



# 2017 SNHSA Rule Book Changes and Amendments

Changes and revisions are currently being made to the SNHSA Rule Book, and the 2017 SNHSA Rule Book will be available on the SNHSA.org website in the near future. The 2016 Rule Book is currently available on the website, and the following is a summary of all of the changes and additions that have been approved by the Board up to this point. Several more items will be added, but for now, we offer these.

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

- 1) Article IV B. 1b-c – Terms. Junior Rider: Dec. 1 age maintained throughout competition year.
- 2) Article I B-H – Adoption of US Equestrian’s Vision, Mission, Sportsman’s Charter and Core Values
- 3) Article VII D – Addition of a new division, Walk-Trot
- 4) Article VI A and C – Criteria for Walk-Trot year-end points
- 5) Article VII D – Added specs to Special Hunters, Modified Child/Adult Hunters, Low Working Hunters, Children’s/Adult Amateur Hunters, Modified Open Hunters and Junior/Amateur Owner Hunters.
- 6) Article IV B. 4 – A change of the Competition year
- 7) Article IV D. 1-2 – Addition and distinction between Competition and Advocate Membership types
- 8) Article IV D. 3 – A change in Non-Member Fees
- 9) Article V B. 5 – A change in number of classes that Horse Show Managers must offer at a show
- 10) Article VI B.1-2 – Removal of procedural aspects of publication of the newsletter.

## Article IV

### 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.

## Article I

**Name; Purpose; Objectives; Intent; Vision; Mission, The Sportsman’s Charter; Core Values: RIDE; 2017 Board of Directors**

### 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 Vision (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.

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## Article VII

### **D. Division Descriptions & Specifications**

#### **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:
  - 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 competes in.  
10 points – Gold, 8 points – Silver, 6 points – Bronze

(Affects **Article VI**)

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

- 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.

(Affects Article VI)

### C. 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. Year-end points for the Walk-Trot division will be awarded to the rider based on points earned
- 3. 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

## Article VII

### D. Division Descriptions & Specifications

*Added specs (noted in blue) have been added in the following divisions:*

#### **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.

- 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"**

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.**

- 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"**

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"**

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.
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### **Division 15 – Junior/Amateur Owner Hunters – 3'6"**

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.
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### **Article IV**

**Membership; Terms; Horse Registration; Membership types and fees; Conditions of Participation; Official Records; Dress Code; Safety-Helmet Rule; Welfare of the Horse; Stallions; Dogs**

#### **B. Terms**

**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.

#### **D. 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.

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Article V

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

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.**