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## **2023 HORSE SHOW RULES**

The Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association invites your show to become a member. The shows that have joined in the past feel that their affiliation with the Association has enabled them to present a more interesting show for spectators and has increased their revenue by drawing additional entries.

To become a member of the Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association (KHJA), the following important rules must be enforced.

### **I. GENERAL**

- A. Regular and Local shows must be held in Kentucky or within the adjoining states, and Regular shows must be sanctioned by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF, [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)) and United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA, [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org)) or the National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA, [www.nsba.com](http://www.nsba.com)).
- B. Local shows will follow USEF rules when applicable.
- C. Each show must appoint a manager and secretary who will be responsible to the KHJA.
- D. The manager of a Local show must be a member of KHJA.
- E. Each show must offer at least three classes in any hunter classification offered with KHJA specifications, except Miscellaneous Classes or Equitation.
- F. All class specifications set forth in any prize list shall be adhered to unless they are in conflict with Association rules. Due notice must be given of any correction or change.
- G. KHJA has the authority to drug test any horse at member shows.
- H. In the event of an owner having multiple entries, a horse/pony may be shown in the under-saddle class by any rider who meets the USEF requirements of that division.
- I. Any member who is not in good financial standing with KHJA or a KHJA-affiliated horse show will not be listed on the website until the debt is paid in full. In addition, points accumulated at a show where there is an outstanding balance will be forfeited.
- J. A committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors to review the current rule book. Any changes will then be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.
- K. Regarding a special request for exemption from a current rule, a formal written request may be made to the Rules Committee to review a unique situation that would allow a rider to become exempt from written eligibility, as described in the rule book, as it pertains to the safety and confidence of the rider.

## L. Points System

1. If a rider competes at a USEF-rated “A” or “AA” or NSBA-sanctioned show in a division for which Regular points are awarded, (see Table of Eligibility), points will be totaled for “Regular Awards.”
2. If a rider competes at a Local show in a division in which Local Points are awarded, points will be totaled for “Local Awards.”
3. If a rider competes at a “B-” or “C-” rated show, in a division for which Regular points are awarded, points will be totaled for “Regular Awards.”
4. If a rider competes at a “B-” or “C-” rated show, in a division for which only Local Points are awarded, points will be totaled for “Local Awards.”
5. If a rider competes at an “A” or “AA” show in opportunity divisions for which only Local points are awarded, the points will count toward a year-end award.
6. If a rider competes at a Local show, in a division for which only Regular points are awarded, the points will not count toward a year-end award.

## II. SHOW DATES

- A. Application for show dates shall be made on a form provided by the Association.
- B. Dues of \$50 for local shows and \$75 for USEF-rated and NSBA-sanctioned shows must accompany application for show dates; cancellation will result in forfeiture of dues.
- C. To maintain comparable dates and to be included in the roster of shows, applications for dates must be received by November 30 of the previous year.
- D. New show dates must be applied for at least thirty (30) days prior to show.
- E. NR- (local), C- and B-rated shows may not have conflicting weekend dates within a 50-mile radius. Dates will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

## III. PRIZE LIST AND SHOW RESULTS

- A. Show results must be sent to Mark Llewellyn at [mlllewellyn@ker.com](mailto:mlllewellyn@ker.com) within ten (10) days of the show. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine and no subsequent dates will be granted until the fine is paid.
- B. A championship report and a combined-class report should be included with all results.
- C. Point standings may be checked at [www.khja.org](http://www.khja.org) at any time. Members will have 30 days after the points have been posted on the website to make inquiries to the Association’s Point Secretary via e-mail ([mlllewellyn@ker.com](mailto:mlllewellyn@ker.com)). After 30 days, the points will be considered official.
- D. Prize lists must state the following:
  1. ASTM-approved helmets must be worn at all times when mounted.
  2. Martingales are not permitted in under-saddle classes.

## IV. SHOW OFFICIALS

- A. Judges. All judges at Regular shows must be recognized by USEF with a Registered or Recorded status in the divisions in which they officiate.
- B. Local shows may have knowledgeable horse persons who do not have USEF status as judges.
- C. Judge Restrictions.
  - 1. A judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares).
  - 2. A judge may not be a trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, steward, lessor, lessee or manager at any competition at which he/she is officiating, including unrated classes.
- D. Stewards. A steward must be recognized by the USEF. The steward is to protect the interests of the exhibitors, judges and show management, but not necessarily the KHJA.
- E. A KHJA Board Member will officiate in the capacity of a steward in the event of a dispute or safety issue, especially in cases in which riders exhibit wanton or willful disregard for themselves, their horses or other individuals.

## V. DEFINITIONS

### A. Amateur.

Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur if after his 18th birthday, he has not engaged in any of the following activities:

- 1. Remuneration. Remuneration is defined as compensation or payment in any form such as cash, goods, sponsorships, discounts or services; reimbursement of any expenses; trade or in-kind exchange of goods or services such as board or training.
- 2. Permitted activities by Amateur.

An Amateur is permitted to do the following:

  - (a) Accept reimbursement for actual expenses associated with conducting classroom seminars for a not-for-profit organization, therapeutic riding programs, or programs for charitable organizations approved in advance by the Federation.
  - (b) Act as a camp counselor when not hired in the exclusive capacity as a riding instructor; assist in setting schooling fences without remuneration; give instruction or training to handicapped riders for therapeutic purposes.
  - (c) Appear in advertisements and/or articles related to acknowledgement of one's own personal or business sponsorship of a competition and/or awards earned by one's owned horses.
  - (d) Accept prize money as the owner of a horse in any class other than equitation or showmanship classes.

- (e) Accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than \$300 annually.
- (f) Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution provided one has never held professional status with the Federation or any other equestrian National Federation. In addition, one may accept reimbursement for expenses without profit, as prescribed by the educational institution's program, for the internship.
- (g) Write books or articles related to horses.
- (h) Accept remuneration for providing service in one's capacity as a: clinic manager or organizer (so long as they are not performing the activities of instructor or trainer), presenter or panelist at a Federation licensed officials' clinic, competition manager, competition secretary, judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer, TV commentator, veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder, or boarder, or horse transporter.
- (i) Accept reimbursement for any bona fide expenses directly related to the horse (i.e. farrier/vet bills, entries). Travel, hotel, equipment, and room and board are not considered bona fide expenses.
- (j) Entries for non-under saddle classes in amateur sections at hunter, jumper or hunter/jumper competitions, must be paid either (1) directly to the competition by the Amateur or by the Amateur's family or (2) by someone whom the Amateur or the Amateur's family reimburses within 90 days of the last day of the competition for which entries were paid.
- (k) Accept educational competition or training grant(s).

**B. Green Hunter: See USEF Rule HU131 for complete definition**

1. 3' Green Hunter - for Local and Regular Competitors

Horse has not shown in Hunter classes with fences 3'6" or higher or Jumper classes with fences 3'3" or higher. Eligibility is 2 years.

2. 3'3" Green - for Local and Regular Competitors

Horse may have competed a maximum of 4 times over fences 3'6" or higher, but may not have shown in Jumper classes with fences 3'3" or higher. Eligibility is 2 years.

3. 3'6" Green Hunter - for Regular Competitors

Horse may not have competed in any class higher than 3'6", both Hunter and Jumper. Eligibility is one year.

4. 3'9" Green Hunter - for Regular Competitors

Horse may not have competed in any class higher than 3'9", both Hunter and Jumper. Eligibility is one year.

**C. Adult Amateur Hunter:** 2'9" to 3'. Open to both Local and Regular competitors.

1. Riders 35 years old and younger.
2. Riders over 35 years old.
3. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) horses obtain points in each classification.
4. May be combined with Children's Hunter if there are fewer than three (3) entries.

To be ridden by Amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors. Riders may not compete in any other classes at the same competition where fences exceed 3'5", except equitation, jumper classes 1.20 meters and lower, Amateur Owner Hunter, Amateur Owner Jumper, and the USHJA International Hunter Derby. Any rider showing in the Amateur Owner Hunter division may compete one (1) different horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter division and must own or have an USEF registered lease of said horse. Fences to be set at 3'; spreads not to exceed fence height. Ponies may be shown by Adults, suitability to count. Entries need not be jogged for soundness. An unrestricted Children's/Adult Hunter division may be offered and be open to all Amateurs and Juniors; fence height not to exceed 3'3".

**D. Children's Hunter:** 3'. Open to both Local and Regular Competitors.

1. Riders 14 years old and younger.
2. Riders 15 to 17 years old.
3. May be combined with Adult Amateur Hunter if there are fewer than three (3) entries.
4. Children's Hunter Horse: To be ridden by a Junior Exhibitor. Horses may cross-enter into the Junior Hunter section at the same show. Riders may not cross-enter into any classes in which fences exceed 3'5" at the same show, except Equitation classes up to 3'9", Jumper classes 1.20 meters and lower, Junior Hunter sections, and the USHJA International Hunter Derby. A Junior Hunter rider may only compete one different horse in the Children's Hunter Horse section. For riders entered in the Children's Hunter Pony at the same competition, ponies may not compete in the Children's section if also entered in the Pony division at the same show. Fence heights 2'9" to 3'; spreads not to exceed fence heights. Entries need not be jogged for soundness. An unrestricted Children's/Adult Hunter division may be offered and be open to all Amateurs and Juniors; fence heights not to exceed 3'3".

**E. Junior Hunter:** 3'6". Open to both Local and Regular competitors.

1. Separate classifications may be offered for Small Horses (16hh and under) and for Large Horses (over 16hh).
2. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) horses obtain points in each classification.



3. For Local competitions, Junior Hunter and Amateur Owner Hunter may be combined.
- F. Junior Hunter: 3'3".** Open to both Local and Regular Competitors.  
For Local competitions, Junior Hunter 3'3" and Adult Amateur Hunter 3'3" may be combined.
- G. Amateur Owner Hunter: 3'6".** Open to both Local and Regular Competitors only.
1. Riders 35 years old and younger.
  2. Riders over 35 years old.
  3. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) horses obtain points in each classification.
  4. For Local competitions, both Amateur Owner Hunter and Junior Hunter may be combined.
- H. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3".** Open to both Local and Regular Competitors.  
For Local competitions, Junior Hunter 3'3" and Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" may be combined.
- I. Pony Hunter:** Open to Regular Competitors only.
1. Small (not to exceed 12.2 hands high): 2'3".
  2. Medium (over 12.2, not to exceed 13.2 hands high): 2'6".
  3. Large (over 13.2, not to exceed 14.2 hands high): 2'9"-3'.
  4. All ponies may be shown at their respective fence heights in a combined class, or may be shown in individual classes divided into all three fence-height classifications, or may be shown in combined Small/Medium class and Large class.
  5. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) ponies obtain points in each classification. If less than three (3) Small Ponies or three (3) Medium Ponies fail to obtain points, the award will be combined for Small and Medium.
- J. Green Pony Hunter:** Open to Regular Competitors only.
1. Small (not to exceed 12.2 hands high): 2'3".
  2. Medium (over 12.2, not to exceed 13.2 hands high): 2'6".
  3. Large (over 13.2, not to exceed 14.2 hands high): 2'9".
  4. All ponies may be shown at their respective fence heights in a combined class, or may be shown in individual classes divided into all three fence-height classifications, or may be shown in combined Small/Medium class and Large class.
  5. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) ponies obtain points in each classification. If less than three (3) Small Ponies or three (3) Medium Ponies fail to obtain points, the award will be combined for Small and Medium.
- K. Children's Hunter Pony:** Open to ponies ridden by a Junior Exhibitor. Riders may not cross-enter into any classes in which fences exceed 3'3" at the same show, except Medal classes, age group Equitation classes and Children's

Jumper classes. The combination pony/rider is not eligible for USEF Rated classes at the same show. Any rider competing in the Rated Pony Hunter division may only show one (1) pony in the Children's Hunter Pony division. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as a Children's Hunter Pony. To be offered at two heights: fences 2' for Small and Medium, and 2'6" for Large ponies; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Cannot be combined with Children's Hunter. Ponies need not be jogged for soundness. No in and outs.

**L. Hunter Seat Equitation:** Open to both Regular and Local Competitors who still retain their amateur status.

1. 11 years old and under: 2' to 2'3".
2. 12 through 14 years old: 2'6" to 3'.
3. 15 through 17 years old: 3' to 3'6".
4. Short Stirrup, 11 years old and younger: 1'6" to 2'.
5. Long Stirrup, 12 years and over: 1'6" to 2'.
6. Adult: 2'9" to 3'3".
7. **Low Children's Equitation: 2'3" to 2'6"**. Rider may not have jumped 3' or higher at the same show. Once a rider moves up to a higher height, the points in this division cannot continue to accrue for the remainder of the year, with the exception of one competition. If a rider moves up and then elects to return to a lower height in the same competition year, rider must submit a request in writing to the KHJA points secretary.
8. **Low Adult Equitation: 2'3" to 2'6"**. Specs same as above.
9. All age groups may be shown separately or in a combined class at their respective fence heights, or classes may be divided into 14 years old and younger, and 15 through 17 years old.
10. Awards:
  - (a) Separate Regular awards will be given if at least three (3) riders obtain points in each classification. If less than three (3) riders under 11 years old and less than three (3) riders 12 through 14 years old fail to obtain points, the award will be combined for those 14 years old and younger.
  - (b) Separate Local awards will be given for 11 and under, 12-14 and 15-17 if at least three (3) riders obtain points in each classification. If two of the three classifications have at least three riders obtaining points, the classification without the minimum number will be combined with the closest age group. In the case that the 12-14 year classification does not have the minimum number, that classification will be combined with the division that has the least number of riders.  
  
If two or more of the three classifications do not have at least three (3) riders obtaining points, the entire division will be combined.

**M. Jumper:** Beginning Jumper, Hopeful Jumper and Training or Schooling Jumper are Local divisions. Pre/Intermediate Children's Jumper, Novice Jumper, Children's Jumper, Adult Jumper, and Low Child/Adult Jumper are Local and Regular divisions, all other classifications are Regular divisions.

1. Beginning Jumper: 0.60 – 0.65 meter. Table IV recommended.
2. Thoroughbred Jumper: Open to Regular and Local competitors. Two sections may be offered, 0.75 meters and 0.90 meters. Sections may be combined if entries (less than three in each section) warrant.
3. Hopeful Jumper: **0.80 meters**. Open to all.
4. **Intermediate Children's/Adult Jumper: 0.80 meters. Open to all Juniors and Amateurs. Rider may not cross-enter above 0.85 at the same show except for the 3' Equitation.**
5. Novice Jumper: **0.95 meters**. Open to all.
6. Pony Jumper: Open to Regular Competitors. A pony, 14.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. Cash winnings do not influence this classification.
7. **Low Children's/Adult Jumper: fence height 1.0 meters to 1.15 meters. Open to all Juniors and Amateurs. Riders may not cross-enter into any classes with jumps higher than 1.15. Riders may cross-enter into the High Children's/Adult Jumpers, but may not compete in more than one Classic.**
8. Training or Schooling: 1.0 meters (3'3") to 1.10 meters (3'7")
9. Children's Jumper: fence height 1.10 meters - 1.15 meters at Regular shows. Riders may not cross-enter into High Junior class or any class where fences exceed 1.30 (4'3") meters at the same competition, with the exception of classes that do not offer prize money.
10. Adult Amateur Jumper: fence height 1.10 meters to 1.15 meters at Regular shows. Riders may not cross-enter into High Amateur Owner classes where fences exceed 1.30 meters at the same competition, with the exception of classes that do not offer prize money.
11. Modified Children's/Adult Jumper: 1.15 meters (3'9"). Horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any other jumper division at the same show except for training and schooling.
12. Junior/Amateur Jumpers: 1.20 meters (3'11") to 1.40 meters (4'7").
13. Open Jumpers: 1.20 meters (3'11") and up. Young Jumpers points will be counted towards Open Jumpers year-end standings. See USEF Specs for fence height and eligibility.

**N. Short Stirrup:** 1'6" to 2': Open to both Regular and Local Competitors. For riders 11 years and under. Riders may not cross-enter into classes with fences exceeding 2', across all disciplines, except in 11 & Under equitation, at the same show. This includes all Children's Hunter Pony heights.

1. May be combined with Long Stirrup if there are less than three (3) entries.
2. Only points earned in divisions titled "Short Stirrup" will count for year-end awards. If a rider competes in more than one division, a rider will receive the points from the division in which the most amount of points were accrued.

**O. Long Stirrup:** 1'6" to 2'. Open to Local and Regular competitors.

For riders 12 and over. Cross-entering by rider at the same show is not permitted into classes with fences exceeding 2', across all disciplines, except in equitation.

May be combined with Short Stirrup if there are less than three (3) entries.

**P. Breeding:** Open to Regular and Local Competitors.

1. The following classes should be offered: Yearling, Two-Year-Olds, Three-Year-Olds, and Four-to-Six-Year-Olds. Classes cannot be combined. Entries are encouraged to wear bridles, but not mandatory.
2. A Best Young Horse champion should be selected from all first-place winners in the individual age classes. Additionally, a Reserve Best Young Horse should be chosen from the remaining first-place winners and the second-place winner from the class won by the Best Young Horse.

The following fence dimensions are approximate equivalents in metric and English units:

0.70 m = Fences 2'3" in height	1.20 m = Fences 3'11" in height
0.75 m = Fences 2'5" in height	1.25 m = Fences 4'1" in height
0.80 m = Fences 2'7" in height	1.30 m = Fences 4'3" in height
0.85 m = Fences 2'9" in height	1.35 m = Fences 4'5" in height
0.90 m = Fences 2'11" in height	1.40 m = Fences 4'7" in height
0.95 m = Fences 3'1" in height	1.45 m = Fences 4'9" in height
1.00 m = Fences 3'3" in height	1.50 m = Fences 4'11" in height
1.05 m = Fences 3'5" in height	1.55 m = Fences 5'1" in height
1.10 m = Fences 3'7" in height	1.60 m = Fences 5'3" in height
1.15 m = Fences 3'9" in height	

3. A total of three horses must compete in the entire division in order for points to be accumulated for year-end awards. Example: if three yearlings and no other horses show, points would be awarded to the three yearlings. If two yearlings and two two-years old show, then points will be awarded to both the yearlings and the two-year-

olds, as there would be four total horses in the Breeding division. If only two horses show in the entire division, no matter their ages, no points will be awarded.

4. Horses selected as Best Young Horse and Reserve Best Young Horse will receive championship and reserve championship points.
5. Shows are encouraged to hold Young Horse Hunter Under Saddle classes to showcase graduates of the Breeding division.

**Q. Baby Green:** 2'6". Open to Local and Regular Competitors.

1. Open to horses that have not shown over fences higher than 2'9" across all disciplines.
2. Horses may not cross-enter at the same show into any class where fences exceed 2'9".
3. Eligibility for this division is two (2) years of showing at 2'6".

**R. Special Hunter:** 2'6". Open to all horses/ponies/riders. No year-end award will be given in this division.

**S. Low Children's Hunter:** ~~2'3" to~~ 2'6". Open to all exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of Dec 1 of the current competition year. To be shown over 2'6" fence height. Riders may not cross-enter into the Pony Hunter section or any classes at the same competition where fence heights exceed 2'9". Riders may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher at the same show. Riders in this division may not have shown 3'3" or higher in the same show year.

May be combined with Low Adult Hunter if there are less than three (3) entries.

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**T. Low Adult Hunter:** ~~2'3" to~~ 2'6". Open to all exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of Dec 1 of the current competition year. To be shown over 2'6" fence height. Riders may not cross-enter into any section or classes at the same competition where fence heights exceed 2'9". Riders may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher at the same show. Riders in this division may not have shown 3'3" or higher in the same show year.

1. May be combined with Low Children's Hunter if there are less than three (3) entries.
2. Riders may not cross-enter into the Low Hunter

**U. Non-Pro Hunter.** 2'. Fences 2'6". To be ridden by a junior or amateur rider. No cross-entering restrictions. This division is not eligible for year-end awards.

## LOCAL AND REGULAR DIVISION DESIGNATIONS

	Local	Regular
Walk-Trot Equitation	x	x
Crossrails Equitation	x	x
Short/Long Stirrup Equitation	x	x
Intermediate Children's/Adult Equitation	x	x
Age-Group Equitation	x	x
Beginner Rider	x	
Beginner Hunter	x	
Short/Long Stirrup Hunter	x	x
Baby Green Hunter	x	x
Thoroughbred Hunter	x	x
Children's Pony Hunter	x	x
Pony Hunter/Green Pony Hunter		x
Low Intermediate Children's/Adult Hunter	x	x
Children's Hunter	x	x
Adult Amateur Hunter	x	x
Green Hunter 3', 3'3"	x	x
Green Hunter 3'6", 3'9"		x
Junior Hunter 3'3", 3'6"	x	x
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3", 3'6"	x	x
Performance/High Performance Hunter		x
Beginner Jumper	x	
Thoroughbred Jumper	x	x
Hopeful Jumper	x	
Novice Jumper	x	x
Pony Jumper		x
Low Children's/Adult Jumper	x	x
Training/Schooling Jumper	x	
Children's Jumper	x	x
Adult Jumper	x	x
Modified Children's/Adult Jumper	x	x
Junior/Amateur Jumper		x
Open Jumper		x
Hunter Breeding	x	x

- V. Beginner Horse/Pony:** 2'. Open to Local horses in their first or second year of showing that have never shown 2'6" or higher across all disciplines. Horses may cross-enter Baby Green only. To be judged as a hunter class.
1. Trotting not to be penalized.
  2. Eligibility for this division is two (2) years.
- W. Beginner Rider:** 2'. Open to Local riders in their first or second year of showing who have never shown in any 2'6" division. Riders may not cross-enter into any 2'6" division, including jumpers. To be judged as a hunter class.
- Trotting not to be penalized.
- X. Cross-Rails Equitation:** Open to Local and Regular riders of any age who have not shown over a course of fences 2' or higher. Riders may cross-enter into Beginner Rider only.
1. Trotting not to be penalized.
  2. Divisions will be held as 8 and Under and 9 and Over. Year-end awards will be offered in both age groups. Division may be held as 8 and Under and 9 and Over. One year-end award will be given.
  3. Divisions may be combined if there are less than three (3) entries in either section.
- Y. Cross-Rails Green Horse/Pony:** Open to horses or ponies that have not shown over a course of fences higher than 2' across all disciplines. No year-end award will be given in this division.
1. May cross-enter into Beginner Horse.
  2. Trotting not to be penalized.
- Z. Walk-Trot Equitation:** Open to beginner Local and Regular riders of any age. May not enter into any 2' or higher division.
1. May cross-enter into Cross-Rail classes.
  2. Divisions will be held as 8 and Under and 9 and Over. Year-end awards will be offered in both age groups. Division may be held as 8 and Under and 9 and Over. One year-end award will be given.
  3. Divisions may be combined if there are less than three (3) entries in either section.
- AA. Performance Working Hunter:** 3'3"to 3'6". For Performance Hunter specifications, please refer to the United States Equestrian Federation rules at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).
- BB. High Performance Working Hunter:** 4'. For Performance Hunter specifications, please refer to the United States Equestrian Federation rules at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).
- CC. Thoroughbred Hunter:** Open to Regular and Local competitors. Two sections may be offered, 2'6" and 3'. Sections may be combined if entries (less than three in each section) warrant.

**DD. Modified Child/Adult Hunter:** Open to Regular and Local Competitors. Riders may not cross-enter into any class where fences exceed 3' at the same show. Fence height 2'9"

## VI. HIGH POINT AWARDS

- A. Terms of Competition.** Separate Annual Local and Regular Awards will be given to horses and riders who score the highest number of points in their classification at shows recognized by KHJA from December 1 to November 30 under the following conditions:
1. All horses must be recorded with KHJA to be eligible for hunter or jumper year-end awards. All owners and riders must be KHJA members to earn year-end awards. Points will be backdated to the first of the month in which the rider, horse and owner become members.
  2. A horse that has not been recorded as a Lifetime member must be recorded annually and the owner of record must be a member of KHJA.
  3. Only classes that follow KHJA specifications will be counted.
  4. No points will be counted in a non-division class, such as equitation or miscellaneous, if fewer than three (3) entries have entered and competed. All classes in a division will be counted if three (3) entries have entered and competed in the first class of the division. No Championship or Reserve points will be counted if fewer than three (3) entries have entered and competed in the first class of the division. Jumper divisions will be awarded Championship points only if there are three (3) or more classes offered in the division. Championship points will be tabulated by the total amount of points accumulated in that division based on the scale of: 1st, 10 points; 2nd, 6 points; 3rd, 4 points; 4th, 2 points; 5th, 1 point; 6th, 1/2 point.
  5. Points accumulated toward High Score Awards by any horse found to have received a forbidden substance and penalized by the USEF shall be nullified.
  6. If there are not at least three (3) horses/ponies/riders in a division, rider must have accumulated a minimum of 30 points for Local, 80 points for Regular, and shown and placed a minimum of three (3) horse shows during the year to be eligible for a year-end award.
  7. The Annual Meeting will become separate from the Awards Banquet. The annual membership meeting will be held in November. The KHJA Annual Awards Banquet will be held in January. Nominations and Rules will go into effect December 1. Banquet and Awards will be held in January.



## B. Points Values for Year-end Awards.

1.

Place	Local Number of Exhibitors				'C' Rated Number of Exhibitors				'B' Rated Number of Exhibitors			
	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1	10	15	20	25	15	20	25	30	20	25	30	40
2	6	10	15	20	10	15	20	25	15	20	25	35
3	4	5	10	15	5	10	15	20	10	15	20	30
4	2	4	5	10	4	5	10	15	5	10	15	25
5	1	3	4	5	3	4	5	10	4	5	10	20
6	1/2	2	3	4	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	15

2. Division Champions will be awarded 2 times the total first place point value of the first class in that section.
3. Division Reserve Champions will be awarded 1.5 times the total first place value of the first class in that section.
4. Classic points for Jumpers will count toward year-end awards.

Place	'A' Rated Number of Exhibitors				'AA' Rated Number of Exhibitors			
	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1	30	40	50	60	40	50	60	70
2	25	35	45	55	35	45	55	65
3	20	30	40	50	30	40	50	60
4	15	25	35	45	25	35	45	55
5	14	24	34	44	24	34	44	54
6	13	23	33	43	23	33	43	53

5. Classifications will be rated as follows for Regular competitors:

- (a) Pre-Green and Adult Amateur Hunters will be rated according to the highest-rated Hunter Section at the same show.
- (b) Children's Hunter and Equitation will be rated according to the highest-rated Junior or Pony Hunter Section at the same show.

### **C. Grand Hunter Champion Awards.**

1. Regular Competitors:

- (a) Senior Exhibitor: The horse earning the most points in any one Hunter division shall be named Grand Champion.
- (b) Junior Exhibitor: The horse or pony earning the most points in any one Hunter division shall be named Grand Champion.

2. Local Competitors:

The horse earning the most points in any one Hunter division shall be named Grand Champion.

### **D. Grand Jumper Champion Awards.**

1. Regular Competitors:

The horse earning the most points in any one Jumper division shall be named Grand Champion.

2. Local Competitors:

The horse earning the most points in any one Jumper division shall be named Grand Champion.

### **E. Grand Jumper Breeding Champion Award.**

Local Competitors:

The horse earning the most points in any one Hunter Breeding division shall be named Grand Champion.

## **VII. KHJA MEDAL**

The KHJA Medal is open to junior and amateur members of KHJA. Finals to be held at the KHJA Fall Classic in September.

### **A. MEDAL FINALS AND QUALIFYING CLASSES**

To be shown over a course of at least eight (8) jumps with two (2) changes of direction and any of the following:

- 1. Combination (ponies set to appropriate distance for height. Show organizers may ask ponies to go in a specific order to avoid resetting fences multiple times)
  - 2. Roll back
  - 3. Bending line
  - 4. Trot jump
  - 5. Skinny
  - 6. Appropriate testing
- USEF tests 1-18 available at [www.USEF.org](http://www.USEF.org)

### **B. HEIGHT SECTIONS**

The following height sections will be offered at the KHJA Medal Finals.

- 1. 3'6", 3'3", 3', 2'6", 2'
- 2. 3' Riders may not have shown higher than 3' in any division during the qualifying competition year (August 1 - July 31).
- 3. Adult (2'6" or 3') Adults may show in any height section appropriate to their level of riding. Adults who show over 3' must show in 3'3" or 3'6", whichever is appropriate.

## C. ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be a KHJA member prior to showing in qualifying classes for points to count. Non-members may show in the qualifying classes, but points will not count toward the Medal Finals.
2. Qualifying period is from August 1 to July 31 of the previous year.

## D. QUALIFICATION

### 1. Regular Member

- (a) Accumulate 30 points in the following equitation classes at Regular shows (using the Regular Point System):

- (1) Short Stirrup Equitation (2')
- (2) Long Stirrup Equitation (2')
- (3) 11 and under Equitation (2'3")
- (4) 12-14 Equitation (2'6")
- (5) 15-17 Equitation (3'-3'3")
- (6) Adult Equitation (3')
- (7) Intermediate Children's/Adult Equitation
- (8) All equitation medal classes

~~(b) Members qualify by entering the KHJA medal at Local shows in the height section equivalent to their respective age group equitation at Regular shows.~~

### 2. Local Members

- (a) Accumulate 30 points in a combination of equitation (see previous list) and KHJA medal classes offered at shows. KHJA shows are encouraged to offer all height sections and combine if entries warrant.

- (1) 3'6" (2) 3'3" (3) 3' (4) 2'6" (5) 2'

- (b) Qualified riders must compete in the Finals at the highest height in which they have competed during the qualifying period (in hunters and equitation), with the exception of one show at a higher height.

- (c) Points awarded as follows: 10-6-4-2-1-1/2.

### 3. All Members

- (a) Qualified riders must compete in the Finals at the highest height in which they have competed during the qualifying period (hunters and equitation) except for one show at a higher **equitation** height.

- (b) The number of entries in the over-fences class will define the designation of points.

- (c) If a rider earns points at both Regular and Local shows, those points will be combined to determine eligibility for Medal Finals.

- (d) The Rules Committee will accept formal requests in writing on or before July 1 to show at a higher height or lower height at the KHJA Medal Finals depending on the unique situation that is in conflict to eligibility, as described in the rule book.

## **E. FINALS**

1. Each height section will show over fences and will be invited back for additional work on the flat.  
Each phase will count as 50 percent. No martingales for flat phase. To be judged on equitation. Placing 1-10.
2. The top two (2) riders in each section will be invited back for a work off. The work off will be determined by the judges and can be a shortened course, a question, USEF tests 1-18, or any combination thereof.
3. Ribbons will be awarded through 10th place, with the winner receiving a perpetual trophy and cooler.
4. The KHJA Trainer Award will be given to the trainer who is a KHJA member and whose riders have earned the most points in each section of the KHJA Medal Finals as well as the top four placings in the work-off.
5. Competitors may show in each section of the KHJA Medal Finals as many times as they qualify, regardless of past placings. However, once a competitor wins the overall championship per fence height, he or she is no longer eligible to compete for a second overall championship at that height, thereby limiting an individual to one overall championship at each height. In the event that a previous overall championship winner once again wins a section and is therefore ineligible for the workoff, the next eligible person from that section will be offered the opportunity to participate in the workoff.

## **F. MEDAL FINALS COMMITTEE**

The Board of Directors will appoint members to form a committee that will help in orchestrating and overseeing the Finals.

## **VIII. COURSES**

- A. A course must consist of at least six (6) fences.
- B. A ground line is recommended for all fences in hunter courses.
- C. The courses must be posted at least one hour before the class.
- D. Except in case of bad weather, broken equipment or similar emergency, a course may not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors. If one or more fences are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute fences that approximate as nearly as possible the originals.
- E. No over-fences class shall be started one half-hour after sunset unless the area has adequate lighting.
- F. Member shows may consult the Association if any help is needed in laying out their courses.

## **IX. PROTEST**

A protest may be made to the Board of KHJA. It must be:

- A. In writing.
- B. Signed by the protestor.
- C. Addressed to the Secretary of KHJA, describing the violation and at which show it occurred.
- D. Accompanied by a deposit of \$50.
- E. Received by an official of KHJA within a timely manner of the alleged violation. The protest will be addressed by an Ethics Committee.

## **X. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HORSE SHOW MANAGEMENT**

- A. Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and suitable medical equipment must be present during scheduled schooling sessions over fences and during all scheduled performances. "Qualified medical personnel" is defined as a person who is currently certified or licensed in their profession and trained in pre-hospital trauma care. EMT/paramedics would serve as the highest qualified for that responsibility followed next by doctors, nurses and/or certified athletic trainers. An ambulance must be on the grounds or on call.
- B. Veterinarian, blacksmith and doctor must be on call. All horses coming into the state of Kentucky must have Coggins test and Health Certificate. (Must be stated on prize list.)
- C. Any participant in amateur classes must possess and present to the horse show secretary a current amateur card from the USEF or sign an application with the show secretary before entering a class.
- D. Judges must be furnished with cards, which have class specifications and course.
- E. Schooling area must provide a trot fence, a vertical fence and a spread fence.

## **XI. FOR LOCAL HORSE SHOW**

- A. Award six ribbons in all classes.
- B. An ASTM-approved helmet must be worn by all participants.

## **XII. ASSOCIATION PAGE**

This must appear in a conspicuous position in the Prize List and in the catalogue, if printed.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Show is operated in accordance with the current rules of the Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association.

To be eligible for the Year-end Awards, the owners and riders must be a members and the horse or pony must be registered with the Association.

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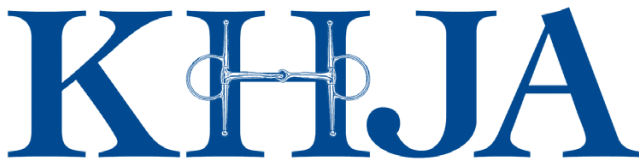
\* A Family Membership is an adult and his/her spouse (if applicable) and up to three (3) junior members (those who are under 18 years of age as of December 1).

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List names and descriptions of horses or ponies on separate page. Include name, sex, height, year foaled and owner of record.

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