



# 2023 SNHSA Rulebook Changes and Amendments

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

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

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

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

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## **2023 Committees**

Committee	Chair	Committee Members
<b>Awards and Recognition</b>	<b>Lisa Mays</b>	Susan Howe, Elizabeth Lacroix, Liz Reader
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2) Article III. B. Norcal Rulebook Item 2

B. NorCal Rulebook

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

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

E. Horse Registration

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

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

C. Fees and Documentation Requirements for Show Managers

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

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

3. SNHSA offers year-end awards in 27 divisions.
  - a. To be eligible for year-end awards in the Hunter or Jumper divisions, the horse must accumulate 10 points and must participate in three (3) different venues, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum.
    1. If a horse competes in a low participation division at three separate venues, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum, and on four (4) different days, they will be eligible for year-end awards regardless of their point total.
  - b. To be eligible for year-end awards in the Equitation division, the rider must accumulate 10 points and must participate in three (3) different venues, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum.
    1. If a rider competes in a low participation division at three separate venues, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum, and on four (4) different days, they will be eligible for year-end awards regardless of their point total.
  - c. To be eligible for year-end awards in the Walk/Trot and Beginner Rider Equitation divisions, the only qualifications are that the rider must be a SNHSA member and must participate in three (3) different venues, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum. Criteria for year-end awards are based on points earned versus points available. The rider earns 1 point for every Walk/Trot or Beginner Rider Equitation class he/she completes.

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

4. Exceptions

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

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

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

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

**B. SNHSA Divisions**

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

- 9) **Article VII. F. Division Descriptions & Specifications**

**F. Division Descriptions & Specifications**

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

**Equitation Divisions**

**Division 1 – Equitation 13 & under**

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

1. Classes:

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

**Division 2 – Equitation 14-17**

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

1. Classes:

- a. Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat

- b. Equitation Over Fences – 2’3” to 2’6” or 2’9” **Riders entered in the 2’3”-2’6” height may not cross enter over 2’9” at the same show.**

### **Division 3 - Equitation 18 & over**

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

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

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

### **Division 4 - Beginner Rider Equitation (Non-Pro)**

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

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

### **Division 5 – Walk/Trot (Non-Pro)**

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

1. Classes:
  - a. Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat
  - b. Hunter Under Saddle – To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse’s mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.
  - c. Walk/Trot Equitation Over Poles – Rider to two-point over poles and post the trot in (between, with diagonals to count around the corners but not between poles.
2. If any Walk/Trot class has eight (8) or more entries, it must be split into two sections. Two sets of awards and ribbons must be given, and SNHSA points will be given to each section.
3. Criteria for year-end awards in Walk/Trot are based on points **earned** versus points available

and are as follows:

- a. 1 point earned for every class the rider enters and completes.
    - 10 points – Gold
    - 8 points – Silver
    - 6 points – Bronze
  4. Riders in this division are subject to the three-different venue rule, at two (2) different physical addresses, at a minimum.
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