



*SIERRA NEVADA HORSE  
SHOW ASSOCIATION*

*2017 SNHSA  
RULE BOOK  
AND BYLAWS*

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**2017 SNHSA RULES AND BYLAWS**

**Article I**

**Name; Purpose; Objectives; Intent; Vision; Mission; The Sportsman's Charter; Core Values; 2017 Board of Directors**

**A. Name**

The name of the organization shall be "SIERRA NEVADA HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION," herein referred to as SNHSA.

**B. Purpose**

The purpose of **these rules and bylaws are to communicate our culture**, provide guidelines for those who wish to obtain SNHSA sanction for their horse shows, explain the **point system for SNHSA year-end awards, and to present the rules for showmanship and horsemanship. Our organization has used the NorCal Rule Book, United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) and US Equestrian resources for adopting larger community standards, principles and guidelines.**

**C. Objectives**

The objectives of the Association are:

1. To provide a forum representing the best interest of **horses, exhibitors and our equestrian community as a whole in SNHSA equestrian competitions and educational opportunities;**
2. To promote quality schooling (and rated) equestrian competitions throughout Northern Nevada, including year-end championship awards;
3. To make adequate and fair rules governing SNHSA competitions and to enforce them for the common benefit;
4. To assign dates to all competitions recognized by the Association;
5. To provide educational activities and sponsor special equestrian programs.

**D. Intent**

The association's business will be conducted in a not-for-profit manner.

The organization does not contemplate fiduciary profit to the members thereof and is organized for non-profit purposes.

**E. Vision (adopted from US Equestrian)**

To bring the joy of horse sports to as many people as possible.

**F. Mission (adopted from US Equestrian)**

To provide access to and increase participation in equestrian sports at all levels by ensuring fairness, safety and enjoyment.

**G. The Sportsman's Charter (adopted from US Equestrian)**

1. That sport is something done for the fun of doing it and that it ceases to be sport when it becomes a business only, something done for what there is in it;
2. That amateurism is something of the heart and spirit, not a matter of exact technical qualifications;
3. That good manners of sport are fundamentally important;
4. That the code must be strictly upheld;
5. That the whole structure of the sport is not only preserved from the absurdity of undue importance, but is justified by a kind of romance which animates it, and by the positive virtues of courage, patience, good temper, and unselfishness which are demanded by the code;
6. That the exploitation of sport for profit alone kills the spirit and retains only the husk and semblance of the thing;
7. That the qualities of frankness, courage, and sincerity which mark the good sportsman in private life shall mark the discussions of his interests at a competition.

**H. Core Values: RIDE (adopted from US Equestrian)**

1. **Respect:** to honor and celebrate the love of horses and equestrian sport’s traditions which unite SNHSA members of all breeds and disciplines.
2. **Integrity:** an adherence to ethical principles that support the policies and procedures of the sport’s governance.
3. **Dedication:** a commitment to formulating and implementing rules that ensure realistic and fair competitions at all levels.
4. **Enterprise:** to provide the enthusiasm and creativity to grow and advance equestrian sport and the determination and teamwork to face any challenges the future may hold.

**I. 2017 Board of Directors**

	Board member and position	Committees	Contact information
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<b>Fundraising and Sponsorship</b>	<b>Leslie Biederman</b>	Sara Hartman, Felise Canterini, Natalie Davidson
<b>Competition Standards and Structure</b>	<b>Sarah Mullins</b>	Wendy Brownlee, Ashlin Bowen, Lynn Mullins, Elizabeth Reader, Lynne MacLean
<b>Member Education and Opportunities</b>	<b>Ashlin Bowen</b>	Wendy Brownlee, Lynn Mullins, Sarah Mullins, Lynne MacLean, Tiffany Coury, Hayley Bowen
<b>Member Communications and Outreach</b>	<b>Susan Howe</b>	Natalie Davidson, Hayley Bowen, Tiffany Coury, Felise Canterini

**Article II**  
**Election of Board; Duties of Officers and Directors; Points Keeper; Stewards;  
 Meetings; Protocol; Authority; Committees**

**A. Election of Board of Directors**

1. All members of the Board of Directors must be current SNHSA members.
2. Officers will serve without compensation, and each will serve for a minimum of two (2) years.
3. Directors will serve without compensation for a minimum of two years before being eligible to hold a position as President or Vice President.
4. Elections will be held annually for open positions on the Board, and are scheduled to allow the new Board to be duly selected and recognized at the year-end awards celebration.
5. Any SNHSA member may submit his or her name for nomination to the SNHSA Board by the last show of the year. The list of nominees will be presented to the Board of Directors in a fall meeting.
6. Each year the general membership will elect ten (10) to twelve (12) members to serve on the Board for the Association.
  - a. If twelve (12) or fewer people are nominated, no election will be necessary.
  - b. All SNHSA members in good standing may vote, regardless of age.
  - c. The attendance record of the incumbent Board members may be printed on the ballot. Candidate's statements may be included with the balloting material.
7. The outgoing Board and the new Board will be announced at the Year-End Awards Banquet.
8. The new Board will schedule their initial meeting to be held no later than Feb. 15.

**B. Duties of Officers and Directors**

The SNHSA Officers will designate Committees in order to more effectively accomplish the duties and goals of the organization. Any decisions made by a Committee are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. From its members, the Board of Directors will elect and assign those duties as follows:

**Duties of Officers**

1. **President:** The President will preside at all meetings and perform other duties commonly associated with the position.
2. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, or at his/her request.
3. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will be responsible for public relations and promotional activities.
4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer will manage, subject to audit, the financial affairs of the Association. The Treasurer will also prepare any financial reports, budget summaries, and financial statements as needed by the Board of Directors, to keep them informed of the true financial circumstances of the Association.
5. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall perform all duties of a corporate secretary and other duties as the Board may designate; all details and/or problems pertaining to the job of Secretary shall be confined to the Board of Directors.

**Duties of Directors**

1. Directors are required to attend all Board meetings and to notify an officer if they cannot attend.
2. Directors are:
  - a. required to chair or co-chair a committee to effectively accomplish the duties and the goals of the association.

- b. expected to co-steward at least one show with an Officer the first year as a Director.
- c. expected to steward at least one show annually from the second year forward.

### C. Points Keeper

The Points Keeper must be an SNHSA member, and will be appointed by the Board, and shall be a member of the Board. The Points Keeper will keep the official record of all points earned by members at SNHSA-sanctioned shows. Additional duties of the Points Keeper are addressed in Article IV. F and VI. B.

### D. Stewards

An SNHSA Officer or Director shall serve as Steward at all SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows.

1. Once the show calendar has been finalized, the Board of Directors will assign Stewards to each show and notify the show manager of the Steward's name.
2. The Board member serving as the SNHSA Steward is required to be present for the duration of the show, and to carry a current copy of the SNHSA Rules and Bylaws, and any amendments.
3. All complaints or protests by an exhibitor or other SNHSA member at a SNHSA-sanctioned show must first be presented to the Steward at the show. In the event the issue cannot be resolved by the Steward, the following procedure must be followed in order to file a formal complaint or protest:
  - a. The protest or complaint must be in writing, on a form provided by SNHSA (available from the Steward), and must describe all circumstances known to the member, including names of the persons, horses or others involved.
  - b. The protest or complaint must be turned over to the Steward with a check for \$25.00, made out to SNHSA. This is a non-refundable fee.
  - c. The Steward will turn over the formal written complaint, and the accompanying fee, to the SNHSA President or Vice Presidents, along with the Stewards Report.
  - d. Upon receipt of the complaint/protest, a determination will be made as to whether the Board will hear the issue at the next scheduled Board meeting, or whether a special meeting of the Board should be called to deal with an urgent or immediate issue.
  - e. After investigation by one or more designated Board member, which may include interviewing other exhibitors or SNHSA members present, requesting clarification from the person who filed the complaint, and/or an interview of the designated Steward, a report will be made to the Board as a whole to determine what necessary action, if any, is required.
  - f. A written report of the findings will be included in the minutes of the Board meeting, and the person who filed the complaint (and others, as appropriate) will be informed of the Board's findings.
4. For each show, a Steward's report form shall be submitted to the SNHSA President or Vice Presidents, and shall include:
  - a. Steward's name
  - b. Horse show location
  - c. Horse show manager
  - d. Judge's name
  - e. Space available for incidents, comments, resolutions, and protest(s) filed.

### E. Meetings

The SNHSA Board of Directors will meet as frequently as is necessary to attend to the business of the Association.

1. **Schedule:** Meetings shall generally be scheduled monthly.
2. **Quorum:** A quorum shall exist if one more than half of the Board members are present.

3. **Attendance by Board members:** Board members are expected to attend Board meetings.
  - a. Board members shall notify the SNHSA President, Vice President, or Secretary if they cannot attend a meeting. Failure to notify the Board of an absence will be an unexcused absence.
  - b. The Board as a whole reserves the right to review attendance of the Board members, and to replace a Board member who is chronically late, or unable to perform their duties as outlined in the Rules and Bylaws.
  - c. In the event a Board member's attendance is to be reviewed by the Board, said Board member will be notified of the date of the meeting.
  - d. Should a review result in the removal of said Board member, the opening on the Board will be filled by an SNHSA member of the Board's choosing.
4. **Attendance by other SNHSA members:** Any SNHSA member may attend meetings of the Board of Directors. As a courtesy, the SNHSA member is asked to contact the President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President or Secretary to notify them of planned attendance, as space is sometimes limited and occasional location changes occur.
5. **Notice of Meetings:** Notice of upcoming meetings of the Board of Directors will be published in the SNHSA newsletter when possible.

#### F. Protocol

It is the duty of every person elected to the SNHSA Board of Directors to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times when representing SNHSA. At no time should a Board member speak as representing an opinion of the Board on any issue, unless that person has the explicit direction and consent of the Board to do so. At all times, Board members should be constructive and operate in the best interest of the SNHSA members.

#### G. Authority

The Board of Directors shall have the authority and power to determine the proper procedure for and to settle any disputes, as well as to make any other determinations that may be necessary for the proper, efficient and fair administration of these rules. This authority and power applies to ambiguity in the rules, or absence of applicable rule, or interpretation of existing rule or situation, or making exceptions to existing rules, or any other determination in the interest of justice, fairness and good sportsmanship.

#### H. Committees

The SNHSA Board of Directors will designate committees in order to more effectively accomplish the duties and goals of the organization.

##### 1. Selection

Committees will be reviewed and designated at the first Board of Directors meeting each year, or at other times as necessary. Members of the committees will be appointed and/or approved by the Officers.

##### 2. Duties

Each committee will serve to accomplish specific goals, and will be subject to additional duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors throughout the year. Duties of standing committees are outlined below.

##### 3. Chairpersons

The Chair for each standing committee will be assigned by the Board of Directors at the first Board meeting of the year, or at other times as necessary. The Chair may then solicit committee members from both the Board and/or the general membership.

**Duties of the Chair** shall include:

- a. To keep a record of the agendas and committee meetings, to be made available to the



Board upon request.

- b. Upon retirement, the Chair will be required to submit all information regarding his/her respective committee to the new Chairperson, in order to maintain a smooth and orderly transition.

#### **4. Standing Committees**

- a. The **Membership Communications and Outreach Committee** dedicates itself to providing information to SNHSA members including, but not limited to, the organization's mission and organization contacts, general membership information, the show season and events calendar, points standings, general SNHSA information, educational opportunities and sponsorship information through website, newsletter and social media platforms.
- b. The **Member Education and Opportunities** dedicates itself to promoting the culture of SNHSA as well as providing educational opportunities to both members and the community.
- c. The **Competition Standards and Structure Committee** dedicates itself to ensuring the safety and quality of all SNHSA competitions.
- d. The **Awards and Recognition Committee** dedicates itself to overseeing all aspects of the year-end awards banquet, division awards and points management.
- e. The **Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee** dedicates itself to obtaining sponsorships for all sanctioned divisions and fundraising efforts.

### **Article III**

#### **Procedures for Rule Changes; Amendments to the Rules and Bylaws; NorCal Rule Book; Distribution of Rule Book**

The Association accomplishes its purpose through a set of rules created by the Association's Board of Directors. Rules may be changed, added to, or deleted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors. **The Board of Directors maintains the sole right to enact new rules, and to determine the need for, and make rule changes.**

#### **A. Procedures for Rule Changes:**

1. Any proposed rule changes may be submitted by a SNHSA member, in writing, to a Board member at any time.
2. A Proposed Rule Change form will be available on the SNHSA website to give the general membership the opportunity to propose rule changes.
3. All proposed rule changes will be discussed and voted on at a Board meeting following receipt of the proposed change. If the majority of the Board approves the change, then the rule change will be published in the next newsletter.

#### **B. Amendments to the Rules and Bylaws**

1. Minor corrections or modifications that do not change the intent or spirit of the original rule may be made at any time, as determined by the Board.
2. A majority vote of the Board members present shall be required to approve and adopt such changes, modifications or amendments.

#### **C. NorCal Rule Book**

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 \$5.00 per horse/pony exhibited.

**D. Distribution of SNHSA Rule Book**

1. Copies of the rule book are available online at the SNHSA website, SNHSA.org. Hard copies of the current year's SNHSA Rule Book are available for \$10.

**Article IV**

**Membership; Terms; [Membership types and fees](#); Conditions of Participation;  
Horse Registration; Official Records; Dress Code; Safety-Helmet Rule;  
Welfare of the Horse; Stallions; Dogs at SNHSA shows**

**A. Membership**

1. Any person may become a member upon filling out an application for membership, and paying the dues fixed by the Association.
2. Renewing members must be in good standing: all dues, entry fees, and/or registration fees, as well as any required information or documentation from previous years must be current.
3. Membership is effective as of the date that the correct and complete application and proper fees are received.
4. The SNHSA Secretary, upon receipt of the membership application and dues, will assign a SNHSA membership number and will notify the member by email.
5. The Board of Directors is authorized to set the dollar amounts required for membership, for horse/pony registration and other fees or fines as necessary.
6. The SNHSA records are the only official records of the winnings of horses/ponies at SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows.

**B. Terms**

1. **Junior Rider:** an individual who has not reached his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of Dec. 1 of the year prior to the competition year. [Example: A rider whose 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls on Dec. 14, 2016 will be considered a Junior rider for the entirety of the following competition year, 2017]
  - a. \*Junior riders must have a trainer present when schooling or competing over fences at any SNHSA-sanctioned horse show.
  - b. [The age of a rider on Dec. 1 will be maintained throughout the competition year.](#)  
Example: A rider who is 13 on Dec. 1 will ride in the Equitation 13 & Under division for the entire following competition year.
  - c. [Persons born on Dec. 1 will assume the greater age on that date.](#)
2. **Professional rider:** an individual over the age of 18 is considered a professional if the individual gives instruction, rides, shows, trains, or schools horses other than horses actually owned or leased by the individual or a family member. (e.g. trainer, assistant trainer, working student, exercise rider, intern).
3. **Amateur rider:** an individual over the age of 18 is considered an amateur if the individual rides and shows a horse or horses actually owned or leased by the individual or a member of their family and is not getting any compensation for riding, schooling or showing.
4. **Competition year:** for the purpose of these rules, the competition year is defined as the first show [of the season in the spring](#), ending at the [final show of the season in the fall](#).

**C. [Membership types and fees](#)**

[A SNHSA membership expires Dec. 31 of each year. Year-end points will accrue upon receipt of the competition membership application and fees.](#)

**1. [Competition Membership](#)**

[A Competition Membership is \\$30 per person and includes access to all member benefits, as well as earning points in SNHSA-sanctioned events for year-end awards.](#)

**2. Advocate Membership**

An Advocate Membership is \$25 per person and includes access to all member benefits, but does not earn points in SNHSA-sanctioned events for year-end awards.

**3. Non-Member Fee**

Non-members are welcome to participate in SNHSA-sanctioned events for a fee of \$20 per show if participating in at least one SNHSA-sanctioned class. If a non-member pays the non-member fee then wishes to join SNHSA membership for member benefits and year-end awards, they have seven (7) days from the show date to join and the \$20 Non-Member fee will be put towards the cost of the membership.

**D. Conditions of Participation at SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows**

Each person, by becoming a member of SNHSA, agrees and promises to indemnify and hold SNHSA harmless (for him/herself, his/her heirs, children, minor dependents, spouses, and/or wards), as well as the SNHSA Board of Directors, and any persons working on behalf of SNHSA, of and from any and all obligation, liability, claim, injury or damage sustained or incurred by said person, or by his/her horse, pets, other property or family members, or as a direct or indirect result of any participation in, or presence at any horse show, meeting, event, or any other activity of any kind or nature whatsoever, in which the SNHSA may be involved or associated, with the same identification to include any and all legal expenses that may be incurred.

**E. Horse Registration**

Annual horse/pony registration fee is not required for those ridden **ONLY** in Equitation Divisions 1-3 (13 & under; 14-17; 18 & over), or those ridden in a Medal class, **however the RIDER must be a SNHSA member for points to accrue in these and ALL OTHER divisions.** If the rider wishes to ride the **same** horse/pony in any other division (including Long/Short Stirrup Divisions) for which s/he wishes to accumulate points for year-end awards, the horse/pony fee must be paid.

1. Annual horse/pony registration fee is \$15.00 and expires on Dec. 31. Horse/pony registration fees must be paid, as must the membership fees for the riders of registered horses/ponies, in order to accrue points toward SNHSA year-end awards. [Note: the requirement that the owner of a horse/pony to accrue points must be a member has been eliminated].
2. Horse/pony registration becomes effective upon receipt of the completed application and proper fees by the SNHSA Secretary, or by the horse show secretary, if application and fees are turned in at a horse show. Points will accrue from that date forward and **will not accrue retroactively.**
3. Horse/pony must be entered at all sanctioned shows with the name EXACTLY as it appears on the application form on file, in order for points to accrue.
4. **ALL** participants at SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows will be charged a fee of \$5.00 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.

**F. Official Records**

SNHSA's records are the only official records of points for horses/ponies, and riders at SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows.

1. The SNHSA Points Keeper is charged with the task of keeping, maintaining, and updating the official point totals for the purposes of determining year-end awards. For additional information regarding points, see Article V.

**G. Dress Code**

In the tradition of the show ring: riders shall be properly attired for each class in question; all attendants shall be neatly dressed; and horses and/or ponies must be properly presented.

**H. Safety (Helmet Rule)**

The Board of Directors of SNHSA unanimously adopted the following Equestrian Helmet Rule, effective 4/8/03. The rule states: **The SNHSA requires ALL riders to wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets while mounted anywhere on the horse show grounds.** No helmet can protect the wearer against all injuries, but there is significant evidence that wearing approved helmets can help to prevent or lessen serious injury. [For Information regarding the USEF helmet rule, the definition of ASTM/SEI, and other pertinent information see [www.equestrian.org](http://www.equestrian.org).]

1. **The harness must be secured and properly fitted.**
2. **Any rider violating this rule at any time must be immediately prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.**
3. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors, and/or their parents, and/or their guardians (in the case of Junior riders) to make sure the Helmet worn is ASTM/SEI approved.

**I. Welfare of the Horse**

For the welfare of the horse/pony, horses/ponies may not enter and show in more than six (6) classes in a day.

**J. Stallions**

Stallions are not permitted to be ridden by a Junior rider. For the safety of Junior riders, stallions will not be permitted in the warm-up ring when Junior riders are schooling. Owners/riders of stallions must check in with the horse show manager upon arrival at show grounds.

**K. Dogs at SNHSA shows**

**SNHSA requires that dogs be on a leash at all sanctioned events.** Dog owners are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors.

**Article V**

**Purpose of Show Standards; General Requirements for Horse Show Managers;  
Fees & Documentation Requirements for Show Managers; Fees to be collected by Show  
Managers, Submission of Show Results, Fines for Late Submissions; and Location of SNHSA  
Benefit and/or benefit shows**

**A. Purpose of Show Standards**

To improve, and/or maintain the quality of SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows.

1. Steward's reports should be filed following each horse show for the purpose of bringing any short-comings, problems, protests, or other issues of interest to the general membership, or that require review or action by the Board.
2. To ensure the safety and comfort of both exhibitors and spectators, Show Managers are required to comply with the following show standards:
  - a. Safe jumps
  - b. Safe footing
  - c. Adequate warm up area
  - d. Food
  - e. Adequate restrooms
  - f. Proper distances between fences

**B. General Requirements for Horse Show Managers**

1. Managers of SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows must be members in good standing (any and all fees and documentation required from previous year(s) to be current, as well as those of the current show season).

2. **Managers are responsible for knowledge of the SNHSA Rules and Bylaws, and are subject to the fines and late fees described therein.** Each manager will be limited to a maximum of three (3) SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows at a facility each year.
3. Additional shows may be held at the facility in the case of approved benefit shows, a SNHSA Benefit and/or benefit show. These shows are staffed by SNHSA Board of Directors and/or other volunteers. All proceeds from the show, less the agreed upon fee for the host facility, will go to SNHSA.
5. It is recommended that as many classes as possible, from as many SNHSA divisions as possible, be offered at SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows. It is **REQUIRED** that **at least fifteen (15) classes of the twenty-four (24) divisions be offered.**
6. No SNHSA-approved class may be cancelled if there are at least two (2) entries, except in cases of inclement weather, with such determination to be at the discretion of the show manager, judge, the SNHSA show steward, or any combination thereof.
7. Show Managers are **REQUIRED** to offer the SNHSA Medal classes (Article VII. C.) in their schedules. Both Medal classes require a **minimum of 2 entries** for the class to be held (except the Medal Finals for each, as noted in Articles VII. C. 2. g-h and VII.C. 4 g-h) Rider and trainer must be members of SNHSA in order to compete in Medal classes.
8. Managers may reserve the right to combine and/or split small/large entry classes.
9. The names of the sponsor(s) of each division should be announced when a class is called to the ring, or at the time ribbons are awarded for each class, or both.
10. The show's prize list must include this statement: *For the welfare of the horse, horses/ponies may not enter or show in more than six (6) classes in a day.*

#### C. Fees and Documentation Requirements for Show Managers

1. The **non-refundable** horse show sanction fee is \$75 per horse show day.
2. The SNHSA Board of Directors will set a preliminary show schedule at the February meeting, with input from the previous year's show managers, who shall be given preference for comparable show dates for the current competition year. Any show manager (previous or new) should contact the Board **prior** to the February meeting to make their requests for specific dates.
3. **March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline** each year for submitting date reservation applications (form provided by SNHSA), and the \$75 sanction fee for each horse show day (two-day show: \$150, etc.).
4. If the show sanction fee of \$75 is not received in due time, the sanction fee will increase to \$90 per horse show day.
5. After March 1, all dates for which the application and fees have not been paid shall be released and become available to any applicant for a sanctioning fee of \$90. Dates not reserved shall not be "approved" in the publication of the SNHSA show schedule in the March newsletter, or ANY subsequent issues, until proper fees and documentation are received by the Board. Applicants have 30 days to submit their show requests for approval. The show calendar will be confirmed by the April meeting.
6. A fine may be charged for each day the application and supporting documentation is late. Fines must be paid within 30 days of billing in order for the Manager to remain in good standing with SNHSA. Prize lists are distributed to the membership as a part of the SNHSA e-newsletter and will be available on the SNHSA website, SNHSA.org.
7. The following must be submitted at least 60 days prior to show date:
  - a. Copy of Prize List
  - b. Name of Judge
  - c. Name of Show Secretary
  - d. Name of SNHSA Show Steward
8. Managers will be advised of any problems with their applications, or other supporting

documentation, within 14 days from the date received

9. Changes may not be made to prize lists 30 days prior to the show. (Excluding non-SNHSA-sanctioned classes.)
10. **Judges must have at least a USEF recorded hunter/jumper (“r”) status**, or be included on the Sacramento Area Hunter/Jumper Association (SAHJA) approved judges list. No member of a judge’s family or any of the judge’s clients may compete in any SNHSA show unless the relationship is terminated at least 30 days prior to the competition.
11. Each SNHSA-sanctioned show must be attended by a SNHSA Board member, who will serve as the Show Steward.

#### **D. Fees to be collected by Show Managers, Submission of Show Results, Fines for Late Submissions**

1. Horse show managers **must** collect a \$5.00 fee, per horse/pony exhibited **from both SNHSA members and non-members**. This money is to be submitted in full, by the Manager, to the SNHSA Board **within five (5) days** of the SNHSA-sanctioned show’s completion. Horse show managers **must** turn in their **complete and accurate show results, and a Master Roster, along with the \$5.00 SNHSA fees collected**, to the SNHSA Board within **five (5) days** of the sanctioned show’s completion.
  - a. All pre-paid members will be issued a membership number. Non-members will be charged a **\$20 non-member fee per show** which must also be collected and submitted to the SNHSA Board within five (5) days of the sanctioned show’s completion.
2. **A fine of \$10 per day (maximum \$300)** may be charged for each day show results are late. Payment due **within 30 days** of billing by SNHSA in order for Manager to remain in good standing with SNHSA.

#### **E. Location of SNHSA Benefit Show and/or benefit shows**

1. The SNHSA Benefit Show will be held at a facility and date voted on by the Board of Directors.
  - a. For year-end awards in the Equitation Division: For the purpose of venue, **a rider** who wishes to accrue points for year-end awards, and who already has two different venues, may designate the SNHSA Benefit Show as a third, or “wild card” venue
  - b. For year-end awards in Jumper or Hunter divisions: For the purpose of venue, for **horses** to accrue points for year-end awards with two different venues already, the Benefit Show can be designated as a third, or “wild card” venue.
2. All show managers who held SNHSA-sanctioned shows at their facilities during the competition year will be eligible to host the Benefit Show.
3. The SNHSA Mini Medal and SNHSA JR/AM Medal Finals will be held separately from the SNHSA Benefit Show at a facility and date voted on by the Board of Directors.
4. **\*Refunds of entry fees will be at the discretion of each show manager.**

### **Article VI**

#### **Qualification for Accruing Points for Year-End Awards; Calculating Points; Points Discrepancies; Official Records**

##### **A. Qualification for Accruing Points for Year-End Awards**

- a. **The requirement that owners of horses/ponies (if different than the rider) must be members has been eliminated.** Riders, and in *most* cases their horses/ponies, **must be members of SNHSA in order to accrue points for year-end awards.** The exception is for horses/ponies ridden **ONLY** in Equitation Divisions 1-3, or the two SNHSA Medal classes. **However**, it is important to note that if the rider wishes to show the equitation mount in any

other SNHSA division for which s/he would like to accrue points for year-end awards, the horse/pony **MUST** be registered with SNHSA.

- b. **For members with trainers:** if the trainer will be showing the horse in any division from which accrual of points is desired, or if the exhibitor is participating in either of the SNHSA Medal classes, **the trainer must be a member of SNHSA** for points to accrue.
2. Membership is effective as of the date the correct and accurate application and required fees are received by the SNHSA Board; or by the show secretary of any SNHSA-sanctioned horse show, if the application is turned in at that show. **Points begin to accrue from that date forward and are not retroactive.**
3. SNHSA offers year-end awards in **24** 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.
  - 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.
  - c. **To be eligible for year-end awards in the Walk-Trot division, the only qualifications are that the rider must be a SNHSA member and must participate in three (3) different venues. Criteria for year-end awards are based on points earned versus points available. The rider earns 1 point for every Walk-Trot class he/she competes in.**
4. **Point Declarations for special classes at sanctioned shows**  
 In order for points to be allocated from special classes offered at SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows, riders must complete a **SNHSA Special Class Declaration Form**. Unless the Special Class Declaration Form is completed and submitted to the show secretary at the time of entry or prior to the start of the class, riders will not receive points for the special class.
  - a. **Special Jumper Classes:**
    - 1) If the special jumper class is **at or below 2'6"** the following divisions are eligible for points allocation:
      - Junior/Amateur: Kindergarten Jumpers, Puddle Jumpers, Pre-training Jumpers
      - Professional: Kindergarten Jumpers, Puddle Jumpers, Pre-training Jumpers
    - 2) If the special jumper class is **at or above 2'9"** the following divisions are eligible for points allocation:
      - Junior/Amateur: Level I, Level II, Level III, Level IV, Level V
      - Professional: Level I, Level II, Level III, Level IV, Level V
  - b. **Special Hunters Classes:**
    - 1) If the special hunters class is **at or below 2'6"** the following divisions are eligible for points allocation:
      - Junior/Amateur: Pony Hunters, Short/Long Stirrup, Mini Hunters, Special Hunters, Modified Child/Adult Hunters
      - Professional: Mini Hunters, Special Hunters
    - 2) If the special hunters class is **at or above 2'9"** the following divisions are eligible for points allocation:
      - Junior/Amateur: Low Hunters, Children's/Adult Amateur Hunters, Modified Open Hunters, Junior/Amateur Owner Hunters
      - Professional: Low Hunters, Modified Open Hunters
  - c. **Special Equitation Classes:**
    - 1) For a special equitation class, all age appropriate equitation divisions are eligible to Juniors and Amateurs
5. For purposes of year-end points, points earned at the SNHSA Benefit Show in any SNHSA-sanctioned division class will count as double. (See Article VI, Section C)

## B. Calculating Points

1. Year-end points for **riders**, horses or horse/rider combinations will be based on the top 10 points-earning shows for the year in each division *regardless of the number of shows attended*.
  - a. Horses or riders competing in more than 10 shows could possibly have different shows count for different divisions; however, only the 10 highest point-earning shows per division will count towards year-end awards.
  - b. In the case of a multi-day show, **only 3 classes per division** will count towards year-end awards.
  - c. **Year-end points for the Walk-Trot division will be awarded to the rider based on points earned.**
2. Show results for SNHSA-sanctioned horse shows are sent to the Board by the Show Managers or handed to the Steward or Points Keeper at the end of the show. The Board and the official Points Keeper shall work in conjunction with one another to calculate the points earned and posted for each show. The records kept by SNHSA are the only official records for riders/horses/ponies at SNHSA-sanctioned shows.
3. At all SNHSA-sanctioned shows, points that accrue for year-end awards are calculated as follows:
  - a. When there are six (6) or more entries\* in a class, points will be awarded as follows:
    - 7 points for first place
    - 5 points for second place
    - 4 points for third place
    - 3 points for fourth place
    - 2 points for fifth place
    - 1 point for sixth place

**[Note of clarification: Each Show Manager is responsible for communicating to the judge that the class should be placed through sixth (or a “reserve” noted) even if prizes only go through 5<sup>th</sup>.]**
  - b. When there are less than six (6) entries in class, points will be awarded as follows:
    - 5 entries: 6-4-3-2-1
    - 4 entries: 5-3-2-1
    - 3 entries: 4-2-1
    - 2 entries: 3-1
  - c. **\*Entries** are those contestants who actually enter the ring to be judged, whether or not they incur elimination due to falls, refusals, off-course, etc.
  - d. **Criteria for year-end awards in Walk-Trot are based on points earned versus points available and are as follows:**
    - 1 point earned for every class the rider enters and competes in.
    - 10 points: Gold
    - 8 points: Silver
    - 6 points: Bronze
4. Points earned at the **SNHSA Benefit Show** in any SNHSA-sanctioned division class will count as double. Therefore, points that accrue for year-end awards at the Benefit Show will be calculated as follows:
  - a. When there are six (6) or more entries\* in a class, points will be awarded as follows:
    - 14 points for first place
    - 10 points for second place
    - 8 points for third place
    - 6 points for fourth place
    - 4 points for fifth place
    - 2 points for sixth place



b. When there are less than six (6) entries in class, points will be awarded as follows:

- 5 entries: 12-8-6-4-2
- 4 entries: 10-6-4-2
- 3 entries: 8-4-2
- 2 entries: 6-2

5. SNHSA members who show in Hunter and Equitation Classics (sometimes called “stakes”) held at SNHSA-sanctioned shows, **that otherwise meet all the criteria for any particular SNHSA division** for which the rider (horse, pony or horse/rider combination) is eligible, will have points counted for that division.
6. **Cross-Entry Policy:** SNHSA will strictly enforce cross-entry restrictions as described in each affected division in the SNHSA Rule Book (Article VII). In the event a cross-entry is inadvertently made by an exhibitor, or accepted by a SNHSA-sanctioned horse show secretary, the following method shall be used to determine the eligibility for points:
  - a. For a class that the exhibitor is otherwise eligible, one class or the other must be designated as a schooling round, BEFORE either class occurs. In the event such designation is not received and noted by the show secretary BEFORE either class occurs, **the first class in which the exhibitor rides at that show will be counted for points, and any other subsequent classes affected by SNHSA cross-entry restrictions at that show will not count for points under any circumstances.**

### C. Points Discrepancies

1. Members are *encouraged to keep their own points totals*, as well as to check their points totals in **each** issue of the newsletter/points bulletin to make certain they are correct.
2. Reports of suspected errors **must be submitted in writing within 30 days of publication.**
3. **EXCEPTION:** For the **final points bulletin** of the year, discrepancies **must be reported within 15 days.**
4. **In both cases, once the grace period (30 days/15 days for the final points bulletin) has expired, the points will stand as published.**

### D. Official Records

1. **The records kept by the SNHSA are the ONLY official records for riders and/or horses at SNHSA-sanctioned shows.**
2. To keep these records consistent and to accrue points for year-end awards, a horse must be entered at any given show **EXACTLY** as the name appears on the Membership Application form on file with SNHSA [Article IV.A. and C.]
3. A horse/pony may be added at any time during the year, **but points will not begin to accrue until: the horse is registered with SNHSA and the necessary fees are paid; and until the rider of the horse is verified to be a SNHSA member(s) prior to or on the day points were earned** [Article IV.A. and C.]

## Article VII

### **General information regarding SNHSA Divisions; SNHSA Divisions, List of Divisions; SNHSA Medal classes; Division Descriptions & Specifications**

#### A. General Information regarding SNHSA Divisions

1. There will be no minimum requirements for the number of times a class for any particular division is offered during the competition year.
2. **Year-end Awards:** Special awards are presented to the top five placings in each division.
  - a. **Criteria for year-end awards in Walk-Trot are based on points earned versus points available and are as follows:**
    - 1 point earned for every class the rider enters and competes in.

10 points – Gold  
 8 points – Silver  
 6 points – Bronze

**B. SNHSA Divisions:** [For specifications of each division, see Article VII. D]

**[NOTE: For Equitation Divisions 1-3 and the two SNHSA Medal classes, the horse/pony does not have to be registered with SNHSA; however the RIDER must be a member for points to accrue in these, and ALL OTHER divisions. If the rider wishes to ride the same horse/pony in any other division (including Long/Short Stirrup) for which s/he wishes to accumulate points for year-end awards, the horse/pony's registration fee MUST be paid.]**

1. **Equitation 13 & under (2'3" to 2'6") or (2'9")**
2. **Equitation 14-17 (2'3" to 2'6") or (2'9")**
3. **Equitation 18 & over (2'3" to 2'6") or (2'9")**
4. **Walk-Trot (Non-Pro)**
5. **Crossrail Hunters (18")**
6. **Pony Hunters (2'0" to 2'3")**
7. **Short Stirrup (2'0" to 2'3") Hunters/Equitation (17 and under, Non-Pro)**
8. **Long Stirrup (2'0" to 2'3") Hunters/Equitation (18 and over, Non-Pro)**
9. **Mini Hunters (2' to 2'3") Open**
10. **Special Hunters (2'3" to 2'6") Open**
11. **Modified Child/Adult Hunters (2'3" to 2'6") (Non-Pro)**
12. **Low Hunters (2'9") Open**
13. **Children's/Adult Amateur Hunters (2'9" to 3'0") (Non-Pro)**
14. **Modified Open Hunters (3'3") Open**
15. **Junior/Amateur Owner Hunters (3'6") (Non-Pro)**
16. **Kindergarten Jumpers – 0.60 to 0.65 meters (Table V) (1'11" to 2'1")**
17. **Puddle Jumpers – 0.70 to 0.75 meters (Table V) (2'3" to 2'5")**
18. **Pre-training Jumpers – 0.75 to 0.85 meters (Table V) (2'5" to 2'9")**
19. **Level I Jumpers – 0.85 to 0.95 meters (2'9" to 3'1")**
20. **Low Child/Adult Amateur Jumpers – 0.85 to 0.95 meters (2'9" to 3'1") (Non-Pro)**
21. **Level II Jumpers – 0.95 to 1.0 meters (3'1" to 3'3")**
22. **Level III Jumpers – 1.0 to 1.05 meters (3'3" to 3'5")**
23. **Level IV Jumpers – 1.05 to 1.15 meters (3'5" to 3'9")**
24. **Level V Jumpers – 1.15 to 1.25 meters (3'9" to 4'1")**

**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) of the USEF rule book 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. A minimum of six (6) points qualifies a rider for the Finals. Points will be calculated in the same manner described in Article VI.C. 4.
- i. Eligible riders who have won a Medal class during the competition year, or who have accumulated six points to qualify for the Finals, may continue to ride in additional Mini Medal classes throughout the year.

- j. 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) of the USEF rule book 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. A minimum of six (6) points qualifies a rider for the Final. Points will be calculated in the same manner described in Article VI.C. 4.
- 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 (1-19) 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. A minimum of six (6) points qualifies a rider for the Final. Points will be calculated in the same manner described in Article VI. C. 4.
- i. Eligible riders who have won a Medal class during the competition year, or who have accumulated six (6) points to qualify for Final, may continue to ride in additional Medal classes throughout the year.
- j. 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 (1-19) 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. A minimum of six (6) points qualifies a rider for the Final. Points will be calculated in the same manner described in Article VI. C. 4.
- i. Riders in this class may not compete in the SNHSA Mini Medal class in the same year.

#### **D. Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association JR/AM Challenge Cup Tournament**

1. The SNHSA JR/AM Challenge Cup Tournament will take place annually at a facility and date voted on by the Board of Directors.
2. Riders competing in the tournament must be junior or amateur members of SNHSA in good standing.
3. The SNHSA JR/AM Challenge Cup Tournament will be conducted under a prix de nations format. Jumper teams of three (3) will ride two rounds each and be judged for time and penalties. Teams of two (2) will be permitted, but there will be no dropped score.
4. The jumper teams compete at two levels: 2'9" and 3'3". Teams must have one rider at each level and the final rider of the team may choose the level at which they compete. Substitution of horse or rider on a team may only be done with the permission of the show committee. Coordinating Hunt coats, saddle pads, horse leg wear, etc. is encouraged for each team. Teams must also declare a chef d'equipe.
5. Those horse/rider combinations riding at 2'9" may not have competed in classes over 3'3" in current show year. Each horse may only compete on one team.
6. Each rider will be scored for their round based on fewest faults in the fastest time over the course. At the end of Round 1, each team of three will drop their highest (most time and faults) scores. The remaining two scores will be added together for total time and total faults. The top eight (8) teams will move into Round 2. The highest of the three scores (not necessarily the same rider) will again be dropped and the remaining two added together. Then the Round 1 and Round 2 overall team scores are combined for a grand total.
7. Tournament will be conducted over two rounds using a jumper course of not less than 10 fences. All riders at a particular level will jump their rounds, fences will be raised to the next height, and all riders at that height will jump their rounds, etc. When all riders have jumped once, first round scores will be tabulated and the second round may begin.
8. At the conclusion of the second round, scores will be tabulated and the winning team declared. Team with the least amount of faults in the fastest combined time is the winner.
9. A Jump-Off will be held after Round 2, should any teams tie with a final combined score of 0 faults, regardless of time. One rider shall Jump-Off for each team, elected by their team members and chef d'equipe. For those tied with one or more faults, the tie-breaker shall be determined by the team with the fastest combined times from both Round 1 and 2.
10. Team prizes to 1<sup>st</sup> and ribbons through 8<sup>th</sup> will be awarded.

#### **E. Division Descriptions & Specifications**

**[NOTE: For Equitation Divisions 1-3 and the SNHSA Medal classes, the horse/pony does not have to be registered with SNHSA; however the RIDER must be a member for points to accrue in these, and ALL OTHER divisions. If the rider wishes to ride the same horse/pony**

**in any other division (including Long/Short Stirrup Divisions) for which s/he wishes to accumulate points for year-end awards, the same horse/pony fee must be paid.]**

- 1. 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.

#### **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:**
  - Classes: Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
  - Equitation Over Fences – **2'3" to 2'6" or 2'9"**

#### **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:**
  - Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
  - Equitation Over Fences – **2'3" to 2'6" or 2'9"**

#### **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:**
  - Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
  - Equitation Over Fences – **2'3" to 2'6" or 2'9"**

#### **Division 4 – 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:**
  - Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
  - 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Criteria for year-end awards in Walk-Trot are based on points earned versus points available and are as follows:**
  - 1 point earned for every class the rider enters and competes in.
    - 10 points – Gold
    - 8 points – Silver
    - 6 points – Bronze

#### **Division 5 – Crossrail Hunters – 18" Open**

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, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse’s mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

**Division 6 – Pony Hunters (under 14.2 hands) – 2’0” to 2’3”**

Open to Junior riders only 17 & under. Rider must be a SNHSA member and pony must be registered with SNHSA in order for points to accrue for year-end awards. Manner and suitability of pony for rider are to be emphasized in all classes. Extreme speed will be penalized. Light contact with the pony’s mouth is required. Ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

**1. Classes:**

- a. Pony Hunters to be judged over a course of fences 2’0” to 2’3”.
- b. PCHA, NorCal and USEF jump heights (2’3”, 2’6”, and 3’0”) will apply at rated shows.
- c. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse’s mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

**Division 7 – Short Stirrup – 2’0” to 2’3” (17 and under, Non-Pro)**

Points for this division will be awarded to the horse or pony/rider combination. Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony must be registered with SNHSA in order for points to accrue for year-end awards. Open to **beginner riders** age 17 and under (Non-Pro). To be judged on performance and manners. Extreme speed will be penalized. **Riders may not cross-enter into any class over 2’6” at the same competition.** To be shown over a course of fences 2’0” to 2’3”. Oxers may not exceed 18” in width. No solid jumps permitted.

**1. Classes:**

- a. Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
- b. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences – 2’0” to 2’3”
- c. Hunters – 2’0” to 2’3”
- d. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse’s mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

**\* Once a rider competes for two (2) years in the Short Stirrup Division, they will no longer be eligible for a year-end award.**

**\*Competing in one or more classes in this division within the calendar year counts as 1 year.**

**Division 8 – Long Stirrup – 2’0” to 2’3” (18 and over, Non-Pro)**

Points for this division will be awarded to the horse or pony/rider combination. Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse must be registered with SNHSA in order for points to accrue for year-end awards. Open to **beginner riders** age 18 and over (Non-Pro). To be judged on performance and manners. Extreme speed will be penalized. **Rider may not cross enter into any class over 2’6” at the same competition.** To be shown over a course of fences 2’0” to 2’3”. Oxers may not exceed 18” in width. No solid jumps permitted.

**1. Classes:**

- a. Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
- b. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences – 2’0” to 2’3”
- c. Hunters – 2’0” to 2’3”
- d. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.

Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

**\* Once a rider competes for two (2) years in the Long Stirrup Division, they will no longer be eligible for a year-end award.**

**\*Competing in one or more classes in this division within the calendar year counts as 1 year.**

### **Division 9 – Mini Hunters – 2' to 2'3" Open**

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. To be shown over a course of fences 2' to 2'3". **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 2' to 2'3".
- b. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

### **Division 10 – Special Hunters – 2'3" to 2'6" Open**

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 over a course of fences 2'3" to 2'6". To be judged on performance, soundness and manners. Extreme speed will be penalized.

#### **1. Classes:**

- a. To be shown over a course of fences 2'3" to 2'6".
- b. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.
- c. Handy Hunter – The course **must** have at least two changes of direction and **may** include three of the following: a hand gallop jump, a bending line, a rollback turn, a fence at the end of the ring, or a trot over one obstacle.
  - 1) Judge must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order.
  - 2) Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style.
  - 3) Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style.
  - 4) Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style.

### **Division 11 – Modified Child/Adult Hunters – 2'3" to 2'6" (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. To be judged over a course of fences 2'3" to 2'6". To be judged on performance, soundness and manners. Extreme speed will be penalized. **Rider may not cross enter over 2'9" at the same show.**

#### **1. Classes:**

- a. To be shown over a course of fences 2'3" to 2'6".
- b. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.
- c. Handy Hunter – The course **must** have at least two changes of direction and **may** include three of the following: a hand gallop jump, a bending line, a rollback turn, a fence at the end of the ring, or a trot over one obstacle.

- 1) Judge must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order.
- 2) Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style.
- 3) Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style.
- 4) Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style.

### **Division 12 – Low Working Hunters – 2'9" Open**

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.

#### **1. Classes:**

- a. To be shown over a course of fences 2'9".
- b. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.
- c. Handy Hunter – The course **must** have at least two changes of direction and **may** include three of the following: a hand gallop jump, a bending line, a rollback turn, a fence at the end of the ring, or a trot over one obstacle.
  - 1) Judge must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order.
  - 2) Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style.
  - 3) Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style.
  - 4) Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style.

### **Division 13 – Children's/Adult Amateur Hunters – 2'9" to 3'0" (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. To be judged on performance, soundness and manners. Extreme speed will be penalized. **Rider may not cross enter between Children's/Adult Amateur Hunters and Junior/Amateur Owner Hunters at the same competition.**

#### **1. Classes**

- a. To be shown over a course of fences 2'9" to 3'0".
- b. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.
- c. Handy Hunter – The course **must** have at least two changes of direction and **may** include three of the following: a hand gallop jump, a bending line, a rollback turn, a fence at the end of the ring, or a trot over one obstacle.
  - 1) Judge must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order.
  - 2) Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style.
  - 3) Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style.
  - 4) Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing



performance or style.

#### **Division 14 – Modified Open Hunters – 3'3" (Open)**

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.

##### **1. Classes**

- a. To be shown over a course of fences 3'3" in height.
- b. Modified Hunters Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.
- c. Handy Hunter – The course **must** have at least two changes of direction and **may** include three of the following: a hand gallop jump, a bending line, a rollback turn, a fence at the end of the ring, or a trot over one obstacle.
  - 1) Judge must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order.
  - 2) Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style.
  - 3) Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style.
  - 4) Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style.

#### **Division 15 – Junior/Amateur Owner Hunters – 3'6" (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. To be judged on performance, soundness, and manners. Extreme speed will be penalized. **Rider may not cross enter between Junior/Amateur Owner Hunters and Children's/Adult Amateur Hunters at the same competition.**

##### **1. Classes:**

- a. To be shown over a course of fences 3'6" in height.
- b. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horse should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.
- c. Handy Hunter – The course **must** have at least two changes of direction and **may** include three of the following: a hand gallop jump, a bending line, a rollback turn, a fence at the end of the ring, or a trot over one obstacle.
  - 1) Judge must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order.
  - 2) Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style.
  - 3) Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style.
  - 4) Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style.

#### **Division 16 – Kindergarten Jumpers – 0.60 to 0.65 meters (1'11" to 2'1") - Mandatory Optimum Time (Table V).**

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.

**Division 17 – Puddle Jumpers – 0.70 to 0.75 meters (2’3” to 2’5”) - Mandatory Optimum Time (Table V).**

To be shown over a course of fences 2'3" to 2'5" 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.

**Division 18 – Pre-training Jumpers – 0.75 to 0.85 meters (2’5” to 2’9”) - Mandatory Optimum Time (Table V).**

To be shown over a course of fences 2'5" to 2'9" with spreads up to 3'. Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony registered with SNHSA in order for points to accrue for year-end awards.

**Division 19 – Level I Jumpers – 0.85 to 0.95 meters (2’9” to 3’1”)**

To be shown over a course of fences 2'9" to 3'1" with spreads up to 3'3". Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony must be registered with SNHSA for points to accrue for year-end awards.

**Division 20 – Low Child/Adult Amateur Jumpers – 0.85 to 0.95 meters (2’9” to 3’1”) (Non-Pro)**

To be shown over a course of fences 2'9" to 3'1" with spreads up to 3'3". Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony must be registered with SNHSA for points to accrue for year-end awards.

**Division 21 – Level II Jumpers – 0.95 to 1.0 meters (3’1 to 3’3”)**

To be shown over a course of fences 3'1" to 3'3" with spreads to 3'6". Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony registered with SNHSA for points to accrue for year-end awards.

**Division 22 – Level III Jumpers – 1.0 to 1.05 meters (3’3” to 3’5”)**

To be shown over a course of fences 3'3" to 3'5" with spreads up to 3'9". Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony registered with SNHSA for points to accrue for year-end awards.

**Division 23 – Level IV Jumpers – 1.05 to 1.15 meters (3’5” to 3’9”)**

To be shown over a course of fences 3'5" to 3'9" with spreads up to 4'. Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony must be registered with SNHSA for points to accrue for year-end awards.

**Division 24 – Level V Jumpers – 1.15 to 1.25 meters (3’9” to 4’1”)**

To be shown over a course of fences 3'9" to 4'1" with spreads up to 4'3". Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony registered with SNHSA for points to accrue for year-end awards.

*PLEASE REVIEW THE RULE BOOK TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE GENERAL RULES REGARDING MEMBERSHIP, HORSE REGISTRATION, REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE DIVISIONS IN WHICH YOU PLAN TO SHOW, AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCUMULATING POINTS FOR YEAR-END AWARDS.*

*IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, EMAIL THE SECRETARY AND A BOARD MEMBER WILL RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTIONS. (Email address is listed in the front of this book).*

*IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH MEMBER TO KNOW AND FOLLOW THE RULES.*

*If you would like to suggest changes or modifications, a rule change form is available on the SNHSA.org website*

Article VII

– *only written suggestions will be taken under advisement by the Board of Directors*