

All horse shows recognized by the Piedmont Hunter Jumper Association and every person participating at the competition including exhibitor, owner, lessee, manager, agent, rider, handler, judge, steward, competition official, or employee is subject to the rules and regulations of the PHJA.

## GENERAL RULES

### RULE I: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the PHJA is a privilege and is offered to those persons who pay their current dues, abide by the rules and regulations of the PHJA and conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the best interests of the Association. The membership year is from December 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Membership begins once received and recorded by the Membership Director (or when submitted at a sanctioned show).

### CHAPTER I: MEMBERS

#### SECTION I: PRIVILEGES

Members enjoy privileges not available to non-members of the PHJA. These include:

- (a) The right to vote in the election of Officers and Directors.
- (b) The right for senior members to vote in the election of amendments of the By-Laws.
- (c) Eligibility for senior members to serve as a show delegate.
- (d) Eligibility to serve as an Officer or Director.
- (e) Eligibility to compete for year-end awards.
- (f) Eligibility to compete in the PHJA Medal ~~Finals.~~
- (g) A copy of the PHJA Rules and Regulations.
- (h) A pony measurement card.

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#### SECTION II: TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

For purposes of the PHJA, a member's age is determined by their age as of December 1 of the current show year.

- (a) Individual Members are either senior or junior members. Senior members are those who are 18 years of age or older on or before December 1. Junior members are those who have not yet reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before December 1. Annual dues are \$20.00. Lifetime membership fee is \$100.00.

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#### SECTION III: APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Application for individual membership shall be made to the Membership Director, on forms made available by the PHJA. Dues must accompany the application. There will be a \$15.00 charge for dues submitted with payment returned for insufficient funds. Applications received by the Membership Director shall be promptly recorded and each applicant admitted to the Association will be issued a membership card.

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#### SECTION IV: INDEBTEDNESS

- (a) Any PHJA member show, that receives insufficient funds from any exhibitor, or his/her representative, for any indebtedness, shall promptly notify the Membership Director in writing. The Membership Director shall then notify the responsible party in written form. The exhibitor shall have 30 days, from the postmark date, to reimburse that show by making payment to the Membership Director, made payable to the respective horse show.
- (b) Any exhibitor who is indebted to any PHJA member show, shall not be considered in good standing and may not show, or participate, at a PHJA member show or activity.
- (c) Any horses/ponies owned by this exhibitor, or horses/ponies for which insufficient funds were issued, shall be barred from showing at any PHJA member shows. Any points accumulated by such exhibitor and/or horses/ponies, shall be withheld and not considered for any Year End Awards until such indebtedness is satisfied.

### CHAPTER II: SHOW SANCTIONING

#### SECTION I: SHOW RECOGNITION

Recognized shows are all and any shows that are sanctioned by the PHJA.

## SECTION II: SHOW SANCTIONING

- (a) Any entity applying for PHJA show sanctioning must be a current member of the PHJA in good standing.
- (b) Application for PHJA show sanctioning shall be made to the Show Sanctioning Director, on the application form provided by the PHJA, and must be made at least 90 days in advance of the requested date for the show. Dues for the show must accompany the application.
- (c) Rain dates will only be honored if secured in conjunction with application show dates. Approved rain dates must be listed in the show prize list as being recognized by the PHJA.
- (d) Any entity applying for sanctioning at a facility that receives remuneration for boarding horses/ponies may hold no more than four horse shows per show year at that given facility unless circumstances warrant special approval from the PHJA board.
- (e) A particular judge may be appointed, no more than ~~four~~ times in a show year, to any show receiving PHJA sanctioning.
- (f) Applications for recognition of a show may be refused or withdrawn when in the opinion of a majority of the Horse Show Committee, such refusal would be in the best interest of the Association, the sport in general, or fair competition.
- (g) Shows must abide by the rules and regulations of the PHJA. Shows in direct violation of any rules and/or regulations set forth herein will subject the show to penalty.

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## SECTION III: SHOW DUES

Annual dues for each show are \$50.00 per one day show and \$75.00 per two-day show. Applications will not be considered unless accompanied by show dues.

## RULE II: EXHIBITORES AND TRAINERS

### CHAPTER I: RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of exhibitors and trainers shall be the same as those found in the current USEF Rule Book where applicable. Recognized show participants should be especially cognizant of the following requirements.

#### SECTION I: RULES

The knowledge of, and the compliance with, the rules and regulations of the USEF and of the PHJA.

#### SECTION II: PONY MEASUREMENT

All ponies showing in hunter and/or jumper divisions must possess a measurement card issued by the PHJA, USEF or from an affiliated horse show organization. Current members without a valid card may have their ponies measured at a PHJA sanctioned show and receive a measurement card at no charge. Pony Measurement Cards, issued by the PHJA, are valid for purposes of the PHJA only and are not, nor will they be, honored by any other sanctioning organization.

#### SECTION III: PROTESTS

Any rider, exhibitor, owner, agent, trainer or parent/guardian of a junior exhibitor may file a protest with the PHJA alleging a violation of any rule. The protest must comply with the following guidelines in order for consideration. Protestor identity and contents of letter submitted to the PHJA will be held as confidential by the PHJA Board of Directors.

- (a) Submitted in formal writing to the PHJA.
- (b) Signed by the Protestor.
- (c) Accompanied by the fee of \$50.00 for members, \$100.00 for non-members. This fee is refundable only in the event that the PHJA rule in favor of the protestor.
- (d) Submitted within 30 days of the alleged violation.

Protest will be reviewed within a period of 30 days from the date a properly submitted protest is received.

Any protest relating to point tabulations must be made to the Points Director no later than 30 days from post date.

## CHAPTER II: REGULATIONS

### SECTION I: SHOWING UNDER JUDGES AND STEWARDS

The following regulations govern showing under judges and stewards.

- (a) An exhibitor or rider may not serve as a judge at any competition at which they also exhibit.

- (b) No member of a judge's family, nor cohabitant, companion, partner, house mate or trainer may compete as an exhibitor in front of the judge, unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition.
- (c) The judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse/pony being shown at any competition at which they are officiating, including those classes which are not rated.
- (d) No horses trained or sold by the judge, member of the judge's family, or employee of the judge, may compete in front of the judge within a period of 90 days prior to the competition.
- (e) No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision, unless they first obtain permission from a show steward. No person has the right to inspect the judge's cards without the judge's permission.

**SECTION II: AMATEUR CLASSIFICATION**

An amateur is a person that is no longer eligible to compete as a junior exhibitor and has not engaged in any of the following activities, within the last year, which would make them a professional:

- (a) Accepting remuneration for instruction, riding, showing in hand, training, schooling, and conducting clinics or seminars. Excludes summer camp counselors not hired in the exclusive capacity of riding instructors, as well as persons giving instruction and training to the handicapped.
- (b) Accepting remuneration for selling horses/ponies, acting as a paid agent in the sale of horses/ponies, or taking horses/ponies on consignment for the purpose of sale or training other than those owned wholly or in part by him/her or a member of his/her family.
- (c) The following activities do not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified: accepting remuneration of acting as a show official; accepting remuneration as a groom, farrier or veterinarian; accepting remuneration for boarding services; accepting reimbursement for expenses without profit; accepting a token of appreciation of less than \$300.00 in value, other than money, for riding.

**RULE III: RULES**

**SECTION I: THREE INCH RULE**

In order to comply with other show sanctioning organizations, fence heights may be raised or lowered by 3" from the stated fence height in a given division. The Three Inch Rule does not apply to Beginner Rider, Short Stirrup Equitation or Short Stirrup Hunter.

**SECTION II: TWO HORSE SHOW RULE**

A rider may enter up to two times in a division or class which is held at a level or fence height above that from which they are currently competing and still be eligible to return to the previous lower level or fence height for the remainder of the show year. After the third show of entering into at a higher level or fence height, the rider is then deemed ineligible to return to compete at the previous lower level or fence height. For purposes of this rule, any Pony Equitation, Pony Hunter or Pony Medal classes/divisions will be considered as being held at a fence height of 2'6" regardless of the fence height at which the rider is competing. If a rider skips a division level or fence height (i.e. from Short Stirrup to Pre-Children's), they are automatically ineligible to return to the initial division level or fence height, but may drop back one division level or fence height if they have not entered at more than two horse shows. The exceptions to the Two Horse Show Rule are the Children's Hunter and Junior Hunter divisions. Cross -entry is not supported by the Two Horse Show Rule. Entering a class/division is considered to be any class or division where an entry fee has been paid in order to ride in a class or over fences regardless of whether an entry number is displayed (un-judged).

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**SECTION III: THREE ENTRIES TO FILL**

All classes must have three exhibitors enter and attempt the class in order for the class to be considered to have filled and for points for that class to be awarded unless otherwise noted. Champion and Reserve points will be awarded when all classes in the division have filled.

**RULE IV: OFFICIALS AND SHOW MANAGEMENT**

**SECTION I: SHOW MANAGEMENT**

Show management should be especially cognizant of the following duties:

- (a) Appoint and identify in the show prize list the officials (show manager, steward(s), and judge(s)) who shall be present at the competition.
- (b) Furnish prize lists to all current PHJA members.
- (c) See that all ponies requiring measurement are measured according to USEF/PHJA rules. All competitions offering Pony classes are responsible for providing a suitable surface for measurement.
- (d) See that all exhibitors showing in amateur classes are qualified to compete as such.
- (e) Provide safe and adequate schooling areas and a minimum of two warm up fences, one vertical and one spread.

- (f) Apply to the PHJA for a position on the calendar of shows as described in Rule I, Chapter II, Section II.
- (g) File a copy of the prize list with the PHJA Show Sanctioning Director within 30 days prior to the competition. Failure to file a prize list will result in assessment of a \$25.00 fee to the show manager. If the fine is not paid, future competition dates will not be awarded until the fine is paid in full. Shows are not required to print all class specifications in the prize list, but must include a statement that reads: "All classes to be run in accordance with PHJA Rules and Regulations". If officials (judges or stewards) change prior to the competition, the Show Sanctioning Director must be notified immediately.
- (h) Forward to the PHJA Points Director, within ten days of completion of the show, PHJA Points Transmittal Sheets or a computer printout indicating the winners, number of entries in each class, champions and reserves, and the names of all horses/ponies and their registered owners. Judge's cards from each show held must be retained until November 30 of the current show year. Failure to file the results in a timely manner will incur a fine of \$25.00. If the fine is not paid, future competition dates will not be honored until the fine is paid in full.
- (i) Any PHJA recognized horse show must offer the PHJA Horse Medal class and the PHJA Pony Medal class.
- (j) The prize list must contain a PHJA Application for Membership.

## **SECTION II: JUDGES**

The duties and responsibilities of a judge shall be the same as those found in the current USEF Rule Book. Judges for PHJA member shows must either possess a valid judge's card from the USEF, be approved by an affiliated horse show organization or by the PHJA Board of Directors.

## **SECTION III: STEWARDS**

The duties and responsibilities of a steward shall be the same as those found in the current USEF Rule Book. Stewards must be approved by the PHJA and must be a current member of the PHJA in good standing. Stewards must have in their possession current copies of the PHJA and USEF Rule Books while officiating.

## **RULE V: RECORDING OF HORSES AND/OR PONIES**

### **SECTION I: RECORDING**

In order to be considered eligible for points toward Year End Awards, a horse/pony must be registered with the PHJA. The Membership Director upon receipt of the \$10.00 lifetime horse membership fee will issue a recording card.

### **SECTION II: CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP**

Upon the sale of a recorded horse/pony, transfer of ownership must be recorded by the PHJA and any related fees must be paid in order for the horse/pony to be eligible for points toward Year End Awards. Fee for change of ownership is \$10.00

### **SECTION III: CHANGE OF NAME**

The recorded name of a horse/pony may be changed. The fee for the change of name is \$5.00.

### **SECTION IV: LEASED HORSES**

In order for points to count toward Year End Awards, the lessee must be a member of the PHJA and must so inform the Association. The horse/pony must be registered with the PHJA.

## **RULE VI: EQUITATION**

See separate section for PHJA Jumper Classes Offered and Corresponding Rules. Exhibitors competing in Jumper classes must bear in mind eligibility requirements in equitation classes (i.e. riders who have shown in Jumper classes at 2'6" are not eligible to show in Long Stirrup).

## **CHAPTER I: TACK AND ATTIRE**

### **SECTION I: TACK**

Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles all with cavesson nose bands are recommended. A judge at his own discretion can penalize a horse with non-conventional types of bits or nose bands. Martingales of any type are prohibited in classes on the flat. Light pads and bar shoes are permissible. Conservative colored wraps and boots are permitted. Any equipment change during a class can be penalized at the discretion of the judge. Adding or removing of a martingale between phases is not considered a change of equipment.

### **SECTION II: ATTIRE**

Riders must wear traditional short or long sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Coats of any tweed or melton for hunting, breeches or jodhpurs and boots with a distinguishable heel must be worn. Management may wave jackets in extreme heat or inclement weather. Riders must display the correct number clearly visible on their back while competing. Show management or judge may eliminate an exhibitor that is inappropriately attired.

### **SECTION III: HEADGEAR**

All riders in classes, and anywhere on the show grounds, must wear properly fitted protective headgear. All junior riders must wear protective headgear, passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM/SEI standards, with harnesses secured at all times while mounted. Any rider, regardless of age or classification, showing or schooling over fences, must wear ASTM approved headgear. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.

## **CHAPTER II: CLASS ROUTINE**

### **SECTION I: GENERAL**

Classes are judged on the rider's equitation. Unsoundness of mount does not penalize a competitor unless it is considered to impair the required performance. Horses/ponies may only be ridden by one rider per class. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, the rider must continue or will be eliminated. Any rider not having his/her mount under sufficient control will be dismissed from the ring and disqualified from the class.

### **SECTION II: OVER FENCES**

The performance begins when the rider enters the ring. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of rider error. In this case, the penalty is up to the judge's discretion. Each competitor may circle once upon entering and leaving the ring. If a refusal occurs in a double or triple combination, competitors must re-jump all obstacles in the combination. Elimination will occur due to a fall of horse and/or rider, three cumulative refusals or being off course.

### **SECTION III: ON THE FLAT**

To be judged on equitation at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked to demonstrate shortening and lengthening of stride. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Outside assistance may be penalized at the judge's discretion.

## **CHAPTER III: TESTS**

A test may be performed either collectively or individually. If exhibitors are called back to test collectively, they must all remain in the ring until all competitors have completed the test. Instruction must be publicly announced. Test that may be asked include:

1. Halt and/or back.
2. Ride at a hand gallop (no more than eight horses to hand gallop at one time).
3. Ride a figure of eight at the trot demonstrating a change of diagonal.
4. Ride a figure of eight at the canter demonstrating a simple change of lead.
5. Work collectively at the walk, trot and/or canter.
6. Jump obstacles at the trot and/or canter.
7. Jump obstacles on a figure of eight course.
8. Answer question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack, equipment and conformation.
9. Ride without stirrups. Riders must be allowed to cross stirrups over the saddle.
10. Jump obstacles at a walk and/or canter.
11. Dismount and mount individually.
12. Demonstrate a turn on the forehand.
13. Ride a figure of eight at the canter on correct lead demonstrating a flying change of lead.
14. Execute a serpentine at a trot and/or canter demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead.
15. Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead.
16. Canter on the counter lead. (No more than 12 horses may counter canter at one time.)
17. Demonstrate a turn on the haunches from the walk.
18. Perform a demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise the judge beforehand what ride he/she plans to demonstrate.

## CHAPTER IV: CLASSES

### SECTION I: II & UNDER EQUITATION

Open to riders 11 years of age and under as of December 1. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than six obstacles not to exceed 2'3" in height. Only one rider per horse/pony. Combinations are not allowed.

### SECTION II: 12-14 EQUITATION

Open to riders 12 to 14 years of age as of December 1. To be shown over a hunter type course with obstacles measuring 2'6" in height. Only one rider per horse/pony. Riders may be asked to perform tests 1-9.

### SECTION III: 15-17 EQUITATION

Open to riders 15 to 17 years of age as of December 1. To be shown over a hunter type course with obstacles measuring 2'9" in height. Only one rider per horse. May be combined with Adult Equitation if less than three entries in either class. Riders may be asked to perform tests 1-18.

### SECTION IV: ADULT EQUITATION

Open to Adult Amateur riders 18 years of age and over as of December 1. To be shown over a hunter type course with obstacles measuring 2'9" in height. Only one rider per horse. May be combined with 15-17 Equitation if less than three entries in either class. Riders may be asked to perform test 1-18.

### SECTION V: SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION

Open to riders 12 years of age and under as of December 1, who are eligible to compete in the Short Stirrup Hunters. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than six obstacles with fences not to exceed 2'0" in height. Only one rider per horse/pony. Combinations not allowed. The Three Inch Rule does not apply to this division. May be combined with Long Stirrup Equitation if less than three entries in either class.

### SECTION VI: LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION

Open to riders 13 years of age and older as of December 1, who are eligible to compete in the Long Stirrup Hunters. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than six obstacles 2'0" in height. Only one rider per horse. Combinations are not allowed. May be combined with Short Stirrup Equitation if less than three entries in either class.

### SECTION VII: LIMIT RIDER EQUITATION

Open to riders who are eligible to compete in the Limit Rider Hunters. To be shown over a hunter type course with obstacles measuring 2'3" in height. Only one rider per horse/pony.

### SECTION VIII: PONY EQUITATION

Open to riders who have not yet reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1 and who are eligible to compete in the Pony Hunters. To be shown over a hunter type course of obstacles 2'0" for small ponies, 2'3" for medium ponies and 2'6" for large ponies. Only one rider per pony. Riders may be asked to perform tests 1-9. Show management is not required to offer Pony Equitation.

## RULE VII: MEDALS

Cross entering into the PHJA Pony Medal and the PHJA Horse Medal is allowed.

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### SECTION I: PHJA PONY MEDAL

Open to junior members of the PHJA. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than six obstacles. The course must include at least one change of direction and two of the following: bending line, roll back turn and/or long approach to a single jump. Ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands to jump 2'0". Ponies exceeding 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands to jump 2'3". Ponies exceeding 13.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands to jump 2'6". Ponies may only be ridden by one rider per class. To be judged on position and control of mount. Suitability to count. A mandatory test may be included in the initial round or the judge may select additional testing on the flat. Judge(s) may ask contestants to perform tests 1-9. Two competitors must complete the course for points to be awarded. The top 12 riders who have accumulated points up to and including November 1<sup>st</sup> will be invited to compete in the PHJA Pony Medal Finals.

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### SECTION II: PHJA HORSE MEDAL

Open to junior and amateur members of the PHJA. To be offered at two fence heights 2'6" and 2'9"; exhibitors to show at the height for which they are eligible. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than six obstacles. The course must include at least one change of direction and two of the following: bending line, roll back turn and /or long approach to a single jump. Horses may only be ridden by one rider per class. To be judged on position and control of mount. Suitability to count. A mandatory test may be included in the initial round or the judge may select additional testing on the flat. Judge(s) may ask contestants to perform tests 1-18. Two competitors must complete the course for points to be awarded. The top twelve riders, who have accumulated points up to and including November 1<sup>st</sup>, will be invited to compete in the PHJA Horse Medal Finals.

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## RULE VIII: HUNTER

### CHAPTER I: ELIGIBILITY

Hunter divisions are open to both horses and ponies. Amateur riders may ride ponies only in those classes where fences do not exceed 2'9". Stallions are not to be ridden by junior riders and are prohibited in the Short Stirrup Hunter, Pony Hunter, Junior Hunter, Children's Hunter, and all equitation divisions and classes.

### CHAPTER II: GREEN ELIGIBILITY

A horse or any age is eligible green in its first or second year of showing in any classes with fence heights of 2'6" or higher. When shown in a Green section a horse in its first year of showing over obstacles of 2'6" or higher must be shown as a First Year Green. A horse in their second year of showing over fences of 2'6" or higher must be shown as a Second Year Green. A horse's green status is considered broken once it competes over fences 2'6" or higher. For purposes of the PHJA, a horse's green status may not be reinstated.

### CHAPTER III: EQUIPMENT, TACK AND ATTIRE

#### SECTION I: EQUIPMENT AND TACK

Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full brides all with cavesson nosebands are recommended. A judge, at his own discretion, may penalize a horse with non-conventional types of bits or nosebands. Martingales of any type are prohibited in under saddle classes. Light pads and bar shoes are permissible. Wraps and/or boots of any sort are prohibited. Show management may permit bell boots if weather conditions warrant.

#### SECTION II: ATTIRE

Riders must wear traditional short or long sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Coats of any tweed or melton for hunting, breeches or jodhpurs and boots with a distinguishable heel. Management may waive jackets in extreme heat or inclement weather. Riders must display the correct number clearly visible on their back while competing. Show management or judge may eliminate an exhibitor that is inappropriately attired.

#### SECTION III: HEADGEAR

All riders in classes, and anywhere on the show grounds, must wear properly fitted protective headgear. All junior riders must wear protective headgear, passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM/SEI standards, with harnesses secured at all times while mounted. Any rider, regardless of age or classification, showing or schooling over fences, must wear ASTM approved headgear. Any rider violating any portion of this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.

### CHAPTER IV: COURSES

#### SECTION I: DIAGRAMS

Course diagrams must be posted at least thirty minutes prior to the scheduled time of the class unless they have been illustrated in the prize list. The course diagram must show a numbered order in which obstacles must be taken but apart from this the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow must be used on the diagram to indicate the direction in which each obstacle is to be taken. Distances must be included on the posted course diagram.

#### SECTION II: OBSTACLES

Obstacles must simulate those found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, etc. Ground lines are recommended for all obstacles. A minimum difference of 3" is recommended for the back element of any oxer type obstacle. An in and out is considered two obstacles and must not be used at the start of a course. Combinations of any sort are not allowed in the Short Stirrup Hunter or the Long Stirrup Hunter classes or divisions.

#### SECTION III: DISTANCES

Distance is measured from the top rail of a vertical and from the middle of the spread of an oxer. Distances may be adjusted based on footing conditions. In the Pony Hunter, Pony Equitation and Pony Medal classes any distances less than 72' must/should be adjusted for each height section.

**Deleted:** See Table I for suggested distances between fences.

# of Strides	Horse 12' Stride	Small Pony 10' Stride	Medium Pony 10'6" Stride	Large Pony 11'3" Stride
1	25'6"	19' - 20'	21' - 22'	23' - 24'
2	36'6"	29' - 30'	31'6" - 32'	34' - 34'6"
3	48'	38' - 40'	42'	45'
4	60'	50'	52'6"	56'3"
5	72'	60'	63'	67'6"
6	84'	70'	73'6"	78'9"
7	96'	80'	84'	90'

## **SECTION IV: ALTERATIONS**

Except in the case of inclement weather, broken equipment, or similar emergency, a course must not be altered. If one or more original obstacles are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicates exist, management may substitute with obstacles as similar as possible to the originals.

## **CHAPTER V: JUDGING**

### **SECTION I: OVER FENCES**

All classes must be judged on performance, soundness and when indicated, on suitability, way of going and manners.

- (a) When a horse makes two faults at one obstacle, only the major fault will count. (Exception: refusals count in addition).
- (b) When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized.
- (c) At a combination, the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or run-out at one obstacle in a combination, the competitor must re-jump the entire combination.
- (d) The judge may penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences.
- (e) The performance begins as the competitor enters the ring. Circling once upon entering and once upon leaving the ring is permissible.
- (f) Horses that are eliminated must exit the ring immediately.

### **SECTION II: FAULTS**

The following faults are scored according to the judge's opinion and may be considered minor or major faults depending on severity.

- (a) Causes of Elimination include: Three refusals, being off course, jumping a fence before it is reset, bolting from the ring and/or fall of a horse and/or rider.
- (b) Major Faults include: Knocking down any part of any obstacle, refusals, trotting while on course, bucking, bolting, stopping for broken equipment/loss of shoe, circling while on course and/or eliminating a stride from a line.
- (c) Minor or Major Faults include: Showing an obstacle to a horse, missing a lead change, kicking out, spooking, jumping out of form and jumping into corners of any obstacle.

### **SECTION III: UNDER SADDLE**

Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, responsive and move freely. May be asked to hand gallop. Not more than eight horses will be asked to hand gallop at one time. All horses should be serviceably sound.

## **CHAPTER VI: CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **SECTION I: CHAMPION/RESERVE**

Champion and reserve champion are awarded to the top horses that acquire the most points through all phases of a division. A championship may not be offered in a section unless there is a minimum of two over fences and one under saddle class. Refer to the "Three Entries to Fill" rule. In the case of a tie, the horse that accumulated the most points over fences will be awarded the champion title. If the horses still have an equal number of points, the horse with more blue ribbons will be awarded champion, and if still tied, the tied horses may hack off at the walk, trot and canter. A hack off is to be judged as an independent class.

Shows at which PHJA shares sanctioning, may tabulate championships in a manner which differs from that of the PHJA. Championship results will be honored by the PHJA as reported by co-sanctioned horse shows.

## **CHAPTER VII: DIVISIONS**

See separate section for PHJA Jumper Classes Offered and Corresponding Rules. Exhibitors competing in Jumper Classes must bear in mind eligibility requirements in Hunter Divisions (i.e. Riders who have shown in Jumper classes at 2'6" are not eligible to show Long Stirrup).

### **SECTION I: SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER**

Open to junior riders, 12 years of age and under, who are in their first or second year of showing over fences of 2'0". To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of six obstacles with no combinations. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability of the Short Stirrup Hunter to be stressed. A rider may compete in the Short/Long Stirrup division for no more than two years beginning from the date a rider first competes at that height at any recognized horse show. The rider of a Short Stirrup Hunter is eligible for Short Stirrup Equitation, [11 and Under Equitation](#), [12-14](#)

[Equitation on the Flat, Open Hunter 2', and Pleasure Horse or Pony](#). A Short Stirrup Hunter rider may hack a horse or pony for an exhibitor with more than one entry in an under saddle class. May be combined with Long Stirrup Hunter if less than three entries in either division.

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## SECTION II: LONG STIRRUP HUNTER

Open to junior or adult amateur riders, 13 years of age or older, who are in their first or second year of showing over fences of 2'0". To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of six obstacles with no combinations. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability of the Long Stirrup Hunter to be stressed. A rider may compete in the Short/Long Stirrup division for no more than two years beginning from the date the rider first competes at that height at any recognized horse show. The rider of a Long Stirrup Hunter is eligible for Long Stirrup Equitation, [15-17 or Adult Equitation on the Flat, Open Hunter 2', and Pleasure Horse of Pony](#). A Long Stirrup Hunter rider may hack a horse or pony for an exhibitor with more than one entry in an under saddle class. May be combined with Short Stirrup Hunter if less than three entries in either division.

## SECTION III: LIMIT RIDER HUNTER

Open to junior or amateur riders who have not previously shown at a fence height of greater than 2'3". To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of six obstacles measuring 2'3" in height. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability of the Limit Rider Hunter to be stressed. A rider may compete in the Limit Rider Hunter division for no more than two years beginning from the date a rider first competes at that height at any recognized horse show. A Limit Rider Hunter rider may hack a horse or pony for an exhibitor with more than one entry in an under saddle class with the exception of Short/Long Stirrup. May be combined with Pre-Children's/Adult Hunter if less than three entries in either division with entries to jump respective heights.

## SECTION IV: PRE-CHILDREN'S/ADULT HUNTER

Open to junior or amateur riders who have not previously shown at a fence height of greater than 2'6". To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of six obstacles, measuring 2'6" in height. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability of a Pre-Children's/Adult Hunter to be stressed. A Pre-Children's/Adult Hunter rider may hack a horse or pony for an exhibitor with more than one entry in an under saddle class with the exception of Short/Long Stirrup. May be combined with Limit Rider Hunter if less than three entries in either division, with entries to jump respective heights.

## SECTION V: PONY HUNTER

Open to riders who have not yet reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1. To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of eight obstacles measuring 2'0" for small ponies, 2'3" for medium ponies and 2'6" for large ponies. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability of a Pony Hunter to be stressed. Any junior may hack a pony for an exhibitor with more than one entry in [the under saddle class\(es\), Ponies may be split into Small/Medium Ponies and Large Ponies if combined entries exceed 10 Ponies.](#)

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## SECTION VI: CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Open to junior riders on horses. To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of eight obstacles measuring 2'9" in height, with spreads not to exceed fence height. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability of a Children's Hunter to be stressed. Children's Hunter horse/rider combination may not cross enter into the Junior Hunter section at the same competition. Any junior rider may hack a horse for an exhibitor with more than one entry in [the under saddle class\(es\)](#). May be combined with the Adult Amateur division if less than three entries in either division. May also be combined with Junior/Amateur Hunter if less than three entries in either division, with entries to jump respective heights.

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## SECTION VII: ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Open to adult amateur riders on horses or ponies. To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of eight obstacles, measuring 2'9" in height with spreads not to exceed fence height. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability of an Adult Amateur Hunter to be stressed. May be combined with the Children's Hunter division if less than three entries in either division. Any amateur rider may hack a horse or pony for an exhibitor with more than one entry in [the under saddle class\(es\)](#). May also be combined with Junior/Amateur Hunter if less than three entries in any class, with entries to jump respective heights.

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## SECTION VIII: JUNIOR HUNTER

Open to junior riders on horses. To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of eight obstacles measuring 3'0" in height, with spreads not to exceed fence height. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability of a Junior Hunter to be stressed. Junior Hunter horse/rider combination may not cross enter into the Children's Hunter section at the same competition. Any junior rider may hack a horse for an exhibitor with more than one entry in [the under saddle class\(es\)](#). May be combined with the Amateur division if less than three entries in either division. May also be combined with Children's/Adult Hunter if less than three entries in any class, with entries to jump respective heights.

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## SECTION IX: AMATEUR HUNTER

Open to amateur riders on horses. To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of eight obstacles, measuring 3'0" in height with spreads not to exceed fence height. To be judged on performance,

manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability of an Amateur Hunter to be stressed. May be combined with the Junior Hunter division if less than three entries in either division. Any amateur rider may hack a horse for an exhibitor with more than one entry in the under saddle class(es). May also be combined with Children's Adult Hunter if less than three entries in any class, with entries to jump respective heights.

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#### SECTION X: GREEN HUNTER

Open to all riders on horses or ponies. To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of eight obstacles, measuring 2'6" in height. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness.

#### SECTION XI: OPEN HUNTER

Open to all horses and ponies and eligible riders. To consist of a minimum of three classes: Two over fences and one under saddle. Courses to contain a minimum of eight obstacles, offered at fence heights of 2'0", 2'6", and 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Riders are only eligible for Open Hunter 2'0". Limit Hunter Riders are only eligible for Open Hunter 2'0". Pre-Children's/Adult Hunters are only eligible for Open Hunter 2'0" and 2'6". It is recommended that Show Management offers this division toward the beginning of the show schedule.

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### RULE IX: OTHER DIVISIONS/CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

#### CHAPTER I: CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### SECTION I: CHAMPION/RESERVE

Champion and reserve champion titles are awarded to the top riders that acquire the most points through all phases of a division. A championship may not be offered in a section unless all required classes are offered and fill. Horse/rider combination must remain the same at a particular horse show for championship consideration. Refer to "Three Entries to Fill" rule. In the case of a tie in the Walk/Trot or Walk/Trot/Canter division, the rider that accumulated the most points in the equitation phase of the division will be awarded the champion title. In the Beginner Rider Division, the rider with the greatest number of points in the over fences phase will be awarded the championship. In the event that a tie still remains, the rider with the most blue ribbons will be awarded the championship, and if still a tie remains, riders may be asked to ride off.

#### CHAPTER II: DIVISIONS

##### SECTION I: WALK TROT

Open to beginner junior or adult riders, who have not yet cantered at any horse show (exception, see PHJA Rule III, Section II: Two Horse Show Rule). To consist of three classes: Walk Trot Equitation, Walk Trot Under Saddle and Walk Trot Pleasure. Suitability of the Walk Trot mount to be stressed. Horses/Ponies known to kick are required to display a red ribbon. The judge may order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, other exhibitors, or their mounts. Tying of stirrups to the saddle or girth are means for disqualification. It is recommended that a class having more than 12 entries be divided. If a division is necessary, the recommended split is to divide the entries into a class for riders 8 years of age and under and one for riders 9 years of age and over. A rider may compete in the Walk Trot division for no more than two years. Once a rider competes in a class or division that requires cantering, they are deemed ineligible to return to the Walk Trot division. May not cross enter into any other class.

##### SECTION II: WALK TROT CANTER

Open to beginner junior or adult riders. To consist of three classes: Walk Trot Canter Equitation, Walk Trot Canter Under Saddle and Walk Trot Canter Pleasure. Suitability of the Walk Trot Canter mount to be stressed. Horses/Ponies known to kick are required to display a red ribbon. The judge may order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, other exhibitors, or their mounts. Tying of the stirrups to the saddle or girth are means for disqualification. It is recommended that a class having more than 12 entries be divided and that no more than six riders are asked to canter on the rail at a given time. If a division is necessary, the recommended split is to divide entries into a class for riders 9 years of age and under and one for riders 10 years of age and over. A rider may compete in the Walk Trot Canter division for no more than two years. Cross entry into Beginner Rider and/or Pleasure Horse or Pony is allowed.

##### SECTION III: BEGINNER RIDER

Open to beginner junior or adult riders. To consist of three classes: two over fences and one on the flat. Riders to be judged over six to eight cross rail type fences not to exceed 18" at the center, and on the flat at the walk, trot and canter. Simple changes are not to be penalized. Suitability of the Beginner Rider mount to be stressed. Horses/Ponies known to kick are required to display a red ribbon. The judge may order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, other exhibitors, or their mounts. Tying of the stirrups to the saddle or girth are means for disqualification. It is recommended that a class having more than 12 entries be divided and that no more than six riders are asked to canter on the rail at a given time. If a division is necessary, the recommended split is to divide the entries into a class for riders 9 years of age and under and one for riders 10 years of age and over. A rider may compete in the Beginner Rider division for no more than two years. May only cross enter into Walk Trot Canter and/or Pleasure Horse or Pony. The Three-Inch Rule does not apply to this division.

##### SECTION IV: PLEASURE HORSE OR PONY

Open to all. Horses and ponies to be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the arena. May be asked to perform additional tests.

## RULE X: YEAR END AWARDS

The PHJA offers Year End Awards in several categories, the purpose of which is to encourage participation at PHJA sanctioned shows. In making these awards, the Association certifies that animals are properly recorded and exhibited under the name of the owner who is a member of the PHJA. The Board of Directors has the authority to cancel any award should the competition throughout the year be so slight as not to warrant the presentation of an award.

Award winners must accept awards in person or have someone designated to accept the awards for them. The PHJA will not be responsible for getting awards to the winners.

### SECTION I: POINTS

(a) Points are accrued by members through participation in recognized classes/divisions at shows carrying PHJA sanctioning. In each class, points are awarded to the top six competitors as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place (10 Points), 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (6 Points), 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (4 Points), 4<sup>th</sup> Place (2 Points) and 6<sup>th</sup> Place (1/2 Point).

(b) Points are awarded in championship titles as follows: Champion (20 Points) and Reserve Champion (12 Points). See applicable Champion/Reserve Champion sections for specific details regarding championship titles. Champions Points in any and all Equitation Classes and/or Jumper Classes do not count toward Year End Prizes.

(c) Points are awarded in PHJA approved Classic/Challenge classes as follows: 1st Place (20 Points), 2nd Place (15 Points), 3rd Place (12 Points), 4th Place (8 Points), 5th Place (4 Points), 6th Place (2 Points), 7th Place (1 Point), 8th Place (1/2 Point).

## CHAPTER I: AWARDS OFFERED

PHJA Year End Awards are given for points accrued in a show year. In the event that there is a change of ownership of any horse/pony who has accrued points in any division, these points will follow the horse. In order for the horse/pony to be eligible to continue to earn points toward year end awards, the new owner of lessee must become a member of the PHJA. PHJA reserves the right to break ties for Year End Award consideration in any recognized division and/or class if deemed reasonable.

### SECTION I: RECOGNIZED DIVISIONS/CLASSES

The PHJA recognizes the following classes/divisions for Year End Award consideration:

1. Pleasure Horse or Pony
2. Walk Trot
3. Walk Trot Canter
4. Beginner Rider
5. 11& Under Equitation
6. 12-14 Equitation
7. 15-17 Equitation
8. Adult Equitation
9. Short Stirrup Equitation
10. Long Stirrup Equitation
11. Limit Rider Equitation
12. Pony Equitation
13. Short Stirrup Hunter
14. Long Stirrup Hunter
15. Limit Rider Hunter
16. Pre-Children's/Adult Hunter
17. Pony Hunter
18. Children's Hunter
19. Adult Hunter
20. Junior Hunter

- 21. Amateur Hunter
- 22. Green Hunter
- 23. Open Hunter
- 24. Children's/Adult Jumper
- 25. Low Schooling Jumper
- 26. Junior/Amateur Jumper
- 27. High Schooling Jumper

**CHAPTER II: SPECIAL AWARDS OFFERED**

**SECTION I: PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

- (a) The Cedarhill Beginner Rider Perpetual Trophy: Awarded in the Beginner Rider Division. Trophy goes to the rider who as accrued the greatest number of points throughout the year.
- (b) The Dark Secret Short Stirrup Perpetual Trophy: Awarded in the Short Stirrup Hunter Division. Trophy goes to the horse/pony who has accrued the greatest number of points throughout the year.
- (c) The Nell Earl Limit Rider Perpetual Trophy: Awarded in the Limit Rider Hunter Division. Trophy goes to the horse/pony that has accrued the greatest number of points throughout the year.
- (d) The Maria Baer Adult Amateur Perpetual Trophy: Awarded in the Adult Amateur Hunter Division. Trophy goes to the horse/pony that has accrued the greatest number of points throughout the year.
- (e) The Maplegate Farm Green Hunter Perpetual Trophy: Awarded in the Green Hunter Division. Trophy goes to the horse/pony that has accrued the greatest number of points throughout the year.
- (f) The Vonita Bizzell Adult Equitation Perpetual Trophy: Awarded in the Adult Equitation Division. Trophy goes to the rider who has accrued the greatest number of points throughout the year.
- (g) The Belfair Farms "Hy Hawk" Children's Hunter Perpetual Trophy: Awarded in the Children's Hunter Division. Trophy goes to the horse that has accrued the greatest number of points throughout the year.

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**SECTION II: HIGH POINT AWARD**

- (a) PHJA High Point Pony Perpetual Trophy: Awarded to the pony that has accrued the greatest number of points in any one hunter division throughout the year.
- (b) PHJA High Point Horse Perpetual Trophy: Awarded to the horse that has accrued the greatest number of points in any one hunter division throughout the year.

**SECTION III: PHJA MEDAL TROPHIES**

- (a) PHJA Pony Medal Perpetual Trophy: Awarded to the winning rider as determined in the PHJA Pony Medal Finals.
- (b) PHJA Horse Medal Perpetual Trophy: Awarded to the winning rider as determined in the PHJA Horse Medal Finals.

**RULE XI: JUMPER CLASSES**

**CHAPTER I: GENERAL ELIGIBILIY**

Jumpers may be any breed, type, sex or height. Stallions are acceptable any may be ridden by junior riders. Riders may show more than one horse in any division as the points apply to the horse, not the rider. If an unsoundness is great enough to be considered abusive, it is the judge's duty to disqualify the horse from competing. PHJA rules will apply regarding acceptable behavior towards any horse at a PHJA show. Poling and offsets are prohibited (offsets being an element in which the back rail is set lower than the front rail). All oxers must be square of ramped where the front rail is set lower than the back rail). Any action deemed excessive during schooling will be prohibited.

**CHAPTER II: EQUIPMENT, TACK AND ATTIRE**

**SECTION I: EQUIPMENT AND TACK**

- (a) Bell boots, polo wraps, and any type of leg guards are acceptable in the jumper divisions. All martingales are permitted. Draw reins are also accepted.
- (b) Stirrups may not be tied to the girth or secured in any similar manner.

- (c) Square saddle pads and any type of additional padding is acceptable.

## **SECTION II: ATTIRE**

- (a) Riders must wear short or long sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties and riding jackets. If a riding jacket is not worn, riders may show in a polo shirt with a collar, ticked into riding breeches. Rain gear is permitted in inclement weather. All riders must follow PHJA rules regarding approved helmets (see Rule VI, Chapter I, Section III: Headgear).

## **CHAPTER III: SCORING**

### **SECTION I: PENALTIES**

Scoring of jumpers is based on penalty faults while on course. Faults are applied to knockdowns, time penalties and disobedience. Each penalty has its own mathematical value.

- (a) When two or more faults occur at one obstacle, the major fault is the only one that counts. If the faults are of equal value, only one fault is counted. The exception to this is disobedience. Each display of disobedience should be counted.
- (b) When there are several elements in the same vertical plane of an obstacle. The top element can be the only one penalized. For example, if a vertical jump has three poles and the horse knocks down the middle or bottom rail, no fault should be given. Only the lowering of the top rail results in a fault.
- (c) When an obstacle is composed of more than one vertical plane, such as an oxer or a triple bar, faults at more than one element are penalized only once. For example, if both top rails of an oxer are lowered, only one fault is penalized. For fault values see
- (d) In a combination, the faults occurring at each obstacle are scored separately. If there is a refusal or a run-out at one element of the combination the entire combination must be re-jumped. The obstacles(s) must be reset if they have been changed by the attempt. The judge must give a signal when it has been reset before the exhibitor may retry the combination. Resetting the combinations should automatically stop the clock. The judge's signal to the exhibitor to continue starts the clock immediately. Six seconds will be added to the exhibitor's time each and every time the clock has to be stopped for an obstacle to be reset.
- (e) Once on course, there is no allowance for broken equipment, lost shoes, etc. It is the rider's decision to continue to avoid penalties or to voluntarily withdraw from the course.
- (f) An eliminated rider may make one attempt to jump a single obstacle before exiting the ring. The judge has the right to designate which single obstacle the competitor may attempt before exiting. This does not, however, apply to a horse that has taken a fall on course.
- (g) Physical assistance from outside the ring while on course is cause for immediate elimination. Physical assistance includes, but is not limited to, things such as lunge whips, plastic bags and noisemakers. Verbal assistance is not physical assistance and is acceptable. Between the rounds of a Table II, 2(b) class a rider may have assistance from outside as long as the horse and rider do not leave the ring and the second round is begun within the time allowed between the audible signal and crossing the starting line.

### **SECTION II: DISOBEDIENCES**

- (a) A refusal is the stopping of the horse in front of any obstacle to be jumped. Should the horse stop without knocking down the jump and without backing, immediately jumping from a standstill, a refusal is not counted. However, if the halt continues or the horse backs or circles, a refusal is counted.
- (b) A run-out is the evasion or passing of an obstacle to be jumped or the finish line. It is also the jumping of an obstacle outside its limiting markers. This is a disobedience. After a refusal or a run-out, the competitor must re-jump the obstacle before proceeding on course.
- (c) Loss of Forward Movement is the halting or stepping backward of the horse after crossing the starting line. This is counted as a disobedience unless it is due to a refusal, run-out, or an order from the judge.
- (d) Circling is a disobedience when it results in the horse crossing its original track between two consecutive obstacles. Circling is also penalized when the horse stops advancing toward or turns away from the next fence except when it is to retake an obstacle after a disobedience. Any discrepancy on this shall be decided by the judge. Zigzagging and coming sideways does not constitute a disobedience unless the horse passes or turns its back to the intended obstacle or the finish line.

### **SECTION III: KNOCKDOWNS**

An obstacle is considered knocked down when in attempting to jump an obstacle, a horse or rider, by contact, lowers any part which establishes the height of the obstacle or the height of any element of a spread obstacle. It is counted even if the falling part is stopped in its fall by some other portion of the obstacle.

- (a) Moving the pole, but not removing it from the cups or brackets that are holding it does not constitute a knockdown. If an obstacle falls after the competitor leaves the ring, it is not a knockdown.
- (b) Narrowing the width of a spread without altering the height of any element does not constitute a knockdown.

#### **SECTION IV: JUMPING FAULTS**

- (a) Knockdown of an obstacle, element of an obstacle, or standard when jumping = 4 faults
- (b) Knockdown of automatic timing equipment or markers showing the start and finish line = 4 faults
- (c) First disobedience on course = 4 faults
- (d) Second disobedience on course = 8 faults cumulatively
- (e) Third disobedience on course = elimination
- (f) Fall of horse and/or rider = elimination
- (g) Jumping an obstacle before it is reset, or without waiting for the audible to proceed = elimination
- (h) Starting without the audible to proceed = elimination
- (i) Failure to cross the starting line within 45 seconds of the audible = elimination
- (j) Jumping an obstacle before crossing the start line or after crossing the finish line = elimination
- (k) Off course = elimination
- (l) Rider and/or horse leaving the arena before finishing the course = elimination
- (m) Exceeding the Time Limit = elimination
- (n) Actions deemed excessive against the horse such as excessive whip or spur at any time in the arena = elimination

#### **RULE II: COURSES**

##### **CHAPTER I: COURSE SET-UP**

#### **SECTION I: COURSE DIAGRAM**

The courses must be posted at least one half hour before the time of the class. The diagram must include time allowed, section of class, jump-off course, and must show the obstacles to be jumped with the order indicated by number.

#### **SECTION II: START AND FINISH LINE**

The start line must be no closer than 12' from the first obstacle and at least 24' from the last obstacle. The obstacles establishing the start and finish line must be at least 12' apart. The horse must cross the start and finish lines mounted and in the proper direction. Crossing the start in the opposite direction before beginning the course is not penalized. Failure to cross the start line within 45 seconds after the audible sounds is cause of elimination.

#### **SECTION III: AUDIBLE SIGNAL**

- (a) An audible signal can be a bell, whistle, horn or buzzer. Any other form of audible to be used shall be identified to every competitor before the start of the class.
- (b) An audible signal shall be given to signal the start, stop for a competitor while on course designating a time-out, to end a time-out and continue the course, and to indicate that a competitor has been eliminated. The latter shall be given by a repeated and prolonged ringing or sounding.

#### **SECTION IV: TIMING**

Timing begins when the horse's chest crosses the start line and ends when the chest crosses the finish line.

- (a) As stated earlier, a competitor will receive six seconds added to their time should a time-out have to be taken to reset an obstacle. Each time-out based on this will incur six seconds extra. If a time-out has to be taken that is not due to a competitor's mistake, the time-out will not result in a six second time penalty. An example of this would be stopping the competitor while on course to fix a jump that blows over or to remove a dog or debris from the course. This time-out is at the judge's discretion.
- (b) For every second over the Time Allowed a competitor will receive 1 fault.
- (c) The time allowed must be posted prior to the start of the class. The time may be adjusted after the first three horses complete the course if the time allowed proves to be too tight for all three. Given this, the first two to complete the course cleanly, even exceeding the time allowed should be allowed to continue on to the jump-off in case the time is adjusted. If it is not adjusted, then the first two shall incur the time faults for their first round and the jump-off is voided.

## CHAPTER II: TYPES OF COURSES

There must be at least one change in direction in every course including jump-off courses. Every course, except jump-off courses, must contain a minimum of eight obstacles. Each obstacle of a combination is counted separately. At least one combination must be included in every course, except jump-off courses.

### SECTION I: SECTION II - TABLE II, sec 2(a) - TIME FIRST JUMP-OFF

The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In the event of equality of faults after the first round, there will be one jump-off for first place only in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults. At management's discretion, each exhibitor may have the option of taking part in the jump-off at the completion of their round as in Table II, sec 2(b) or after all exhibitors have completed their first round.

### SECTION II: SECTION II – TABLE II, sec 2(b) – TIME FIRST JUMP-OFF

The first round and first jump off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, start the designated jump-off course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment provided they remount and begin their jump-off within 45 seconds following the audible signal to begin the jump-off. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults.

### SECTION III: SECTION V – TABLE II, sec 2(c) – POWER AND SPEED

The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed if any. If a competitor goes clean in the first round, he will, without leaving the ring, upon crossing the finish line, start the designated jump-off course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line of the initial course. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults. The use of a time allowed in the first round is optional.

### SECTION IV: JUMP-OFFS

Jump-offs are held over obstacles from the original course which may include obstacles not included in the initial round. Courses may be shortened after the first round. The jump-off may not be shortened to less than six obstacles.