

**OHJA SUBSTANTIVE RULE AMENDMENT  
PROPOSALS FOR 2020**

To Be Voted on at the January 11, 2020, General Meeting

ALL LANGUAGE IN ~~BLUE AND STRICKEN~~ WILL BE **DELETED**  
IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED

ALL LANGUAGE IN **RED AND UNDERLINED** WILL BE **ADDED**  
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**ARTICLE III.D – MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND HORSE REGISTRATION**

**PROPOSAL #1: CHANGE** the bylaws regarding differentiation of the current three tier system as follows:

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

**RATIONALE:** An increasing number of Regional members are competing at Rated shows in Washington, but those members are currently not permitted to accumulate OHJA points from those shows. There have been fewer Outreach shows in Oregon in recent years, while Rated shows in Oregon are decreasing in number with some have a lower rating than in prior years. The Regional System is, and has been, OHJA's smallest system. Many of the Open System members do not show outside of Oregon or Washington; permitting Regional members to show in Washington may boost membership in the Regional System and pull some of the Open System members

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**RULE III.C.2 – GENERAL RULES FOR SHOWS – Point Accumulation for Regional System:**

**PROPOSAL #1: CHANGE** the point accumulation rules for Regional System as follows:

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 within Oregon and its continuous counties; and (2) any and all Rated Shows within Oregon and Washington. 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.

**RATIONALE:** See Rationale for Bylaw Amendment Proposal #1 above

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## RULE IV – YEAR END DIVISION AWARDS

**PROPOSAL #2: CHANGE** the rules for determining which division(s) qualify for a year end award in the Open and Regional Systems as follows:

A. Open System:

OHJA Open System offers year-end championships in those divisions (a) having at least ~~five (5)~~ **three (3)** members, ~~regardless of whether such members are registered in the Open or Regional System, accumulating points in any division at three (3)~~ **two (2)** 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...

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~~ **accumulating points** 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...

**RATIONALE:** (1) To simplify criteria for year-end awards, (2) To make criteria the same for Regional and Open divisions, and (3) to 'unattach' Open and Regional divisions so that divisions not meeting criteria in one division don't have to have awards just because the other division met criteria.