

**C.H.J.A. INC**



**CONNECTICUT HUNTER & JUMPER ASSOCIATION**

**2024 RULEBOOK**

**THIS BOOK SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS EDITIONS  
PUBLICATION DATE: March 20, 2024**

**PUBLISHED BY C.H.J.A. INC.  
FAX: 413-782-6622  
EMAIL: CHJACT@GMAIL.COM  
WEB SITE: WWW.CHJA.NET**

THE ASSOCIATION'S BYLAWS, RULES AND HORSE SHOW STANDARDS PUBLISHED HEREIN ARE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2023 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED AND REMAIN IN EFFECT EXCEPT AS SUPERSEDED BY RULE CHANGES PUBLISHED ON THE OFFICIAL C.H.J.A. INC. WEBSITE OR BY SUBSEQUENT EDITIONS OF THIS BOOK.

**REVISIONS FOR 2024 ARE NOTED IN YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS.**

# **CONNECTICUT HUNTER & JUMPER ASSOCIATION 2024 RULEBOOK**

**This Rulebook consists of two sections: the Bylaws of C.H.J.A. INC. (pages 1-9), and the Rules and Horse Show Standards of C.H.J.A. INC. (pages 10-36).**

## **BYLAWS OF C.H.J.A. INC.**

### **ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE**

#### **Section 1**

The name of this organization shall be **C.H.J.A. INC.** also known as the **CONNECTICUT HUNTER & JUMPER ASSOCIATION** or the **CHJA**, hereinafter referred to as the **ASSOCIATION** or the **CHJA**.

#### **Section 2**

A. The purpose of the Association shall be:

1. To promote and standardize all Recognized Shows and other equestrian activities within the State of Connecticut and contiguous states and to act for the common good of exhibitors, sponsors, spectators and management.

2. To provide for awards for membership competition while allowing no part of the net earnings to inure to the benefit of or be distributable to members, trustees, officers or private persons except for reasonable compensation for services rendered.

3. To work in cooperation with the Connecticut Hunter and Jumper Scholarship Fund, Inc. also known as the Scholarship Fund and to assist the Scholarship Fund in its efforts.

B. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the funds on hand will be distributed as follows: 1/2 to the CHJA Scholarship Fund, and 1/2 to the ASPCA.

### **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES**

#### **Section 1**

The Show Year starts December 1 and ends November 30 of the following year.

#### **Section 2**

Membership in the Association shall consist of eight classifications (USEF Rules on age shall apply):

A. **Individual Lifetime Membership** - \$250.00

B. **Family** - \$65.00

C. **Senior** - \$40.00

D. **Junior** - \$40.00

E. **Professional** - \$40.00

F. **Lifetime Horse Registration** - \$100.00

G. **Horse Registration** - \$25.00

Make checks payable to C.H.J.A. INC.

#### **Section 3**

Annual dues shall be payable to the Association on or before December 1 of each Show Year. Membership is effective on the date of receipt of a Member's annual dues and an accurate and complete Membership Application. This also applies to horse/pony recording applications.

#### **Section 4**

No points earned by an exhibitor or horse/pony prior to the date on which dues for the current Show Year are paid and a complete and accurate membership application or recording is submitted will be credited toward year end awards or Medal Finals qualification. Association Memberships and horse/pony recordings become effective on the day that the completed application and appropriate fees are received by the Membership Office or by the Show Secretary at a C.H.J.A. INC. Recognized show. Points for a membership paid on the day of a show will be valid if paid in negotiable funds. Checks should be made payable to C.H.J.A. INC. in order to create evidence of payment. If cash is paid, a receipt from the show secretary will be required to verify the date on which dues were paid.

If an application is submitted at a show to a Show Secretary, the Secretary must submit it to the Association office with the show's results in order for the membership to be activated on that date and for the points from that show to count. Otherwise, the membership will become effective on the date the completed application and appropriate fees are actually received by the Association office.

Memberships cannot be transferred or backdated, and points are never retroactive. Points from any show are finalized 30 days after they are posted on the official Association website and cannot be changed. It is a member's responsibility to check the Association website to confirm accuracy of points in this timeframe and bring any corrections to the attention of the Association's Membership Office.

#### **Section 5**

By becoming a Member, each individual agrees to abide by the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of C.H.J.A. INC.

### **ARTICLE III: OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1**

The officers of the Association shall be the President, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. If an officer or member of the Board of Directors misses three consecutive meetings without being excused by the presiding officer, his office shall be considered vacant and the President shall appoint a successor to serve for the balance of the term of office.

#### **Section 2**

The office of the President, Secretary and Treasurer may not be held by the same person.

#### **Section 3**

The President shall be the chief executive of the Association and shall be responsible for conducting its activities, subject only to the control of the Board of Directors. He shall preside at open meetings of members and at meetings of Directors at which he is present. The President may serve for any number of terms and shall be elected to 2-year terms.

#### **Section 4**

The Vice-Presidents shall, in the absence of the President, in order of their rank, have all the powers to perform all the duties of the President. The Vice-Presidents may serve for any number of terms and shall be elected to 2-year terms.

#### **Section 5**

The Secretary, or in the absence thereof, a member of the Board of Directors, shall keep the minutes of all meetings of members, the Board of Directors, and Executive Committee, and shall distribute copies of those minutes to each Board member within two weeks of the date of the meeting. The Secretary shall also give any required notice of all such meetings. The Secretary may serve any number of terms and shall be elected to 2-year terms.

#### **Section 6**

The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Association and shall have the care and custody of and be responsible for the funds of the Association, which he shall deposit in the name of the Association in such bank or places of deposit of his choice as approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Association for the amount of the Association's average monthly cash balance plus \$5,000.00. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. All checks must be signed by the Treasurer or the President for disbursements of \$500.00 or less. An expenditure over \$500.00 must have written approval of the chief executive officer or acting chief executive officer and be subject to prior approval of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer, at the end of the fiscal year, shall deliver the books for review to an accountant or to the Executive Committee. At the Annual Meeting, a report of this review shall be presented to the membership. The Treasurer shall be elected for 2-year terms and may serve any number of terms.

### **ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Section 1**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") shall consist of at least fifteen (15) members of the Association as stipulated herein.

- A. Six (6) elected Officers.
- B. The immediate Past President.
- C. Eight (8) Members, each of whom shall be elected for a term of four (4) years at the annual meeting.

If any member of the Board of Directors elected under Article IV, Subsection 1.c is thereafter elected as an officer, from the time of such election, he or she shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors under Article IV, Subsection 1.a, and his or her seat as an elected member of the Board shall be filled in accordance with Article IV, Section 6.

#### **Section 2**

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Association and shall have the responsibility for the management of its affairs.

The Board shall have the explicit authority to make changes in existing Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards governing the activities of the Association, and to make new Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards. A 2/3 vote of the entire Board is required for any such action. Any such Rule changes or additions made by the Board shall stand only until the next Annual or Special Meeting of the Members at which time they must be ratified by a majority vote of the Members present and authorized to vote at such a meeting.

### **Section 3**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors, or as may be specified in the notice of the meeting. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors, although the Board of Directors must meet at least quarterly. Special meetings of the Board may be held at any time upon the call of the President or any three directors, by written notice of the time and place of such meeting, duly served on or sent by mail to each Director not less than fifteen (15) days before the meeting. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held without notice immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Members. Notice need not be given of regular meetings of the Board of Directors held at times fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors. No notice of any meeting need be given to any Director who attends such meeting. Nor shall notice be required to be given any Director who at any time before or after the meeting waives notice of the meeting in writing.

### **Section 4**

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, six (6) members shall constitute a quorum.

### **Section 5**

The Board of Directors shall hear and rule by majority vote of those present all appeals of decisions of the Protest Committee as provided for in Article VI, Section 5.

### **Section 6**

Vacancies of the Board of Directors occurring during the year shall be filled by appointment of the President. Directors so appointed shall hold office until the term of the vacancy they filled has expired.

### **Section 7**

No Officer or Director of the Association shall be compensated for holding his or her office but may be reimbursed for incidental expenses. An Officer or Director of the Association may be hired by the Association to perform services, provided that any such engagement shall be governed by a written agreement approved by the Board.

### **Section 8**

Each member of the Board, with the exception of the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, must participate as a member of an active committee, other than the Executive Committee.

### **Section 9**

In order to induce persons to serve as a Director, Director Emeritus (for definition, see Article V), or Officer, and as partial consideration for their services as such, the Association shall reimburse, exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify each person at any time elected or appointed a Director or Officer of the Association and his respective heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives for, from and against any and all costs and expenses (including but not limited to court and legal fees) reasonably incurred by, and any and all liabilities imposed upon him or them in connection with, or arising out of, or resulting from any claim made or any action in which he or they may be involved as a party or otherwise by reason of his having served as such Director, Director Emeritus, or Officer or by reason of any action taken or omitted or alleged to have been taken or omitted by him as such Director, Director Emeritus, or Officer, whether or not he continues to be such Director, Director Emeritus, or Officer, at the time such costs and expenses are incurred or such liability is imposed, unless in such action, suit, or proceeding such person shall have been finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interests of the Association in respect of the matter or matters as to which reimbursement, exoneration, holding harmless, or indemnification is sought hereunder; provided, however, that such reimbursement, exoneration, holding harmless and indemnification shall not extend to amounts incurred or paid in connection with any matter which shall be disposed of through a compromise payment or other settlement prior to such final adjudication, whether by or pursuant to a consent decree or otherwise, unless such compromise or other settlement shall be approved as in the best interests of the Association either by a vote of a majority of the Directors other than interested Directors or by a vote or written approval of a majority of the members of the Association entitled to vote at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association, exclusive of an interested Director, Director Emeritus, or Officer if he then be living, or by his heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives, if he be not then living. The rights hereby provided shall be in addition to and shall not exclude or affect any other rights to which any Director, Director Emeritus, or Officer may be entitled. For purposes hereof, an interested Director, Director Emeritus, or Officer is one against whom, as such, the claim in question has been made or the action, suit or proceeding in question has been brought or against whom, as such, a claim based on similar grounds has been and is being made or an action, suit or proceeding based on similar grounds has been brought and is still pending. No Director, Director Emeritus, or Officer in the absence of bad faith shall be liable to anyone for making or participating in the making of any determination as to the existence or absence of liability of the Association hereunder or for approving any such compromise or other settlement as aforesaid as in the best interests of the Association.

## **ARTICLE V: DIRECTOR EMERITUS**

### **Section 1 Background**

A Director Emeritus is a former member of the Association's Board of Directors who has completed his service with distinction, but continues to be associated with the organization as an adviser. The transition to Director Emeritus is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and is an honor bestowed on an individual who has served the organization selflessly with distinction and excellence.

Moving directors into an emeritus status gives the organization a way to make room on the board for new active directors and, at the same time, retain the benefit of a former director's valuable experience.

## **Section 2 Definition**

There shall be a category of the Association's Board of Directors known as a Director Emeritus. Director Emeritus positions shall be offered to those board members who have served selflessly and with distinction and excellence as President or on the Association's Board of Directors. Director Emeritus member candidates will be considered for this honor for their outstanding service to the Association. Director Emeritus carries a Lifetime status.

A Director Emeritus shall be entitled to receive all written notices and information which are provided to the Board of Directors, to attend all Board of Directors meetings, to serve on or participate in meetings of the various Association committees, and are encouraged to attend all other events conducted by the Association.

A Director Emeritus shall not:

- be subject to any attendance policy,
- be required to serve on a committee,
- be counted in determining if a quorum is present at a meeting,
- be entitled to hold office,
- be entitled to vote at any board meeting.

## **Section 3 Eligibility**

In order to be considered for designation as a Director Emeritus, a person must be a current member of the Association who:

1. Has served the Association's Board of Directors with distinction and excellence.
2. Held an important leadership role and made or continues to make significant contributions.
3. Actively served on one or more of the Association's Committees (e.g., Equitation, Awards, Standards, Membership, and Banquet etc.)
4. Completed the term(s) for which he or she was appointed.

At the request of the Association President, the Executive Committee will consider potential candidates and will nominate one (1) or more individuals for a Director Emeritus position. The Executive Committee will present the nomination(s) along with supporting statements to the Association's Board of Directors for its consideration. A simple majority vote of directors is sufficient to approve an appointment.

## **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1 Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association. The President shall be the chairperson of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall act on matters which require attention of the Board of Directors which occur between regular meetings of the Board. The Executive Committee must promptly submit a written report of all actions taken to all members of the Board of Directors. Such action will stand unless opposed by a member of the Board of Directors within two (2) weeks of the mailing of such notice. If a member of the Board of Directors objects to an action of the Executive Committee, a meeting of the Board of Directors must be called. Subject to the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall, between meetings of the Board of Directors, have the responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the Association and may make contracts in its name and behalf or authorize such contracts to be made.

### **Section 2 Other Committees**

The President shall appoint committees, which shall serve at their pleasure to conduct the necessary business of the Association. The President may attend any or all committee meetings ex-officio and shall vote in case of deadlocks. Recommendations by the committees shall be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors except as hereafter provided. All committee chairpersons shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the President. The committees shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

#### **A. Membership/Points Committee**

The Membership/Points Committee shall be responsible for:

1. Solicitation of new members and renewals of existing members.
2. Issuance of membership cards and forwarding of dues promptly to the Treasurer.
3. Maintenance of an accurate up-to-date list of current members.
4. Accurate tabulation of points accumulated during the Show Year by members of the Association who are in good standing.

#### **B. Standards Committee**

The Standards Committee shall consist of eight (8) members and an alternate. The chairperson will be appointed and the alternate selected by the President annually. One member of the Standards Committee will come up for appointment to a 4-year term each year. The President, in the selection of appointed members, shall attempt to provide an equal balance on the Standards Committee between exhibitors and show management. Each year one member of the Standards Committee will come up for election to a four-year term. Meetings of the Committee shall be held on a regularly scheduled basis. If any member misses three (3) consecutive meetings unexcused by the committee chairperson, the member's position shall

be considered vacant. Any vacancy on the Standards Committee will be filled by an appointment of the President for the remainder of the term.

The Standards Committee shall:

1. Prepare for adoption at meetings by the Board of Directors and the membership, a Rulebook to include the Bylaws of C.H.J.A. INC. and the Rules and Horse Show Standards of C.H.J.A. INC. that sets forth the rules governing Recognized Shows and from time to time their recommendations for updating the same.
2. Promptly process all applications for recognition.
3. Discuss, approve or reject all horse shows that apply for the Association's Recognized Show status and maintain a record of all such actions.
4. Notify the secretary and manager of the applying horse show of action taken and provide an explanation for any rejection.
5. Provide consulting services to the Recognized Shows and ensure that these shows present hunter, jumper and equitation classes in accordance with the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association.
6. Review all proofs of prize lists submitted and provide written notice to the secretary and show management of approval or required modifications within 10 days of receipt.
7. Collect and promptly forward all fees received to the Treasurer.
8. Document Recognized Shows strengths and weaknesses. Notify Recognized Shows of these and maintain a record of their comments.
9. Notify the Board of any significant problems with a Recognized Show or its management.

**C. Awards Committee**

The Awards Committee shall:

1. Be responsible for the care, maintenance, purchase and presentation of all awards.
2. Solicit the membership from time to time for donations to help defray the costs of the Association's activities.

**D. Scholarship Committee**

The Scholarship Committee shall:

1. Be responsible for reviewing all scholarship applications
2. Make a selection for each year's scholarship recipients based on established criteria.
3. Assist in obtaining donations to maintain the scholarship fund.

**E. Equitation Committee**

The Equitation Committee shall be responsible for promoting, organizing and managing the annual Medal Finals.

**F. Banquet Committee**

The Banquet Committee shall be responsible for promoting, organizing and managing the annual Awards Banquet.

**G. Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the Association, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and all of whom shall be appointed by the President. Suggestions for nominations of Officers and Directors for the succeeding year should be addressed to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and mailed to the Association at its general address. Nominations must be received before October 15, preceding the Annual Meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to report all nominations for the election of Officers and Directors to the Annual Meeting of the Association. Such report shall be included in the Secretary's written notice of the Annual Meeting as provided in Article IX, Section 1, and shall include the recommendations of the committee.

**H. Protest Committee**

The Protest Committee shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee plus one member of the Association appointed by the President who is an active USEF or NEHC steward and not a member of the Board. This person shall act as chairperson of the committee.

**ARTICLE VII: PROTESTS, CHARGES AND HEARINGS**

**Section 1. Filing and Contents**

A. Protests may be made to the Protest Committee by an exhibitor, an agent, a trainer, or the parent of a Junior exhibitor for any violation of the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association. A protest must be:

1. In writing

2. Signed by the protestor
3. Addressed to the Secretary of the Association
4. Accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00, to be refunded if the protest is upheld, and
5. Mailed Certified Mail to the Secretary of the Association and the party against whom the protest is directed within seven (7) days of the alleged violation.

B. Charges may be made to the committee by an official of the show or an officer of the Association for any violation of the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association. A charge must be:

1. In writing
2. Signed by the person making the charge
3. Addressed to the Secretary of the Association, and
4. Mailed Certified Mail to the Secretary of the Association and the party against whom the charge is directed within seven (7) days of the alleged violation.

C. A protest or a charge must comply with either Parts a. or b. respectively and must state the full name and address of the accused and contain a complete and definite statement of the acts, which constitute the alleged violation. Precise details regarding a violation of the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association are necessary. The maker must be prepared to substantiate the protest or charge by personal testimony at a hearing or by sworn statements, witnesses or other evidence.

D. The committee shall not consider a protest that is specified as non-protestable according to any applicable rules in the current edition of the USEF Rule Book, or according to the current rules of any of its applicable affiliates, e.g., USHJA.

#### **Section 2. Hearings** (to be convened by the Protest Committee)

A. Any person or show against whom a protest or charge is filed shall be entitled to a hearing. Such a hearing shall be held no earlier than on ten (10) days notice to the accused, and no later than after 25 days notice.

B. Notice of hearing shall contain a brief statement of the facts constituting the alleged violation and shall specify the time and place at which the hearing is to be held.

C. Accused persons may attend the hearing at their option and may bring witnesses in their own behalf.

#### **Section 3. Duties of the Committee**

A. The committee, after receiving a protest or charge, shall promptly hold a hearing and obtain from witnesses, entry blanks and other sources, all necessary information and evidence; all persons directly concerned shall be given the opportunity to appear. The committee shall then adjudicate the issue impartially, make effective its decision upon the parties in interest and report its determination to the Board of Directors. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protestor; if not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Association. In all cases, the findings and a recommendation shall contain a determination of the penalty.

B. In the event the committee fails to hold a hearing within twenty-five (25) days after receipt of a protest or charge or fails to render a decision within twenty-five days after a hearing, the Board of Directors may take jurisdiction of the matter's final adjudication.

#### **Section 4. Suspension**

The committee may temporarily suspend any person against whom a protest or charge has been filed from participating in any manner in the affairs of the Association or at Recognized Shows for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days or until the charge is adjudicated, whichever is sooner. If the committee deems it necessary, it may extend the temporary suspension for a further period not to exceed an additional ninety (90) days.

#### **Section 5. Appeal**

Either party to a protest may appeal the final decision of the committee to the Board of Directors. On such appeal, the Board of Directors will not review the findings of fact but will determine only whether the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association were properly interpreted and applied.

#### **Section 6. Rehearing**

Upon the discovery of new facts not presented at a hearing, a party may request a rehearing before the committee. Such requests shall be in writing and shall contain a statement of the new facts upon which it is based. The filing procedure and duties of the committee for the rehearing shall be the same as the procedure for the original hearing.

## **ARTICLE VIII: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

### **Section 1. Individuals**

A. The provisions of this Rule shall apply at any Recognized Show to the following persons: owner, exhibitor, agent, trainer, manager, rider, driver, show official, show employee or member of the family of the above, individual member of the Association or any person who acts in a manner in violation of the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association or deemed prejudicial to its best interests. Any act at a Recognized Show which is a violation as defined in Article VIII, Section 1, Part B of the Bylaws of this Association, by a member of the family of a person participating in the show that is described in the previous sentence, may be deemed to have been committed by such person and subject him to penalties.

B. Violations. A violation is any act prejudicial to the best interests of the Association, including but not limited to the following:

1. Violation of the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association.
2. Disqualification by a Recognized Show.
3. Penalization by another Horse Show Association, Humane Society or Court of Law for violation of Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association.
4. Acting or inciting or permitting any other to act in a manner contrary to the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association, or in a manner improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or intemperate, or prejudicial to the Association.
5. Any act committed or remark made during a Recognized Show considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the judging.
6. Failure of a Judge or Steward to perform his duties at a Recognized Show in accordance with the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association
7. Failure of an exhibitor or his representative to sign the entry blank of a Recognized Show in which he competes.
8. Physical assault upon a person and/or cruelty to a horse as defined in any applicable rules in the current edition of the USEF Rule Book, or according to the current rules of any of its applicable affiliates, e.g., USHJA.
9. Failure to obey any penalty imposed by the Association.
10. Exhibiting any horse while in the care, training or custody of a suspended trainer.
11. Riding, exhibiting, coaching or training for the benefit, credit, reputation, or satisfaction of a suspended person.

C. Penalties. If found guilty, the accused shall be subject to such penalty as the Protest Committee may affirm, including but not limited to:

1. Censure - A Vote of Censure shall be reported to the Directors of the Association at their next meeting and listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a further violation the defendant shall be subject to a heavier penalty than for a first offense.
2. Suspension of such persons for any period from showing or having others show, exhibit or train for him. A suspended person is forbidden for the time specified in the penalty to hold or exercise office in the Association or in any Recognized Show and is excluded from all show grounds during Recognized Shows, as an exhibitor, participant or spectator.
3. Suspension for any period of the horse or horses, completely or in part owned, leased or of the stable of such person. The committee may, at a later date, remove the suspension of said horse or horses if a sale thereof is made in such manner as to be a bona fide transaction and not with the intention of relieving the suspended owner of penalty.
4. Suspension for any period of any volunteer or any employed person who rides or exhibits for the benefit, credit, reputation or satisfaction of the person disciplined.
5. Expulsion from all Recognized Shows.
6. Expulsion or Suspension from membership in the Association.
7. Forfeiture of trophies, ribbons and prize money won in connection with offense committed.
8. Fine of at least \$100.00 and not more than \$200.00 as determined by the Protest Committee.



D. Notification. The Secretary of the Association shall notify the management of every Recognized Show through an official publication of the Association of the penalizing of any person and of the period thereof. Any Recognized Show, which allows a suspended or expelled person to participate, is itself subject to suspension or expulsion.

E. The Board of Directors may report disciplinary action taken by the Association to another Association if in their opinion such course is advisable for the protection of mutual interests.

F. Reciprocity. On receipt of official notice that disciplinary action has been taken by a Horse Association, Humane Society or Court of Law against a person for an act which may be a violation of Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association, an officer of this Association may make a charge against such person to the Protest Committee and the Committee after a hearing of such disciplined person under the provisions of these Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association may take such action as it deems in the best interest of the Association.

## **Section 2. Recognized Shows**

A. The provisions of the Association's Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards apply to all Recognized Shows.

B. Violations. A Recognized Show is subject to penalty by the Protest Committee for violation of the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association. Violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Failure to conduct a show in accordance with the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association.
  - a. This includes the requirement to provide certificate of insurance with C.H.J.A. Inc named as additional insured at least 14 days prior to the show date. See Rule 2, Part 1, I. Insurance, for detailed instructions.
2. Failure to pay its indebtedness to the Association.
3. Failure to pay premiums and other indebtedness within 60 days.
4. Failure to report the disqualification of a person at the show.
5. Failure to honor written contracts with judges, stewards or other competition officials and employees.
6. Failure to furnish the Association with entry blanks, judge's cards, class sheets, membership applications, horse recordings or any other documents it may request in connection with the show.
7. The use of stewards or judges who are not Association approved.
8. The listing of a judge, steward, technical delegate or course designer in the Prize List or catalogue before the invitation to serve has been accepted.
9. Permitting persons or horses adjudged not in good standing to participate in any manner.
10. Permitting acts that are improper, intemperate, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or contrary to the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association
11. Acting in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the Association.

C. Penalties. A Recognized Show found guilty of a violation will be subject to penalty including but not limited to the following:

1. Censure - A vote of Censure will be listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a further violation, the defendant will be liable to a heavier penalty than for a first offense.
2. Suspension for any period from the list of Recognized Shows.
3. Expulsion from membership in the Association.
4. Fine.

D. Notification. The Secretary of the Association shall notify the membership, through an official publication of the Association, of the penalization of any Recognized Show and of the period thereof.

## **ARTICLE IX: ELECTIONS**

### **Section 1**

Election of Officers and Directors of this Association and elected members of the Standards Committee whose terms have expired shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the Association (the "Annual Meeting").

Nominations for Officers, Directors and members of the Standards Committee must be submitted to the Nominating Committee in writing prior to October 15 in order to be considered for election at the next Annual Meeting of the Association. See also Article V - Section 2e.

**Section 2**

Officers elected at the Annual Meeting shall assume office at once and all officers shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been duly elected.

**Section 3**

In each year, two Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a term of four (4) years, replacing the Directors whose terms have expired.

**ARTICLE X: MEETINGS**

**Section 1**

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held after November 30. A public place and hour of the meeting shall be fixed by Board Resolution. Any Member desiring to have an item of business brought before the annual meeting must submit his/her specific proposal to the President in writing by October 15. All such proposals must be included on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. Changes to the agenda shall be considered at Annual Meetings held in even numbered years. However, the Members must vote on ratification of any changes made to the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association by the Board between Annual Meetings. The Secretary shall give all Members not less than thirty (30) days written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting and the issues to be voted on, and only those issues listed may be voted on at the meeting. The Secretary's notice shall also contain the report and recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Notice printed in the official publication or on the official web site of the Association is acceptable. All notices required to be given under this Article shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Members entitled to such notice.

**Section 2**

Special Meetings of the Association shall be called at the discretion of the President or by the written request of any three (3) Directors or 15% of the Voting Members. Any such request shall state the general business to be transacted at such meeting. Special Meetings shall be held at such public place and at such time as shall be fixed by the President, or, if he fails to do so, then by a resolution of the Board of Directors, and shall be within forty-five (45) days of his receipt of the request for said meeting. The Secretary shall give all Members not less than thirty (30) days written notice of the time and place of the Special Meeting. Notice printed in the official publication of the Association or on the official web site is acceptable. All notices required to be given under this Article shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Members entitled to such notice. The notice of every Special Meeting shall state the general nature of the business to be transacted thereat.

**Section 3**

Those Members present shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting or at any Special Meetings.

**ARTICLE XI: PROCEDURE**

Roberts Rules Revised shall be the guide on all questions of procedure. A copy of Robert Rules Revised shall be in the hands of an Officer at all meetings.

**ARTICLE XII: VOTING**

At Annual or Special Meetings of the Association's Members, each Senior Member may cast one (1) vote. Members must be present to vote.

**ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association may be made at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of those present provided the proposed amendment or amendments or the substance thereof shall have been submitted in writing to the general membership thirty (30) days prior to any meeting at which a proposed amendment is to be considered.

THE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS AND/OR OMISSIONS, WHICH MAY OCCUR HEREIN.

# C.H.J.A. INC.

## 2024 RULES AND HORSE SHOW STANDARDS

All Recognized Shows and exhibitors shall be governed by the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association except in those instances in which the Recognized Shows are also recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and there is a conflict with the rules of the USEF, in which case rules of the USEF will prevail. Where point systems of the Annual Awards conflict, Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association will prevail. Any class specifications or conditions governing operations of the classes not covered by the Association Rule Book will be governed by the current USEF Rule Book.

A knowledge and compliance of the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association is required of each member when exhibiting at a Recognized Show.

It is obvious that, however complete the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association may be, they never can cover all possible situations which may arise. If a matter cannot be solved by interpreting the Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association to the letter, the solution to be adopted by those responsible should lie in a principle which follows as nearly as possible the spirit intended in the development of these Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

Used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

**Adult:** A person who has reached his 18th birthday on or before December 1 of the current Show Year. The age of a person on December 1 will be maintained throughout the entire Show Year. Persons born on December 1 assume the greater age on that day.

**Affiliate:** A C.H.J.A. INC. Recognized Horse Show

**Annual Meeting of the Association:** The meeting provided for in Article X, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Association.

**ASPCA:** The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

**Association:** C.H.J.A. INC.

**Board of Directors:** As defined in Articles IV & V of the Bylaws of the Association.

**CHJA:** C.H.J.A. INC.

**Director/Director Emeritus:** A member of the Board of Directors of the Association.

**Family:** For membership purposes, a "Family" includes a nuclear family, e.g., parent(s), and minor (under 18) children.

**Junior:** A person who has not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current Show Year. The age of a person on December 1 will be maintained throughout the entire Show Year. Persons born on December 1, assume the greater age on that day. If a competition is in progress on any November 30, Junior status at the start of the competition will be maintained throughout that competition.

**Medal Finals:** The competition described in Rule 1, Part 5.

**Member:** A person who has fulfilled the requirements for membership in the Association.

**Recognized Show:** A show that is a C.H.J.A. INC. Recognized Show in which at least three Divisions have been recognized by the Association. The show can also be recognized by other associations such as the USEF, CHSA, and/or NEHC.

**Recognized Division:** A grouping of at least three related Association Recognized Classes.

**Recognized Section:** Those Sections of Divisions listed in Rule 1.

**Recognized Class:** Those Classes listed in Rule 1.

**Rules:** The Bylaws, Rules and Horse Show Standards of the Association governing the conduct and affairs of the Association, its Members and Recognized Shows as may be in effect from time to time.

**Scholarship Fund:** The Connecticut Hunter and Jumper Scholarship Fund, Inc.

**Senior:** See Adult.

**Show Year:** The Show Year begins on December 1 and ends on the following November 30.

**Special Meeting of the Association:** The meeting provided for in Article IX, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Association.

**USEF:** United States Equestrian Federation

**USHJA:** United States Hunter Jumper Association

## **RULE 1. CHJA RECOGNIZED HUNTER AND JUMPER DIVISIONS**

### **Part 1. General**

A. In stake classes, shows must guarantee the amount offered as prize money.

B. Note: Following USEF rules, class descriptions and special class specifications are no longer required to be stated in the prize list but should be stated on judges' cards. Exhibitors are expected to be familiar with the rules of the governing organizations.

### **Part 2. Course Requirements**

#### **A. General Course Requirements**

1. Obstacles shall be at least 10' in width. If an obstacle is less than 20' in width then it must have wings at least 30" wide on the approach side.
2. Ground rails are required under all obstacles where the base of the obstacle does not touch the ground. Brush shall constitute a ground line in Hunter classes.
3. Breakaway jump cups must be used on the back rails of all oxers.
4. Show management should consult the current USEF Rule Book for Divisional requirements for course designs.

#### **B. Hunters**

##### **1. General Course Requirements**

- a. Fifty percent or more of the obstacles must be at least the required height and none shall be more than 2" under except for the first obstacle (exceptions: brush obstacle, ditch or bank).
- b. Maximum spacing between rails on any set of standards is 10".
- c. Soundness: All horses must be serviceably sound.

##### **2. Short Stirrup Hunter Division**

###### **a. Division Specifications**

- (1) Open to all riders twelve years of age and under who have never competed over obstacles exceeding 18" in a CHJA or USEF Recognized Show. Riders competing in this Division may not compete in any other Recognized Division or Recognized Class in a show where obstacles exceed 18" in height.
- (2) This division will consist of two jumping classes and one under saddle class, to be judged on the horse, equitation not to count.
- (3) If there are twenty-five or more entries in the first Class of this Division then the Division shall be split into groups of no more than thirteen entries. If applicable, the same amount of prize money offered for the original Division shall be offered in each group and a Champion and Reserve Champion must be awarded for each group.

b. Course Requirements: Jumping classes to be shown over a course not to exceed eight obstacles not to exceed 18" in height. All classes in this Division must be held in an enclosed area (riding ring).

### 3. Children's Hunter Divisions

#### a. Children's Hunter Division - Pony

- (1) Division Specifications: **see current USHJA Zone I Specifications**
- (2) Course Requirements: Jumping classes to be shown over a course of at least eight obstacles. Heights: 2'0" for small/medium ponies, and 2'6" for large ponies. Spreads not to exceed fence height. Distances will not be adjusted. Combinations will not be permitted.

#### b. Children's Hunter Division - Horse

- (1) Division Specifications: **see current USHJA Zone I Specifications**
- (2) Course Requirements: Jumping classes to be shown over a course of at least eight obstacles 3' in height. Spreads not to exceed fence height. Combinations will be permitted unless combined with Children's Hunter Pony.

#### c. Pre-Children's Hunter Division - Horses and Ponies

Open to junior riders who are eligible for Limit equitation over fences as of December 1 of the current show year and have never shown over fences exceeding 2'6" at a recognized horse show. Riders may show horses or ponies. Fence height 2'0". At the same show, horse/rider and pony/rider combinations may not cross enter into Children's Hunter Horse/Pony, Pony Hunters or any class where fences exceed 2'6". No combinations permitted.

#### d. Modified Children's Hunter Division - Horses and Ponies

Open to junior riders who are eligible for Children's Equitation. Open to horses or ponies. Fence height 2'6". Spreads not to exceed fence height. No combinations. At the same show, same horse/rider or pony/rider combination cannot enter any over fence classes exceeding 2'6".

#### e. Low Children's Hunter Horse (see current USHJA Zone 1 Specifications) Added 2023

Open to junior exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. Riders may not cross enter at the same competition into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter or any class/section where fences exceed 2'9". Fence Height: 2'6"  
The Low Children's Hunter and Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

CHJA points will accrue from both the Low Adult Amateur Hunter and the Low Children's Hunter Horse for one combined year end award.

### 4. Pony Hunter Divisions - Green, Small, Medium and Large

#### a. Division Specifications: **see current USEF specifications**

- b. Green Pony Hunter: A pony of any age who has not been shown over fences the regulation height or higher for its respective section (2'3" for small ponies; 2'6" for medium and 2'9" for large ponies) prior to December 1 of the current competition year. Fence heights Small Ponies to jump 2'3"; Medium Ponies to jump 2'6"; Large Ponies to jump 2'9"

#### c. Course Requirements

- (1) General: Same requirements as for Hunter; see current USEF requirements
- (2) Heights and spreads: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 3'0" for large ponies (see above for green pony heights)
- (3) Distances
  - (a) The suggested distances for in and outs are 20' for small, 22' for medium and 24' for large ponies. The in and out distance must be adjusted for each height section.
  - (b) If the distance between obstacles is less than 72' then the distance must be adjusted for each height section.

## 5. USEF/USHJA/CHJA Rated Hunters and Connecticut Hunter Divisions

### a. Division Specifications

- (1) See current USEF and USHJA Zone 1 specifications for the following: Green Working Hunters (3'0", 3'3", 3'6", 3'9"), Amateur Owner Hunters (3'3" & 3'6"), Junior Hunters (Small & Large, 3'3" & 3'6"), Adult Amateur Hunters and Low Adult Hunters. Note: The Association does not currently recognize Conformation Hunters or the High Performance, Performance, and Small Hunter Divisions.
- (2) **Low Adult Hunter Horse (see current USHJA Zone 1 Specifications) Added 2023**  
Open to adult amateur exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 2'9". Fence Height: 2'6"  
The Low Adult Amateur Hunter and Low Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

CHJA points will accrue from both the Low Adult Amateur Hunter and the Low Children's Hunter Horse for one combined year end award.

- (3) **Low & High Connecticut Working Hunter & Connecticut Open Working Hunter:** Open to all horses/riders. Same horse/rider combination may not show in both the Low and High CT Working Hunter at the same show. Additionally, if on the day of a Recognized Show, either the Low Connecticut Working Hunters or the High CT Working Hunters do not fill according to Association requirements of a minimum of three entries, then show management may combine the classes. Riders competing in the combined class shall accumulate points for one combined year end award.

If the prize list indicates in advance that these classes will be combined, then they will not be pointed by the Association.

- (4) **Connecticut Training Hunter (As of December 1, 2023.):** Open to all horses or ponies. No age limitations and no rider restrictions. No restriction of horse/pony/rider into other divisions if otherwise eligible. To be judged on performance, soundness, suitability and manners. Simple lead changes in corners are permitted. To be shown over a hunter type course. Combinations are optional. Fence height not less than 18" and not to exceed 2'6" (up to four height sections may be offered at 18", 2', 2'3", 2'6", spreads not to exceed obstacle height). The same horse/rider combination may not compete in more than one fence height section at the same show.

~~CHJA points will accrue at all heights for one combined year end award.~~

**CHJA points will accrue for four year end high score awards, one for each height. A horse/pony can accumulate points in multiple heights during the show year and could receive year end awards at each height. Effective December 1, 2023 for the 2024 show year.**

**(Note to show managers: On the day of a show, in the event of a lack of entries in any height section or a class within a section (a minimum of three horses is required to compete in and complete a class for points to be awarded), height sections MAY NOT be combined.)**

### b. Course Requirements

- (1) General: See current USEF requirements
- (2) Course Diagrams: See current USEF requirements
- (3) Height of Obstacles
  - (a) Please see USEF Rulebook and updates at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) for all USEF recognized hunter divisions and <http://www.ushja.org/zones/zone1specs.aspx> for USHJA Zone 1 specifications.
  - (b) Adult Amateur Sections - 2'9" to 3'0", spreads not to exceed obstacle height
  - (c) Low Connecticut Working Hunter – 2'9" to 3'0", spreads not to exceed obstacle height

- (d) High Connecticut Working Hunter - 3'3", spreads not to exceed obstacle height
- (e) Connecticut Open Working Hunter - 3'6", spreads not to exceed obstacle height
- (f) Connecticut Training Hunter - 18", 2', 2'3", 2'6", spreads not to exceed obstacle height

## **6. Modified Adult Hunter Division**

### **a. Division Specifications**

(1) Open to adult amateur riders who, as of Dec. 1 of the current show year, have not shown in classes with fences 3' or higher at more than three recognized (USEF, CHJA, CHSA, NEHC) horse shows within the past two show years. Riders in this division may not compete in any class at the same show where obstacles exceed 2'6". (Alternatively, a prize list offering Modified Adult Equitation with the full specifications may list the specifications for this division or section as "Must be eligible for Modified Adult Equitation.")

(2) This Division will consist of one under saddle class and at least one jumping class.

Course Requirements: obstacles are not to exceed 2'6" in height.

## **7. Hunter Derbies**

### **a. Derby Specifications**

(1) Format Options. All Derby classes in one show must be run according to either the Hunter Derby Classic Format or the Hunter Derby Hunt and Go Format. Prize lists may not mix the Classic and the Hunt and Go in one show. The format chosen may be stated in the prize list or determined the day of the show.

#### **(2) Hunter Derby Classic Format**

Note: As of 2020, the walk jump has been removed from all handy rounds, as per USEF/USHJA Hunter Derby Specifications.

2'9" Hunter Derby Classic. This is a two round class open to all riders to be shown over a course of eight to ten fences at 2'9" with higher options. The first round judged on performance, hunter pace, style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line and one unrelated distance. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used. The top four or 25% from the first round will return to jump a handy hunter round of six to eight obstacles which may include at least two of the following: trot jump, tight turn option, clever options for jump approach, and halt and/or back. To be judged on style, brilliance, and handiness. Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. The score will be a total of the two rounds. To fill a class, at least four horses must compete.

2'6" Hunter Derby Classic. This is a two round class open to amateur adults and junior riders to be shown over a course of eight to ten fences at 2'6" with higher options. The first round judged on performance, hunter pace and style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line and one unrelated distance. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used. The top four or 25% from the first round will return to jump a handy hunter round of six to eight obstacles which may include at least two of the following: trot jump, tight turn option, clever options for jump approach, and halt and/or back. To be judged on style, brilliance, and handiness. Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. The score will be a total of the two rounds. To fill a class, at least four horses must compete.

2'0"-2'3" Hunter Derby Classic. This is a two round class open to amateur adults and junior riders to be shown over a course of eight to ten fences at 2'0"-2'3" with higher options not to exceed 2'6". The first round judged on performance, hunter pace, style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line and one unrelated distance. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used. The top four or 25% from the first round will return to jump a handy hunter round of six to eight obstacles which may include at least two of the following: trot jump, tight turn option, clever options for jump approach, and halt and/or back. To be judged on style, brilliance,

and handiness. Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. The score will be a total of the two rounds. To fill a class, at least four horses must compete.

### **(3) Hunter Derby Hunt and Go Format**

2'9" Hunter Derby Hunt and Go This is a two round class open to all riders to be shown over a course of eight to ten fences at 2'9" with higher options. The first round to be judged on performance, hunter pace, style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line and one unrelated distance. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used. All riders will be invited back for the second round, a handy hunter round of six to eight fences which may include at least two of the following: trot jump, tight turn option, clever options for jump approach, and halt and/or back. To be judged on style, brilliance, and handiness. Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. The score will be a total of the two rounds. The exhibitor will be allowed to ride the first round, leave the ring, and then return for the handy round. Both rounds can be ridden back to back. To fill a class, at least four horses must compete.

2'6" Hunter Derby Hunt and Go This is a two round class open to amateur adults and junior riders to be shown over a course of eight to ten fences at 2'9" with higher options. The first round to be judged on performance, hunter pace, style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line and one unrelated distance. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used. All riders will be invited back for the second round, a handy hunter round of six to eight fences which may include at least two of the following: trot jump, tight turn option, clever options for jump approach, and halt and/or back. To be judged on style, brilliance, and handiness. Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. The score will be a total of the two rounds. The exhibitor will be allowed to ride the first round, leave the ring, and then return for the handy round. Both rounds can be ridden back to back. To fill a class, at least four horses must compete.

2'-2'3" Hunter Derby Hunt and Go This is a two round class open to amateur adults and junior riders to be shown over a course of eight to ten fences at 2'-2'3" with higher options not to exceed 2'6". The first round to be judged on performance, hunter pace, style, quality and substance, and movement. The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line and one unrelated distance. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used. All riders will be invited back for the second round, a handy hunter round of six to eight fences which may include at least two of the following: trot jump, tight turn option, clever options for jump approach, and halt and/or back. To be judged on style, brilliance, and handiness. Judges will adhere to USHJA Hunter Derby rules for scoring. The score will be a total of the two rounds. The exhibitor will be allowed to ride the first round, leave the ring, and then return for the handy round. Both rounds can be ridden back to back. To fill a class, at least four horses must compete.

(4) Year End Award. CHJA points will accrue at all heights and both formats for one combined year end award. Horses will be eligible for a year end award if they compete in a minimum of four shows, with no minimum number of points required.

(5) Combining Derby Classes on Day of Show. If, on the day of a Recognized Show, any of the Hunter Derby Classes do not fill according to CHJA requirements of a minimum of four entries, then show management may combine the classes but must run each of the combined divisions at the appropriate height according to CHJA rules for that division.

Riders competing in the combined class shall accumulate points in their appropriate division.

If the prize list indicates in advance that any of these divisions will be combined, then they will not be pointed by the CHJA.

Allowing this division to be combined on the day of the show is to benefit CHJA members that are at the show but find the divisions they entered do not have four entrants.

## **C. Jumpers**

### **1. Low Training Jumper Division**

- a. Division Specifications: Open to all horses and riders. Horse and rider combinations are not eligible to compete in any other jumper classes at the same horse show whose specifications exceed 3'6".
- b. Course Requirements: All obstacles shall not exceed 3'0".



## 2. Intro Jumper Division

- a. Division Specifications: Open to all horses and riders. At the same show, horse/rider combinations are not eligible to compete in any other Jumper classes where fences exceed 3'0".
- b. Course Requirements: Fence height will be 2'-2'3". No combinations.

## 3. Amateur Jumper Division (As of Dec 1, 2023. Formerly known as Adult Jumper, Low and High)

- a. Follow current USEF/USHJA Zone 1 Specifications.
- b. **Amateur jumpers** to be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year and hold a current USEF Amateur certification. Open to horses and ponies.
- c. Sections offered:
  - Amateur Jumper .90m-1.00m
  - Amateur Jumper 1.10m-1.15m
- d. Cross Entry:
  - Rider: Riders may not compete in any other class at the same competition where fences exceed 1.15m except the USEF Talent Search Class.
  - Horse/Pony: Horses may show at 1.40m or below with another rider.
  - Horse and Rider Combination: Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both heights are offered.
- e. Combining/Dividing Sections: Sections may be divided by age of rider or by horse/pony and may also be combined with **Junior Jumper** if so stated in the prize list
- f. Fence height:
  - Amateur Jumper: .90m-1.0m (3'-3'3")
  - Amateur Jumper: 1.10m-1.15m (3'6"-3'9")
- g. Horse/rider combinations may not show in both the **Amateur Jumper .90m-1.00m and the Amateur Jumper 1.10m-1.15m Divisions** at the same show.
- h. **Members accruing points in both heights of the Junior Jumper and the Amateur Jumper Divisions will be eligible for one combined CHJA year-end award.**

## 4. Junior Jumper Division (As of Dec 1, 2023. Formerly known as Children's Jumper, Low and High)

- a. Follow current USEF/USHJA Zone 1 specifications.
- b. **Junior jumpers** to be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year.
- c. Sections offered:
  - Junior Jumper .90m-1.00m
  - Junior Jumper 1.10m-1.15m
- d. Cross Entry:
  - Rider: Riders may not compete in any other class at the same competition where fences exceed 1.15m except the USEF Talent Search Class.
  - Horse/Pony: Horses may show at 1.40m or below with another rider.
  - Horse and Rider Combination: Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered.
- e. Combining/Dividing Sections: Sections may be divided by age of rider or by horse/pony and may also be combined with **Amateur Jumper** if so stated in the prize list.

f. Fence height:

- Junior Jumper: .90m-1.0m (3'-3'3")
- Junior Jumper: 1.10m-1.15m (3'6"-3'9")

g. Horse/rider combinations may not show in both the Junior Jumper .90m-1.00m and the Junior Jumper 1.10m-1.15m Divisions at the same show.

h. Members accruing points in both heights of the Junior Jumper and the Amateur Jumper Divisions will be eligible for one combined CHJA year-end award.

#### **5. Junior Jumper Division (heights above 1.15m)**

- a. Division Specifications: see current USEF specifications
- b. Course Requirements: see current USEF requirements

#### **6. Amateur Owner Jumper Division (heights above 1.15m)**

- a. Division Specifications: see current USEF specifications
- b. Course Requirements: see current USEF requirements

#### **7. Connecticut Open Jumper Division**

- a. Division Specifications: Open to all horses and ponies.
- b. Course Requirements:
  - (1) All obstacles shall be at least 3'6" (1.10m) in height with a maximum height in the first round of 3'9" (1.15m). The majority of obstacles in the first round to be set at 3'6" (1.10m) in height.
  - (2) The minimum spread shall be 3'.
  - (3) No jump shall be raised, or have its spread increased by more than 6", in each successive jump-off.
  - (4) Classes to be scored using USEF rules.

### **Part 3. Classification Rating Chart**

#### **A. Year End High Score Award Points (see also Rule 3)**

1. Points for year end high score awards in hunter/jumper divisions are tabulated as follows:
  - a. Each Hunter/Jumper class will stand on its own with a minimum of three entries needed to compete and complete (show and place) for points to be awarded. Additionally, divisional championships and reserves will not be awarded if there are not a minimum of two over fences classes and a hack in hunters, or three jumping classes in jumpers, which have three entries compete in and complete each class in the division. Lastly, hack classes in hunter divisions will not count for points, even with a minimum of three completing entries if there is not at least one over fences class in the division with the minimum three entries competing and completing. See Rule 2, Part 3, Prize Ribbons, for more information on awarding championships in case of a tie.
  - b. Basic points are awarded for each place as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>=10, 2<sup>nd</sup>=6, 3<sup>rd</sup>=4, 4<sup>th</sup>=2. 5<sup>th</sup>=1, 6<sup>th</sup>=1/2, and then are multiplied by the below multipliers based on the number of entries competing in and completing each class. If a divisional championship and reserve is applicable (see above section a.), then the competitors will receive an additional 10 points for champion and 6 for reserve, with no multiplier.

<b>Number of entries</b>	<b>Points Multipliers</b>
25 entries and over	Quadruple points
17-24 entries	Triple points
10-16 entries	Double points
3-9	Single points

## Part 4. CHJA RECOGNIZED EQUITATION DIVISIONS

### A. General Equitation Requirements

#### 1. Year End High Score Award Points (see also Rule 3)

- a. Points may only be accumulated in the age group indicated on a competitor's application for membership.
- b. The number of entries for point rating purposes will be determined by the number of entries completing the class.

Number of entries	Points
25 entries and over	Quadruple points
17-24 entries	Triple points
10-16 entries	Double points
3-9	Single points

- c. In all cases, at least three entries are required to complete the class for points to count with the exception of the Leadline class, which only requires (1) entry to complete the class for points to count.
- d. No competitor may enter classes for more than one age group in any one show.
- e. Flat and over obstacle classes shall be treated separately for point purposes, but one high score award will be given in each Division.
- f. Championships and reserves will only be awarded in Equitation divisions that offer a minimum of two over fence classes and one flat class in which three entries compete in and complete each class.

#### 2. Other Requirements

- a. In any Recognized Equitation Division or Section, if a flat class is offered, a class over obstacles must also be offered for that Division or Section.
- b. Classes shall be held over a course appropriate for the Division. Types of jumps shall be left to the discretion of show management.
- c. General course requirements are the same as for Hunters and Jumpers (See Rule 1, Part 2, A) and in Short Stirrup equitation classes, brush shall constitute a ground line.

### B. Recognized Equitation Divisions, Sections and Classes

#### 1. Leadline Class

- a. Class Specifications: Open to competitors who have not reached their seventh birthday and have not competed in any classes in any USEF or Recognized Show other than Leadline.
- b. Entries may be asked to trot.
- c. Riders to be judged on elementary fundamentals of horsemanship.
- d. An Adult will be required to lead each entry.
- e. This is a qualifying Division, not a year end High Score Award Division. All competitors who have accumulated at least 10 points will receive an award.
- f. Only one (1) entry is needed to complete the Leadline class for the exhibitor to receive points.

#### **2. Walk Trot Equitation (Changes effective December 1, 2023 for the 2024 show year.)**

- a. Section Specifications: Open to riders 10 years and under who have not competed in any class requiring them to canter or jump at a Recognized Show. Riders may not compete in any short stirrup classes.
- b. Class Requirements: Riders will be asked to walk and trot in both directions of the ring. They will be judged on position and ability to control their mount. Proper diagonals will be considered.
- c. Year End Award: All riders who obtain 30 points will be recognized. Riders obtaining 30 points are still eligible to compete in these walk trot classes. **In addition to recognizing all riders who earn 30 points, this division will now be a year end award division. Riders who continue to earn points over 30 will be eligible for a high score award.** This is a qualifying Division, not a year end high score Division. All competitors

~~who have accumulated 30 points will receive an award.~~ **Effective December 1, 2023 for the 2024 show year.**

d. Classes in this division are not subject to the points multiplier for number of entries, so all placings will receive single points. Show management may divide classes as they see fit.

e. Only one (1) entry is needed to complete the Walk Trot class for the exhibitor to receive points.

### **3. Short Stirrup Division**

a. Division Specifications: Open to all riders twelve years of age and under who have never competed over obstacles exceeding 18" in height in a Recognized Show or USEF Recognized Show. Riders competing in this Division may not compete in any other Recognized Division or Recognized Class in a show where obstacles exceed 18" in height with the exception of pleasure and pet-type pony classes.

This Division must contain three classes: one walk-trot-canter and two over fences. Note: The year end high score award Champion and Reserve Champion in this Division are ineligible for year end awards in this Division in succeeding years. Such children may enter classes in this Division as long as they meet all other eligibility requirements, and may win ribbons in those classes, but any points earned in this Division will not count for year end awards.

b. All classes must be held in an enclosed area (riding ring).

c. Walk-Trot-Canter: Riders will be asked to walk, trot and to canter in both directions of the ring. They will be judged on position and ability to control their mount. Proper diagonals and leads will be considered.

d. Over Fences -Course Requirements

(1) To be shown over a course of four (4) to eight (8) fences at a height of 18". Fences shall be cross-rails or verticals with no combinations. Fences may be taken at a trot or canter.

(2) Riders will be judged on position over the obstacle, between obstacles and on their ability to control their mount.

### **4. Pre-Children's Equitation Division**

Open to junior riders who are eligible for Limit Equitation over fences as of December 1 of the current show year and have never shown over fences exceeding 2'6" at a recognized horse show. Riders may show horses or ponies. Fence height 2'0". At the same show, riders may not cross enter into Children's Equitation, Children's Pony Hunter, Pony Hunters, any Medal classes that exceed 2' or any class where fences exceed 2'6". No combinations permitted.

### **5. Children's Equitation Division**

a. Section Specifications: Open to riders who are eligible for Children's Hunter and who have not shown over a course at a recognized show where fences exceed 3'0" and have never shown in the CHJA Junior Medal Finals.

b. Class Specifications: Fences for horses and large ponies 2'6" in height. Fences for small/medium ponies 2'0" in height. Combinations are prohibited.

### **6. Junior Equitation Division**

a. Section Specifications: Open to all Junior Riders. Riders cannot cross enter into the Children's Equitation Division at the same show. Fence height 3'.

### **7. Modified Adult Equitation Division**

a. Division or Section Specifications:

(1) Open to adult amateur riders who, as of Dec. 1 of the current show year, have not shown in classes with fences 3' or higher at more than three recognized (USEF, CHJA, CHSA, NEHC) horse shows within the past two show years. Riders in this division may not compete in any class at the same show where obstacles exceed 2'6".

(2) This Division or Section will consist of one flat class and at least one jumping class.

b. Course Requirements: Obstacles are not to exceed 2'6" in height.

## 8. Adult Equitation Division

- a. Division Specifications: Open to Adult Amateur riders.
- b. Course Requirements: The course must contain at least six individual jumping efforts. Obstacles must be at least 2'9" in height and are not to exceed 3'0" in height. Wings are optional. At least one change of lead and at least one combination are required.

## C. CHJA Medal Class Requirements

### 1. General

In each of the below listed classes, the following shall apply:

- a. Only CHJA Members are permitted to compete in these classes. Membership cards or numbers must be provided, or a membership application completed and dues paid at the time of registration for these classes. These are standalone classes and may not be combined with any other class.
- b. If there are between three and 30 entrants, the class may not be split. If the class has between 31 and 40 entrants, the class may be split at the Recognized Show manager's discretion and points will be awarded as if 2 classes ran. If there are over 40 entrants, the class must be split and points will be awarded as if 2 classes ran.
- c. The class consists of two phases. The first phase is over obstacles and the second phase is on the flat with each phase counting 50%. In order to win a ribbon, a rider must complete both phases.
- d. The judge will select at least six contestants, if available, to compete in the second phase at a walk, trot and canter. USEF recognized shows that are awarding eight places may call back eight contestants, but high score points will only be awarded to six places.
- e. Where available, the judge shall pin a reserve.
- f. The same horse/pony shall be shown by the same rider in all phases.
- g. For any class to count, at least three riders must complete both phases of the class.
- h. Exhibitors may compete in only one CHJA Medal Class per Recognized show.
- i. Recognized shows (Regular or Local) may offer one of each type of CHJA Medal class per show. This applies to one- day or multi-day shows.
- j. A CHJA Medal qualifying class is a standalone class and cannot be combined with any other class **unless so noted in Rule 2, Part 1, P. Combining Classes**. If a CHJA Medal Qualifying class is combined with any other class, points will not be awarded.

### 2. CHJA Junior Medal

- a. Open to Junior Members of the CHJA.
- b. The first phase is to be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles, 3' in height. At least one combination, including one oxer is required. The course must contain at least two changes of direction (change of lead) after the first obstacle.
- c. Second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%.
- d. Judges may require additional testing, using current USEF Tests 1-23.

Note: A rider qualifying for the CHJA Junior Medal Final may choose to ride in either the CHJA Junior Medal Final or the CHJA Master's Medal Final. If a rider has ever qualified for any 3'6" (or higher) final prior to the end of the qualifying period for the current year's CHJA Medal Finals, (e.g., Medal/Maclay/Washington/USEF) they must ride in the CHJA Masters Medal Final. **Eligibility will be verified.**

### 3. CHJA Pony Medal

~~Note: As of 2020, the specifications for the CHJA Pony Medal changed. Heights were lowered. Small and Medium ponies will jump obstacles 2'0" in height and Large ponies to jump obstacles 2' 6" in height.~~

- a. Open to Junior Members of the CHJA.

b. The first phase is to be shown over a course of not less than six obstacles. Small and Medium ponies to jump obstacles 2'0" in height. Large ponies to jump obstacles 2'6" in height. A combination is optional and must be adjusted according to fence height. If the distance between obstacles is less than 72' then the distance must be adjusted for each height section.

c. Second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%.

d. Judges may require additional testing, using current USEF Tests 1-10.

#### **4. CHJA Modified Adult Medal**

a. Open to Adult Amateur Members of the CHJA who are eligible for Modified Adult Equitation. In addition, if the rider has qualified or shown in a 3' equitation Finals within the last two years including The CHJA Medal Finals, she/he is not eligible for the CHJA Modified Adult Medal qualifying class.

b. The first phase is to be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles, 2'6" in height. The course must contain at least two changes of direction (change of lead) after the first obstacle and no combinations.

c. Second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%.

d. Judges may require additional testing, using current USEF Tests 1-5.

#### **5. CHJA Adult Medal**

a. Open to Adult Amateur Members of the CHJA.

b. The first phase is to be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles, 3'0" in height and must contain one combination including an oxer. The course must contain at least two changes of direction (change of lead) after the first obstacle.

c. Second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%.

d. Judges may require additional testing, using current USEF Tests 1-23.

e. In order to split the CHJA Adult Medal class by age groups, there must be at least 50 entrants in the class. Splitting the class is at the discretion of the Equitation Committee.

#### **6. CHJA Children's Medal**

a. Open to Junior members of the CHJA who are eligible for Children's Hunter and who have not shown over a course at a Recognized show where fences exceeded 3'0". If the rider has ever qualified or shown in a 3' equitation Finals including the CHJA Medal Finals, she/he is not eligible for the CHJA Children's Medal. The class consists of two phases.

b. The first phase to be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 2'6" in height. The course must contain two changes of direction after the first fence and no combinations are permitted.

c. The second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%.

d. Judges may require additional testing, using current USEF Tests 1-5.

#### **7. CHJA Masters Medal**

a. This class is open to riders who have qualified in the current year for the CHJA Adult Medal Final or the CHJA Junior Medal Final.

b. The class will be run under the same general specifications as the CHJA Adult Medal and the CHJA Junior Medal, but the fence height will be 3'3" to 3'6". USEF Tests 1-23.

c. A rider qualifying for the CHJA Adult Medal Final may choose to ride in either the CHJA Adult Medal Final or the CHJA Masters Medal Final.

d. A rider qualifying for the CHJA Junior Medal Final may choose to ride in either the CHJA Junior Medal Final or the CHJA Masters Medal Final. If a rider has ever qualified for any 3'6" (or higher) final prior to the

end of the qualifying period for the current year's CHJA Medal Finals, (e.g., Medal/Maclay/Washington/USEF) they must ride in the CHJA Masters Medal Final.

e. The CHJA Masters Medal Final will also be open to all past CHJA Medal Finals Champions and Reserves, with the restriction that they be current juniors or amateurs.

f. The Champion of the CHJA Master's Medal Final is eligible to compete in the class in subsequent years with the restriction that they be current juniors or amateurs.

g. A Junior who has won the CHJA Master's Medal Final is eligible to compete in the CHJA Adult Medal Final once they become Amateur members.

h. A Junior who has won the CHJA Master's Medal Final is eligible to compete in the CHJA Modified Adult Medal Final once they become Amateur members, and they also meet all the requirements for eligibility for the CHJA Modified Adult Equitation Division and CHJA Modified Adult Medal qualifying classes. Effective

i. An Amateur who has won the CHJA Master's Medal Final may compete in the CHJA Adult Medal Final in subsequent years after a two show year waiting period.

j. An Amateur who has won the CHJA Master's Medal Final may compete in the CHJA Modified Adult Medal Final in subsequent years as long as they meet all the requirements for eligibility for the CHJA Modified Adult Equitation Division and CHJA Modified Adult Medal qualifying classes.

### **8. CHJA Pre Children's Medal**

a. This class is open to Junior members of the CHJA who have not shown over fences exceeding 2' 6" at a Recognized Show. If a rider has ever qualified for or shown in a 2'6" Equitation final including the CHJA Children's Medal, they are no longer eligible for the CHJA Pre Children's Medal. The class consists of two phases.

b. The first phase to be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 2' in height. The course must contain two changes of direction after the first fence and no combinations are permitted.

c. The second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%.

d. Judges may require additional testing, using current USEF Tests 1-3.

### **9. CHJA Short Stirrup Medal (Added in October 2023. Points accruing as of Oct 1, 2023-July 30, 2024 for the 2024 CHJA Medal Finals.)**

a. This class is open to Junior members of the CHJA who are twelve years of age and under, and have never shown over fences exceeding 18" at a CHJA or USEF Recognized Show. Riders competing in this Medal class may not compete in any other Recognized Division or Recognized Class in the same show where obstacles exceed 18" in height with the exception of pleasure and pet-type pony classes. Riders may ride horses or ponies. Riders will be judged on position and ability to control their mount. Diagonals and leads considered. The class consists of two phases.

b. The first phase to be shown over a course of a minimum of six and maximum of eight fences not to exceed 18". The fences may be cross rails or verticals. The course may contain at least one change of direction after the first fence and no combinations are permitted.

c. The second (flat) phase is mandatory and will count 50%.

d. The class must be held in an enclosed area (riding ring).

e. Judges may require additional testing using current USEF Tests 1-3.

## **Part 5. CHJA Medal Finals**

### **A. CHJA Medal Finals Competition**

Each year the Association holds a CHJA Medal Finals competition open to all that have qualified to compete. The date and location of the CHJA Medal Finals is to be announced prior to August 1 of each year. At least six riders must qualify for that class to be held at the CHJA Medal Finals.

Please note the following CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION which appear in the prize list for the Finals: Every class offered at the CHJA Medal Finals will be conducted and judged in accordance with current CHJA rules. To show in CHJA Medal Classes, riders must be active members. The CHJA Equitation Committee reserves the right to itself to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to or arising out of, or incident to the show without claims for

damages or recourse of any kind. The CHJA Equitation Committee reserves to itself the right to limit or change the number of accepted entries in any class, to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders, horses or exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries without any claim for damages; to change any course, to add a dotted line, to cancel any unfilled classes, or to reschedule classes, after due notice to exhibitors; to change rings or judges as the competition warrants. The Equitation Committee may, at its discretion, increase or decrease the minimum point requirements for any given year or increase or decrease the number of participants invited. If entries warrant, the decision to combine any classes (i.e. Adult and Children's Hunter Classics) will be made by the President of the C.H.J.A, INC. no later than Wednesday at noon. Her/his decision will be final. All questions not covered in these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the CHJA Equitation Committee Co-Chairmen, their decision to be final.

## **B. Qualification**

Riders qualify by accumulating 10 or more points in CHJA Medal Classes held at Recognized Shows during the qualifying period. The qualifying period runs from August 1 of the previous year to July 31 of the current year's CHJA Medal Finals competition. In determining the date of a competition, the day the show begins is used. The Equitation Committee may, at its discretion, designate a lower or higher minimum number of qualifying points for any given year. The winner of the CHJA Junior Medal Finals, the winner of the CHJA Modified Adult Medal Finals, the winner of the CHJA Adult Medal Finals, and the winner of the CHJA Children's Medal Finals are not eligible to compete in their respective CHJA Medal classes in subsequent years.

The Champion of the of the CHJA Master's Medal Final is eligible to compete in the class in subsequent years with the restriction that they be current juniors or amateurs. A Junior who wins the CHJA Master's Medal Final is eligible to compete in the CHJA Adult Medal Final once they become Amateur Members. An Adult who wins the CHJA Master's Medal Final may compete in subsequent years in the CHJA Adult Medal Final after a two show year waiting period, or the CHJA Modified Adult Medal Final, as long as they meet all the requirements for eligibility for the CHJA Modified Adult Equitation Division and CHJA Modified Adult Medal qualifying classes.

Even if they have qualified for multiple CHJA Medal Finals, competitors may only compete in one CHJA Medal Final in a given year. The winner of the CHJA Pony Medal Finals may compete in subsequent years, but only on a pony of larger height than the pony ridden in the winning year.

In order to participate in the CHJA Medal Finals as a rider or trainer, a person must be an Active Junior, Amateur or Professional Member of the Connecticut Hunter & Jumper Association.

## **C. Qualifying Points**

Points are scored 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, 1/2 regardless of the classification of the show or the number of entrants in the class. Upon qualification, riders will receive a certificate from the Equitation Committee.

## **D. Finals Judges**

The judge or judges will be selected and approved by the Equitation Committee and must be USEF Registered (big "R").

## **E. Disqualification**

Any riders, horses or their trainers entering the CHJA Medal Finals show ring when it is officially closed will be automatically disqualified and not allowed to compete in the Finals.

# **Part 6. CHJA Hunter Classics**

## **A. CHJA Hunter Classic**

Each year the CHJA will hold a Hunter Classic open to all CHJA members who qualify in either the Children's Hunter Horse Division, the Children's Hunter Pony Division or the Adult Amateur Hunter Division (under and over 35 combined). The date and location of the CHJA Hunter Classic is to be announced prior to August 1 of each year. For the CHJA Hunter Classics to be held in either the Children's Hunter Horse or Pony Divisions or the Adult Amateur Hunter Division, at least ten (10) horses must be entered.

**Note: Starting in 2021, the CHJA Hunter Classics will be run in a Hunter Derby format. See below sections D., E., and F. for specifications.**

**Note: Starting in 2023, 2'6" and 2' Hunter Classics were added. In 2024, a Short Stirrup Hunter Classic was added. See below sections G., H., and I. for specifications.**

## **B. Qualification**

The top 25 30 riders in each division will be invited to participate in either the CHJA Children's Hunter Horse Classic, the CHJA Children's Hunter Pony Classic or the CHJA Adult Amateur Hunter Classic. The qualifying period for point accumulation will run from August 1 of the previous year to July 31 of the current year's Hunter Classics. The CHJA Equitation Committee may, at its discretion, change or expand the qualifications to participate in the CHJA Children's Hunter Horse Classic, the CHJA Children's Hunter Pony Classic or the CHJA Adult Amateur Hunter Classic.



The CHJA Equitation Committee reserves the right to determine qualifications for the Short Stirrup, 2' and 2'6" Hunter Classics when the prize list for each year's Finals is published.

In order to participate in the CHJA Hunter Classics as a rider or trainer, a person must be an Active Junior, Amateur or Professional Member of the Connecticut Hunter & Jumper Association.

### **C. Qualifying Points**

In order to accumulate points, horses/ponies must be registered with the CHJA and their owners must be current members of the CHJA in good standing. Points will be awarded as defined in Rule 3, Parts 1 & 2 of the current CHJA Rule Book.

### **D. Classic Format – CHJA Adult Amateur Hunter Classic**

*Note: Includes high option fences for bonus points in the second round.*

The CHJA Adult Hunter Classic will be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round format. To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. In the first round (Classic Hunter Round), all horses/ponies will jump a hunter type course consisting of a minimum of ten jumps not to exceed 3' in height with spreads to 3'.

The first round will be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, and movement. It should include at least one in and out, one bending line, one unrelated distance, and one long approach. The obstacles are to simulate those found in the hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used.

The top ten (10) competitors are eligible to return for the second (Handy Hunter) round.

The second round will consist of at least eight obstacles, and must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, pen type obstacles, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 2'6" in height, halt and/or back. A maximum of four high option fences set at 3'3" will be offered. After a base score is given, one point will be added (to a maximum of four) for each high option fence jumped.

The second round shall be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, movement, handiness and brilliance of pace.

Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second round to determine the placings. If a tie exists for first place only after the second round, a third round will be held to determine the winner. All other ties will remain tied. No rider may show more than two horses in any one classic.

*Ribbons to 10<sup>th</sup> Place*

### **E. Classic Format – CHJA Children's Hunter Horse Classic**

*Note: Does not include high option fences for bonus points in the second round. There are many Children's Medal entrants that also do the Children's Hunter Classic and jumping over 3' would disqualify them from the Children's Medal.*

The CHJA Children's Hunter Horse Classic will be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round format. To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. In the first round (Classic Hunter Round), all horses will jump a hunter type course consisting of a minimum of ten jumps not to exceed 3' in height with spreads to 3'.

The first round will be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, and movement. It should include at least one in and out, one bending line, one unrelated distance, and one long approach. The obstacles are to simulate those found in the hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used.

The top ten (10) competitors are eligible to return for the second (Handy Hunter) round.

The second round will consist of at least eight obstacles not to exceed 3', and must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, pen type obstacles, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 2'6" in height, halt and/or back.

The second round shall be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, movement, handiness and brilliance of pace.

Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second round to determine the placings. If a tie exists for first place only after the second round, a third round will be held to determine the winner. All other ties will remain tied. No rider may show more than two horses in any one classic.

*Ribbons to 10<sup>th</sup> Place*

## **F. Classic Format – CHJA Children’s Hunter Pony Classic**

*Note: Does not include high option fences in the second round.*

The CHJA Children’s Hunter Pony Classic will be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round format. To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. In the first round (Classic Hunter Round), all ponies will jump a hunter type course consisting of a minimum of ten jumps. Small and medium ponies (S/M) will jump fences not to exceed 2’ and large (L) ponies will jump fences not to exceed 2’6”.

The first round will be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, and movement. It should include at least one in and out, one bending line, one unrelated distance, and one long approach. The obstacles are to simulate those found in the hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used.

The top ten (10) competitors are eligible to return for the second (Handy Hunter) round.

The second round will consist of at least eight obstacles (S/M ponies not to exceed 2’, L ponies not to exceed 2’6”) and must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, pen type obstacles, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 18” for S/M ponies, and not to exceed 2’ for L ponies, halt and/or back.

The second round shall be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, movement, handiness and brilliance of pace.

Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second round to determine the placings. If a tie exists for first place only after the second round, a third round will be held to determine the winner. All other ties will remain tied. No rider may show more than two horses in any one classic.

*Ribbons to 10th Place*

## **G. Classic Format - CHJA 2’6” Hunter Classic (New in 2023)**

*Note: Does not include high option fences in the second round.*

The CHJA 2’6” Hunter Classic will be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round format. To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. In the first round (Classic Hunter Round), all horses will jump a hunter type course consisting of a minimum of ten jumps not to exceed 2’6” in height with spreads to 2’6”.

The first round will be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, and movement. It should include one bending line, one unrelated distance, and one long approach. The obstacles are to simulate those found in the hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used.

The top ten (10) competitors are eligible to return for the second (Handy Hunter) round.

The second round will consist of at least eight obstacles not to exceed 2’6”, and must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 2’ in height, halt and/or back.

The second round shall be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, movement, handiness, and brilliance of pace.

Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second round to determine the placings. If a tie exists for first place only after the second round, a third round will be held to determine the winner. All other ties will remain tied. No rider may show more than two horses in any one classic.

*Ribbons to 10th Place*

## **H. Classic Format - CHJA 2’ Hunter Classic (New in 2023)**

*Note: Does not include high option fences in the second round.*

The CHJA 2’ Hunter Classic will be judged as a Hunter Derby, in a two-round format. To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. In the first round (Classic Hunter Round), all horses will jump a hunter type course consisting of a minimum of ten jumps not to exceed 2’ in height with spreads to 2’.

The first round will be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, and movement. It should include one bending line, one unrelated distance, and one long approach. The obstacles are to simulate those found in the hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used.

The top ten (10) competitors are eligible to return for the second (Handy Hunter) round.

The second round will consist of at least eight obstacles not to exceed 2'6", and must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 18" in height, halt and/or back.

The second round shall be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance, movement, handiness, and brilliance of pace.

Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second round to determine the placings. If a tie exists for first place only after the second round, a third round will be held to determine the winner. All other ties will remain tied. No rider may show more than two horses in any one classic.

*Ribbons to 10th Place*

#### **I. Classic Format - CHJA 18" Short Stirrup Hunter Classic (New for 2024)**

Rider to be a Junior Member of the CHJA who is twelve years of age or under and has not shown over fences exceeding 18" at a CHJA or USEF Recognized Show.

The CHJA 18" Short Stirrup Hunter Classic will be judged as a Hunter Classic, in a two-round format. To be judged on an open numerical system by two USEF registered judges. The class will be held in an enclosed area and consists of two rounds. Both rounds shall be judged on suitability as a Short Stirrup hunter, equitation does not count. Riders may show horses or ponies.

In the first round, all horses will jump a hunter type course consisting of no more than eight vertical fences not to exceed 18" in height with spreads to 12". It should include at least one change of direction after the first fence and no combinations.

The top ten (10) competitors are eligible to return for a second round.

The second round will consist of no more than eight fences not to exceed 18" in height with spreads to 12". It should include at least one change of direction after the first fence and no combinations, and may include trotting one obstacle not to exceed 12" in height, or a halt and/or back.

Scores from the first round will be added together with the scores of the second round to determine the placings. If a tie exists for first place only after the second round, a third round will be held to determine the winner. All other ties will remain tied. No rider may show more than two horses in any one classic.

*Ribbons to 10th Place*

#### **J. Attire**

Riders will be required to wear dark coats, white shirts with white stock, choker, or tie, white or ~~buff or canary beige breeches, and hunting cap, derby, or hunting silk hat.~~ All riders must wear approved protective headgear in accordance with USEF Rules.

## **RULE 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOW MANAGEMENT**

### **Part 1. Show Affiliation**

In order to have a show Recognized by the CHJA, the show's management must comply with the following requirements:

#### **A. Applications**

For existing affiliated shows with carryover dates, or existing affiliated shows which want to add new dates, a properly completed online application, together with required Show Affiliation Fees must be received at least 30 days prior to the proposed show date. Applications for carryover show dates held in the preceding Show Year, or for new dates in the current show year, will be available on the password protected CHJA online application system, and existing affiliated shows will be provided with user name and password credentials to access this site.

Once credentials are provided, applications must be submitted online. If an existing affiliate does submit paper applications, either for carryover or new dates, there will be an additional \$50 fee per show date for processing.

Fees for existing affiliates' dates are preferred to be paid online via PayPal, but checks will be accepted (see address of Treasurer on [chja.net](http://chja.net)). However, no date will be approved prior to payment being received.

For new affiliates, a properly completed paper application, together with a check for required Show Affiliation Fees must be received at least 60 days prior to the proposed show date. An application can be submitted by printing the application which is on the CHJA web site ([www.chja.net](http://www.chja.net), under Show Management). For new affiliates, there is no additional \$50 fee per show. See Standards Department on website for mailing address.

Once a new affiliate has a show approved for the first time, they will be provided with online credentials, and all future show applications must be submitted online. (Replaced 2017 first two paragraphs. Approved January 29, 2018.)

We will reserve carryover show dates for shows held in the preceding Show Year until September 15 of the upcoming year. This date may be changed with written notification. If a properly completed application, together with all required fees is not entered online or postmarked by this deadline, then the date shall be considered open.

Applications for open show dates will be approved on a first received basis.

#### **B. Good Standing**

No show will be Recognized unless the show, and the show's management are in good financial standing with the CHJA and neither the show nor its management are under suspension for prior rules' violations.

#### **C. Recognized Show Management**

The Recognized show's manager and secretary must be Senior Members of the CHJA.

#### **D. Divisions Offered**

At least three Recognized Divisions must be offered.

#### **E. Prize List**

1. Each Recognized Show must have a prize list and entry blank. The Prize List must:

a. Be submitted in proof form to the CHJA Standards Secretary at least two weeks prior to printing and/or posting to the Recognized show's web site (earlier submission is encouraged) in order that the Standards Committee can assure that the prize list conforms to CHJA specifications (outlined below). Mail, faxing, or email is acceptable (see [www.CHJA.net](http://www.CHJA.net), Standards, for contact information).

b. If the prize list is not submitted in accordance with the above requirement, or any subsequent requested edits or changes to align with CHJA standards are not made to the printed and/or web site version of the prize list, the CHJA shall not recognize Classes that do not conform to CHJA specifications. In addition, FAILURE TO SUBMIT A PRIZE LIST PROOF AND/OR MAKE REQUESTED EDITS SHALL RESULT IN A FINE AND MAY RESULT IN OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

c. Contain the following statement:

"Every class offered herein which is recognized by the CHJA will be conducted and judged in accordance with the current Rules and Horse Show Standards of C.H.J.A. INC. To show in CHJA Medal classes, riders MUST be members. In order to compete for CHJA annual year end awards, the owner of the horse or pony must be a member of the CHJA and the horse or pony must be registered with the CHJA. A copy of the CHJA Rule Book, class specifications, Medal class specifications, and membership applications are available at the show secretary's office and at [www.CHJA.net](http://www.CHJA.net)."

Exception: For local member Recognized shows offering only Medal Classes for points, this statement may be modified as follows:

"Every CHJA Medal class offered herein will be conducted and judged in accordance with the current Rules and Horse Show Standards of C.H.J.A. INC. To show in CHJA Medal classes, riders MUST be CHJA members. A copy of the CHJA Medal class specifications and membership applications are available at the show secretary's office and at [www.CHJA.net](http://www.CHJA.net). No CHJA points for any other divisions."

d. Contain a current CHJA Membership Application if other organization applications (other than USEF) are included, but if no other organization applications are included in the prize list, then the CHJA Membership application MUST be available the day of the show at the secretary's office, as stated above.

e. Clearly indicate which Divisions, Sections or Classes are recognized by the CHJA. It is not necessary to provide full class or division descriptions, but it is necessary to indicate which will receive CHJA points.

Note: One option would be to put "CHJA points" next to the header of each equitation, hunter or jumper division that will be run according to CHJA specifications. Another option would be to put a list of those classes in the Rules and Regulations section of the prize list as NEHC requires. You could also identify the CHJA classes in the timetable.

f. Contain a time schedule of classes offered.

g. Clearly state the amount of entry fees, the closing date for advance entries and the amount of any post-entry fee.

- h. List the location of and directions to the Recognized show grounds.
- i. List the name(s) of the officiating judge(s) and the Divisions in which they will adjudicate and the name of the steward.
- j. List the name of the veterinarian and, if on call, the telephone number where he may be reached during the Recognized show. If not known, the prize list must state where the information will be posted during the Recognized Show.
- k. Once a prize list has been approved, classes and divisions may only be changed, added, or deleted according to the rules set forth in the most recent USEF Rule Book.
- l. If a show chooses not to print and mail out its final prize list, with all requested edits and changes, but instead to post it online, a complete version of the final prize list as approved by the CHJA Standards **MUST** be posted on the Recognized show's web site so members can easily access it.
  - 1. The URL address of this site should be provided to the CHJA (either on the show's recognition application or when the show sends the prize list for proofing) so the CHJA can post it on the CHJA.net site.
  - 2. If a show does not have its own site, then it must provide the URL where the complete version will be posted. It is the responsibility of the Recognized show's management to make certain that this has been done. **FAILURE TO POST THE RECOGNIZED SHOW'S PRIZE LIST SHALL RESULT IN A FINE AND MAY RESULT IN OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**
- m. If a Recognized show chooses to post its prize list online but then to mail out a shortened version of its prize list, or some other mailed reminder for members of the show date and/or schedule, this version must **CLEARLY** indicate what classes, divisions, or sections are CHJA recognized or **CLEARLY** indicate the URL where the complete version is posted and this information can be obtained. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION AND/OR THE URL SHALL RESULT IN A FINE AND MAY RESULT IN OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

**F. Affiliation Fees**

Affiliation fees are those fees that accompany an application for approval of a Recognized show. The fees shall vary with total prize money offered in Recognized Classes and shall be as set forth below:

Total Prize Money	Affiliation Fee
\$0 - \$ 750	\$75.00
\$750 - \$1,500	\$100.00
Over \$1,500	\$150.00

Recognized show applications should be submitted online. There will be an additional \$50 fee for submitting hard copy applications.

**G. Medal Class Fees**

Fees for Medal Classes will be \$5.00 per entry per class with no maximum cap. These fees are payable on completion of the class and must accompany Recognized show results as required by Part 6.

**H. Cancellation**

In the event that a Recognized show is canceled, all affiliation fees shall be returned provided that notice of cancellation, in writing (email is acceptable), is received by the Secretary of the Standards Committee at least 60 days prior to the Recognized show date. Recognized shows cancelled between 30 and 60 days prior to the show's date will not have their affiliation fees returned. Recognized shows canceled less than 30 days prior to the show's date will not have their affiliation fees returned and will be imposed a fine of \$200 unless the cancellation is due to an Act of God such as a natural disaster or extreme weather conditions.

"Mulligan Exception:" In addition, one (1) time per show year, per Recognized show manager, if a cancellation is caused by a "financial hardship," e.g., lack of entries, change of ownership/management, last minute venue issues, the \$200 fine will also be waived. The written cancellation (email is acceptable) should include the specific reason in order to be considered for a waiver of the fine.

Those Recognized shows canceled for two consecutive years for a reason other than an Act of God will lose that show date and the date shall be considered open. Applications for open Recognized show dates will be approved on a first received basis.

Legal Definition of Act of God: An event that directly and exclusively results from the occurrence of natural causes that could not have been prevented by the exercise of foresight or caution.

### **I. Insurance (Clarifications to aid compliance, August 24, 2022.)**

At least 14 days prior to the Recognized show date the show must provide to the CHJA Membership Office (see Standing Committees section for address) a certificate of insurance, evidencing General Liability coverage of at least one million dollars per occurrence and naming C.H.J.A. Inc. as additional insured.

#### **To be considered a valid Certificate of Insurance it must include the following:**

1. **The date(s) of the show. For shows with multiple dates, all shows can be listed on one cert.**
2. **In the "Directions of Operations" box, it must state "C.H.J.A. Inc. is listed as additional insured."**
3. **The certificate holder must be written as "C.H.J.A. Inc." or "Connecticut Hunter & Jumper Association." It cannot be abbreviated as "CHJA."**

The Affiliate, and show management on its behalf, understand that it shall be solely responsible and liable for all acts, conduct, hazards, and casualties related to the Affiliated Show. By submitting the application to become a C.H.J.A. INC. Affiliated Show and/or by accepting affiliation with C.H.J.A. INC., show management, on behalf of the affiliate, agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend C.H.J.A. INC., and its officers, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from and against all claims, suits, actions, causes of action damages, losses, costs, and expenses whatsoever, including reasonable attorney fees, brought by or on behalf of any show participant, competitor, spectator, property owner, horse owner, or other person, with regard to any horse show and/or related activities and/or conduct, contemplated by, or related in any way to, the affiliation relationship between the Affiliate and C.H.J.A. INC., including, but not limited to court and administrative actions and proceedings, whether in law or in equity.

### **J. Mileage Limitation**

The distance between recognized CHJA competitions must be at least 40 radius miles.

### **K. Local Member Show**

1. The local member show category allows a show that is USEF or NEHC recognized to offer CHJA Medal classes. These local member shows must be run on the weekdays Monday through Friday. Points won in any other classes will not count toward year end awards. Local member shows must comply with all Recognized show requirements, including the mileage limitation, except that they are not required to recognize three divisions.
2. The fee for offering CHJA Medal Classes at a Local Member show is \$60.00, plus the regular Medal Class Fees (see Rule 2, Part 1, G.)

### **L. Multiple Weekday Shows**

Shows held only on weekdays can be given Regular Member status if they include at last three consecutive weekdays. Regular Member shows held on three or more consecutive weekdays must comply with all CHJA show Requirements.

### **M. Multiple Day Shows**

CHJA recognition of shows held on multiple days will only be considered for the entirety of the competition. Competition or show dates begin at 12:01 A.M. on the calendar date on which the first class is scheduled and end on the calendar date on which the last class is scheduled.

### **N. Shows Held on Holidays**

Shows can be recognized as a Regular member show if they are held on a nationally recognized holiday (e.g., Memorial Day, President's Day, Columbus Day).

### **O. Out of State Show Approvals**

Out-of-state shows have no date carryover rights from year to year. Their dates will be considered for approval anew each year, but only after in-state shows have received approval of both their carryover dates and any new dates for which they have properly applied. After October 1, applications for out-of-state shows will be considered, in the order they were received. However, no out-of-state show will receive approval for a date on which an in-state show has already been approved, regardless of mileage.

### **P. Combining Classes**

#### **1. Combining Hunter, Equitation and Jumper Divisions**

If, on the day of a Recognized show, any of the following divisions do not fill according to CHJA requirements of a minimum of three entries, then the Recognized show's management may combine the classes but must run each of

the combined divisions at the appropriate height according to CHJA rules for that division.

Riders competing in the combined class shall accumulate points in their appropriate division.

**If the prize list indicates in advance that any of these divisions will be combined, then they will not be pointed by the CHJA. (Exception: Low Children's/Low Adult Jumpers Junior Jumpers and Amateur Jumpers (.90m-1.00m), and High Children's/High Adult Jumpers Junior Jumpers and Amateur Jumpers (1.10m-1.15m) may be pre-combined in the prize list as Junior/Amateur Jumpers (.90m-1.00m) and Junior/Amateur Jumpers (1.10m-1.15m).\***

Allowing these divisions to be combined on the day of the Recognized show is to benefit CHJA members that are at the show but find the divisions they entered do not have the minimum three entrants.

Junior Equitation and Adult Equitation  
Pony Hunters (S, M, L)  
Children's Hunters (Horse and Pony)  
Adult Hunters (age groups)  
Adult Hunters and Children's Hunters (Horse and Pony)  
Amateur Owner Hunters and Junior Hunters  
Modified Children's Hunters and Modified Adult Hunters  
Low Children's Hunter Horse and Low Adult Hunters  
Low CT Working Hunters and High CT Working Hunters  
Children's Equitation and Modified Adult Equitation  
CHJA Hunter Derbies

**Junior Jumpers and Amateur Jumpers (.90m-1.00m) and/or (1.10m-1.15m). \***

(\*see prize list exception above)

Amateur/Owner and Junior Jumpers

## **2. CT Training Hunter Height Sections MAY NOT Be Combined (Clarification)**

- a. **CT Training Hunter will offer four separate year end awards as of the 2024 show year beginning December 1, 2023 (one per height).**
- b. **Therefore, height sections cannot be combined the day of a show because results can only be reported, and points can only be awarded, to one height.**
- c. **If a prize list offers one or more of the available height sections (18", 2', 2'3", 2'6") and on the day of the show, any section does not have sufficient entries, the section cannot run. Instead, a horse/rider combination may enter another height section which does have sufficient entries.**
- d. **The same horse/rider combination may only enter one height section per show.**

## **3. Combining CHJA Medal Qualifying Classes**

### **a. CHJA Junior Medal and CHJA Adult Medal**

If, on the day of a Recognized show, either a CHJA Junior Medal or a CHJA Adult Medal qualifying class does not fill according to CHJA requirements of a minimum of three entries, then the show's management may combine the classes. Riders competing in the combined class shall accumulate points in their appropriate CHJA Medal Class.

### **b. CHJA Children's Medal and CHJA Modified Adult Medal**

If, on the day of a Recognized show, either a **CHJA Children's Medal** or a **CHJA Modified Adult Medal** qualifying class does not fill according to CHJA requirements of a minimum of three entries, then the show's management may combine the classes. Riders competing in the combined class shall accumulate points in their appropriate Medal Class.

Allowing these CHJA Medal classes to be combined on the day of the show is to benefit CHJA members that are at the show but find the qualifying class they entered does not have four entrants. If the prize list indicates in advance that any CHJA Medal classes will be combined, then they will not be pointed by the CHJA.

## **Part 2. Availability of Rules and Reports**

**A. Rules:** A current version of both the C.H.J.A. INC. Rulebook and the USEF Rule Book must be available on the show grounds.

**B. Reports:** CHJA member reports are available at <http://www.Association.net/pages/1625.html> for completion by Members.

### Part 3. Prize Ribbons

To encourage participation, it is recommended that Recognized shows offer one ribbon for every six entries and no less than six ribbons in Junior Divisions (or eight ribbons if required at USEF recognized shows). Prize ribbons shall conform to the following colors at all Recognized Shows.

Grand Champion	Blue, Red, Yellow and White
Reserve to Grand Champion	Red, Yellow, White and Pink
Champion	Blue, Red and Yellow
Reserve Champion	Red, Yellow and White

First Prize	Blue
Second Prize	Red
Third Prize	Yellow
Fourth Prize	White
Fifth Prize	Pink
Sixth Prize	Green
Seventh Prize	Purple
Eighth Prize	Brown
Ninth Prize	Gray
Tenth Prize	Light Blue

If the divisions are eligible for the awarding of championships and reserves (see Rule 1, Part 3, A.,1.,a. and Part 4, A. 1., f.), Recognized show management must determine a Champion and a Reserve Champion in each Recognized Division or for each group if Divisions are split. These shall be determined based on points earned in the Division, with Class ribbons to count as follows:

1st Place	10 points
2nd Place	6 points
3rd Place	4 points
4th Place	2 points
5th Place	1 point
6th Place	1/2 point

#### 1. Equitation Championships

In the event of a tie after points are tabulated, the rider earning the most points over fences will be Champion. If there are an equal number of points over fences, the riders will remain tied and each rider will receive 10 points awarded for a Championship. They may flip a coin for the ribbon, or show management may give each of them a Championship ribbon if available. Refer to Rule 1 Part 4.

#### 2. Hunter Championships

In determining Championship in Hunter Divisions, if there is a tie for Champion or Reserve Champion, the entry with the greatest number of points over fences shall win; if still tied a hack-off shall be held. If horses have an equal number of points over fences, under saddle, and model, (points accrued in model classes shall count 1/2 value) the tie will stand as is, and both horses will receive their Championships or Reserve Championship points. Refer to Rule 1 Part 3.

### Part 4. Judges and Judges' Cards

Judges at all Recognized Shows must be recognized by the USEF and/or NEHC (or approved by the C.H.J.A. INC. Board of Directors in an emergency).

Class descriptions and special Class specifications must be stated on the Judges' cards or a copy of the complete version of the prize list (if it contains full class descriptions) must be provided to them.

### Part 5. Stewards

**A. USEF Recognized Shows:** At USEF Recognized Shows, the USEF Show Steward shall represent the interests of the association.

**B. Non-USEF Recognized Shows:** Stewards must be recognized by the USEF and NEHC (or approved by the C.H.J.A. INC. Board of Directors in an emergency).



**C. Steward's/Member's Report:** Steward's Report forms are available online on the CHJA website at [www.CHJA.net](http://www.CHJA.net). The form can be filled out online and will be delivered directly to CHJA Standards for recording. The form is to be completed by the Steward and returned within 10 days of the show. Alternatively, the form can be printed out and mailed to the Chairman of the Standards Committee. Failure to comply may result in review by the Standards Committee of the Steward's acceptability to act as Steward in future CHJA shows. This online form can also be used by CHJA members who wish to comment on any incidents at a CHJA recognized show.

## **Part 6. Show Results**

Complete show results must be postmarked or electronic date stamped within 10 days of the close of the Recognized show and sent to the CHJA membership office (see Administration web page for address) and must include:

- A. The completed Recognized Show Results Form.
- B. The complete Prize List from the Recognized show (the final version approved by the Standards Committee, either the complete printed copy or a copy of the complete online version if the prize list was only available online).
- C. The results of **all** the classes run (CHJA recognized or not) together with a tally of the total number of entries completing the Class in all CHJA recognized Hunter, Jumper and Equitation Classes, the results of the first six places in each of these classes. This may be sent electronically.
- D. A list of all Championship and Reserve Championship awards.
- E. Any CHJA new member applications and/or horse recordings taken at the show with the appropriate fees. If they are not included with the show results, the memberships will become effective on the day the applications and appropriate fees are received by the CHJA office. If it is after the results are received, points will not be awarded for that Recognized show.
- F. A check for the Medal Class fees as required by Part 1, Section G.
- G. Even if initial results (item C. above) were sent electronically within 10 days of the close of the competition, items A., B., E., and F. must still be postmarked or electronic date stamped and sent to the CHJA membership office within 10 days of the close of the Recognized Show.
- H. Recognized show management must maintain a record of the show's results for a period of at least one year.

## **Part 7. Safety**

Recognized show management must:

- A. Provide a designated Safety Coordinator, 21 years of age or over, with no other appointed duties who will be readily available to immediately respond to any injury, accident or emergency at the recognized show. The Safety Coordinator will be the liaison to coordinate the response of any needed emergency services (police, fire, ambulance) or veterinary care. The Safety Coordinator shall have training in First Aid and be comfortable with and maintain calm professionalism when handling emergency situations. (Rule change added September 2017 and approved January 29, 2018.)
- B. Comply with the regulations set forth by the USEF regarding the attendance of a veterinarian and farrier.

## **Part 8. Schooling**

Every Recognized Show must regulate their pre-show schooling in a way that will insure safe conditions in the ring.

- A. If the recognized show's management fails to provide for this, their future Recognition by the CHJA could be in jeopardy.
- B. If an exhibitor fails to heed the directions of the recognized show management in the matter of schooling, he/she will be subject to elimination from the show.
- C. If a trainer fails to heed the directions of the Recognized show management in the matter of schooling, he and all of his riders and horses will be subject to elimination from the show.
- D. Every schooling area must contain at least one vertical and one oxer, eight rails and eight cups.

## **Part 9. Violations and Penalties**

In addition to the penalties set forth in Article VIII, Section 2 of the Bylaws, the following penalties shall be imposed by the Standards Committee:

- A. Fine for violating the rules requiring an ambulance (on call) and a certified medical person on the recognized showgrounds at all times: \$100.00

- B. Fine for each violation of the rule governing reporting of recognized show results: \$50.00
- C. Fine for failing to submit a prize list at least two weeks prior to printing and/or posting to the recognized show's web site \$100
- D. Fine for failure to make requested Prize List Edits \$100
- E. Fine for failure to submit proof of insurance 14 days prior to the recognized show date: \$200.00
- F. Fine for a Non CHJA Member in a CHJA Medal Class (imposed for each CHJA Medal class at the recognized show that has a non member): \$50.00
- G. Fine for running a CHJA Medal Class that doesn't count because there were not four active CHJA members in it: \$150.00
- H. Fine for cancelling a Recognized Show less than 30 days prior to the show's date unless the cancellation is due to an Act Of God such as a natural disaster or extreme weather conditions: \$200

If a fine is not paid, then future shows will not be Recognized until the fine is paid. Points from the Recognized show where the violation occurred will count except in a CHJA Medal class which has less than four active members compete in and complete the class.

### **RULE 3. POINT TABULATIONS FOR YEAR END AWARDS**

#### **Part 1. Eligibility**

- A. Unless otherwise noted in the C.H.J.A. INC. Rulebook, all CHJA Recognized Divisions are eligible for year end high score awards. However, in order for year end high score awards to be made, the following minimum levels of participation must be met:
1. The division must be held at a minimum of four CHJA Recognized shows during the show year with at least three eligible entries competing in each class at each show; and,
  2. Each class will stand on its own with a minimum of three entries needed to compete and complete (show and place) the class for points to be awarded.
  3. A horse or rider must compete at a minimum of four CHJA Recognized shows during the show year in the specified division, and when they compete the division or the individual class must be eligible to receive points (i.e., must have at least the minimum number of entries required for points) even if the horse or rider wins none of those points.
  4. A minimum of 50 points must be accrued in a division in order to receive a Year End Award or Ribbon.
    - c. In order to accumulate points, horses must be registered with the CHJA and their owners must be members in good standing, and equitation riders must be members in good standing.
    - d. There will be 5 Levels of Awards for Year End Champions based on point accumulation.
      1. Level 1 Champion: 400 points or more will be awarded a Monogrammed CHJA Cooler
      2. Level 2 Champion: 300-399 points will be awarded a Monogrammed CHJA Scrim Sheet
      3. Level 3 Champion: 200-299 points will be awarded a Leather Halter with Brass Plate and Lead
      4. Level 4 Champion: 100-199 points will be awarded a Leather Lead
      5. Level 5 Champion: Less than 100 points will be awarded a gift to be selected by the Awards Committee
    - e. All Reserve Champions will be awarded a gift to be selected by the Awards Committee.
    - f. In bestowing year end awards, the CHJA reserves the right to combine performance divisions that are normally split during the show year in order to ensure a minimum of six year end award recipients. For example, Amateur Owner Hunters (under/over 35) and Adult Hunters (over/under 35) could be combined if recipients were fewer than six in either of the uncombined divisions.

- g. The CHJA will recognize Opportunity classes as long as they are run according to CHJA requirements and specifications.
- h. There will be one combined year end award for the following divisions:  
**Amateur and Junior Jumpers (heights from .90m-1.15m)**  
 Amateur Owner and Junior Hunters (all ages, fence heights, horse sizes)  
 Should Low

**Part 2. Performance Divisions-Hunters and Jumpers**

**A. General**

- 1. Placings/ribbons won have the following basic point values:

1st	10 points
2nd	6 points
3rd	4 points
4th	2 points
5th	1 point
6th	1/2 point

- 2. Ribbons won in any Recognized show in model Classes will count 1/2 point value for year end awards but will only count if the entry competes in all Classes over obstacles and under saddle offered in that Division.

- 3. Basic points are increased by point multipliers, which are determined by the number of entries competing in and completing each class (see Rule 1, Part 3.) Note: A minimum of three entries must compete in and complete any class in order for any points to count.

Number of Entries	Multiplier
25 and Over	4
17-24	3
10-16	2
3-9	1

- 4. If eligible, bonus points will be awarded for Division Champion (10 points) and Reserve Champion (6 points). These bonus points are the same regardless of the number of entries competing in and completing each class. (Refer to Rule 1, Parts 3 and 4 for requirements for eligibility for championships and reserves in hunter/jumper and equitation divisions.)

**Part 3. Equitation Year End High Score Awards**

**A. Equitation Awards**

- 1. Equitation awards will be made to the following groups: Short Stirrup; Children’s, Pre Children’s, Junior Equitation; Modified Adult; Adult Amateur Equitation.

**B. High Score Award Points**

- 1. Points may only be accumulated in the age group indicated on a competitor's application for membership.
- 2. Beyond the basic point values for each placing/ribbon won, the number of points awarded will be multiplied based on the number of entries completing each class, as follows in the chart:

Number of Entries	Multiplier
25 and Over	4
17-24	3
10-16	2
3-9	1

- 3. In all cases, at least three entries are required to compete in and complete the class for points to count.
- 4. No competitor may enter classes for more than one age group in any one recognized show.

5. Flat and over obstacle classes shall be treated separately for point purposes, but one year end high score award will be given in each Division.

**C. Ribbons have the following basic point values:**

1st	10 points
2nd	6 points
3rd	4 points
4th	2 points
5th	1 point
6th	1/2 point

**D. Basic points are increased by point multipliers, which are determined by the number of entries that complete the class:**

Number of Entries	Multiplier
25 and Over	4
17-24	3
10-16	2
3-9	1

**E. If eligible, bonus points will be awarded for Division Champion (10 points) and Reserve Champion (6 points).** These bonus points are the same regardless of the number of entries competing in and completing each class. (Refer to Rule 1, Parts 3 and 4 for requirements for eligibility for championships and reserves in hunter/jumper and equitation divisions.)

**HOW TO TABULATE YOUR OWN CHJA POINT STANDING**

- The Show Year runs from December 1 through November 30.
- Equitation Classes award points to the rider. The rider must be a Member of the Association.
- Hunter and Jumper Classes award points to the horse/pony. The horse/pony must be registered with the Association, and the owner must be a Member of the Association.
- A minimum of three entries must complete a Class if points are to count.
- Only one (1) entry is needed to complete the Leadline and Walk Trot classes for the exhibitor to receive points.
- Only C.H.J.A. INC. Recognized Classes count for points.
- Basic points earned in all classes are:

1st	10 points
2nd	6 points
3rd	4 points
4th	2 points
5th	1 point
6th	1/2 point

- Points will be increased by the following multipliers:

<b>Number of Entries</b>	<b>Multiplier</b>
25 and Over	4
17-24	3
10-16	2
3-9	1

- If eligible, bonus points will be awarded for Division Champion (10 points) and Reserve Champion (6 points). These bonus points are the same regardless of the number of entries competing in and completing each class. (Refer to Rule 1, Parts 3 and 4 for requirements for eligibility for championships and reserves in hunter/jumper and equitation divisions.)
- All Class points are based on the number of entries that compete in and complete each class.
- To assist in resolving any questions, it is suggested that you keep careful records from each Recognized show, noting the following:
  - Date and location
  - Class number(s)
  - Number of riders in each class who complete the class
  - Your placing in each class
  - Many competitors keep a copy of the prize list.
- Compare your records to the point standings that are available on [www.chja.net](http://www.chja.net) (no points standings are mailed)
- Immediately notify the Membership/Points Committee if you note a discrepancy (Administration Page on the website)

## **NOTES**