



2022 SNHSA Rulebook Changes and Amendments

(updated 5/16/22)

Changes and revisions made to the 2022 SNHSA Rulebook are outlined below. The 2022 SNHSA Rulebook is available on the SNHSA.org website. The following is a summary of all of the changes and additions that were approved by the Board for the upcoming show season.

Summary of changes (all additions are noted in purple/pink below): *(items in red letters are new amendment changes instituted since the first publication of rule amendments for the 2022 season)*

- 1) Article I. Section I: 2022 Board of Directors changes
- 2) Special Rule Allowances for the 2020-21 seasons have been discontinued.
- 3) Article II. Section E. 3. b and c: addition to the Board attendance rules Changes to membership term, member and non-member fees
- 4) Article IV. Section C. 1 and 3: changes to membership term ending, and member and non-member fees
- 5) Article IV. Section E.1: changes to the length of a horse registration term.
- 6) Article V. Section A. 3: addition to show manager's rights to close the gate to avoid excessive gate holds
- 7) Article V. Section D. 1. a: change to non-member fee amount that show managers collect
- 8) Article VI. Section A. 3. a. and b. 1), d: additional verbiage regarding the 10-point rule, multi-venue weekends, and schooling and warm-up rounds
- 9) Article VI. Section A. 4. d and Section B. 4. a: additional language providing extra weight for points earned when competitors compete in hunter derbies, special jumper classes or equitation classic classes.
- 10) Article VI. Section B. 5. b: points policy when a rider commits cross-entry
- 11) Article VI. Section C. 2: provides addressing and correcting discrepancies discovered prior to the finalized year-end points
- 12) Article VII. Section C. 1. h. and i, 2. h., 3. h and i, 4. i: Article number corrections and deletion of old/outdated Medal Final rule wording
- 13) Article VII. Section D. 4 and 5: change of fence heights in the Challenge Cup Tournament to correspond with jumper division fence heights
- 14) Article VII. Section E. 4: change of fence heights in the Speed Derby to correspond with jumper division fence heights
- 15) Article VII. Section B: addition of Pony Jumper Division
- 16) Article V. Section B. 4 and Article VI. Section A. 3: change in number of divisions that SNHSA offers
- 17) **Article VII. Section D. 4: change of team requirements for fence height minimums**
- 18) **Article I. Section 1: Addition of Annelise Appleseth as 1st Vice President, addition of Liz Lacroix to Awards Committee**

1) and 18) Article I. Section I. **2022 Board of Directors**

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- 2) 2020-2021 special rule allowances are discontinued. Season 2022 rules concerning the 10-point rule, Walk/Trot and Beginner Rider points, and Medal Finals qualifying now revert back to the stated rulebook rules as follows:

10-point rule:

Article VI. Section A. 3

3. SNHSA offers year-end awards in **27** divisions.
- 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.
 - 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
 - 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.

Point rules for Walk/Trot and Beginner Rider divisions:

Article VI. Section B. 3. Calculating Points

B. Calculating

3. At all SNHSA-sanctioned shows, points that accrue for year-end awards are calculated as follows:
- Criteria for year-end awards in Walk/Trot 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
 - Criteria for year-end awards in 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.
 - 7 points: Gold
 - 4 points: Silver

Medal Final qualifying rules:

Article VII. Section C. 1. h. and 3. h.

C. Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association Medal classes

1. SNHSA Mini Medal – 2’3”

h. The top eight (8) riders according to points up through the Medal Finals will qualify for the Finals. Points will be calculated in the same manner described in Article VI.B. 3.

3. SNHSA Jr/Am Medal – 2’9”

h. The top eight (8) riders according to points up through the Medal Finals will qualify for the Finals. Points will be calculated in the same manner described in Article VI.B. 3.

3) Article II. Section E. 3. b and c: addition to the Board attendance rules

E. Meetings

3. **Attendance by Board members:** Board members are expected to attend monthly Board meetings, offered virtually and in-person. Board members must inform the secretary of their meeting preference, virtual or in-person, at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
 - a. All Board members are required to attend in-person two strategic planning meetings in the year, which occur in the Spring and in the late Fall.
 - b. Board members shall notify the SNHSA Secretary if they cannot attend a meeting. Failure to notify the Board of an absence will be an unexcused absence.
 - c. A Board member may have two unexcused attendances per year.
 - d. The Board will review attendance of the Board members and may replace a Board member who, during one year, has more than the 2 unexcused absences or is chronically late, or is unable to perform their duties as outlined in the Rules and Bylaws.
 - e. 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.
 - f. 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) Article IV. Section C. 1 and 3: changes to membership term, and member and non-member fees

C. Membership types and fees

A SNHSA membership expires after the last event of the year or Dec. 31st of the calendar year, whichever occurs first. Year-end points will accrue upon receipt of the competition membership application and fees.

1. Competition Membership

A Competition Membership is \$35 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 \$25 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 \$25 Non-Member fee will be put towards the cost of the membership.

5) Article IV. Section E. 1: changes to the length of a horse registration term.

E. Horse Registration

1. Annual horse/pony registration fee is \$15.00 and expires after the last event of the year or Dec. 31st of the calendar year, whichever occurs first. 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].

- 6) Article V. Section A. 3: addition to show manager's rights to close the gate to avoid excessive gate holds

A. Purpose of Show Standards

3. Show managers reserve the right to close the gate to prevent excessive gate holds at one-arena shows.

- 7) Article V. Section D. 1. a: change to non-member fee amount that show managers collect

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

- a. All pre-paid members will be issued a membership number. Non-members will be charged a **\$25 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.

- 8) Article VI. Section A. 3. a. and b. 1), d: additional verbiage regarding the 10-point rule, multi-venue weekends, and schooling and warm-up rounds

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.

1) If a horse competes in a low participation division at three separate venues and on four (4) different days, they will be eligible for year-end awards regardless of their point total.

- b. To be eligible for year-end awards in the **Equitation division, the rider** must accumulate 10 points and must participate in three (3) different venues.

1) If a rider competes in a low participation division at three separate venues and on four (4) different days, they will be eligible for year-end awards regardless of their point total.

- c. To be eligible for year-end awards in the **Walk/Trot and Beginner Rider Equitation divisions**, the only qualifications are that the rider must be a SNHSA member and must participate in three (3) different venues. 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.

- a. In the event of a multi-venue weekend show, the second venue will only be awarded if legal classes are entered.

1) Schooling and warm-up rounds are unsanctioned and do not count towards earning a venue.

- 9) Article VI. Section B. 4. a: additional language providing extra weight for points earned when competitors compete in hunter derbies, special jumper classes or equitation classic classes.

4. 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.

- a. Hunter Derbies, Jumper Derbies, Relays and Equitation Classics that are not SNHSA-sanctioned and require Special Declarations will be awarded 1.5 points toward the matching SNHSA division. All of these classes require a special declaration form for points to be awarded. This does not apply to the SNHSA Medal Finals.

Article VI. Section A. 4. d: additional language providing extra weight for points earned when competitors compete in hunter derbies, special jumper classes or equitation classic classes.

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:
 - For 2'9"-3' jumper classes, choose between Low Child/Adult Amateur Jumper and Level 1 Jumper.

b. **Special hunter classes:** If the special hunter class is **at or below 2'3"** the following divisions are eligible for points allocation:

- Pony Hunter, Long/Short Stirrup, Mini Hunter
- 1) If the special hunter class is **at 2'6"** the following divisions are eligible for points allocation:
 - Special Hunter, Modified Child/Adult Hunter
 - 2) If the special hunter class is **2'9" or above** the following divisions are eligible for points allocation:
 - Low Hunter, Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter, Modified Open Hunter

c. **Special equitation classes:**

- 1) For a special equitation class, all age-appropriate equitation divisions are eligible to Juniors and Amateurs

d. Hunter Derbies, Jumper Derbies, Relays and Equitation Classics that are not SNHSA sanctioned and require Special Declarations will be awarded 1.5 points toward the matching SNHSA division. These classes require a special declaration form for points to be awarded. This does not apply to the SNHSA Medal Finals.

10) Article VI. Section B. 5. b: points policy when a rider commits cross-entry

B. **Calculating Points**

5. **Cross-Entry Policy:**

- b. In the event of a multi-day show, the rider will remain eligible for points in divisions of comparable heights of the classes they entered prior to the cross-entry restriction.

11) Article VI. Section C. 2: provides addressing and correcting discrepancies discovered prior to the finalized year-end points

C. **Points Discrepancies**

2. The Points Committee has the right to address and correct any discrepancies found at any time prior to the finalized year-end points. A corrected points bulletin will be emailed out and the grace period applies.

12) Article VII. Section C. 1. h. and i, 2. h., 3. h and i, 4. i: Article number corrections and deletion of old/outdated Medal Final rule wording.

C. Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association Medal classes

1. **SNHSA Mini Medal – 2'3"**

- 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. Section B.3.
- 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.~~

2. **SNHSA Mini Medal Final specifications:**

- 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.

3. **SNHSA Jr/Am Medal – 2'9"**

- h. The top eight (8) riders according to points up to the Medal Finals will qualify for the Finals. Points will be calculated in the same manner described in Article VI. Section B.3.
- 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.

4. **SNHSA Jr/Am Medal Final specifications:**

- 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.

13) Article VII. Section D. 4 and 5: change of fence heights in the Challenge Cup Tournament to correspond with jumper division fence heights

D. SNHSA Jr/Am Challenge Cup Tournament

4. The Challenge Cup teams compete at three levels: .70-.75m (2'3"-2'5"), .85-.95m (2'9"-3'1"), and .95-1.0m (3'1"-3'3"). Teams 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. 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"-2'5") may not have competed at SNHSA shows over .95m (3'1") during the current show year. Each horse may only compete on one team.

14) Article VII. Section E. 4: change of fence heights in the Speed Derby to correspond with jumper division fence heights

E. SNHSA Pro/Jr-Am Speed Derby

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 .70-.75m (2'3"-2'5"). The professional rider will ride second, with fences set at .85-.95m (2'9"-3'1")

15) Article VII. Section B: Added a new jumper division

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

To be shown over a course of fences 2'1" to 2'3" with spreads up to 18". No solid jumps permitted. Rider must be a SNHSA member and horse/pony registered with SNHSA in order for points to accrue for year-end awards.

16) Article V. Section B. 4: change in number of divisions that SNHSA offers

4. 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-seven (27) divisions be offered.**

Article VI. Section A. 3: change in number of divisions that SNHSA offers

3. SNHSA offers year-end awards in 27 divisions.
- 17) Article VII. Section D. 4: change of team requirements for fence height minimums
4. The Challenge Cup teams compete at three levels: .70-.75m (2'3"-2'5"), .85-.95m (2'9"-3'1"), and .95-1.0m (3'1"-3'3"). Teams must have riders compete at a minimum of 2 levels. For teams consisting of three riders, two riders may compete at the same height. For teams consisting of two riders, riders may choose any two of the three offered heights at which to compete. ~~Teams 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.~~ 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.