



2023 SNHSA Rulebook Changes and Amendments

Changes and revisions made to the 2023 SNHSA Rulebook are outlined below. The 2023 SNHSA Rulebook is available on the SNHSA.org website. The following is a summary of all of the changes and additions that were approved by the Board for the 2023 show season.

Summary of changes (all additions are noted in light blue below):

New changes as of 5/22/23

- 1) Adjustment to the current non-pro Crossrail Hunter Division to become the **Jr/Am Crossrail Division**, with hunter and equitation classes, open to non-pro horse/rider combinations.

Article VII

Division 7 – **Jr/Am Crossrail**

Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony must be registered with SNHSA in order for points to accrue for year-end awards. To be judged on performance, soundness and manners. Extreme speed will be penalized. Trotting is allowed. To be shown over a course of fences 18".

Horse/rider combination may not cross-enter over 2'6" at the same show.

1. Classes:

- a. To be shown over a course of fences 18".
- b. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a **walk and trot only**, both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.
- c. Hunt Seat Equitation – flat, walk/trot only, both ways of the ring.
- d. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences 18"

- 2) Deletion of the Open Crossrail Hunter Division.

To replace the function of the Open Crossrail division, Show Managers are required to offer an open warm up over fences class at each show. Management reserves the right to award ribbons and prizes to the non-SNHSA sanctioned warm-up class.

Article V

B. General Requirements for Horse Show Managers

7. Show Managers are required to offer an open warm up crossrail over fences class at each show. Management reserves the right to award ribbons and prizes to the non-SNHSA sanctioned warm-up class.

- 3) Addition of a new division, **High Pony Jumper Division**, and renaming the previous Pony Jumpers division to **Low Pony Jumper Division**:

Article VII

a. **Division 28 - High Pony Jumper – 0.75 to 0.85 meters (2'5" to 2'9")**

Horse/rider combination must choose which pony jumper division to compete in, but must not compete in both divisions at the same show. Optimum time is not mandatory for the High Pony Jumper Division.

To be shown over a course of fences 2'5" to 2'9" with spreads up to 18". Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony registered with SNHSA in order for points to accrue for year-end awards. **Horse/rider combination may not cross-enter the Low Pony Jumper Division at the same competition.**

b. **Division 19 – Low Pony Jumper – 0.65 to 0.70 meters (2'1" to 2'3") - Mandatory Optimum Time (Table IV).**

- i. To be shown over a course of fences 2'1" to 2'3" with spreads up to 18". No solid jumps permitted. Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony registered with SNHSA in order for points to accrue for year-end awards. **Horse/rider combination may not cross-**

enter the High Pony Jumper or any class over 2'6" at the same competition.

4) Addition of cross-entry language for the Kindergarten Jumper Division.

Article VII

Division 18 – Kindergarten Jumper – 0.60 to 0.65 meters (1'11" to 2'1") - Mandatory Optimum Time (Table IV).

- i. To be shown over a course of fences 1'11" to 2'1" with spreads up to 18". No solid jumps permitted. Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony registered with SNHSA in order for points to accrue for year-end awards. Horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into the High Pony Jumper Division or any class over 2'9" at the same competition.

Changes as of 4/19/23

- 1) Article I. Section I: 2023 Board of Directors changes
- 2) Article III. B. Norcal Rulebook Item 2: To specify the horse/pony fee change from last year
- 3) Article IV. E. Horse Registration. Item 4.: Specifying the horse/pony fee change
- 4) Article V. C. Item 1 a. Inclusion of the electronic sports timer rental and responsibilities for show management
- 5) Article VI. A. Item 3. a-c: Clarifying that 3 venues must include a minimum of 2 different physical addresses, at a minimum
- 6) Article VI. A. 4: Exceptions to the Special Declaration Form rules for Speed classes at SNHSA Benefit shows
- 7) Article VI. B. 4. a and b: addition of speed classes at SNHSA Benefit shows
- 8) Article VII. B. Item 19: addition of the Pony Jumper division in Table of Contents and in list of divisions
- 9) Article VII. F.: Addition of cross entry rules for Equitation Over Fence classes
- 10) Article VII. F.: Clarification of the 3-venue rule for Divisions 4 & 5
- 11) Article VII. C. 1-2: Addition and clarification of USEF tests included in Mini Medal, Jr/AM Medal and Medal Finals classes

1) Article I. Section I. 2023 Board of Directors

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2) Article III. B. NorCal Rulebook Item 2

B. NorCal Rulebook

1. SNHSA will follow the rules and regulations of NorCal, whenever possible, for any procedure not covered herein.
2. The requirements for NorCal show approval will not apply to SNHSA shows. The SNHSA sanction fee will remain \$75 per day, per show, plus \$10.00 per horse/pony exhibited.

3) Article IV. E. Horse Registration. Item 4. Horse Fees

E. Horse Registration

4. ALL participants at SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows will be charged a fee of \$10.00 per horse/pony, per show, members and non-members alike. This fee is to be turned over to SNHSA by the horse show managers, and is used to benefit the membership, including, (but not limited to) the purchase of year-end awards.

4) Article V. C. Fees for Show Managers. Item 2

C. Fees and Documentation Requirements for Show Managers

1. The non-refundable horse show sanction fee is \$75 per horse show day.
2. The sanction fee includes the rental of an electronic sports timing system at no additional cost. Show management is responsible for the safety and return of the electronic sports timing system and agrees to repair/replace the system in the event it is damaged while under their care.

5) Article VI. A. Qualification for Accruing Points for Year-End Awards. Item 3. a-c

3. SNHSA offers year-end awards in 27 divisions.
 - a. To be eligible for year-end awards in the Hunter or Jumper divisions, the horse must accumulate 10 points and must participate in three (3) different venues, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum.
 1. If a horse competes in a low participation division at three separate venues, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum, and on four (4) different days, they will be eligible for year-end awards regardless of their point total.
 - b. To be eligible for year-end awards in the Equitation division, the rider must accumulate 10 points and must participate in three (3) different venues, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum.
 1. If a rider competes in a low participation division at three separate venues, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum, and on four (4) different days, they will

be eligible for year-end awards regardless of their point total.

- c. To be eligible for year-end awards in the **Walk/Trot and Beginner Rider Equitation divisions**, the only qualifications are that the rider must be a SNHSA member and must participate in three (3) different venues, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a **minimum**. Criteria for year-end awards are based on points **earned** versus points available. The rider earns 1 point for every Walk/Trot or Beginner Rider Equitation class he/she completes.

6) Article VI. A. 4.b.: Exceptions to the Special Declaration Form rules for Speed classes at SNHSA Benefit shows

4. Exceptions

- b. At the SNHSA Jumper Benefit only, **speed classes corresponding to the heights of the optimum time divisions may be offered**, and points for these would accrue only through a special declaration form. The purpose of these special classes is to better evaluate and prepare riders who are trying to qualify to compete at USHJA Nationals. Points at 1.5 does not apply to any of the speed classes that may be offered at the SNHSA Jumper Benefit Show, but a Special Declaration Form is required for regular points to count.

7) Article VI. B. 4. a and b: addition of speed classes at SNHSA Benefit shows

- a. Hunter derbies, Jumper derbies, Relays and Equitation Classics that are not SNHSA-sanctioned and require Special Declarations will be awarded 1.5 points toward the matching SNHSA division. All of these classes would require a Special Declaration Form for points to be awarded. This does not apply to any of the speed classes that may be offered at the SNHSA Jumper Benefit Show.
- b. At the SNHSA Jumper Benefit only, speed classes corresponding to the heights of the optimum time divisions may be offered, and points for these would accrue only through a special declaration form. The purpose of these special classes is to better evaluate and prepare riders who are trying to qualify to compete at USHJA Nationals.

8) Article VII. B. SNHSA Divisions. Item 19 Addition to Pony Jumper Division in the Table of Contents and in the list of divisions

B. SNHSA Divisions

19. Pony Jumper – 0.65 to 0.70 meters (2'1" to 2'3") Mandatory Optimum Time (Table IV).

9) Article VII. F. Division Descriptions & Specifications

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All Equitation Classes shall have fence heights from 2'3" to 2'6" or 2'9". Riders must choose which fence heights to compete in, but must not compete in both at the same show. Cross-entry rules apply for Equitation Over Fence classes.

Equitation Divisions

Division 1 – Equitation 13 & under

Open to Junior riders aged 13 and under. Rider must be a SNHSA member for points to accrue for year-end awards. The horse/pony does not have to be registered.

- 1. Classes:

- a. Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
- b. Equitation Over Fences – 2'3" to 2'6" or 2'9" Riders entered in the 2'3"-2'6" height may not cross-enter over 2'9" at the same show.

Division 2 – Equitation 14-17

Open to Junior riders ages 14-17. Rider must be a SNHSA member for points to accrue for year-end awards. The horse/pony does not have to be registered.

1. Classes:
 - a. Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
 - b. Equitation Over Fences – 2'3" to 2'6" or 2'9" Riders entered in the 2'3"-2'6" height may not cross-enter over 2'9" at the same show.

Division 3 - Equitation 18 & over

Open to Adult Amateurs (ages 18 & over). Rider must be a SNHSA member for points to accrue for year-end awards. The horse/pony does not have to be registered.

1. Classes:
 - a. Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
 - b. Equitation Over Fences – 2'3" to 2'6" or 2'9" Riders entered in the 2'3"-2'6" height may not cross-enter over 2'9" at the same show.

10) **Article VII. F. Division Descriptions & Specifications. Div. 4 & 5**

Division 4 - Beginner Rider Equitation (Non-Pro)

Rider must be a SNHSA member in order for points to accrue for year-end awards. The horse/pony does not have to be registered. Riders will ride for Gold and Silver year-end awards. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter. **Horse/Rider combination may not cross-enter over 18" at the same show.**

1. Classes
 - a. Hunt seat Equitation - flat
 - b. Hands and Seat – flat and two cross rails not over 18". Trotting fences not to be penalized.
2. Once a rider competes in any class with fences 2' or higher, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division.
3. If any Beginner Rider Equitation class has eight (8) or more entries, it must be split into two sections. Two sets of awards and ribbons must be given, and SNHSA points will be given to each section.
4. Criteria for year-end awards in Beginner Rider Equitation are based on points **earned** versus points available and are as follows:
 - a. 1 point earned for every class the rider enters and completes.
 - 7 points – Gold
 - 5 points – Silver
5. Riders in this division are subject to the three-different venue rule, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum.

Division 5 – Walk/Trot (Non-Pro)

Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony must be registered with SNHSA in order for points to accrue for year-end awards. Riders will ride for Gold, Silver and Bronze year-end awards. Open to beginner riders who have never shown in a class requiring the canter (non-pro). To be judged on performance and manners. Extreme speed will be penalized. **Riders may not cross-enter into any class to be judged at the canter at the same show.** To be shown over a simple course of no more than four (4) poles.

1. Classes:

- a. Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
 - b. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.
 - c. Walk/Trot Equitation Over Poles – Rider to two-point over poles and post the trot in (between, with diagonals to count around the corners but not between poles).
2. If any Walk/Trot class has eight (8) or more entries, it must be split into two sections. Two sets of awards and ribbons must be given, and SNHSA points will be given to each section.
3. Criteria for year-end awards in Walk/Trot are based on points **earned** versus points available and are as follows:
 - a. 1 point earned for every class the rider enters and completes.
 - 10 points – Gold
 - 8 points – Silver
 - 6 points – Bronze
4. Riders in this division are subject to the three-different venue rule, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum.

11) Article VII. C. 1-2: Addition and clarification of USEF tests included in Mini Medal, Jr/AM Medal and Medal Finals classes

C. Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association Medal classes

1. SNHSA Mini Medal – 2'3"

- a. Rider and trainer must be SNHSA members. Registration of horse/pony is not required.
- b. Riders may not cross-enter into any class over 2'6" at the same competition.
- c. To be judged on equitation of the rider.
- d. To be shown over a course of no less than six obstacles 2'3" in height. Oxers may not exceed 18" in width. No solid jumps permitted.
- e. Two tests (1-9, 10 with a simple lead change only, 12-14 or 20) of the USEF rulebook are required during the first round.
- f. Only one rider per horse or pony.
- g. There must be at least two eligible entries to hold the Medal classes at any SNHSA-sanctioned show.
- h. The top eight (8) riders according to points up through the Medal Finals will qualify for the Finals. Points will be calculated in the same manner described in Article VI.B. 3.
- i. Riders in this class may not have competed in the SNHSA JR/AM Medal class within the preceding two years

2. SNHSA Mini Medal Final specifications:

- a. The Mini Medal Final will consist of two rounds to be judged over fences 2'3". Oxers may not exceed 18" in width. No solid jumps permitted.
- b. The order of go for round one will be drawn. Round two will ride low score to high score.
- c. Each phase will be scored numerically and count equally for the overall combined score.
- d. The top four (4) riders plus any rider within three (3) percentage points of the leader will return for a work-off. Two tests (1-9, 10 with a simple lead change only, 12-14 or 20) of the USEF rulebook are required.
- e. The same horse must be ridden through both phases of the competition.
- f. The winner of SNHSA Mini Medal Final is no longer eligible to compete in the SNHSA Mini Medal Class. Mini Medal winners may, however, compete in the JR/AM Medal Class.
- g. There must be a minimum of two (2) entries for the Final class to be held. If there is not

a minimum of two qualified riders, the class will be cancelled and no prize or year-end award shall be given.

- h. Only qualified riders will be allowed to ride in the Final.
- i. Riders in this class may not have competed in the SNHSA JR/AM Medal class within the preceding two years.

3. SNHSA Jr/Am Medal – 2'9"

- a. Rider and trainer must be SNHSA members. Registration of horse/pony is not required.
- b. To be judged on Equitation of the rider.
- c. To be shown over a course of fences 2'9" in height.
- d. Two or more tests (1-22) of the USEF are required of the top four (4) competitors.
- e. Any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those exhibitors called back to test.
- f. Only one rider per horse or pony.
- g. There must be at least two (2) entries to hold the class.
- h. The top eight (8) riders according to points up to the Medal Finals will qualify for the Finals. Points will be calculated in the same manner described in Article VI.B. 3.
- i. Riders in this class may not compete in the SNHSA Mini Medal class in the same year.

4. SNHSA Jr/Am Medal Final specifications:

- a. The JR/AM Medal Final will consist of two qualifying rounds to be judged over fences 2'9" in height.
- b. The order of go for the first round will be drawn; round two will ride low score to high score.
- c. The top four (4) riders plus any rider within three (3) percentage points of the leader will return for a work-off. Two or more tests (1-22) of the USEF are required of the top four (4) competitors.
- d. Each phase will be scored numerically and will count equally toward the overall combined score.
- e. The same horse or pony must be ridden through all phases of the competition.
- f. The winner of the SNHSA JR/AM Medal Final is no longer eligible to compete in the SNHSA Mini or JR/AM Medal Classes.
- g. There must be a minimum of two (2) entries for the Final. If there is not a minimum of two qualified riders for the Final class, the class will be cancelled and no prize or year-end award shall be given.
- h. Only qualified riders will be allowed to ride in the Final.
- i. Riders in this class may not compete in the SNHSA Mini Medal class in the same year