USEF Rule EQ 113(8); *however*, at Rated Shows the judge may use any test(s) listed in USEF Rule EQ 113. In the *Mini Medal Finals*, the final phase *shall not* include any testing over fences and shall be scored numerically. If entries in the Mini Medal Finals warrant, show management may, and is encouraged, to split the class into separate "Mini Medal Finals – Children" and "Mini Medal Finals – Adult" classes.

*OHJA Children's Medal:* Fence height not to exceed 3'. Riders entered in a Children's Medal class may not cross enter into junior hunters, junior jumpers, or any 3'6" medal class at the same show; *however*, a rider competing in the Children's Medal Finals may cross enter into any division for which the rider is otherwise qualified. *Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until they accumulate twenty-five (25) points. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Children's Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals.* Medal winners in Children's Medal classes may compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal classes; *however*, if they qualify for the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals, they forfeit their right to compete in the Children's Medal Finals. If there are less than three (3) Children's riders in a qualifying class or at the Medal Finals, the class may be combined with the Adult Amateur Medal qualifying class and at the Adult Amateur Medal Finals.

*OHJA Adult Amateur Medal:* Fence height not to exceed 3'. *Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Adult Amateur Medal Finals. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Adult Amateur Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals.* Medal winners in Adult Amateur Medal classes may compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal classes; *however*, if they qualify for the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals, they forfeit their right to compete in the Adult Amateur Medal Finals. If there are less than three (3) Adult Amateur riders in a qualifying class or at the Medal

Finals, the class may be combined with the Children’s Medal qualifying class and at the Children’s Medal Finals.

*OHJA Low Junior/Senior Medal:* Fence height 3’3”. Riders competing in Junior Hunter 3’3” and Amateur Owner Hunter 3’3” divisions are eligible to compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal or the Junior/Senior Medal classes at the same show. *Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals.* Medal winners in Low Junior/Senior Medal classes may compete in the Junior/Senior Medal classes; *however*, if they qualify for the Junior/Senior Medal Finals, they forfeit their right to compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals.

*OHJA Junior/Senior Medal:* Fence height 3’6”. Riders competing in Junior Hunter and Amateur Owner Hunter divisions are eligible to compete only in the Junior/Senior Medal classes at the same show. *Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Junior/Senior Medal Finals. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Junior/Senior Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals without prior approval from the OHJA Board.*

3. **Jumpers:** Subject to the conditions set forth above, the following jumper divisions will receive year-end championship awards. Divisions not defined by USEF are defined at the end of the list.

<b><i>Jumper Divisions</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>
Low Children’s Jumper	X	X	-
Low Adult Amateur Jumper	X	X	-
Low Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper	-	-	X
Beginning Jumper	X	X	X
High Children’s Jumper	X	X	-
High Adult Amateur Jumper	X	X	-
Pony Jumper	X	X	X
Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper	X	X	-
Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper	X	X	-
0.70 m. – 0.80 m. Jumper	X	X	X
0.85 m. – 0.90 m. Jumper	X	X	X
0.95 m. – 1.00 m. Jumper	X	X	X
1.05 m. – 1.10 m. Jumper	X	X	-
1.15 m. – 1.20 m. Jumper	X	X	-
1.25 m. – 1.30 m. Jumper	X	X	-
1.35 m. & Up Jumper	X	X	-
Young Jumper	X	X	-

### ***Jumper Division Specifications:***

*Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper:* Fence height – 0.80m – 1.05m. At Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 0.95m and show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146 Table IV. Open to any rider. Horse may cross-enter into High Children/Adult Amateur Jumper. Horse may not cross-enter into Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper or Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper. To be eligible for Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper points, a class offered at 1.05m must be designated as a *Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper* class. All points count toward year-end championship awards.

*Beginning Jumper:* Fence height 0.70m – 0.95m. Horse/rider combinations cannot accumulate points toward a year-end championship award in any jumper division with fences 1.00m or higher. Classes may be open to all horses and riders; *however*, only points for horses ridden by juniors or amateurs to count toward year-end championship awards. At Outreach Shows, show management is encouraged, but not required, to have professionals ride these classes only as schooling rounds.

*High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper:* Fence height – 1.05m – 1.15m. Open to any rider. Horse may cross enter into Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper or Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper. Horse may not cross enter into Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper division. To be eligible for High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper points, a class offered at *1.05m* must be designated as a *High Children's/Adult Amateur* class (not Low Children's/Adult Amateur), and a class offered *1.15m* must be designated as a High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper class (not Modified Junior/Amateur). All points count toward year-end championship awards.

*Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper:* Fence height – 1.15m – 1.20m. Cross-entry with High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper and Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper permitted. To be eligible for Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper points, a class must be designated as a Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper class. All points count toward year-end championship awards.

*Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper:* Fence height – 1.20m – 1.40m. All points accumulated in 1.20m, 1.25m, 1.30m, 1.35m, and 1.40m classes restricted to Junior/Amateur Owner horses count toward year-end championship awards. Cross-entry with Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper permitted. Classes restricted to Junior/Amateur Owner horses, *but offered at heights lower than 1.20m*, count for the Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper year-end championship award, and not the Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper year-end championship award.

*Pony Jumper:* Fence height – 0.70m – 1.10m. At Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 0.95m, and show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146, Table IV. Open to any pony and junior rider. However, ponies may not cross enter into High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper, or Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper divisions. All points count toward year-end championship awards.

0.70m – 0.80m Jumper: All points won in open 0.70m, 0.75m, and 0.80m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, and Beginning Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards. At Outreach Shows, no in and outs or combinations and show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146, Table IV.

0.85m – 0.90m Jumper: All points won in open 0.85m and 0.90m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper and Beginning Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards. The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine this division with the 0.95m – 1.00 Jumper division for year-end championship awards.

0.95m – 1.00m Jumper: All points won in open 0.95m and 1.00m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, Beginning Jumper, and High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards. The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine this division with the 0.85m – 0.90m Jumper division for year-end championship awards.

1.05m – 1.10m Jumper: All points won in open 1.05m and 1.10m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Pony Jumper and High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards.

1.15m – 1.20m Jumper: All points won in open 1.15m and 1.20m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper and Junior/Amateur Owner classes not to count toward year-end championship awards.

1.25m – 1.30m Jumper: All monies won in open 1.25m and 1.30m classes, including Mini Prix or Grand Prix classes, count toward year-end championship awards. Monies won in Junior/Amateur Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards.

1.35m & Up Jumper: All monies won in open 1.35m and higher classes, including but not limited to Grand Prix, Puissance, Six Bar, and High Jump classes, count toward year-end championship awards. Monies won in Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards.

Young Jumper: Open to horses with papers indicating a foaling date five, six, seven, or eight years previous to the current calendar year. Classes to be scored and fence heights set in accordance with USEF Rule JP116 for Five, Six, Seven, and Eight-Year-Old Jumpers.



In accordance with USEF Jumper Rules, OHJA fence heights are as follows:

<i>Fence Height (Meters)</i>	<i>Level under 2009 OHJA Rules</i>	<i>Fence Height (Approx. Feet)</i>	<i>Spreads (Feet)</i>
0.85		2'9"	2'11" – 3'3"
0.90		2'11"	3'1" – 3'5"
0.93	1	3'	3'2" – 3'8"
0.95		3'1"	3'3" – 3'7"
1.00	2	3'3"	3'5" – 3'9"
1.05		3'5"	3'7" – 3'11"
1.08	3	3'6"	3'8" – 4'
1.10		3'7"	3'9" – 4'1"
1.15	4	3'9"	3'11" – 4'3"
1.20		3'11"	4'1" – 4'5"
1.23	5	4'	4'2" – 4'6"
1.25		4'1"	4'3" – 4'7"
1.30	6	4'3"	4'5" – 4'9"
1.35		4'5"	4'7" – 4'11"
1.38	7	4'6"	4'8" – 5'
1.40		4'7"	4'9" – 5'1"
1.45	8	4'9"	4'11" – 5'3"
1.50		4'11"	5'1" – 5'5"
1.53	9	5'	5'2" – 5'6"

**END OF RULES**

## BYLAWS OF THE OREGON HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Oregon Hunter Jumper Association," hereinafter referred to as "The Association," "The Corporation," or "OHJA."

### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose and objective of this organization shall be: (a) to promote the interests of owners and exhibitors of Hunters, Jumpers and Hunt Seat Equitation; (b) to organize the exhibition of horses of the Hunters, Jumpers, and Hunt Seat Equitation classes; (c) to cooperate with exhibitors and officials of exhibitions and fairs sponsoring or featuring public interest in the support of exhibitions and fairs; (d) to publicize and advertise such exhibitions and fairs in the Northwest; and (e) to encourage and assist owners, exhibitors, and breeders of horses to maintain, develop and improve the qualities and strains of horses of the Hunter, Jumper and Hunt Seat Equitation classes.

This Association shall follow the current rules and regulations of the US Equestrian Federation ("USEF") unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, and/or accompanying Rules.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND HORSE REGISTRATION

A. There shall be eight (8) classes of membership as follows:

1. Senior Amateur Member: Any person eighteen (18) years of age and over, acceptable to the Board, may become a Senior Amateur member upon filing an application for membership. A Senior Amateur member is entitled to one (1) vote. The fee for a Senior Amateur membership shall be as follows: (a) in the Open System, \$55.00; (b) in the Regional System, \$45.00; and (c) in the Local System, \$25.00.

2. Senior Professional Member: Any person eighteen (18) years of age and over, acceptable to the Board, may become a Senior Professional member upon filing an application for membership. A Senior Professional member is entitled to one (1) vote. A Senior Professional member may accumulate points *as a rider* on clients' horses in both the Open and Regional Systems upon payment of their membership fee. A Senior Professional member may accumulate points *as an owner* upon designating his/her horse in either the Open, Regional, or Local System upon payment of the applicable horse registration fee. The fee for a Senior Professional membership is \$55.00.

3. Junior Member: Any person under eighteen (18) years of age, acceptable to the Board, may become a junior member upon filing an application for membership. A Junior member is entitled to one (1) vote. The fee for a Junior Membership shall be as follows: (a) in the Open System, \$45.00; (b) in the Regional System, \$35.00; and (c) in the Local System, \$25.00.

4. Family Membership: Parents and children under eighteen (18) years of age living at home, acceptable to the Board, may become family members upon filing an application for membership. Each family member is entitled to one (1) vote. Each family member must designate whether he/she will accumulate points in the Open, Regional, or Local system. The Family membership is open to parents who are amateurs or professionals. As of March 31, 2015, the fee for a Family membership shall be as follows: (a) if at least one family member designates the Open System, \$85.00; (b) if no family member designates the Open System and at least one family member designates the Regional System, \$65.00; and (c) if all family members designate the Local System, \$45.00.

5. Affiliate Membership: An Affiliate member is entitled to ride in the OHJA medal classes only. No Affiliate member is eligible for any other year-end awards, nor does an Affiliate member have a vote. The fee for an Affiliate membership is \$20.00. An Affiliate member may reside in any state.

6. Business Membership: A Business Member is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or individual using an assumed business name. No Business Member is eligible for any year-end awards nor does a Business Member have a vote. A Business Member is entitled to the following benefits: (1) receiving a complementary subscription to *Flying Changes*, (2) receiving a complementary listing and/or website links on the OHJA website's service directory, (3) obtaining an electronic version of the OHJA membership list once annually (restrictions/fees may apply), (4) OHJA broadcasting one email advertisement, notice, or other similar material to the full OHJA membership per quarter, and (5) any additional benefits the Board may deem appropriate. The fee for a Business Membership is \$125.00.

7. Show Managers: All managers of OHJA ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach shows must be current Senior Amateur members, Senior Professional members, part of a Family Membership, Business, or Lifetime members.

8. Lifetime Member: Any person acceptable to the Board may become a Lifetime member upon filing an application for membership. A Lifetime member is entitled to one (1) vote. The fee for a Lifetime membership shall be \$500.00, regardless of system.

B. Horse Registration: Horses may be registered under a business name providing one of the owners or principals is a member in good standing. Horses registered under individual or family memberships must be owned or leased by the individual or family. Information needed to register horses includes name and address of owner or lessee (business/farm registration name, if applicable), name of horse, and copy of lease agreement, if applicable. In the Open and Regional Systems, the fee to (1) register a horse is \$20.00, (2) transfer the horse's registration to a new owner or lessee is \$20.00, and (3) change a horse's registration name is \$20.00; if a horse's (a) registered owner or lessee and (b) registered name are recorded at the same time, then the total fee is \$20.00. In the Local System, the fee to (1) register a horse is \$5.00, (2) transfer the horse's registration to a new owner or lessee is \$5.00, and (3) change a horse's registration name is \$5.00; if a horse's (a) registered owner or lessee and (b) registered name are recorded at the same time, then the total fee is \$5.00.

For a horse that has been transferred to a new owner or lessee after the start of the membership year, the owner or lessee of record with the OHJA as of the close of that membership year shall receive any applicable year-end division award if no transfer reflecting the new owner or lessee has been recorded with OHJA prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>.

A horse, regardless of rider, can only accumulate points in one system; no horse can accumulate points in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems.

C. Membership Required to Accumulate Points: All owners/lessees and riders must be current members of the OHJA in order to accumulate points toward a year-end division championship.

D. Open System, Regional System, vs. Local System: There are three (3) systems, Open, Regional, and Local, in which members may compete and accumulate points for year-end division championships. All members, other than Senior Professional members showing their own horses, must declare on their membership form in which system they wish to compete and accumulate points.

Generally, members competing within the Open System compete primarily at USEF and Equine Canada rated shows, both within Oregon and its contiguous counties and out-of-state, including but not limited to shows in Washington, California, Arizona, and British Columbia.

Generally, members competing within the Regional System compete primarily at USEF rated shows, as well as a limited number of non-USEF rated ~~OHJA-sanctioned shows~~ shows eligible for OHJA point accumulation, within Oregon and its contiguous counties.

Generally, members competing within the Local System compete primarily at non-USEF rated, ~~OHJA-sanctioned~~ shows eligible for OHJA point accumulation, but may also compete at USEF “Regional I Hunter,” “Regional II Hunter,” and “Jumper Rating 1” rated shows and a limited number of USEF “National Hunter,” “Premier Hunter, and Jumper Rating 2” or higher rated shows within Oregon and its contiguous counties.

A horse and/or rider may change from one system to another during a show year; *however*, unless otherwise provided herein, all points accumulated in the prior system will be lost. A move from one system to another may only occur once per show year. The year-end division championships will be determined pursuant to current OHJA rules.

E. Membership Year: The membership year begins December 1<sup>st</sup> and ends November 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS**

A. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members of this organization shall be on a day selected by the Board of Directors during January of each year, and if the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter. The Board of Directors of the Association shall be elected prior to the annual meeting and hold such

office for a term of ~~two (2)~~ three (3) years or until their successors are elected or appointed by the Board.

B. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Association may be held at any time upon call of the President. Notice of the time, place, and objective of any special meeting shall be given to all Board members and members in good standing, in writing, by United States Mail or via e-mail not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for holding such meeting. The place of such meeting shall be fixed by the Board.

C. Board Meetings: Board meetings may be called by the President at any time. Two-thirds of the board members shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall meet at least six (6) times annually as the Board determines is appropriate; however, the Board shall meet monthly during the first and fourth quarters of the calendar year. The Board shall remain in regular contact via email, conference call, or other means as appropriate to conduct OHJA business throughout the calendar year.

D. Membership Meetings: There may be at least one membership meeting each quarter to give members a chance to voice their opinions on the policies of the Association.

E. Quorum: A quorum of members at any general meeting shall consist of not less than ten (10) members in addition to the majority of the Board of Directors present. Voting may be done by proxy. Each proxy must have a written statement of the exact nature of the issue at the top of each page of signatures and be made available for inspection at the time of the meeting, if requested. Individual members may sign-over their voting privileges to another member.

F. All meetings of the Association and its Board of Directors shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

## **ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. Directors: The officers of the Association, a Hunter Representative, a Jumper Representative, an Equitation Representative, and two (2) or four (4) members-at-large, acting together, shall constitute the Board of Directors, who shall be current members, elected by the general membership by ballot prior to the annual meeting and to hold office for the term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected or appointed. The Board shall have general supervision and control of all the business and activities of the Association, in accordance with the general policies of the Association. All actions of the Board shall be reported to the entire membership within thirty (30) days or at the next general meeting. There shall be up to three (3) Young Rider representatives on the Board, who do not vote on Board matters. A Young Rider is twenty-one (21) years of age or younger. Once elected and at the discretion of the Young Rider members and the Board, one or both Young Rider representatives may elect to serve either a one (1) or two (2) year term.

B. Any vacancy in the Board of the Association must be filled by appointment by the Board within thirty (30) days. Consideration should be given to the first runner-up in the previous Board election.

C. Any board member missing three (3) meetings, or more than one (1) meeting per quarter either physically, or via conference call, will be reviewed by the board for poor attendance. At that time, they may be removed from the board and a successor will be appointed by the board to fulfill the term.

## **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS**

Officers of this Association shall be (a) President, (b) Vice-President, (c) Secretary, and (d) Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

A. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and of the Board of Directors, and shall act as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President shall vote only in the case of a tie. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to the office. The President must be a member in good standing of the USEF.

B. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of or at the request of the President at general or special meetings. The Vice-President shall serve as Chairman of the Rules Committee. The Vice-President must be a member in good standing of the USEF.

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a true record of all the meetings of the members and Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify the members and the Board of Directors of all meetings pertaining to them. The Secretary shall have the custody of the records of the Association. The Secretary shall have a current list of all OHJA members from the Points & Membership Chairperson. The Secretary is responsible for notifying horse show management of horse show date confirmation and mailing any pertinent information requested.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Association and shall place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer or President and for the payment of only such bills as shall have been previously approved by the Board. The Secretary shall deliver to the Treasurer a list of all members and all dues and fees collected. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his/her transactions and render a detailed report, with vouchers, at any meeting of the Board, when requested, and an annual report to the members of the Association at its annual meeting.

E. Points & Membership Chairperson: The Board shall appoint a Points & Membership Chairperson; however, the Points & Membership Chairperson is not an officer of the OHJA or a member of the OHJA Board. All membership applications, horse registrations, and horse name changes shall be filed with the Points & Membership Chairperson. The Points & Membership Chairperson is responsible for collecting all fees and dues and remitting the same to the Treasurer, as well as keeping a current list of point standings. The Points & Membership Chairperson shall not advise any member as to which system, Open, Regional, or Local, he/she

should join in order to compete and accumulate points, and shall advise any member with such an inquiry to consult with his/her trainer.

## **ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS**

A. There will be a nine (9) or eleven (11) senior member and up to three (3) junior member Board of Directors. These members will be elected by the membership. Every year, up to four (4) Board members and up to three (3) junior members will be elected.

B. The board will appoint the Nominating Committee for the new board members. It will consist of three (3) members, one (1) of whom must be an outgoing board member and two (2) members from the ranks of the general membership. Nominees must be presented to the general membership via electronic and/or online ballot. At least thirty (30) days prior to the deadline for submitting completed ballots, said nominees must be presented to the members via (a) email to each member's last recorded email address, and/or (b) the official OHJA website. Members wishing to be on the ballot must submit their names and a biography to the Secretary for inclusion. Votes for board members may be cast via mail or electronically, as the Board deems appropriate.

C. The Board will elect its officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers must be selected from current Board members. The President may not be selected from Board members serving their first year. The Board may appoint committees as necessary.

## **ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Rules Committee: The Board of Directors will select a committee of three (3) or more members to serve as a Rules Committee. Committee members must be current members of USEF. The Rules Committee may review the bylaws and the rules of the Association and recommend any changes to the Board prior to presentation to the members. Substantive rule changes will be voted on by the membership and results will be presented at the first general meeting of the new year held in January.

B. Show ApprovalOversight Committee: The Board of Directors will constitute the Show ~~ApprovalOversight~~ Committee. The Board will (a) suggest any changes to ~~the horse show management and will approve and rate, or disapprove, submitted shows according to the rules of the Association. The Committee will,~~ (b) oversee show management's compliance with the host competition agreement, (c) provide show management with those forms and materials (member labels, OHJA medals and ribbons) ~~provided by the Association and~~as required ~~for operation of a show under OHJA rules~~by the host competition agreement.

C. Year-End Finals Committee: To be approved by the Board of Directors whose duty it shall be to organize a OHJA Year-End Finals show or, if such a show is deemed inadvisable, shall select and coordinate with an existing show to conduct the OHJA Medal Finals and such other classes as may be appropriate.

D. Awards Banquet Committee: The Board of Directors will select a committee whose duty it shall be to organize the annual OHJA Awards Banquet.

E. Scholarship Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee's duties shall include: (a) reviewing applications from potential OHJA scholarship recipients; (b) in conjunction with the Board, voting on applicants to determine finalists for consideration; (c) conducting interviews with finalists; and (d) in conjunction with the Board, selecting up to three (3) applicants to receive the OHJA scholarships. All finalists will be interviewed when the finalists can reasonably be expected to attend (i.e., summer, school vacations, etc.).

F. Education Committee: The Board of Directors will select an Education Committee, whose duties shall include organizing and providing educational opportunities to members, including by leveraging other events and OHJA's relationships with other equestrian groups.

G. Information & Technology Committee: The Board of Directors will select an Information and Technology Committee, whose duties shall include developing and implementing strategies to enhance social media and technology to benefit and serve OHJA's mission and membership.

H. Membership Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Membership Committee, whose duties shall include encouraging membership in the OHJA, increasing membership participation in OHJA's operation and governance, and developing membership benefits.

I. Nominating Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Nominating Committee, whose duties shall include soliciting sufficient nominees to fill all vacant and new positions on the Board of Directors.

J. Fundraising & Development Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Fundraising and Development Committee, whose duties shall include conducting revenue and fundraising activities to meet the needs and promote the mission of the OHJA.

K. Communication Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Communications Committee, whose duties shall include integrating and enhancing communication between and among the Board and OHJA members to increase membership engagement.

L. JEF Advisory Committee: The Board of Directors will select a JEF Advisory Committee, whose duties shall include establishing guidelines for, organizing, and promoting JEF fundraising and other activities.

M. Policy & Procedures Committee: The Board of Directors will select a Policy and Procedures Committee, whose duties shall include developing and maintaining OHJA's Policy and Procedures Manual.

N. Special Committees: The Board of Directors may select a committee for any purpose or function as requested by three (3) or more members.



O. Reporting to the Board: All committees must report quarterly to the Board.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS**

C. The OHJA bylaws and/or rules may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part, by a fifty-one percent (51%) affirmative vote of the members present or represented by proxy at the meeting designated for such purpose, or responding to an electronic, and/or online ballot. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the date set to act on any proposed changes, said proposed must be presented to the members via (a) email to each members last recorded email address, and/or (b) the official OHJA website. The process must have a written statement of the exact nature of the issue at the top of each page of signatures and be made available for inspection at the time of the meeting, if requested. Individual members may sign-over their voting privileges to another member.

D. The Board may amend the nomenclature and classification of the ~~By-laws~~Bylaws and rules to align with USEF and/or USHJA. No amendment shall change the purpose, intent or design of the ~~by-law~~applicable bylaw or rule. *(e.g. the change voted on at the 2016 annual meeting which changed the age classifications to align with USEF/USHJA would be allowed to be changed by a board vote. However, the change ~~voted~~approved at the ~~open meeting in~~ July of 2016 to allow double points at the year-end final show would NOT be ~~allowed to be changed~~amended without a vote of the members)*

## **ARTICLE XI - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

The provision for distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation is: all assets to be distributed and paid-over to the United States Equestrian Team.

## **ARTICLE XII – PROTESTS**

Protests must be made to the OHJA Board of Directors and accompanied by a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) fee. All protests will be reviewed according to the review process as stated in Rule VI of the USEF manual.

## **ARTICLE XIII - GENERAL STANDARDS FOR DIRECTOR CONDUCT**

Directors shall discharge their duties, including duties as a member of any committee: (1) in good faith; (2) with the care an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and (3) in a manner the Director reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the Corporation. In discharging the duties of a Director, a Director is entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by: (1) one or more officers or employees of the Corporation whom the Director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (2) legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters the Director reasonable believes are within the person's professional or expert competence; and (3) a committee of which the Director is not a member as to matters within its jurisdiction, if the Director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence. A Director is not acting in good faith if the Director has

knowledge concerning the matter in question that makes reliance otherwise permitted unwarranted. A Director is not liable to the Corporation, any member, or any other person for any action taken or not taken as a Director, if the Director acted in compliance with this section. In addition, even if so liable, the Director's liability for monetary damages shall be limited as stated in the Articles of Incorporation. A Director shall not be deemed to be a trustee with respect to the Corporation or with respect to any property held or administered by the Corporation, including without limit, property that may be subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or transferor of such property.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - OFFICER LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH LITIGATION**

An officer of the Corporation who serves the Corporation without compensation for personal services as an officer shall be considered a "qualified director" within the meaning of that term as used in these Bylaws. An uncompensated officer of the Corporation shall be entitled to indemnification and advancement of litigation-related expenses to the same extent as a qualified Director. As officer of the Corporation who receives compensation for personal services to the Corporation shall receive such indemnity, limitation of liability, and advancement for suit related expenses as shall be consistent with the laws of the State of Oregon, these Bylaws, and the extent the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, determines such limitation on liability, indemnification, advancement of expenses, or any combination thereof, to be reasonable.

#### **ARTICLE XV - AUTHORITY TO INDEMNIFY DIRECTORS; ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR DIRECTORS**

If any Director of the Corporation is made a party to a proceeding because that individual is or was a director, the Corporation shall indemnify that individual against liability or damages to the full extent provided by ORS 65.391, 65.394, and 65.404, as amended. It shall be proper for the Corporation to pay for or reimburse reasonable expenses incurred by a Director who is a party to a proceeding, in advance of final disposition in that proceeding, if the Board so authorizes and the Director complies with the provisions of ORS 65.398, as amended.

#### **ARTICLE XVI - LIABILITY OF QUALIFIED DIRECTORS**

Civil liability of a qualified Director of the Corporation for the negligent performance of duties shall be limited to acts of gross negligence, intentional acts, or both, and shall also be limited by any limitation on monetary damages set forth in the Articles of Incorporation. The term "qualified Director," as used in these Bylaws, means a person who serves as a Director without compensation for personal services as director. An otherwise qualified Director shall not be considered to be compensated if the Director receives payments only for actual expenses incurred in attending meetings or performing Director's duties or receives a stipend which is paid only to compensate the Director for average expenses incurred over the course of a year.

#### **ARTICLE XVII - INDEMNIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS**

In its sole discretion, by general or specific action, the Board of Directors may indemnify and advance expenses to any employee or agent of the Corporation to the extent allowed by applicable law.

***END OF BYLAWS***

# OREGON HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION RULES

## RULE I – DEFINITIONS

### Section A - Horse Show Year

The horse show year shall begin December 1 and end November 30.

### Section B - Medal Classes

The term "Medal Class," as used in these rules, denotes an equitation class in which the rider competes in order to qualify for a "Medal Final" at the end of the year. To qualify, a rider must accumulate a minimum of ten (10) points as set forth in Rule V, Section C.3.

## RULE II—~~FACILITIES~~

~~The following are mandatory for all OHJA Non-Rated shows:~~

- ~~22. Stabling— for all Non-Rated multi-day shows, and single-day Non-Rated shows offered the same weekend as a Rated Show, at least twenty (20) stalls, on-site, must be available for use by show participants. For all other single-day Non-Rated Shows, management is encouraged, but not required, to provide at least twenty (20) available stalls, on-site, for use by show participants.~~
- ~~23. Parking— ample parking for trailers, cars, and/or recreation vehicles~~
- ~~24. Suitable warm-up and exercise areas~~
- ~~25. First aid/medic~~
- ~~26. Eating facility(ies)~~
- ~~27. Safe and suitable footing~~
- ~~28. Restrooms~~
- ~~29. Water facilities~~
- ~~30. Telephone for public use~~
- ~~31. Insurance coverage of at least \$500,000 for liability for personal injury, bodily injury, and property damage, and providing OHJA with a copy of the policy naming the OHJA as co-insured. Management is encouraged, but not required, to provide such coverage for at least \$1,000,000.~~

~~32. Entry forms—for all Non-Rated shows, all entry forms must include the OHJA approved waiver of liability and release language.~~

## **RULE III – BENEFIT PROGRAMS**

### **A. Scholarship Program**

The OHJA may award scholarships to three (3) applicants yearly. Applications must be made to the OHJA Secretary and be postmarked at least ten (10) days prior to the interview date as published in "Flying Changes" or similar official publication. The amount of the scholarship will be based on the funds available. Scholarships are to be used for continuing education. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and they, along with the OHJA Board, will vote on applicants to determine finalists for consideration. All finalists will be interviewed. The OHJA Board and the Scholarship Committee will determine recipients of the award. Monies will be paid directly to the school of the recipient's choice. A recipient may only receive one (1) scholarship. There will be a limit of two (2) years in which to collect scholarship monies.

### **B. Junior Equestrian Fund (JEF)**

JEF was established to give money to young riders, twenty-one (21) years of age and under, who compete at Medal Finals or in other Finals classes, including the Young Rider and USET. Riders will participate in fundraising activities to add money to this fund. For consideration of monies to be awarded, the applying young rider must have actively participated in the fundraising activities that current year and must make a formal application to the OHJA Board.

### **C. Local System Medal Finals Program**

The Local System Medal Finals Program was established to provide financial assistance to Local System members, both juniors and amateurs, who compete in the OHJA Medal Finals. Riders will participate in fundraising activities to add money to this fund. For consideration of monies to be awarded, the applying rider must have actively participated in the fundraising activities that current year and must make a formal application to the OHJA Board.”

## **RULE ~~IV~~III - GENERAL RULES FOR ~~SHOWS~~SHOWS**

### **Section A ~~Registration/Sanctioning~~ Show Eligibility for OHJA Point Accumulation**

#### **1. USEF- or Equine Canada-Rated Shows:**

Any and all horse shows that are USEF or Equine Canada rated are approved for OHJA point accumulation as “Rated Shows”; ~~no application for Rated Show approval by OHJA is required.”~~<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> This definition of a “Rated Show” applies throughout the OHJA Rule Book.

Application and Fees: No application for Rated Show approval by OHJA is required. In lieu of payment ~~of an application~~ a points tracking fee as provided herein, all Rated Shows approved for OHJA point accumulation must pay OHJA one-half (1/2) of all entry fees received from the OHJA medal classes. OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA medal classes.

Before permitting any rider to compete in an OHJA Medal class, show management must confirm the rider's membership status by (1) checking the current membership list, (2) requiring the rider to provide his/her current membership card, or (3) requiring the rider to provide proof of payment of the applicable OHJA membership fee. ~~From each non-member owner, trainer, and rider, show management at each Oregon and SW Washington show shall collect a \$5.00 non-member fee, and pay to OHJA all such non-member fees collected.~~

2. Non-Rated Outreach Shows:<sup>6</sup>

Any and all non-USEF rated shows in Oregon or its contiguous counties that are OHJA sanctioned and approved for by the USHJA Outreach program are eligible for OHJA point accumulation, regardless of duration, are "Non-Rated as "Outreach Shows."<sup>7</sup> ~~For a single day Non-Rated Show, only two (2) over fences and one (1) under saddle class per recognized OHJA division may count for points.~~

a. ~~Standard Application Fee: As of January 5, 2015, all Non-Rated holds and provides no regulatory function regarding the Outreach Shows sanctioned by, nor does OHJA must pay a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day of the show, to be paid prior to sanction or license such shows. Therefore, OHJA approval will not hear grievances or become involved in the regulatory process of Outreach Shows. Compliance with OHJA host competition requirements and which is non-refundable upon approval. The application fee is subject to doubling if not submitted at least sixty (60) days in advance as provided in Section IV.3.e below. This fee includes medals and ribbons for four (4) OHJA Medal classes. An additional fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) shall be due for each additional medal class, which fee must be paid within ten (10) days of completion of the show.~~ the USHJA Outreach program requirements is the responsibility of show management.

Application and Fees: For OHJA to track points and for OHJA members to accumulate points at an Outreach Show, show management must submit the following at least thirty (30) days in advance of the applicable show date: (1) an application; (2) a host competition agreement between OHJA and show management; and (3) payment of a point tracking fee ("Points Fee"). The Points Fee shall be \$25.00 per day per Outreach Show, which is subject to doubling if the application, agreement, and Points Fee are untimely. An additional \$25.00 per day per Outreach Show shall be due within two (2) weeks of conclusion of the show if the show results are not submitted in the manner provided herein. The Points Fee does not cover medals and ribbons for OHJA Medal classes.

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<sup>6</sup> Outreach Show managers may submit to the OHJA Board a written request to defer implementation of the 2017 rule changes specifically applicable to Outreach (formerly Non-Rated) shows at their show(s) until June 1, 2017. Any such request must explain show management's reason for requesting such deferral. It is within the sole discretion of the OHJA Board to accept or deny such request.

<sup>7</sup> This definition of an "Outreach Show" applies throughout the OHJA Rule Book.

If the Outreach Show elects to offer OHJA Medal classes, the show must also pay OHJA \$50.00 or twenty-five percent (25%) of all entry fees received from the OHJA Medal classes, whichever is greater (“Medal Fee”). OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA Medal classes. Payment of the Medal Fee is due within two (2) weeks of conclusion of the show.

Class Eligibility for OHJA Points: Horses and riders can accumulate points for OHJA Regional or Local System year-end division championships and Certificate of Merit awards only in classes named and conducted according to OHJA specifications. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USHJA Outreach hunter and equitation classes (1) offered over fences 2’ in height are eligible for OHJA year-end championship points in the Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup hunter and equitation divisions, and (2) offered over fences 2’6” in height are eligible for OHJA year-end championship points in the Pre-Children’s/Pre-Adult hunter and equitation divisions.

Show Requirements: All Outreach Shows must provide or comply with the following conditions, requirements, and specifications:

22. Submit an application to, and sign a host competition agreement with, OHJA at least thirty (30) days prior to the show date(s)
23. Submit to OHJA proof that such show has been approved by the USHJA Outreach program
24. Stabling - for all Outreach multi-day shows, and single-day Outreach shows offered the same weekend as a Rated Show, at least twenty (20) stalls, on site, must be available for use by show participants. For all other single-day Outreach Shows, management is encouraged, but not required, to provide at least twenty (20) available stalls, on site, for use by show participants.
25. Parking - ample parking for trailers, cars, and/or recreation vehicles
26. Suitable warm up and exercise areas
27. EMT or First Responder
28. Eating facility(ies)
29. Safe and suitable footing
30. Restrooms
31. Water facilities
32. Telephone for public use

33. Insurance coverage that meets or exceeds the requirement established by the USHJA for USHJA Outreach competitions, naming OHJA as an additional insured on such policy(ies), and providing OHJA with proof thereof as provided herein.
34. Entry forms – for all Outreach shows, all entry forms must include the OHJA-approved waiver of liability and release language
35. Pay the Points Fee, and any fees and fines associated with the submission of show results as provided herein
36. If applicable and in addition to the Points Fee, pay the Medal Fee, which equals the greater of \$50.00 or twenty-five percent (25%) of the entry fees of all entry fees received from the OHJA Medal Classes. OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA Medal classes
37. Comply with the OHJA Code of Conduct
38. Have a copy of the current OHJA Rules available for reference
39. Make copies of the current OHJA membership application or maintain an internet connection so that OHJA members can join or renew online at the show
40. Forward show results to OHJA in the format and in a timely manner as provided herein
41. Courses are designed (a) consistent with USEF hunter, equitation, and/or jumper course designing guidelines and OHJA class specifications, and (b-) by a professional trainer or an amateur rider at least 21 years of age under the supervision of the designated professional trainer. If the OHJA class specifications are more restrictive than the USEF course designing guidelines, then the OHJA class specifications take priority over USEF guidelines.
42. Safety equipment – breakaway cups or pins must be used on the back rail of all oxers

*EMT or First Responder:* Show management shall retain the services of one or more EMT(s) or First Responder(s), licensed or accredited by the applicable state and/or local authorities in which the Outreach Show is located, to provide emergency medical care at the Outreach Show. All EMT(s) or First Responder(s) shall: (a) carry or otherwise be covered by a professional liability insurance policy as required by applicable state law, with proof thereof provided by show management to OHJA at least two (2) weeks prior to the Outreach Show; (b) be designated by first and last name as the EMT(s) or First Responder(s) on the Outreach Show's application; and (c) remain on the show premises, and in proximity to the competition arenas and/or schooling areas at all times throughout the Outreach Show, including any school session(s) open to exhibitors on the day(s) of the show. Any change to the EMT(s) or First Responder(s) designated on the Outreach Show's application must be reported to OHJA as soon as practicable, along with proof of insurance coverage.



*Proof of Liability Insurance:* Show management shall (1) maintain liability insurance coverage that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements established by USHJA for USHJA Outreach competitions, (2) name OHJA as an additional insured with respect to any and all such policies, and (3) provide OHJA with proof thereof at least two (2) weeks prior to the applicable show. Proof of emergency medical personnel's professional liability insurance shall also be provided as required herein.

If proof of insurance is not provided as required, the host competition shall pay to OHJA a one hundred seventy-five dollar (\$175.00) fine for exhibitors to remain eligible to receive OHJA points toward year-end awards based upon their results at the applicable show. Until such fine is paid, show management shall be in breach of the host competition agreement, no OHJA member may accumulate points at the applicable Outreach Show(s), and no OHJA member may accumulate points at any future Outreach Show to which the applicable host competition agreement applies. OHJA will not track points from any show for OHJA year-end awards unless and until all fees and fines are paid. Show management is solely responsible for notifying all Regional and Local System exhibitors at the affected Outreach Shows that they will not accumulate OHJA points at such shows.

*Submitting Show Results:* Within two (2) weeks after an Outreach Show, show management must submit to OHJA the following: (1) show results submitted directly to OHJA via the OHJA website's data entry portal or in the electronic format provided by OHJA to show management (i.e., Excel document); (2) all OHJA membership applications, horse registrations, and fees received at the show; (3) for combined age group classes, the correct age group of the riders; and (4) a copy of the show's prize list. If results are not submitted electronically via the OHJA website or in the required Excel format, then the Points Fee shall increase to \$50.00 per day per Outreach Show, with the balance due paid at the time the results are submitted to OHJA. Further, if results are not submitted and/or the Medal Fee is not paid in a timely manner, then an additional two-hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine is due. OHJA will not track points from any show for OHJA year-end awards unless and until all fees and fines are paid.

*Limit on Number of ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach Shows:* Show management is limited to conducting four (4) ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach Shows at the same location per competition year offering hunter/hunt seat equitation classes, and four (4) ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach Shows at the same location per competition year offering jumper classes; if both hunter/hunt seat equitation and jumper classes are offered at the same show, that show counts as one show for each discipline.

e. ~~Approval Procedure:~~

~~i. *Deadline for Submitting Application and Fee:* Applications for sanctioning of Non-Rated Shows for the calendar year must be made to the OHJA Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the show. The OHJA Secretary will notify show management if the dates are acceptable and the show is approved. At the time of application for Non-Rated Show approval, show management must submit (1) a completed Non-Rated Show Approval application form, and (2) the applicable approval fee. If the OHJA Board does not receive show management's application for Non-Rated Show approval and the applicable approval fee at least sixty (60) days prior to the applicable show, the show approval fee shall be doubled.~~

~~ii. Applying for Multiple Non-Rated Shows: Show management may apply for multiple dates at one time; however, payment of the approval fee for all dates requested is required at the time of application.~~

~~iii. Proof of Insurance: Show management shall provide to the OHJA Board, at least two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the Non-Rated Show, proof of insurance as required by the OHJA Rules. If proof of insurance is not provided as required, show management shall pay to OHJA a one hundred seventy five dollar (\$175.00) fine in order to retain Non-Rated Show approval of the show. Until the one hundred seventy five dollar (\$175.00) fine is paid, the OHJA Board shall not approve, or shall revoke approval of, any shows conducted by show management for the competition year. If proof of insurance is not provided as required, the OHJA Board shall revoke Non-Rated Show approval of show management's show(s) for the competition year until proof of insurance for the applicable show is provided, and without refund of any applicable approval fee(s). Show management must notify all Regional and Local System members that its show(s) is/are not OHJA Non-Rated Show approved.~~

~~iv. Change of Show Date(s) and/or Location: If, for any reason, show management changes the date(s) and/or location(s) of any Non-Rated Show previously approved by the OHJA Board, show management must reapply for Non-Rated Show approval; however, no additional approval fee(s) shall be due for such show(s). To reserve its show date(s) for the following competition year, show management that has historically held its show(s) on the same date(s) in prior years (i.e., Memorial Day weekend) must submit its application(s) by December 1<sup>st</sup>. After December 1<sup>st</sup>, all applications will be considered for approval on a 'first come, first serve' basis. If a Rated Show offers "Opportunity" classes run in accordance with USEF rules, OHJA may approve a Non-Rated Show at another location on the same date(s) as such Rated Show. Otherwise, OHJA shall not approve more than one Non-Rated Show within a fifty (50) mile radius for the same date(s).~~

~~v. Course Design and Safety equipment: For OHJA sanctioned shows submit sample courses with measurement between fences in lines and must provide safety equipment break away cups or breakaway pins on the back rail of oxers. Course Designer must be (1) a professional trainer or (2) over 18 years old and under the supervision of the designated professional trainer at that show.~~

~~d. Prize Lists: Show management must mail or email approved show prize lists to all members on the OHJA Regional and Local System mailing list, which list can be provided by the Point & Membership Chairperson upon request. As an alternative to mailing or emailing show Premiums, show management may post the show prize lists on its own website or the OHJA website. Regardless of whether prize lists are mailed, emailed, or posted on a website, show management must make prize lists available to the membership of the OHJA Regional and Local System at least thirty (30) days prior to the show date. Prize lists must list classes and class specifications exactly as submitted to and approved by OHJA. All classes in which horses and riders may compete and accumulate points for Regional or Local System year-end division championships must be named and conducted according to OHJA specifications. Non-approved classes must be identified as such in the Premiums. OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA medal classes.~~

~~e. Rule Book and Membership Applications: During the each Outreach Show, show management must (1) have a copy of OHJA Rules available for reference, and (b) make OHJA2) make OHJA membership applications available for exhibitors. Alternatively, show management shall provide internet access to the OHJA website for access to the OHJA Rules and for online membership applications available for show participants. Upon request, the OHJA Secretary will mail copies of the OHJA Rules and membership applications to the show management.~~

~~f. Show Results to Points & Membership Chairperson: Within ten (10) days after the show, show management shall provide the OHJA Points & Membership Chairperson with the following: (1) complete, typed show results, including the correct names of the and horse, rider, and owner/lessee; (2) all OHJA membership applications and fees received at the show; (3) for combined age group classes, the correct age group of the rider; and (4) a copy of the show's prize list. If show results are not provided to the OHJA Points & Membership Chairperson as required, show management shall pay to OHJA a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine in order to retain Non-Rated Show approval of the show. Until the two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine is paid, the Board shall not approve, or shall revoke approval of, any shows conducted by show management for the competition year registrations.~~

~~g. Confirming OHJA Membership for Medal Classes: Before permitting any rider to compete in an any OHJA Medal class, show management must confirm the rider's membership status by (1) checking the current membership list, (2) requiring the rider to provide his/her current membership card, or (3) requiring the rider to provide proof of payment of the applicable OHJA membership fee.~~

~~h. Sanctioning for Noncompliance: If show management for a Non-Rated Show fails to comply with OHJA and USEF rules and conditions regarding the sanctioning or conduct of the show, the OHJA Board may impose any and all sanctions against show management as provided under the USEF rules.~~

## **Section B - Stakes Classes**

1. See USEF rule book.
2. All stakes classes in Non-Rated Outreach Shows must have a minimum purse of thirty dollars (\$30.00). All add-back money must be in addition to the purse for hunter classes.

## **Section C - Point Accumulation**

1. Open System:

Open System horses and riders *may compete* in any Rated and Non-Rated Outreach horse shows. However, Open System horses and riders *may accumulate points only* at Rated Shows. If the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals is a USEF "Regional I Hunter" or "Regional II Hunter" Rated Show, double points will be offered if such show is a benefit for OHJA. *However*, if the

show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals is a USEF “Premier Hunter” or “National Hunter” Rated Show, double points *will not* be offered, regardless of whether such show is a benefit for OHJA.

Out of state horses and riders must accumulate points in three (3) or more Oregon shows to be eligible for the OHJA year-end awards. An out of state horse is one that is owned or leased by an OHJA member who is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of county contiguous to Oregon. An out of state rider is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of a county contiguous to Oregon.

The horse, legal owner (or lessee), and rider must all be members of OHJA 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 for that show.

Points in the hunter, hunt seat equitation, and jumper divisions are calculated according to the USEF increment system, excluding bonus points. In addition, derbies, classics, and similar classes will count based on the current Zone increment system. For USHJA International and National Derbies, the horse owner or rider must declare the division in which the horse’s points, if any, will accumulate. However, no points will be earned in any classes restricting entries, e.g., Zone Qualifying classes, Hunter Championship classes, etc. Double points will be offered at the horse show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals when that horse show is a benefit for OHJA. The show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals will be eligible to award double points for USEF and OHJA sections. The show will automatically award double points unless the OHJA Board of Directors votes otherwise, no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Board must provide good reason to not allow the show to award double points.

Points for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place are accumulated based upon the number of exhibitors competing according to the USEF Hunter Increment System as follows:

***USEF “REGIONAL II HUNTER” AND “JUMPER 1 RATING” RATED SHOWS***

<b><i>Number of Exhibitors</i></b>	<b><i>3-8</i></b>	<b><i>9-15</i></b>	<b><i>16-25</i></b>	<b><i>26+</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	20	25	30	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15	20	25	35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10	15	20	30
4 <sup>th</sup>	5	10	15	25
5 <sup>th</sup>	4	5	10	20
6 <sup>th</sup>	3	4	5	15

***USEF “NATIONAL HUNTER,” “REGIONAL I HUNTER,” AND “JUMPER 2 RATING” RATED SHOWS***

<b><i>Number of Exhibitors</i></b>	<b><i>3-8</i></b>	<b><i>9-15</i></b>	<b><i>16-25</i></b>	<b><i>26+</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	40	50	60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	25	35	45	55

3 <sup>rd</sup>	20	30	40	50
4 <sup>th</sup>	15	25	35	45
5 <sup>th</sup>	14	24	34	44
6 <sup>th</sup>	13	23	33	43

**USEF “PREMIER HUNTER” AND “JUMPER 3 – 6 RATING” RATED SHOWS**

<b>Number of Exhibitors</b>	<b>3- 8</b>	<b>9 – 15</b>	<b>16 – 25</b>	<b>26+</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	40	50	60	70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	35	45	55	65
3 <sup>rd</sup>	30	40	50	60
4 <sup>th</sup>	25	35	45	55
5 <sup>th</sup>	24	34	44	54
6 <sup>th</sup>	23	33	43	53

2. Regional System:

Regional System horses and riders *may compete* in any Rated and ~~Non-Rated~~ Outreach horse shows. However, Regional System horses and riders *may accumulate points only* at the following shows *within Oregon and its contiguous counties*: (1) the first three (3) ~~Non-Rated~~ Outreach Shows in which the horse and/or rider accumulates points; and (2) any and all Rated Shows. If the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals is a USEF “Regional I Hunter” or “Regional II Hunter” Rated Show, double points will be offered if such show is a benefit for OHJA. *However*, if the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals is a USEF “Premier Hunter” or “National Hunter” Rated Show, double points *will not* be offered, regardless of whether such show is a benefit for OHJA.

***Out of state horses and riders are not eligible for OHJA points in the Regional System.*** An out of state horse is one that is owned or leased by an OHJA member who is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of a county contiguous to Oregon. An out of state rider is neither an Oregon resident nor a resident of a county contiguous to Oregon.

The horse, legal owner (or lessee), and rider must all be members of OHJA 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 for that show.

Points in the hunter, hunt seat equitation, and jumper divisions are calculated according to the USEF increment system, excluding bonus points. In addition, derbies, classics, and similar classes will count based on the current Zone increment system. For USHJA International and National Derbies, the horse owner or rider must declare the division in which the horse’s points, if any, will accumulate. However, no points will be earned in any classes restricting entries, e.g., Zone Qualifying classes, Hunter Championship classes, etc. Double points will be offered at the horse show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals when that horse show is a benefit for OHJA. The show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals will be eligible to award double points for USEF and

OHJA sections. The show will automatically award double points unless the OHJA Board of Directors votes otherwise, no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Board must provide good reason to not allow the show to award double points.

Regional System horses and riders will accumulate points as follows: (1) for USEF “Premier Hunter” and “Jumper 3 – 6” Rated Shows, using the current USEF Hunter Increment point system noted *above*; (2) for USEF “National Hunter,” “Regional I Hunter,” and “Jumper 2 Rating” Rated Shows, using the current USEF Hunter Increment point system noted *above*; and (3) for USEF “Regional II Hunter” and “Jumper 1 Rating” Rated Shows, using the current USEF Hunter Increment point system noted *above*; and (4) for ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach Show, using the current USEF Hunter Increment point system *below*:

<i>Number of Exhibitors</i>	<b><i>OUTREACH SHOWS<sup>8</sup></i></b>			
	<b><i>3-8</i></b>	<b><i>9-15</i></b>	<b><i>16-25</i></b>	<b><i>26+</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	20	25	30	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15	20	25	35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10	15	20	30
4 <sup>th</sup>	5	10	15	25
5 <sup>th</sup>	4	5	10	20
6 <sup>th</sup>	3	4	5	15

3. Local System:

Local System horses and riders *may compete* in any and all Rated and ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach Shows. However, Local System horses and riders *may accumulate points only* in Oregon and its contiguous counties: (a) ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach Shows, (b) Rated Shows that are USEF “Regional I Hunter,” “Regional II Hunter,” or “Jumper Rating 1” rated, and (c) up to three (3) Rated Shows that are USEF “Premier Hunter,” “National Hunter,” or “Jumper 2 – 6 Rating” rated. *Unless otherwise provided herein, only points from the first three (3) USEF “Premier Hunter,” “National Hunter,” or “Jumper 2 – 6 Rating” Rated Shows in which the Local System member and/or horse accumulates points will count toward year-end championship awards.* USEF “Premier Hunter,” “National Hunter,” and “Jumper 2 – 6 Rating” Rated Shows in which the member and/or horse accumulates points *only* in USEF “Opportunity” classes over fences less than 2’ in height do not count toward such limit; *however*, points accumulated in classes over fences 2’ or higher will count toward such limit. Once the member and/or horse accumulates points in three (3) USEF “Premier Hunter” and/or “National Hunter” Rated Shows as provided herein, no additional points will accumulate unless and until the member and/or horse is upgraded to the Regional System and all applicable Regional System membership and horse registration fees are paid. If the member upgrades to the Regional System, credit will be given for Local System membership fees previously paid and all points previously accumulated will

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<sup>8</sup> This reference to Outreach shows applies only to the Regional System; horses and riders in the Open System may not accumulate points in Outreach shows.

follow the member/horse to the Regional System and be recalculated under the Regional System increment rules. If the show hosting the OHJA Mini Medal Finals is USEF “Regional I Hunter” or “Regional II Hunter” rated, double points will be offered if such show is a benefit for OHJA. *However*, if the show hosting the OHJA Mini Medal Finals is a USEF “Premier Hunter” or “National” Rated Show, double points *will not* be offered, regardless of whether such show is a benefit for OHJA. The show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals will be eligible to award double points for USEF and OHJA sections. The show will automatically award double points unless the OHJA Board of Directors votes otherwise, no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Board must provide good reason to not allow the show to award double points. ~~The following provision enacted as a trial for this year only:~~ “Local System riders who qualify for and compete in the Medal Finals will accumulate double points at the Medal Finals host show regardless of how many rated horse shows they have already attended in the current year.”

The horse, legal owner (or lessee), and rider must all be members of OHJA 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 for that show.

For points to count in any class, a minimum of three (3) exhibitors must compete in the class. Regardless of the number of exhibitors beyond three (3) in a class, Local System horses and riders will accumulate points as follows:

1st–10	2nd–6	3rd–4	4th–3	5th–2
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4. Recording and Reporting of Points Accumulated:

The Board will appoint a Points & Membership Chairperson to maintain a year-to-date accounting of points toward year-end division championships. The Points & Membership Chairperson shall be compensated at a rate determined by a vote of the Board.

Any discrepancies in point accumulations noted by a member shall be reported to the Points & Membership Chairperson, who will research and correct the reported discrepancy as appropriate. Point standings shall be posted on the OHJA website, and other public site(s), and updated at least every two (2) months. Any member may request a printed copy of point standings by submitting a written request to the Points & Membership Chairperson. No member may make more than three (3) such requests per show year.

Exhibitors attending shows outside of Oregon and contiguous counties must provide the Points & Membership Chairperson with their points and a letter stating that their official points are being forwarded from the horse show management. Upon receipt of the official points, the Points & Membership Chairperson will notify the exhibitor.

**RULE IV – YEAR END DIVISION AWARDS**

A. Open System:



OHJA Open System offers year-end championships in those divisions (a) having at least five (5) members, regardless of whether such members are registered in the Open or Regional System, accumulating points in any division at three (3) or more shows in Oregon, and (b) in which the leading horse/rider accumulates at least twenty-five (25) points. The exceptions shall be the following divisions, which will offer a year-end championship *if* at least three (3) members accumulate points over fences in any division at two (2) or more shows:

***Open/Professional Divisions***

Green Hunter 3’  
Green Hunter 3’3”  
Green Hunter 3’6”  
Green Hunter 3’9”  
Young Hunter 3’  
Young Hunter 3’3”  
Performance Hunter 3’3”  
Performance Hunter 3’6”  
Conformation Hunter  
High Performance Hunter

***Junior/Amateur Divisions:***

Green Pony Hunter  
Pony Working Hunter  
Junior Working Hunter 3’3”  
Junior Working Hunter  
Amateur Owner Working Hunter 3’3”  
Amateur Owner Working Hunter

*However*, the leading horse/rider must still accumulate at least twenty-five (25) points. In each division, Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded.

USEF-rated amateur and junior divisions (i.e., Children’s, Junior, Adult Amateur, Amateur Owner) cannot be combined with one another for year-end championships. However, if the division does not otherwise qualify for a year-end championship award as set forth above, OHJA reserves the right to (a) combine age groupings among amateurs and among juniors in any USEF-rated divisions conducted under the same class specifications (i.e., Children’s 13 & Under and Children’s 14 – 17 combined, Adult Amateur 18 – 35 and Adult Amateur ~~36—5040 - 55~~ combined), and (b) combine divisions, regardless of rider age, in any non-USEF-rated divisions conducted under the same class specifications (i.e., Pre-Children’s and Pre-Adult combined). The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine the separate Small, Medium, and Large Pony Working Hunter divisions into one or more Pony Working Hunter division(s).

The Board has discretion to award year-end championships in divisions that do not meet the criteria set forth above. However, OHJA welcomes sponsors of divisions that do not meet the criteria set forth above. The deadline for sponsorships of division that do not meet eligibility requirements is October 31 of the current show year. Sponsorship costs will be arranged with the OHJA Board.

B. Regional System:

OHJA Regional System offers year-end championships to those divisions (a) having at least three (3) members, regardless of whether such members are registered in the Open or Regional System, acquiring points in any division at two (2) or more shows, and (b) in which the leading horse/rider accumulates at least twenty-five (25) points. In each division, Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded.



Except for combining the Junior Hunter and Amateur Owner Hunter divisions, USEF-rated amateur and junior divisions cannot be combined with one another for year-end championships (i.e., no Children’s/Adult Amateur Hunter). However, if the division does not otherwise qualify for a year-end championship award as set forth above, the OHJA Board reserves the right to (a) combine age groupings among amateurs and among juniors in any USEF-rated divisions conducted under the same class specifications (i.e., Children’s 13 & Under and Children’s 14 – 17 combined, Adult Amateur 18 - ~~35~~39 and Adult Amateur ~~36—50~~40 - 55 combined), and (b) combine divisions, regardless of rider age, in any non-USEF-rated divisions conducted under the same class specifications (i.e., Pre-Children’s and Pre-Adult combined). The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine the separate Small, Medium, and Large Pony Working Hunter divisions into one or more Pony Working Hunter division(s).

The Board has discretion to award year-end championships in divisions that do not meet the criteria set forth above. However, OHJA welcomes sponsors of divisions that did not meet the criteria set forth above. The deadline for sponsorships of division that do not meet eligibility requirements is October 31 of the current show year. Sponsorship costs will be arranged with the OHJA Board.

C. Local System:

Generally, the Local System will award two types of awards at the end of the competition year: (1) merit awards for divisions with fences less than 2’ in height, and (2) year-end championships for divisions with fences between 2’ and 3’ (for hunters and equitation) or 1.00m (for jumpers) in height. No hunter or equitation divisions or classes higher than 3’ in height will be eligible for Local System points or year-end championships. No jumper divisions or classes higher than ~~0.95m~~1.00m in height will be eligible for Local System points or year-end championships.

Unless specifically listed in this Section V.C, no classes or divisions that are open to professional riders are eligible for year-end championships.

1. Certificate of Merit Divisions:

OHJA will recognize rider achievements through the Certificate of Merit program. Members who earn at least twenty-five (25) points in Certificate of Merit divisions will earn a Certificate of Merit, based on the following point system, to be presented at the Year-End Awards Banquet. Points are accumulated according to the Local System rules set forth above. Divisions that count toward the Certificate of Merit are those divisions and classes limited to non-professionals as follows:

<i>Junior/Amateur Hunter Classes</i>	<b>LOCAL</b>
Flat Hunter	CM
Trot a Pole Hunter	CM
Trot a Course Hunter, Under 12”	CM
Trot a Course Hunter, 12” – 15”	CM

Beginning Rider Hunter	CM
Green Rider Hunter	CM

***Junior/Amateur Equitation Classes***

Flat Equitation	CM
Trot a Pole Equitation	CM
Trot a Course Equitation, Under 12”	CM
Trot a Course Equitation, 12” – 15”	CM
Beginning Rider Equitation	CM
Green Rider Equitation	CM

For points to count toward the Certificate of Merit, the classes or divisions must be (1) offered at a ~~Non-Rated~~ **Outreach** Show or (2) “Opportunity” classes run in accordance with USEF rules at a Rated Show. There will be a point system of Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels:

- Gold = 75 and up
- Silver = 50-74
- Bronze = 25-49

***Certificate of Merit Hunter Specifications:***

*Flat Hunter:* Points from any and all flat hunter classes not otherwise eligible for a division championship at a ~~Non-Rated~~ **Outreach** or Rated Show to count toward Certificate of Merit, including but not limited to English Pleasure, Walk/Trot, and Walk/Trot/Canter.

*Trot a Pole Hunter:* Points over poles and under saddle to count toward Certificate of Merit.

*Trot a Course Hunter, Under 12”:* Fence height less than 12”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Points over fences and under saddle to count toward Certificate of Merit.

*Trot a Course Hunter, 12” – 15”:* Fence height 12” – 15”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Points over fences and under saddle to count toward Certificate of Merit.

*Beginning Rider Hunter:* Fence height 12” – 15”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. Points over fences and under saddle to count toward Certificate of Merit.

*Green Rider Hunter:* Fence height 18” – 23”. May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. Points over fences and under saddle to count toward Certificate of Merit.

***Certificate of Merit Equitation Specifications:***

*Flat Equitation:* Points from any and all flat equitation classes not otherwise eligible for a division championship at a ~~Non-Rated~~ **Outreach** or Rated Show to count toward Certificate of Merit, including but not limited to Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/Canter.

Trot a Pole Equitation: Points over poles and on the flat to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Trot a Course Equitation, Under 12": Fence height less than 12". May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Points over fences and on the flat to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Trot a Course Equitation, 12" – 15": Fence height 12" – 15". May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Points over fences and on the flat to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Beginning Rider Equitation: Fence height 12" – 15". May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. Points over fences and on the flat to count toward Certificate of Merit.

Green Rider Equitation: Fence height 18" – 23". May include cross rails. No oxers or in and outs. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. Points over fences and on the flat to count toward Certificate of Merit.

**Certificate of Merit Jumper Specifications:**

Beginning Rider Jumper: Fence height 12" – 15". May include cross rails. No oxers, in and outs, or combinations. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. All classes to be run as Clear Round classes in accordance with USEF JP 143.1, Table II.

Green Rider Jumper: Fence height 18" – 23". May include cross rails. No oxers, in and outs, or combinations. Open to riders in their first two (2) years of showing. All classes to be run as Clear Round classes in accordance with USEF JP 143.1, Table II.

2. Year-End Championship Divisions:

OHJA Local System offers year-end championships to those divisions (a) having at least three (3) members acquiring points in any division at two (2) or more shows, and (b) in which the leading horse/rider accumulates at least twenty-five (25) points. In each division, Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded.

~~For 2011,~~ The following ~~have been added to the list of~~ divisions are eligible for ~~which a~~ Local System year-end ~~championship may be offered~~ championships:

***Open/Professional Divisions***

Baby Green Hunter  
Small Working Hunter  
Large Working Hunter  
Green Hunter 3'  
Thoroughbred Hunter  
Young Hunter 3'  
Beginning Jumper

***Junior/Amateur Divisions:***

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Working Hunter  
Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation  
Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Working Hunter  
Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Equitation  
Children's Working Hunter, 17 & Under  
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 18 & Over  
Restricted Equitation, 17 & Under

0.70m – 0.80m Jumper  
 0.85m – 0.90m Jumper  
 0.95m – 1.00m Jumper

Amateur Equitation, 18 & Over  
 Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper  
 Pony Jumper

The Board has discretion to award year-end championships in divisions that do not meet the criteria set forth above. However, OHJA welcomes sponsors of divisions that did not meet the criteria set forth above. The deadline for sponsorships of division that do not meet eligibility requirements is October 31 of the current show year. Sponsorship costs will be arranged with the OHJA Board.

D. Year End Division Championships:

1. Hunters: Subject to the conditions set forth above, the following hunter divisions will receive year-end championship awards. OHJA year end Child and Adult Amateur Hunter awards will be divided to coincide with current USHJA Zone 9 division groupings. *As noted above, all divisions over courses with fences less than 2' are eligible for merit awards only; these divisions are not eligible for year-end championships.* Divisions not defined by USEF are defined at the end of this list.

<b><i>Professional/Open Hunter Divisions</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>
Baby Green Hunter	X	X	X
Large Working Hunter	X	X	X
Small Working Hunter	X	X	X
Thoroughbred Hunter	X	X	-
Green Hunter 3'	X	X	X
Green Hunter 3'3"	X	X	-
Green Hunter 3'6"	X	X	-
Green Hunter 3'9"	X	X	-
Young Hunter 3'	X	X	X
Young Hunter 3'3"	X	X	-
Young Hunter 3'6"	X	X	-
Conformation Hunter	X	X	-
Performance Hunter 3'3"	X	X	-
Performance Hunter 3'6"	X	X	-
High Performance Hunter	X	X	-

<b><i>Junior/Amateur Hunter Divisions</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>
Short Stirrup Hunter	X	X	-
Long Stirrup Hunter	X	X	-
Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Hunter	-	-	X
Pre-Children's Working Hunter	X	X	-

Pre-Adult Working Hunter	X	X	-
Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Working Hunter	-	-	X
Children's Working Hunter Pony	X	X	X
Green Working Pony Hunter	X	X	-
Small Pony Working Hunter	X	X	-
Medium Pony Working Hunter	X	X	-
Large Pony Working Hunter	X	X	-
Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter	X	X	X
Children's Working Hunter, 12 & Under	X	X	-
Children's Working Hunter, 13 – 17	X	X	-
Children's Working Hunter, 17 & Under	-	-	X
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 18-39	X	X	-
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 40-55	X	X	-
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 56 & Over	X	X	-
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 18 & Over	-	-	X
Modified Junior/Amateur Hunter	X	X	-
Junior Working Hunter 3'3"	X	X	-
Small Junior Working Hunter, 15 & Under	X	X	-
Small Junior Working Hunter, 16 – 17	X	X	-
Large Junior Working Hunter, 15 & Under	X	X	-
Large Junior Working Hunter, 16 – 17	X	X	-
Amateur Owner Working Hunter 3'3"	X	X	-
Amateur Owner Working Hunter	X	X	-

### ***Hunter Division Specifications:***

*Small Working Hunter:* A horse under 16 hands. At Rated Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'3"; at [Non-RatedOutreach](#) Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'.

*Large Working Hunter:* A horse 16 hands and over. At Rated Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'3"; at [Non-RatedOutreach](#) Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'.

*Thoroughbred Hunter:* At Rated shows, fence height minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'. At [Non-RatedOutreach](#) Shows, fence height minimum of 2'3" and not to exceed 2'9". Horses with Jockey Club papers, a lip tattoo, and/or verifiable purebred Thoroughbred parentage are eligible.

*Baby Green Hunter:* A horse or pony in its first year of showing, regardless of age. A baby green pony may be shown by a professional, however, may not be shown by a child in any other division at the same show. Cross entry into the [Pre-Green](#) division is permitted, but uses up one (1) year of the horse's "[Pre-Green](#)" status. Fence height not to exceed 2'9".

~~Pre-Green Working Hunter:~~ A horse in its first two (2) consecutive years of showing, regardless of age, that has never been shown at 3'6". Fence height not to exceed 3'—3'3". ~~Pre-Green horses may not be reinstated.~~

Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Working Hunter: At Rated Shows, fence height 2'3" – 2'9". At ~~Non-Rated~~ Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 2'6" and no in and outs. If cross entry between 2'6" and 3' divisions is allowed by horse show management, a rider obtaining points in both the 2'6" and 3' divisions at the same show will forfeit any points accumulated in the 2'6" division at that show. Horses and ponies may be ridden by a different rider in a 3' division without forfeiting 2'6" points. Specifications for this division are to be written in the prize lists. Horse show management is encouraged to split Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Working Hunter at 20 entries. At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined for year-end championship awards in the ~~Open and Regional Systems; however, the divisions shall be combined in the Local System for year-end championship awards,~~ Regional, and Local Systems.

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Hunter: At Rated Shows, fence height 2' – 2'3." At ~~Non-Rated~~ Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 2' and no oxers or in and outs. Show management is encouraged to split Short/Long Stirrup as long as entries warrant. Specifications for this division are to be written in the prize lists. At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined for year-end championship awards in the ~~Open and Regional Systems; however, the divisions shall be combined in the Local System for year-end championship awards,~~ Regional, and Local Systems.

Children's Hunter Pony: Open to any pony. At Rated Shows, small ponies jump 2'; medium ponies jump 2'3"; large ponies jump 2'6." At ~~Non-Rated~~ Outreach Shows, small ponies jump 2'; medium and large ponies jump 2'3" to 2'6."

Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter: Fence height is 2'6" – 2'9." Cross-entry from the Pre-Children's, Pre-Adult, Children's, and Adult Amateur hunter divisions is allowed.

Children's Working Hunter: Fence height at ~~Non-Rated Shows is 2'9"-3'.~~ At Non-Rated Outreach Shows is 2'9"-3'. At Outreach Shows, if Children's and Adult Amateur Working Hunter divisions are combined due to less than three (3) entries in either division, points count toward year-end championship awards if show management provides the exhibitor age group in the official show results. In the Local System, may be combined with the Adult Amateur Working Hunter division for year-end championship awards.

Adult Amateur Working Hunter: Fence height at Outreach Shows is 2'9"-3'. At Outreach Shows, if Children's and Adult Amateur Working Hunter divisions are combined due to less than three (3) entries in either division, points count toward year-end championship awards if show management provides the exhibitor age group in the official show results. In the Local System, may be combined with the Children's Working Hunter division for year-end championship awards.

Adult Amateur Working Hunter: ~~Fence height at Non-Rated Shows is 2'9"-3'. At Non-Rated Shows, if Children's and Adult Amateur Working Hunter divisions are combined due to less~~

~~than three (3) entries in either division, points count toward year-end championship awards if show management provides the exhibitor age group in the official show results.~~

Modified Junior/Amateur Hunter: Fence height 3’3.” Cross-entry from the Children’s, Adult Amateur, Junior, and both Amateur Owner hunter divisions is allowed.

Junior Working Hunter: Fence height at ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach shows is 3’3"-3’6". Junior Working Hunters will be split Small and Large and 15 & Under and 16 – 17 for year-end awards. For year-end championship awards, if any divisions do not meet the requirements to fill, they will be combined first by age groups and then by Small/Large.

Amateur Owner Working Hunter 3’3”: Fence height is 3’3”. Riders *may* cross-enter between the Amateur Owner Working Hunter divisions at the same show; *however*, horses *may not* cross-enter between the divisions.

Amateur Owner Working Hunter: Fence height is 3’3"-3’6".

2. Equitation: Subject to the conditions set forth above, the following equitation divisions will receive year-end championship awards. OHJA year end open Equitation awards will be divided to coincide with current USHJA Zone 9 division groupings. Divisions not defined by USEF are defined at the end of the list.

<b><i>Equitation Divisions</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>
Short Stirrup Equitation	X	X	-
Long Stirrup Equitation	X	X	-
Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation	-	-	X
Pre-Children’s Equitation	X	X	-
Pre-Adult Equitation	X	X	-
Pre-Children’s/Pre-Adult Equitation	-	-	X
Pony Equitation	X	X	-
Modified Children’s/Adult Amateur Equitation	-	-	X
Restricted Equitation, 13 & Under	X	X	-
Equitation, <u>12</u> & Under	X	X	-
Restricted Equitation, 14 – 15	X	X	-
Equitation, 13 – 15	X	X	-
Restricted Equitation, 16 – 17	X	X	-
Restricted Equitation, 17 & Under	-	-	X
Equitation, 16 – 17	X	X	-
Amateur Equitation, 18 & Over	X	X	X

***Equitation Division Specifications:***

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation: At Rated Shows, fence height 2’ – 2’3”. At ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach Shows, fence height 2’ and no oxers or in and outs. Points accumulated both



over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. ~~This division shall~~ At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two divisions may be combined ~~in the Local System~~ for year-end championship awards in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems.

*Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Equitation:* At Rated Shows, fence height 2'3" – 2'9". At ~~Non-Rated~~ Outreach Shows, fence height 2'3" - 2'6" and no in and outs. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. May not cross enter into Restricted Equitation, Equitation, or Amateur Equitation. ~~This division shall~~ At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two divisions may be combined ~~in the Local System~~ for year-end championship awards in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems.

*Pony Equitation:* Fence heights shall be the same as those used in the USEF-rated Pony Hunter division. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award.

*Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation:* Fence height 2'6" – 2'9". Points accumulated in both classes over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. ~~This division shall~~ At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined ~~in the Local System~~ for year-end championship awards. ~~This division only counts toward a year-end championship in the Local System; however, Rated Shows may~~ in the Open, Regional, and are encouraged to, offer these classes/divisions Local Systems.

*Restricted Equitation, 13 & Under:* Fence height 2'9" - 3'. May not cross enter into any class at the same competition higher than 3'/0.93m except the USEF Medal and the ASPCA/Maclay classes. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 13 & Under and Restricted Equitation, 13 & Under are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year end standings.

*Equitation, 12 & Under:* Fence height 2'9" – 3'. May not cross enter into any Restricted Equitation classes at the same competition. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 13 & Under and Restricted Equitation, 13 & Under are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year end standings.

*Restricted Equitation, 14 – 15:* Fence height 3'. May not cross enter into any class at the same competition higher than 3'/0.93m except the USEF Medal and the ASPCA/Maclay classes. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 14 - 15 and Restricted Equitation, 14 - 15 are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.



Equitation, 13 – 15: Fence height 3' – 3'6". May not cross enter into any Restricted Equitation classes at the same competition. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 14 - 15 and Restricted Equitation, 14 – 15 are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.

Restricted Equitation, 16 – 17: Fence height 3'. May not cross enter into any class at the same competition higher than 3'/0.93m except the USEF Medal and the ASPCA/Maclay classes. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 16 - 17 and Restricted Equitation, 16 - 17 are eligible for only one year-end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.

Equitation, 16 – 17: Fence height 3' – 3'6". May not cross enter into any Restricted Equitation classes at the same competition. Excludes Maiden, Novice, Limit, or other classes otherwise restricted by entries. Points accumulated both over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award. Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, 16 - 17 and Restricted Equitation, 16 – 17 are eligible for only one year end championship award for equitation, which shall be awarded in the division in which the rider has achieved the highest overall placing in the year-end standings.

Amateur Equitation, 18 & Over: At Rated Shows, fence height minimum of 3'. At ~~Non-Rated~~ Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 3'. Points accumulated in both classes over fences and on the flat to count toward year-end championship award.

### 3. OHJA Medal Classes:

Year-end championships will be awarded in all OHJA Medal classes. All OHJA Medal Class participants must be junior or amateur members in good standing of the OHJA. Except for the qualifying classes held at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals, a minimum of three (3) riders must complete the course for the class to count toward the OHJA Medal Finals and for the medal to be awarded. There must be a "ride-off" in each medal class between at least the top two (2) riders with four (4) recommended. In each of the OHJA Medal Finals, prizes shall be awarded through tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) place, entries permitting. In the event of a Medal final tie – The highest riding score is the tiebreaker

Except as provided herein, riders must accumulate ten (10) points in medal classes to qualify for the OHJA Medal Finals. Points are accumulated toward the Medal Finals as follows: (a) 1<sup>st</sup> – 10 points; (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6 points; (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 points; (d) 4<sup>th</sup> – 3 points; and (e) 5<sup>th</sup> – 2 points. After the close of entries for the show holding the OHJA Medal Finals, the Board, in consultation with the Medal Finals Committee and show management, may invite up to ten (10) additional riders based on number of points accumulated to date, starting with the highest, that have not yet

reached the ten (10) point minimum but who ride in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. All participants in the Medal Finals will take a written test of twenty (20) questions, and each question shall be worth one-half (1/2) a point, for a maximum of ten (10) points possible. Each competitor's score from the written test will be combined with the competitor's score from the first round of competition over fences in the OHJA Medal Finals to determine those competitors who qualify for the second round of competition in the OHJA Medal Finals.

*OHJA Mini Medal:* Fence height not to exceed 2'6". At ~~Non-Rated~~ Outreach Shows, no less than two (2) fences on course must be 2'6" in height. No cross entry with 3' medals. No one or two stride in-and-outs are permitted on course. *Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until they accumulate twenty-five (25) points. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Mini Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals.* Medal winners in Mini Medal classes may compete in Children's or Adult medal classes; *however, if they qualify for the Children's Medal Finals or Adult Medal Finals, they forfeit their right to compete in the Mini Medal Finals.* In *qualifying classes* at ~~Non-Rated~~ Outreach Shows, show management is encouraged to limit the ~~'ride-off'~~ final phase to flat work in accordance with USEF Rule EQ 113(5), and/or horsemanship questions in accordance with USEF Rule EQ 113(8); *however, at Rated Shows the judge may use any test(s) listed in USEF Rule EQ 113.* In the *Mini Medal Finals*, the ~~'ride-off'~~ final phase shall not include any testing over fences and shall be scored numerically. If entries in the Mini Medal Finals warrant, show management may, and is encouraged, to split the class into separate "Mini Medal Finals – Children" and "Mini Medal Finals – Adult" classes.

*OHJA Children's Medal:* Fence height not to exceed 3'. Riders entered in a Children's Medal class may not cross enter into junior hunters, junior jumpers, or any 3'6" medal class at the same show; *however, a rider competing in the Children's Medal Finals may cross enter into any division for which the rider is otherwise qualified.* *Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until they accumulate twenty-five (25) points. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Children's Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals.* Medal winners in Children's Medal classes may compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal classes; *however, if they qualify for the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals, they forfeit their right to compete in the Children's Medal Finals.* If there are less than three (3) Children's riders in a qualifying class or at the Medal Finals, the class may be combined with the Adult Amateur Medal qualifying class and at the Adult Amateur Medal Finals.

~~*OHJA Junior Medal:* Fence height 3'3"–3'6". Riders competing in Junior Hunter divisions are only eligible to compete in the Junior Medal classes. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Junior Medal Finals. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Junior Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. No horse/rider combination competing in the 3'6" at the same show will be allowed to compete in the 3'3" height section of the OHJA medal. In the Junior Medal Finals, if there are less than three (3) junior riders, the Junior and Senior Medal Finals shall be combined.~~

OHJA Adult Amateur Medal: Fence height not to exceed 3'. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Adult Amateur Medal Finals. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Adult Amateur Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. Medal winners in Adult Amateur Medal classes may compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal classes; however, if they qualify for the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals, they forfeit their right to compete in the Adult Amateur Medal Finals. If there are less than three (3) Adult Amateur riders in a qualifying class or at the Medal Finals, the class may be combined with the Children's Medal qualifying class and at the Children's Medal Finals.

OHJA Low Junior/Senior Medal: Fence height 3'3"~~3'6"~~". Riders competing in Junior Hunter 3'3" and Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" divisions are eligible to compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal or the Junior/Senior Medal classes at the same show. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. ~~No horse/rider combination competing in the 3'6" at the same show will be allowed to compete in the 3'3" height section of~~ Medal winners in Low Junior/Senior Medal classes may compete in the OHJA medal. In Junior/Senior Medal classes; however, if they qualify for the Junior/Senior Medal Finals, if there are less than three (3) senior riders, they forfeit their right to compete in the Senior and Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals shall be combined.

OHJA Junior/Senior Medal: Fence height 3'6". Riders competing in Junior Hunter and Amateur Owner Hunter divisions are eligible to compete only in the Junior/Senior Medal classes at the same show. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Junior/Senior Medal Finals. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Junior/Senior Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals without prior approval from the OHJA Board.

3. Jumpers: Subject to the conditions set forth above, the following jumper divisions will receive year-end championship awards. Divisions not defined by USEF are defined at the end of the list.

<b><i>Jumper Divisions</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>
Low Children's Jumper	X	X	-
Low Adult Amateur Jumper	X	X	-
Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper	-	-	X
Beginning Jumper	X	X	X
High Children's Jumper	X	X	-
High Adult Amateur Jumper	X	X	-
Pony Jumper	X	X	X
Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper	X	X	-
Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper	X	X	-
0.70 m. – 0.80 m. Jumper	X	X	X

0.85 m. – 0.90 m. Jumper	X	X	X
0.95 m. – 1.00 m. Jumper	X	X	X
1.05 m. – 1.10 m. Jumper	X	X	-
1.15 m. – 1.20 m. Jumper	X	X	-
1.25 m. – 1.30 m. Jumper	X	X	-
1.35 m. & Up Jumper	X	X	-
Young Jumper	X	X	-

***Jumper Division Specifications:***

Low Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper: Fence height – 0.80m – 1.05m. At ~~Non-Rated~~ **Outreach** Shows, fence height not to exceed 0.95m and show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146 Table IV. Open to any rider. Horse may cross-enter into High Children/Adult Amateur Jumper. Horse may not cross-enter into Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper or Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper. To be eligible for Low Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper points, a class offered at 1.05m must be designated as a *Low Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper* class. All points count toward year-end championship awards.

Beginning Jumper: Fence height ~~0.75m~~ **70m** – 0.95m. Horse/rider combinations cannot accumulate points toward a year-end championship award in any jumper division with fences 1.00m or higher. Classes may be open to all horses and riders; *however*, only points for horses ridden by juniors or amateurs to count toward year-end championship awards. At ~~Non-Rated~~ **Outreach** Shows, show management is encouraged, but not required, to have professionals ride these classes only as schooling rounds.

High Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper: Fence height – 1.05m – 1.15m. Open to any rider. Horse may cross enter into Low Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper or Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper. Horse may not cross enter into Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper division. To be eligible for High Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper points, a class offered at *1.05m* must be designated as a *High Children’s/Adult Amateur* class (not Low Children’s/Adult Amateur), and a class offered *1.15m* must be designated as a High Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper class (not Modified Junior/Amateur). All points count toward year-end championship awards.

Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper: Fence height – 1.15m – 1.20m. Cross-entry with High Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper and Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper permitted. To be eligible for Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper points, a class must be designated as a Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper class. All points count toward year-end championship awards.

Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper: Fence height – 1.20m – 1.40m. All points accumulated in 1.20m, 1.25m, 1.30m, 1.35m, and 1.40m classes restricted to Junior/Amateur Owner horses count toward year-end championship awards. Cross-entry with Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper permitted. Classes restricted to Junior/Amateur Owner horses, *but offered at heights lower than 1.20m*, count for the Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper year-end championship award, and not the Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper year-end championship award.

*Pony Jumper:* Fence height – 0.70m – 1.10m. At ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 0.95m, and show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146, Table IV. Open to any pony and junior rider. However, ponies may not cross enter into High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper, or Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper divisions. All points count toward year-end championship awards.

*0.70m – 0.80m Jumper:* All points won in open 0.70m, 0.75m, and 0.80m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, and Beginning Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards. At ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach Shows, no in and outs or combinations and show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146, Table IV.

*0.85m – 0.90m Jumper:* All points won in open 0.85m and 0.90m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper and Beginning Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards. The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine this division with the 0.95m – 1.00 Jumper division for year-end championship awards.

~~*0.85m – 0.95m Jumper:* All points won in open 0.85m, 0.90m, and 0.95m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, and Beginning Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards. At Non-Rated Shows, show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146, Table IV.~~

*0.95m – 1.00m Jumper:* All points won in open 0.95m and 1.00m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Pony Jumper, Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, Beginning Jumper, and High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards. The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine this division with the 0.85m – 0.90m Jumper division for year-end championship awards.

*1.05m – 1.10m Jumper:* All points won in open 1.05m and 1.10m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Pony Jumper and High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards.

*1.15m – 1.20m Jumper:* All points won in open 1.15m and 1.20m classes count toward year-end championship awards. Points won in Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper and Junior/Amateur Owner classes not to count toward year-end championship awards.

*1.25m – 1.30m Jumper:* All monies won in open 1.25m and 1.30m classes, including Mini Prix or Grand Prix classes, count toward year-end championship awards. Monies won in Junior/Amateur Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards.

*1.35m & Up Jumper:* All monies won in open 1.35m and higher classes, including but not limited to Grand Prix, Puissance, Six Bar, and High Jump classes, count toward year-end

championship awards. Monies won in Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper classes not to count toward year-end championship awards.

Young Jumper: Open to horses with papers indicating a foaling date five, six, seven, or eight years previous to the current calendar year. Classes to be scored and fence heights set in accordance with USEF Rule JP116 for Five, Six, Seven, and Eight-Year-Old Jumpers.

In accordance with USEF Jumper Rules, OHJA fence heights are as follows:

<i>Fence Height (Meters)</i>	<i>Level under 2009 OHJA Rules</i>	<i>Fence Height (Approx. Feet)</i>	<i>Spreads (Feet)</i>
0.85		2'9"	2'11" – 3'3"
0.90		2'11"	3'1" – 3'5"
0.93	1	3'	3'2" – 3'8"
0.95		3'1"	3'3" – 3'7"
1.00	2	3'3"	3'5" – 3'9"
1.05		3'5"	3'7" – 3'11"
1.08	3	3'6"	3'8" – 4'
1.10		3'7"	3'9" – 4'1"
1.15	4	3'9"	3'11" – 4'3"
1.20		3'11"	4'1" – 4'5"
1.23	5	4'	4'2" – 4'6"
1.25		4'1"	4'3" – 4'7"
1.30	6	4'3"	4'5" – 4'9"
1.35		4'5"	4'7" – 4'11"
1.38	7	4'6"	4'8" – 5'
1.40		4'7"	4'9" – 5'1"
1.45	8	4'9"	4'11" – 5'3"
1.50		4'11"	5'1" – 5'5"
1.53	9	5'	5'2" – 5'6"

**END OF RULES**

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