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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) and United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA, www.usnja.org) or the National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA, www.nsba.com).
- B. Local shows will follow USEF or USHJA Zone 5 specifications if not covered by KHJA rules.
- 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 division offered with KHJA specifications, and this creates a division. Some equitation and miscellaneous classes may not have three classes.
- 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 Channel I or NSBA-sanctioned show in a division for which Regular points are awarded (see Eligibility Tables), 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 Channel II show, in a division for which Regular points are awarded, points will be totaled for "Regular Awards."
 - 4. If a rider competes at a Channel II show, in a division for which only local points are awarded, points will be totaled for "Local Awards."
 - 5. 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. New show dates must be applied for at least thirty (30) days prior to show.
- D. Local and Channel II 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 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 must be included with all results.
- C. Point standings may be checked at 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). 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 horsepersons 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. 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).

VI. Hunter Divisions

A. High Performance Hunter: 4'. Regular competitors only.

2. For High Performance Hunter specifications, please refer to the United States Equestrian Federation rules at www.usef.org.

C. Performance Hunter: 3'3" to 3'6". Regular competitors only.

4. For Performance Hunter specifications, please refer to the United States Equestrian Federation rules at www.usef.org.

E. Green Hunter: See USEF rules for complete definitions at www.usef.org.

6. 3' Green Hunter - Local and Regular competitors.
7. 3'3" Green Hunter - Local and Regular competitors.

8. 3'6" Green Hunter - Regular competitors only.
9. 3'9" Green Hunter - Regular competitors only.

D. Amateur Owner Hunter: 3'6". Regular competitors only.

5. Riders 35 years old and younger.
6. Riders over 35 years old.
7. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) horses obtain points in each classification.
8. Amateur Owner Hunter and Junior Hunter may be combined.

E. Junior Hunter: 3'6". Regular competitors only.

6. Separate classifications may be offered for Small (16 hands and under) and for Large (over 16 hands)
7. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) horses obtain points in each classification.
8. Junior Hunter and Amateur Owner Hunter may be combined.

F. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3". Local and Regular competitors.

7. For Local competitions, Junior Hunter 3'3" and Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" may be combined.

H. Junior Hunter 3'3". Open to both Local and Regular competitors.

9. For Local competitions, Junior Hunter 3'3" and Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" may be combined.

J. Modified Children's/Adult Hunter: 2'9". Local and Regular competitors.

11. Riders may not cross-enter into any class where fences exceed 3' at the same show.

L. Adult Amateur Hunter: 2'9" to 3'. Local and Regular competitors.

13. Riders 35 years old and younger.
14. Riders over 35 years old.
15. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) horses obtain points in each classification.
16. May be combined with Children's Hunter if there are fewer than three (3) entries.
17. See current USEF specifications for more in-depth eligibility requirements.

J. Children's Hunter: 3'. Local and Regular competitors.

11. Riders 14 years old and younger.
12. Riders 15 to 17 years old.
13. May be combined with Adult Amateur Hunter if there are fewer than three (3) entries.
14. See current USEF specifications for more in-depth eligibility requirements.

K. Thoroughbred Hunter: 2'6" or 3'. Local and Regular competitors.

12. Two sections may be offered, 2'6" and 3'. Sections may be combined if entries (less than three in each section) warrant.

M. Pony Hunter: Regular competitors only.

14. Small (not to exceed 12.2 hands high): 2'3".
15. Medium (over 12.2 hands, not to exceed 13.2 hands high): 2'6".
16. Large (over 13.2 hands, not to exceed 14.2 hands high): 2'9"-3'.
17. 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.
18. 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.

M. Green Pony Hunter: Regular competitors only.

14. Small (not to exceed 12.2 hands high): 2'3".
15. Medium (over 12.2 hands, not to exceed 13.2 hands high): 2'6".
16. Large (over 13.2 hands, not to exceed 14.2 hands high): 2'9".
17. 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.
18. 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.

N. Children's Hunter Pony: Local and Regular competitors.

15. Small and medium ponies: 2'.
16. Large ponies: 2'6".
17. Spreads not to exceed height of fence. No in and outs. Cannot be combined with Children's Hunter.
18. See USEF rules for specifications and eligibility requirements.

O. Baby Green Hunter: 2'6". Local and Regular competitors.

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

P. Low Adult Hunter: 2'6". Local and Regular competitors.

17. Open to all exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.
18. Riders may not cross-enter into any section or classes at the same competition where fence heights exceed 2'9".
19. May be combined with Low Children's Hunter if there are less than three (3) entries.

Q. Low Children's Hunter: 2'6". Local and Regular competitors.

18. Open to all exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.
19. Riders may not cross-enter into the Pony Hunter section or any classes at the same competition where fence heights exceed 2'9".
20. May be combined with Low Adult Hunter if there are less than three (3) entries.

R. Short Stirrup Hunter: 1'6" to 2'. Local and Regular competitors.

19. 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.
20. May be combined with Long Stirrup if there are less than three (3) entries.

S. Long Stirrup Hunter: 1'6" to 2'. Local and Regular competitors.

20. 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. This includes all Children's Hunter Pony heights.
21. May be combined with Short Stirrup if there are less than three (3) entries.

T. Beginner Horse/Pony Hunter: 2'. Local competitors only.

- 21. 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.
- 22. Trotting not penalized.
- 23. Eligibility for this division is two (2) years.

U. Beginner Rider Hunter: 2'. Local competitors only.

- 22. Open to Local riders who have never shown in any 2'6" division. Horses may cross-enter into Low Beginner Hunter. Riders may not cross-enter into any 2'6" class, including jumpers. To be judged as a hunter class.
- 23. Trotting not penalized.

V. Low Beginner Hunter: 18". Local competitors only.

- 23. Open to riders who have never shown in any 2'6" division. Horses may cross-enter into Beginner Rider Hunter. Riders may cross-enter into Crossrails Equitation or Low Beginner Equitation. To be judged as a hunter class.
- 24. Trotting not penalized.

HUNTER DIVISION	YEAR-END AWARD	
	Local	Regular
High Performance Hunter	No	Yes
Performance Hunter	No	Yes
Green Hunter 3' and 3'3"	Yes	Yes
Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9"	No	Yes
Amateur Owner Hunter	No	Yes
Junior Hunter	No	Yes
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3"	Yes	Yes
Junior Hunter 3'3"	Yes	Yes
Modified Children's/Adult Hunter	Yes	Yes
Adult Amateur Hunter	Yes	Yes
Children's Hunter	Yes	Yes
Thoroughbred Hunter	Yes	Yes
Pony Hunter	No	Yes
Green Pony Hunter	No	Yes
Children's Pony Hunter	Yes	Yes
Baby Green Hunter	Yes	Yes
Low Adult Hunter	Yes	Yes
Low Children's Hunter	Yes	Yes
Short Stirrup Hunter	Yes	Yes
Long Stirrup Hunter	Yes	Yes
Beginner Horse/Pony Hunter	Yes	No
Beginner Rider Hunter	Yes	No
Low Beginner Hunter	Yes	No

VII. Hunter Seat Equitation Divisions

A. Age-Group Equitation. Local and Regular competitors who still retain their amateur status. All age groups may be shown separately or in a combined class at their respective fence heights, or classes may be divided into (1) 14 years old and younger, and 15 through 17 years old, (2) 17 and under, or (3) all-age equitation.

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. ~~Adult: 2'9" to 3'3".~~

B. ~~Low Adult Equitation: 2'6". Local and Regular competitors.~~ Children's Equitation: 2'9" to 3'. Local and Regular competitors.

1. ~~Can be combined with Adult Equitation.~~

C. ~~Low Children's Equitation: 2'6". Local and Regular competitors.~~ Adult Equitation: 2'9" to 3'. Local and Regular competitors.

1. ~~Can be combined with Children's Equitation.~~

D. Low Adult Equitation: 2'6". Local and Regular competitors.

1. May not cross-enter any classes 2'9" or higher at the same show.

E. Low Children's Equitation: 2'6". Local and Regular competitors.

1. May not cross-enter any classes 2'9" or higher at the same show.

F. Short Stirrup Equitation: 2". Local and Regular competitors.

1. For riders 11 years old and younger.

G. Long Stirrup Equitation: 2'. Local and Regular competitors.

1. For riders 12 years old and older.

H. Low Beginner Rider Equitation: 18". Local competitors only.

1. Riders may cross-enter into (1) Crossrails Equitation and Low Beginner Hunter only or (2) Low Beginner Hunter and Beginner Rider Hunter only.
2. Trotting not penalized.

I. Crossrails Equitation: Local and Regular competitors.

1. Riders of any age who have not shown over a course of fences higher than 2'.
2. Riders may cross-enter into (1) Walk-Trot Equitation only or (2) Low Beginner Rider Hunter and Low Beginner Rider Equitation only.
3. Trotting not penalized.
4. Divisions will be held as 8 and Under and 9 and Over. Year-end awards will be offered in both age groups.
5. Divisions may be combined if there are less than three (3) entries in either section.

J. Walk-Trot Equitation: Local and Regular competitors.

1. Riders of any age who have not shown over a course of fences higher than 2'.
2. May cross-enter into Crossrails Equitation and other crossrail classes.
3. Divisions will be held as 8 and Under and 9 and Over. Year-end awards will be offered in both age groups.
4. Divisions may be combined if there are less than three (3) entries in either section.

HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION DIVISION	YEAR-END AWARD	
	Local	Regular
Age-Group Equitation	Yes	Yes
Adult Equitation	Yes	Yes
Children's Equitation	Yes	Yes
Low Adult Equitation	Yes	Yes
Low Children's Equitation	Yes	Yes
Short Stirrup Equitation	Yes	Yes
Long Stirrup Equitation	Yes	Yes
Low Beginner Rider Equitation	Yes	No
Crossrails Equitation	Yes	Yes
Walk-Trot Equitation	Yes	Yes

VIII. Jumper Divisions

- A. 0.60-0.65 Jumper** (*formerly Beginning Jumper*): 0.60-0.65 meters. Local competitors only.
- B. 0.75-0.90 Thoroughbred Jumper** (*formerly Thoroughbred Jumper*): Local and Regular 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.
- B. 0.80 Jumper** (*formerly Hopeful Jumper*): 0.80 meters. Local competitors only. Open to all.
- C. 0.80 Junior/Amateur Jumper** (*formerly Intermediate Children's/Adult Jumper*): 0.80 meters. Local and Regular competitors.
- Open to all Juniors and Amateurs.
 - Rider may not cross-enter above 0.85 at the same show except for the 3' Equitation.
- E. 0.95 Junior/Amateur Jumper** (*formerly Novice Children's/Adult Jumper*): 0.95 meters. Local and Regular competitors.
- Open to all Juniors and Amateurs.
- G. Pony Jumper**: Regular competitors only.
- See current USEF rules for class specifications.
- I. 1.0-1.15 Junior/Amateur Jumper** (*formerly Low Children's/Adult Jumper*): 1.0 to 1.5 meters. Local and Regular competitors.
- 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 1.0-1.15 Junior/Amateur Jumper, but may not compete in more than one classic.
- H. 1.0-1.10 Jumper** (*formerly Training or Schooling Jumper*): 1.0-1.10 meters. Local competitors only.
- I. 1.10-1.15 Junior Jumper** (*formerly Children's Jumper*): 1.10-1.15 meters. Local and Regular competitors.
- Riders may not cross-enter into 1.40 Junior Jumper class or any class where fences exceed 1.30 meters at the same competition, with the exception of classes that do not offer prize money.

K. 1.10-1.15 Amateur Jumper (formerly *Adult Jumper*): 1.10-1.15 meters. Local and Regular competitors.

12. Riders may not cross-enter into 1.40 Amateur Jumper classes or any class where fences exceed 1.30 meters at the same competition, with the exception of classes that do not offer prize money.

M. 1.15 Junior/Amateur Jumper (formerly *Modified Children's/Adult Jumper*): 1.15 meters. Local and Regular competitors.

14. Horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any other jumper division at the same show except for 1.0-1.10 Jumpers.

O. 1.20-1.40 Junior/Amateur Jumpers (formerly *Junior/Amateur Jumpers*): 1.20-1.40 meters. Regular competitors only.

P. Open Jumpers: 1.20 meters and up. Regular competitors only. Young Jumpers points will be counted toward Open Jumpers year-end standings. See USEF Specs for fence height and eligibility.

JUMPER DIVISION	YEAR-END AWARD	
	Local	Regular
0.6-0.65 Jumper (formerly Beginner Jumper)	Yes	No
0.75-.0.90 Thoroughbred Jumper (formerly Thoroughbred Jumper)	Yes	Yes
0.80 Jumper (formerly Hopeful Jumper)	Yes	No
0.80 Junior/Amateur Jumper (formerly Intermediate Children's/Adult Jumper)	Yes	Yes
0.95 Junior/Amateur Jumper (formerly Novice Children's/Adult Jumper)	Yes	Yes
Pony Jumper	No	Yes
1.0-1.15 Junior/Amateur Jumper (formerly Low Children's/Adult Jumper)	Yes	Yes
1.0-1.10 Jumper (formerly Training or Schooling Jumper)	Yes	No
1.10-1.15 Junior Jumper (formerly Children's Jumper)	Yes	Yes
1.10-1.15 Amateur Jumper (formerly Adult Jumper)	Yes	Yes
1.15 Junior/Amateur Jumper (formerly Modified Children's/Adult Jumper)	Yes	Yes
1.20-1.40 Junior/Amateur Jumper (formerly Junior/Amateur Jumper)	No	Yes
Open Jumpers	No	Yes

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

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

IX. Hunter Breeding Division

1. Open to Local competitors.
2. 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.
3. 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. **All first- and second-place class winners should return to the ring for Best Young Horse selection.**
4. 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-year-olds 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.
5. Horses selected as Best Young Horse and Reserve Best Young Horse will receive championship and reserve championship points.
6. Shows are encouraged to hold Young Horse Hunter Under Saddle classes to showcase graduates of the Breeding division.

X. 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:
2. 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.
 3. A horse that has not been recorded as Lifetime must be recorded annually and the owner of record must be a member of KHJA.
 4. Only classes that follow KHJA specifications will be counted.
 5. 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 the division does not consist of at least two (2) over fences classes and (1) flat/under saddle class, or 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.
 6. Points accumulated toward High Point Awards by any horse found to have received a forbidden substance and penalized by the USEF shall be nullified.
 7. 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.
 8. The Annual Meeting is separate from the Awards Banquet and is held in November. The KHJA Annual Awards Banquet is held in January. Nominations and Rules will go into effect December 1.

B. Points Values for Year-end Awards.

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

PLACE	LOCAL				CHANNEL II			
	NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS				NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS			
	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1	10	15	20	25	20	25	30	40
2	6	10	15	20	15	20	25	35
3	4	5	10	15	10	15	20	30
4	2	4	5	10	5	10	15	25
5	1	3	4	5	4	5	10	20
6	1/2	2	3	4	3	4	5	15

PLACE	CHANNEL I							
	NATIONAL				PREMIER			
	NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS				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

C. Grand Hunter Champion Awards

4. Regular Competitors:
 - e. Senior Exhibitor: The horse earning the most points in any one Hunter Division shall be named Grand Champion
 - f. 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.

C. Grand Jumper Champion Awards

4. Regular Competitors:
The horse earning the most points in any one Jumper division shall be named Grand Champion.
5. Local Competitors:
The horse earning the most points in any one Jumper division shall be named Grand Champion.

E. Grand Hunter Breeding Champion Award

6. Local Competitors:

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

XI. 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

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. Accumulate 30 points in the following equitation classes at Local or Regular shows:
 - a. Short Stirrup Equitation (2')
 - b. Long Stirrup Equitation (2')
 - c. 11 and under Equitation (2'3")
 - d. 12-14 Equitation (2'6")
 - e. 15-17 Equitation (3'-3'3")
 - f. ~~Adult Equitation (3')~~ Children's/Adult Equitation (2'9'-3')
 - g. Low Children's/Adult Equitation
 - h. KHJA Medal classes and other medal classes
2. 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.
3. The number of entries in the over-fences class will define the designation of points.
4. If a rider earns points at both Regular and Local shows, those points will be combined to determine eligibility for Medal Finals.
5. 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 rulebook.

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. Ribbons will be awarded to (10th) tenth place in each height section.
2. The top two (2) riders in each section will be invited back for a work-off to determine an overall champion. 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. In the workoff, ribbons will be awarded through fourth (4th) place, with the winner receiving special awards.
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, using the 10-6-4-2-1-0.5 point format.
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

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

XII. 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 consent by all exhibitors involved. 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.

XIII. Protest

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

1. In writing.
2. Signed by the protestor
3. Addressed to the Secretary of KHJA, describing the violation and at which show it occurred.
4. Accompanied by a deposit of \$50.
5. Received by an official of KHJA within a timely manner of the alleged violation. The protest will be addressed by the Rules Committee.

XIV. Responsibility of the Horse Show Management

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.

- F. 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.)
- G. Judges must be furnished with judging cards, courses, and, if asked, class specifications.
- H. Schooling area must provide a trot fence, a vertical fence and a spread fence.

XV. For Local Horse Show

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

XVI. Association Page

This must appear in a conspicuous position on the prize list.

The _____ Horse Show is operated in accordance with the current rules of the Kentucky Hunter Jumper Associations.
To be eligible for the year-end awards, the owners and riders must be members and the horse or pony must be registered with the Association.

THE KENTUCKY HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Enclosed is my payment of \$_____ for membership in the KHJA.

- *Family Membership.....\$75
- **Farm Membership.....\$100
- Lifetime Horse Membership.....\$75
- Senior Membership\$45
- Junior Membership\$35
- Horse or Pony\$25

*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).

**A Farm Membership includes one senior membership and registration of three (3) horses.
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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