



2019 SNHSA Rule Book Changes and Amendments

Changes and revisions were made to the SNHSA Rule Book. The 2019 SNHSA Rule Book will be 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 upcoming show season.

Summary of changes (all additions are noted in yellow below): (as of 8/23/19)

- 1) Article I - I: 2019 Board of Directors
- 2) Article VI - A.3.c.: deletion of statement regarding double points, addition of Beginner Rider Equitation wording
- 3) Article VI - A.4.a.: revision of Special Declaration rules for Jumper divisions, elimination of double points
- 4) Article VI - B.1.: deletion of statement regarding double points, addition of Beginner Rider Equitation wording
- 5) Article VI - B.4.: deletion of double points at SNHSA Benefit shows
- 6) Article VII - A.1.: addition of wording for Beginner Rider Equitation division
- 7) Article VII - B.: addition/revision of divisions: Beginner Rider Equitation, Crossrail Hunter 18" (Open), Crossrail Hunter 18" (non-pro)
- 8) Article VII - C.1.: revision of Mini Medal Final qualification rule
- 9) Article VII - C.3.: revision of JR/AM Medal Final qualification rule
- 10) Article VII - D.4. and 5.: revision of JR/AM Challenge Cup Tournament rules
- 11) Article VII - E.: revision of current division wording and new divisions wording

New Amendments since 4-9-19

- 12) Article VI - E.: addition of Penalties section
- 13) Article VII - A.1.a.: add Beginner Rider Equitation wording
- 14) Article VI - B.3.d.: add Beginner Rider Equitation wording
- 15) Article VII - E.: addition of the SNHSA Pro/Jr-Am Speed Derby
- 16) Article II - A. 5 to 8: revised the nomination deadline and added voting procedures
- 17) Article II - H: addition to Committee rules
- 18) Article III - E.3.: rewording facility and time of Medal Finals, Challenge Cup and Speed Derby
- 19) Article VII - Division 5: deletion of specific Collegiate Preparatory Program rules
- 20) Article VII - Division 9 Pony Hunter 1.B.: deletion of unnecessary wording
- 21) Article VII - Division 19 Kindergarten Jumper: addition of cross entry rule

New Amendments since 5-14-19 (noted by turquoise color)

- 22) Article VI - B.3.d and e: revision of point system for Beginner Rider Equitation
- 23) Article VII. A.1. a and b.
- 24) Article VII - Division 4

1) Article I. - I. 2019 Board of Directors

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2) And 3) Article VI. Section A.3.c., 4.a. and 5.: deletion of double points and revision of Special

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.
 - 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 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. 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. ~~(This Division is not eligible for double points.)~~
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) Points may be earned for jumper classes with corresponding jump heights.
 - 2) Exception:
 - Choose between Low Child/Adult Amateur Jumper and Level 1 Jumper for 2'9"-3' jumper classes.
5. ~~For purposes of year-end points, points earned at the SNHSA Benefit Show in any SNHSA-sanctioned division class will count as double.~~

4) Article VI. Section B.1.: deletion of double points, addition of Beginner Rider Equitation wording

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. Year-end points for the Walk/Trot and Beginner Rider Equitation divisions will be awarded to the rider based on points earned. (This Division is not eligible for double points.)

5) Article VI. Section B.4.: deletion of double points at SNHSA Benefit shows

~~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~~

6) Article VII. Section A.1.L addition of wording for Beginner Rider Equitation division

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. **Year-end Awards:** Awards are presented to the top five placings in each division.
 - a. Criteria for year-end awards in Walk-Trot and Beginner Rider Equitation are based on points **earned** versus points available and are as follows: 1 point earned for every class the rider enters and completes.

7) Article VII. Section B. Two new divisions are added

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. Beginner Rider Equitation (Non-Pro)
5. Collegiate Preparatory Program – (2'0") (high school only)
6. Walk/Trot (Non-Pro)
7. Crossrail Hunter 18" (Open)
8. Crossrail Hunter 18" (Non-Pro)

8) Article VII. Section C. 1.: revision of Mini Medal Final qualification rule

- 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.C. 4.

9) **Article VII. Section C. 3.: revision of JR/AM Medal Final qualification rule**

- i. 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.C. 4.

10) **Article VII. Section D.4. and 5.: revision of JR/AM Challenge Cup Tournament rules**

4. The jumper teams compete at three levels: .70 to .75m (2'3"-2'6"), .85 to .90m (2'9"-3'), and 1.0m (3'3"). Teams of three must have one rider at each level. For teams consisting of two riders, riders may choose any two of the three offered heights at which to compete. ~~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 competing at .70 to .75m (2'3"- 2'6") may not have competed at SNHSA shows over .95m (3'1") during the current show year. Each horse may only compete on one team.

11) **Article VII. Section E. revision of current division wording and new divisions wording**

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, Silver and Bronze 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. Once a rider competes in any class with fences 2' or higher, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division.
2. 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.
3. 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.
 - 10 points – Gold
 - 8 points – Silver
 - 6 points – Bronze
4. Riders in this division are subject to the three-different venue rule

Division 6 – 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.

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: ~~(This Division is not eligible for double points.)~~
 - a. 1 point earned for every class the rider enters and completes.
 - 10 points – Gold
 - 8 points – Silver
 - 6 points – Bronze
5. Riders in this division are subject to the three-different venue rule.

Division 7 – Crossrail Hunter 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 or 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 8 – Crossrail Hunter 18" (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. 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 or 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.

New Amendments since 4-9-19

12) Article VI – E. addition of Penalties section

E. Penalties

1. Provisions

- a. The provisions of these Rules in connection with any SNHSA horse show apply to the following persons: owners; exhibitors; trainers; riders; handlers; horse show staff and management; officials; and family members of those listed above. Any act in connection with a SNHSA horse show in violation of these Rules by any of the parties listed above may subject them to penalties.
- b. Penalties are assessed by the Board of Directors.
2. Violations: A violation is any act prejudicial to the best interests of SNHSA. The violations for which penalties may be assessed shall include, but are not limited to:

- a. Violations of these Rules;
- b. A violation of the just and proper rules of a horse show;
- c. A violation of the just and proper rules of other horse show associations;
- d. Committing any crime, including assault, or any threat of a crime, upon any person or in connection with any activity having to do with a horse show, horse activity, or SNHSA;

- e. Any act, conduct, or remark that is obscene, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or otherwise prejudicial and disruptive of the ordinary conduct of a horse show or of the performance by officials or judges of their duties at a horse show;
 - f. Any act constituting cruelty to horses;
 - g. Failure to pay obligations due to SNHSA;
 - h. Failure to pay any obligation owed to any horse show approved by SNHSA, including a failure to make good a bad check.
3. Penalties: Upon finding that any covered person has committed any of the violations listed above, the following penalties may be assessed:
- a. Suspension of the horse show and/or the horse show manager for an appropriate period of time from conducting a horse show approved by SNHSA; and/or
 - b. Suspension of any member, horse/pony, trainer, owner, rider or official for an appropriate period of time from participating in or officiating in any manner at a horse show approved by SNHSA; and/or
 - c. Withholding or forfeiture of Year-End Award points for any class and/or horse show for the year with respect to a named horse/ pony or horses/ ponies; or for all the horses/ponies of the affected member; and/or
 - d. Expulsion from membership in SNHSA; and/or
 - e. Reprimand by way of censure; and/or any combination up to all of the above penalties.
4. Charge of Rule Violation
- a. A charge of violation of these Rules must be made in writing and may be made by a member, horse show manager, horse show official, or SNHSA Board of Directors. A charge of violation of these Rules shall state the full name and address of the charging person and the accused and contain a complete and definite statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation of these Rules. The charge shall also specify the date, time, place, all circumstances surrounding the charge, the persons involved, names of witnesses, and any other corroborating information. The maker must be prepared to substantiate the charge by personal testimony at a hearing or by sworn statements, witnesses, or other evidence. The charge must be signed by the person making the charge.
 - b. Any report charging a violation of these Rules must be received by SNHSA no more than thirty (30) days after the alleged violation occurred. Violations of Rules that are directly related to SNHSA specific interactions, such as late or improper filing of information, shall be acted upon by SNHSA without the necessity of a formal charge. All reports of charges of violations shall be acted upon at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, but may be postponed to the following meeting of the Board of Directors for good cause or if the charge of violation is received close to the date of the meeting of the Board of Directors.
5. Notice of Alleged Violation
- a. The Board of Directors shall review all charges of violation of these Rules. If the charge of violation of these Rules contains all the elements necessary to constitute a violation of these Rules and it appears that a penalty should be imposed by the Board of Directors in respect thereof, then a copy of the charge of violation of these Rules shall be transmitted to the person or persons involved, indicating that SNHSA is contemplating the assessment of a penalty for said violations, and requesting a response in writing from such person(s) within a reasonable, specified time.
6. Request for Hearing
- Upon receiving notice of a possible violation of these Rules, each accused person may:
- a. Request in writing a hearing, to be conducted by the Board of Directors or a hearing committee appointed by the Board of Directors; or
 - b. Submit in writing to the Board of Directors, or a hearing committee appointed by the Board of Directors, a defense, explanation(s), information, or mitigating circumstances in relation to the charged violation of these Rules; or

- c. Admit in writing the violation of these Rules and explain in writing the circumstances and the measures that will be taken to prevent such violations in the future.

7. Conduct of Penalty Hearings

- a. In the event an accused person requests a hearing on the issue of an alleged violation of these Rules, a date will be chosen by the Board of Directors that is not less than fifteen (15) days after the request for a hearing. The hearing will normally be held at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors unless fifteen (15) days' notice of the hearing cannot be given before the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.
- b. The person reporting the alleged violation of these Rules of SNHSA may present evidence in support of the alleged violation of these Rules, and the accused person may also present evidence in support of her/his case, each side being allowed to question the other's witnesses and to comment on the other's evidence. Hearsay testimony in the form of an affidavit, declaration under penalty of perjury, or letter, may be accepted as evidence at the discretion of the Board of Directors (or, if appointed, the hearing committee), and, if allowed, only such weight will be given to such hearsay evidence as the Board of Directors (or, if appointed, the hearing committee) deems appropriate under all the circumstances.
- c. SNHSA may appoint a member of the Board of Directors or another person to present the violation case. The person appointed by the Board of Directors to present the violation case shall not participate in the deliberations of the Board of Directors or, if appointed, the hearing committee; and if a hearing committee has been appointed by the Board of Directors, such person shall not be a member thereof. SNHSA and/or the complaining person shall have the burden of proving the violation of these Rules.
- d. Normally, the testimony given at the hearing will not be recorded by a mechanical device or by a reporter. If an accused party desires to have the proceedings recorded, such recording must be arranged by that party at her/his expense. The hearing committee shall not be required to render any findings or explanation of its decision unless request is made thereof in writing prior to the commencement of the hearing.
- e. After conducting the hearing and/or reviewing all of the information submitted, in lieu of a hearing, all persons (including the person appointed to present the violation case) other than the Board of Directors must be asked to leave the room so that the Board of Directors, or the appointed committee, shall render its decision and assess whatever penalty, if any, deemed appropriate under the circumstances, as provided for in these Rules.

13) Article VII – A.1.a.: add Beginner Rider Equitation wording

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1. There will be no minimum requirements for the number of times a class for any particular division is offered during the competition year. **Year-end Awards:** Awards are presented to the top five placings in each division.
 - b. Criteria for year-end awards in Walk/Trot and Beginner Rider Equitation are based on points **earned** versus points available and are as follows: 1 point earned for every class the rider enters and completes.
 - 10 points – Gold
 - 8 points – Silver
 - 6 points – Bronze

14) Article VI – B. 3.d.: add Beginner Rider Equitation wording

- d. Criteria for year-end awards in Walk/Trot and Beginner Rider Equitation are based on points **earned** versus points available and are as follows:
- 1 point is earned for every class the rider enters and competes in.
 - 10 points: Gold
 - 8 points: Silver

6 points: Bronze

15) Article VII – E.: addition of the SNHSA Pro/Jr-Am Speed Derby
E. SNHSA Pro/Jr-Am Speed Derby

1. The SNHSA Pro/Jr-Am Speed Derby is a team speed round competition.
 2. Teams consist of two riders, a Professional and either a Junior or Adult Amateur rider. Both riders must be SNHSA members in good standing. Coordinating team attire is encouraged for each team.
 3. This class will be run as a speed class under Table III with faults converted to seconds, with the first rider starting the clock as they cross the start line, and the second rider stopping the clock as they cross the finish line. For each rail down, 4 seconds will be added to the team's overall time. There is no penalty for refusals other than the time taken, but the team will be eliminated if any single horse has two refusals.
 4. The course will consist of no fewer than 16 total fences, with each rider's section consisting of no fewer than eight (8) fences. The Junior or Adult Amateur rider will ride first, with fences set at a height of 2'6". The professional rider will ride second, with fences set at 3'0".
 5. The second rider will wait in a clearly marked area (box) while the first rider completes their section of the course. Once the first rider has completed their course, they enter a separate clearly marked area (box). Once the first rider is fully in their box, the second rider may leave their box and complete their section of the course. If the second rider leaves their box prior to the first rider fully entering theirs, a 4-second time penalty will be added to their team's overall time.
 6. Riders may compete on up to two (2) teams; horses may only be on one (1) team.
 7. Team prizes to 1st and ribbons through 8th will be awarded.
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16) Article II – A. 5 through 8: revised the nomination deadline and added voting procedures**A. Election of Board of Directors**

5. Any SNHSA member may submit his or her name for nomination to the SNHSA Board by Oct. 1. The list of nominees will be presented to the Board of Directors at the October 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. Any 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.
 - d. Numbered ballots will be mailed, including a privacy and self-addressed envelope to all members by Nov. 15.
 - e. Ballots must be postmarked by Dec. 15.
 - f. Ballots will be counted at the January Board meeting.
 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 in February.
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17) Article II – H: addition to Committee rules**H. Committees**

The SNHSA Board of Directors will designate committees in order to more effectively accomplish the duties and goals of the organization. Committees are required to meet, at a minimum, twice annually prior to each Strategic Planning meeting. Committees make recommendations and their

actions are not binding on the organization until they are voted forward by the Board.

1. Committee recommendations and actions that require Board approval include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Creating new programs
 - b. Implementing programs
 - c. Implementing changes to existing programs
 - d. Spending SNHSA funds
 - e. Otherwise acting independently

18) Article III – E.3.: rewording facility and time of Medal Finals, Challenge Cup and Speed Derby

3. ~~The SNHSA Mini Medal and SNHSA JR/AM Medal Finals; and the SNHSA Challenge Cup will be held separately from the SNHSA Benefit Show(s) at a facility and date voted on by the Board of Directors.~~ The SNHSA Medal Finals will be held at the same facility and weekend as the Hunter and Equitation divisions Benefits. The SNHSA Jr/Am Challenge Cup and Pro/Jr-Am Speed Derby will be held at the same facility and weekend as the Jumper divisions Benefit.

19) Article VII – Division 5: deletion of specific Collegiate Preparatory Program rules

Division 5 – Collegiate Preparatory Program – (2'0") (high school only)

Rider must be a SNHSA member in high school. ~~who is enrolled in the Collegiate Preparatory Program.~~ The rider may enter **either** the flat class or the over fences class at a show. The catch-ride horse does not have to be registered with SNHSA. ~~Riders must complete a class in at least one venue during the show season.~~

1. Classes:
 - a. CPP Hunt Seat Equitation Flat
 - b. CPP Equitation Over Fences – 2'0"

20) Article VII – Division 9.1.B.: deletion of unnecessary wording

Division 9 – Pony Hunter (under 14.2 hands) – 2'0" to 2'3" (17 and under, Non-Pro)

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:
 - ~~b. PCHA, NorCal and USEF jump heights (2'3", 2'6", and 3'0") will apply at rated shows.~~

21) Article VII – Division 19 - Kindergarten Jumper: addition of cross entry rule

Division 19 – Kindergarten Jumper – 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. **Horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any class over 2'9" at the same competition.**

22) Article VI. B. d and e

- d. Criteria for year-end awards in Walk/Trot **and Beginner Rider Equitation** are based on points

earned versus points available and are as follows:

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23) Article VII. A.1.a and b.

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 - 4 points – Gold
 - 3 points – Silver

24) Article VII – Division 4

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 and Bronze** 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.**

- 5. Once a rider competes in any class with fences 2’ or higher, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division.
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