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MAUI HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article I

NAME

The name of this Association shall be the Maui Horse Show Association.

Article II

OBJECTIVES – MISSION STATEMENT

To generate growth of MHSA membership via marketing, promotion, sponsorships, advertising publicity and education. To promote horse competitions and events that benefits all exhibitors. To promote the viability of clinics and forums, which help educate the membership and general public on equine matters and to promote the welfare of horses and ponies.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

The rules herein supersede all previous editions and will remain in effect, except as superseded by changes or by subsequent editions of the Handbook/Rulebook.

Any person shall be entitled to a membership in this association upon the payment of a membership fee as fixed by this association, and completion of a membership application, unless said application for membership shall be rejected by the negative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. Any member in good standing is eligible to vote at any regular or special meeting of the Association.

Article IV

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The officers of the Maui Horse Show Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be selected from the Board of Directors of said Association (by the Board). The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of thirteen (13) members. The Board of Directors shall be elected in the following manner: Directors shall be elected for a term of one year.

Article V

MEETINGS

The Board of Directors of the Association shall hold all meetings of this Association at such time and place as shall be designated. General Meetings of Board of Directors and **MHSA general membership shall be held quarterly at such time and place as shall be designated.** Meetings are to be run under Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VI

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of this Association may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds

(2/3) vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment shall have been read at one previous meeting or provided copies of the amendment have been sent to the members with notice of said meeting, or at a General Membership Meeting, where the Constitution will be re-affirmed, with changes each year.

MAUI HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

Article I

DUES

The annual dues for membership in the Maui Horse Show Association shall be determined by the MHSA membership and may be changed at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present. Such dues are payable to the Treasurer on or before the first day of each Maui Horse Show Association year (January 1). Any member whose dues are fully paid, and who is in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote at any regular or special meeting of the members of the Association. A member shall cease to be a member when his or her dues become delinquent. Junior members are those individual members who have not reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday, as of December 1.

Article II

OFFICERS

THE PRESIDENT: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. She/he shall preside at all meetings of the members and Directors; shall have general and active management of the Association; shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect, subject however, to the right of the Directors to delegate any specific power, except such as may be by statute exclusively conferred upon the President, to any other officer or officers of the Association. The President shall execute or cause to be executed all contracts of the Association; shall appoint any and all committees which in her discretion are necessary or proper and shall be an ex-official member of said committees; shall have general powers of supervision and management vested in the Office of the President. President must have served on the Board of Directors during the preceding year.

VICE PRESIDENT: In the absence of the President, or in the case of disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the functions of the Office of the President.

SECRETARIAL POSITION: the Secretary shall attend all sessions of the members and act as the Clerk, thereof, and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for the purpose; and shall perform like duties for the standing committees when required. She/he shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors when required to do so by the President; and shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors or President. In the absence of the Secretary, the Vice-President shall act as Secretary.

TREASURER: the treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association, and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association, in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors or whenever they may require an account of all her/his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association.

Article III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of seven (4), to a maximum of thirteen (13) members in good standing, whose dues are fully paid. To be chosen from the membership to the end that the Board may be representative of the County of Maui as a whole. The business activities and property of this

Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors who shall meet at least once each year and as often as may be deemed necessary. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors at any time upon the written request of the majority of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will be in charge of any proposed rule changes to the MHSA Membership Rules. The MHSA Membership Rules shall be reviewed following the last scheduled show and prior to the start of the new show season.

Article IV

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elected officers shall serve as an Executive Committee and shall, if necessary, act for the Board of Directors between scheduled meetings. Actions of this committee shall be presented to the Board of Directors for ratification at their next meeting. Three (3) persons shall constitute a quorum of this committee.

Article V

STANDING COMMITTEES

There may be an Awards Committee (Awards, Points, Banquet), Hearing Committee (Complaints), Events Committee (Shows, Forums, Clinics), Publicity Committee (Advertising, Community Relations) and Education Committee (Education Fund) all appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. Members of these Committees need not be directors.

Article VI

ELECTIONS

A Nominating Committee consisting of at least three (3) Directors shall be appointed, as needed, by the President to place in nomination at the Annual Banquet the candidates for Directors and Officers. Additional names may be nominated from the floor. Officers and Directors shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Banquet. Votes shall be cast in person or, by proxy with a copy of the question, motion or resolution attached to such votes.

Article VII

MEETINGS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: There shall be three (3) General Membership Meetings of the members of the Association in each show year on such day as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, and said Board of Directors shall cause notice to be given of such meeting by mail or email to each member of the Association in good standing at least seven (7) days prior to the date and time fixed by the Board of Directors for such meeting. Meetings are to be run under Robert's Rules of Order.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS: Special meetings of members may be called by the President, by the Board of Directors, or by not less than twenty-five (25%) percent of the members of the Association, whose membership is in good standing.

QUORUM: The Adult members of the Association present at the Annual Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUORUM: Four (4) or more members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business and the act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors unless an act of a greater number is required by law or by the MHSA By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall be notified of meetings at least five (5) days in advance of such meetings.

Article VIII

VACANCIES

If the office of any Director or Officer of the Association becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the remaining Directors shall elect a successor who shall hold office during the unexpired term of their predecessor and until their successor is elected and qualified.

Any director or other officer may resign her/his office at any time, such resignation is to be made in writing to the Board and will take effect from the time of its receipt by the Board unless some time be fixed in the resignation, and then from that date. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be required to make it effective.

Any officer may be removed at any time for any reason, upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.

A Board member who misses two (2) or more consecutive Board meetings, may be removed from office, at the discretion of the remaining Board members.

Article IX

LIABILITIES

The Association shall not have the power to subject itself to an indebtedness exceeding the current funds at the time in the Treasury, and the members of this Association shall not be liable for any debts of the said Association.

Article X

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Directors as such shall not receive any salary for their services but by resolution of the Board may be reimbursed for any actual necessary expenses incurred by reason of their directorship. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any officer or Director.

Article XI

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of this Association may be adopted or amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment shall have been read at one (1) previous meeting or provided copies of the amendment have been sent to the members with notice of said meeting twenty (20) days prior to said meeting, or at a General Membership Meeting, where the by-laws will be re-affirmed with changes, each year.

Article XII

ADVISORS

Individuals able to give special advice or aid to the Association may be appointed by the Board of Directors as Advisors for a term of one (1) year. They shall act at the request and direction of the Board of Directors. They shall attend Director's meetings "by invitation" and shall be non-voting assistants to the Board. They shall be dues-paying members of the Association.

Article XIII

AUDIT AND DISSOLUTION

An impartial auditor shall be appointed at the discretion of the Board of Directors to perform an audit that is to be made known to the general membership. In the event of dissolution of this Association, all of this organizations then remaining assets shall be divided equally between the United States Equestrian Team (USET), Gladstone, New Jersey 07934; and, a local non-profit animal protection society with funds designated to be used specifically for the welfare of horses and ponies.

MAUI HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RULES

The rules herein supersede all previous editions and will remain in effect, except as superseded by changes made by the MHSA Board or by subsequent editions of the Rulebook. Members of the Maui Horse Show Association shall be eligible to participate in all classes of a sanctioned MHSA show. A non-member may participate as a rider, owner, or lessee at sanctioned shows upon the payment of a \$15.00 non-member registration fee, or \$5.00 for Juniors Under 18. A non-member does not receive any of the benefits of MHSA membership. Eligibility for the MHSA Year-End Awards requires current membership for riders and current registration for horses at the time points are earned. Membership is valid January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

TYPES OF MHSA MEMBERSHIP (renewable annually)

MHSA COMPETITOR	\$45.00
MHSA SUPPORTER	\$20.00

HORSE REGISTRATION

Each horse registered with MHSA is eligible for year-end award points when registered with the Association using the Horse Registration area on the Membership Application form. Each horse is \$7.00. Each additional horse is \$5.00. All name changes (horse and owner) must be registered with the Records Keeper and a \$1.00 fee paid. **Failure to do so will result in the loss of points.** Horse Owner must either be a member or must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement Form. In cases of a horse owned by more than one (1) individual, one (1) owner must either be a member or must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement Form. The "lessee" of a horse shall be considered the legal owner for MHSA horse show purposes for the duration of the lease. To be official, a copy of the lease must be on file with the Association prior to competing.

HEIGHT CARD

Horses showing in classes restricted as to height must have a current USA EQUESTRIAN, HHSA or, MHSA measurement card, or be measured by the MHSA Steward prior to showing. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor or owner to obtain a measurement of their horse prior to participating in a MHSA sanctioned show.

CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the purpose of MHSA to uphold the respect and dignity deserved to all involved at MHSA horse shows. In accordance with their official duties, all MHSA representatives and members, and show participants shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Should such behavior occur at any MHSA show, the Show Steward or Show Manager may at their discretion, impose a fine of up to \$100.00, or recommend to the MHSA Hearing Committee to rescind that person's, or exhibitor represented by that person, points from that show.

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

A member in good standing is defined as a person who:

Has filed a membership application and has paid the appropriate membership dues and who's

application has been approved by the Board;

Has Completed 8 Mandatory Volunteer Hours OR a has made a Payment of \$80 to MHSA in lieu of Volunteer Hours

Is a member who adheres to the Code of Conduct; and Is a member who consistently demonstrates Sportsmanship Standards.

Volunteers will be eligible for special recognition and events for their accumulative hours.

A member who is not in good standing cannot participate in year-end awards & special awards/prizes.

SPORTSMANSHIP STANDARDS

To promote and encourage ethical and sportsmanlike conduct, which is expected of all exhibitors, parents, coaches and spectators;

To ensure the welfare of the equine is paramount. Humane treatment of horses is expected by all members; exhibitors, parents, coaches and spectators;

To conduct business with integrity, sincerity and accuracy;

To act with the highest degree of integrity when dealing with the public, professionals and each other;

To conduct our affairs in such a manner as to present the horse business in the a positive manner and to avoid any action that may discredit our membership or industry; and

To ensure the safety of both horse and rider in all MHSA activities.

RETURNED CHECKS AND SUSPENSIONS

Any members may be suspended and denied privileges of MHSA, and any non-member may be denied privileges of MHSA by the Board of Directors, for failure to pay any obligation owing to MHSA (membership dues, sanctioned show fees, office charges. etc.), or for failure to honor a returned check. Returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 fee. Suspension from MHSA functions will apply to exhibitors on whose behalf the check was written as well.

MHSA POINT SYSTEM

The following point system will prevail in all Hunter, Jumper and Western show classes, including Medal Classes. Points will be given for shows sanctioned by MHSA. Classes with three (3) or more entries: 7- 5- 4-3-2-1 (first through sixth place). Classes with fewer than three (3) entries, that cannot be combined with another class, will run with a point system: 3-2 (first and second places). Classes may be combined, where appropriate, to make a full class of three (3) entrants (i.e. Children's Hunter and Adult Hunter).

NOTE:

Points will accumulate from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

It will be up to the Show Management to hold or cancel a class that does not have the minimum three (3) entries for points to be awarded. However, if a class does not fill and is cancelled, this action will not affect the eligibility of the Show as an MHSA sanctioned Show.

In the case of classes with less than three (3) entries, the Board recommends that classes be combined. Any points accrued would be given to the respective division for show championship and Year-End Award purposes.

Year-End Awards will be given for show champion and reserve champion.

Amateur Status is defined as follows: Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for all competitions conducted under MHSA rules who after his/her 18th birthday does not make their primary living (over 60%) accepting remuneration for riding, showing in halter/in hand, training, schooling or conducting clinics or seminars; and/or does not accept remuneration for giving riding instructions in equitation or horse training in the past year.

MHSA YEAR-END AWARDS

MHSA awards will be available in the following categories:

HUNTER/JUMPER

There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion for each division:

Junior/Open Hunter 3'0" – 3'6"

MHSA Hunt Seat Medal Equitation 3'3" – 3'6"

Open Jumper Challenge 3'3" – 3'6"

Children's/Adult Amateur/Modified Hunter 2'9" – 3'0"

MHSA Hunt Seat Medal Equitation 2'9" – 3'0"

Training Jumper Challenge 2'9" – 3'0"

Low Working/Large Pony Hunter 2'6" – 2'9"

Intermediate Horse/Small/Medium Pony Hunter 2'3" – 2'6"

MHSA Hunt Seat Medal Equitation 2'3" – 2'6"

Puddle Jumper Challenge 2'3" – 2'6"

Green Horse/Green Rider Hunter 2'0" – 2'3"

Green Rider Equitation 2'0" – 2'3"

Open Equitation On The Flat

Pleasure (must compete in both Hunter Hack and Pleasure Hack classes)

Short Stirrup Hunter - 18" – 2'0"

Short Stirrup Equitation - 18" – 2'0"

Rusty Stirrup Hunter - 18" – 2'0"

Rusty Stirrup Equitation - 18" – 2'0"

Walk/Trot 13 & Under – Poles

Walk/Trot 14 & Over – Poles

HUNTER/JUMPER HORSE OF THE YEAR: This award goes to the horse that has accumulated the most points in Hunter/Jumper shows during the season (Jumper Classes are not required, but points will count if Jumper classes are entered). Equitation points do not count and Walk/Trot classes do not qualify for this award. Horses that are shown by multiple exhibitors accumulate all the points, provided each exhibitor is an MHSA member. Both Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded.

HUNTER/JUMPER EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR: This award recognizes the exhibitor who earns the most points in Hunter/Jumper classes during the season (Jumper Classes are not required, but points will count if Jumper classes are entered). An exhibitor may show multiple horses; all points count toward the

award. Both Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded.

JUMPER

There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion for each division **ONLY** if there are 2 or more Jumper Shows during the Show Season: **The following fence dimensions are guidelines for what may be offered in jumper classes:**

Cross-Rail Jumper 18"-2'0"
Rain Drop Jumper 2'0"-2'3"
Puddle Jumper 2'3"-2'6"
Low Jumper 2'6"-2'9"
Training Jumper 2'9"-3'0"
Open Jumper 3'0"-3'6"

JUMPER HORSE OF THE YEAR: This award is combined with the Hunter/Jumper Horse of the Year – See Hunter/Jumper Rules. This award goes to the horse that has accumulated the most points in Jumper shows during the season. Horses may be shown by multiple exhibitors. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded.

JUMPER RIDER OF THE YEAR: This award is combined with the Hunter/Jumper Horse of the Year– See Hunter/Jumper Rules. This award goes to the rider who earns the most points in Jumper classes during the season. A rider may show multiple horses. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded.

WESTERN

There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion for each division:

Halter
Walk/Jog – 13 & Under
Walk/Jog - 14 & Over
Novice 17 & Under
Novice 18 & Over
Junior 17 & Under
Adult 18 & Over
Open
Green Horse
MHSA Stock Seat Medal 17 & Under / 18 & Over
Versatility Ranch Horse - which includes:
 Versatility Ranch Riding
 Versatility Ranch Reining
 Versatility Ranch Trail
In Hand Trail

WESTERN HORSE OF THE YEAR: This award goes to the horse that has accumulated the most points in Western classes (Halter, Pleasure, Trail, and **Versatility Ranch Horse**) during the season. Horses that are shown by multiple exhibitors accumulate all the points, provided each exhibitor is a member of MHSA. Walk/Jog Division, Equitation and Showmanship points do not count. Both Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded.

WESTERN EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR: This award recognizes the exhibitor who earns the most points in Western classes during the season. An exhibitor may show multiple horses; all points count toward this award. Both Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded.

OVER ALL HORSE/RIDER COMBINATION AWARD

This Horse and Rider award is given to the Horse/Rider combination that has accumulated the most points in Hunter/Jumper (Jumper not required, but points will count if Jumper classes are entered), Western, and Dressage. Horse/Rider combination must compete in all three (3) disciplines, and show in a minimum of two (2) shows per discipline.

MHSA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – Junior and Adult

To be awarded to the Junior and Adult individual who not only competes in horse activities, but also contributes time, effort and impartial support to the betterment of the equestrian sport on Maui. Nominations for consideration will be accepted through an application process, a committee will select finalists and ballots will be sent to all current members prior to the Annual Banquet.

Note: *In order for points to count, the exhibitor must be a member of MHSA, and the horse must be registered with MHSA. It is highly recommended to join early in the year, to avoid the risk of forfeiting points. To be eligible for awards, an exhibitor must show in at least TWO Shows in the SAME Division Classes, earning points under two (2) separate judges. If an exhibitor enters a class that does not fill with at least three (3) entries, classes may be combined. In this case, each exhibitor's points will be credited to the division that they originally entered.*

CLASSIFICATION AND SHOW CRITERIA

MHSA SANCTIONED SHOW: a show recognized by the Maui Horse Show Association and carried out under its Rules and Regulations as well as by the rules set forth by the USA Equestrian.

Stallions are to be ridden and handled by adults (18 and over) only.

Any horse deemed unruly, unsafe, or unmanageable by the judge or show committee may be barred from further participation in the show.

To be considered a MHSA sanctioned show, a show must:

Use specific wording, as defined in the MHSA rulebook, for all MHSA year-end award point classes.

Have a USEF rated or MHSA Board approved judge for any sanctioned show.

Have a Steward present during show hours. Duties: A Steward should clearly understand that he has no authority in connection with the management or the judging of a competition but should point out, in a diplomatic manner, any instance where Association rules are not enforced. She/he should immediately report to the appropriate officials any violations of the rules, which might invalidate a class. Should keep herself/himself available to judges, exhibitors and management at all times to clarify the application of Association rules and investigate any situation where the rules are not upheld. Stewards appointed for shows must be familiar with Article 1123 of the USEF rulebook. Stewards are to complete an MHSA Steward Report and turn it in at the end of the show day in which they are working.

Include MHSA specific coaching rules: Loud, overt coaching of a rider while in a judged class by persons outside the arena is prohibited at all MSHA sanctioned shows. Loud, overt coaching will

be determined by show management, i.e. yelling courses into arena, loud voice coaching from sidelines. Riders may be eliminated from class.

MHSA will follow USEF Rule Book unless MHSA Rule Book specifically differs. USEF Rule Book can be found online at www.usef.org.

Have all sections in each division, appropriate to show type, offered for which there is to be year-end awards.

Riders may show and be entered and judged in any division, even if they are not eligible for that division BUT points will not count for year-end. These rider/horse combinations may enter only ONE division for that show.

Unjudged entrants will be accepted at any MHSA sanctioned show for any class except Walk/Trot and Short Stirrup - Under Saddle. An unjudged division is allowed and will count towards the 2 division rule. If safety becomes a concern, management has the authority to excuse the horse and rider and entries will be refunded. Unjudged entries do not qualify to fill a class.

FOR JUMPER SHOWS ONLY, an exhibitor or trainer may serve as a judge, steward or technical delegate at any competition in which she/he exhibits. Any horse and/or client affiliated with the judge or steward may participate without conflict.

All patterns/courses must be posted thirty (30) minutes prior to start of show. Footage/strides for all lines must be included on all posted courses.

All riders must demonstrate a clear intent to complete a full course when entered; riders must make an honest effort to complete every course.

Offer the following classes/divisions:

HUNTER/JUMPER: Junior /Open Hunter 3'0"-3'6", MHSA Hunt Seat Medal Equitation 3'3"-3'6", Open Jumper Challenge 3'3" – 3'6", Children's / Adult Amateur / Modified Hunter 2'9"-3'0", MHSA Hunt Seat Medal Equitation 2'9"-3'0", Training Jumper Challenge 2'9" – 3'0", Low Working / Large Pony Hunter 2'6"-2'9", Intermediate / Small / Medium Pony Hunter 2'3"- 2'6", MHSA Hunt Seat Medal Equitation 2'3" – 2'6", Puddle Jumper Challenge 2'3" – 2'6", Green Horse/Green Rider Hunter 2'0"- 2'3", Green Rider Equitation 2'0"-2'3", Open Equitation On The Flat, Pleasure, Hunter Hack 2'3", **Short Stirrup Hunter 18"-2'0"**, **Short Stirrup Equitation**, **Rusty Stirrup Hunter 18"-2'0"**, **Rusty Stirrup Equitation**, Walk/Trot 14 & Over, Walk / Trot 13 & Under

JUMPERS: Cross-Rails Jumper 18"-2'0" (Under Hiatus), Rain Drop Jumper 2'0"-2'3" (Under Hiatus), Puddle Jumper 2'3"-2'6", Low Jumper 2'6"-2'9", Training Jumper 2'9"-3'0", and Open Jumper 3'0"-3'6". N/A

WESTERN: Halter, Walk/Jog - 13 & Under, Walk/Jog 14 & Over, Novice 17 & Under, Novice 18 & Over, Junior 17 & Under, Adult 18 & Over, Open, Green Horse, MHSA Stock Seat Medal 17 & Under, MHSA Stock Seat Medal 18 & Over, **Versatility Ranch Horse (Versatility Ranch Riding, Versatility Ranch Reining, Versatility Ranch Trail)**, In Hand Trail

Note: MHSA, HHSA and USA Equestrian shows previously exhibited in, will be considered when determining the eligibility of horse and rider for MHSA sanctioned divisions. A show may offer any other class it so desires to count toward its show championship, or

for the pleasure of entrants. However, only MHSA required classes will affect MHSA year-end points. A schooling show, an event of a small, informal type, with its own qualified officials, or a show restricted to specific membership groups or conducted under their own rules (i.e. Dressage) will not affect the eligibility of horse and/or rider in MHSA Division qualifications.

PROCEDURES FOR SCHEDULING SHOWS CALENDAR

A calendar of events will be published and circulated to all members of the Association. The Events Committee shall process show date requests.

Apply to MHSA Events Committee for Show dates by January 5th with a \$100 sanctioning fee. Invitation to sponsors may be extended to Board members no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the show date so that prize lists may be distributed and entries received in a timely manner. If any additional classes other than MHSA required classes or special championships (i.e. Overall High Point, High Point Junior Rider) are to be offered, they must be included in the show application. Names of Judge (with a bio or USA Equestrian rating), Steward, Secretaries (2), Course Designer, Show Contact Person and site of show must be submitted to the Events Committee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the show.

Additional show dates may be applied for thru the MHSA Board Events Committee. Applications must be received forty-five (45) days prior to requested show date. Application is subject to approval by the Events Committee. The Events Committee is responsible to reply within fifteen (15) days.

If an MHSA sanctioned show must be cancelled due to an act of God, as determined by USEF Rules 216.4, the show management may reapply for a new date within the current show calendar if the following conditions are met:

The reapplication must be received by the MHSA President within thirty (30) days of the cancelled show.

The show date requested must be a date at least thirty (30) days from the date the reapplication is received by the MHSA President.

The MHSA Events Committee must vote on whether to approve the proposed reapplication within forty-eight (48) hours from its receipt by the MHSA President. If approved, the General Membership will be notified of the new show date and class list.

Show Secretaries must use MHSA designed secretary sheets for recording division results.

Sheets may be obtained from the MHSA Secretary.

After the show is held, the results (secretary sheets and signed judge's cards) must be delivered to the Records Keeper within seven (7) days after the close of the show. If no results are received by the fourteenth (14th) day, points from that show may be forfeited (not counted toward year-end) and show host may be required to return entry fees to exhibitors, at the discretion of the Board.

If there are any changes in the rules, which affect the show year, MHSA will email the changes to all members on the email list.

Once show dates are awarded, no sanctioning fees will be refunded.

Rain Date Policy: Rain dates must be printed on the horse show entry forms. The show facility hosting the event must provide a contact phone number on the entry form in the event

weather becomes questionable. A recorded message must be left and updated at that number with the show's status as it changes (i.e. "possible postponement or change to rain date, call back for update at_am/pm", "postponement to rain date", "show cancelled"). If competitors are unable to show on the rain date, their fees must be refunded. If the show cannot be held on either dates, the show host may reapply to the MHSA Board for a new calendar date within the current show calendar as specified in point #1.

It will be up to the Show Manager's discretion to determine the safety and suitability of conditions at the show facility. The Show Manager has the authority to change the show's venue should the original show facility fail to meet these criteria.

PRIZE LIST REQUIREMENTS

Method for breaking tie – rider with higher amount of points over fences breaks tie.

Prize Lists to be distributed at least one (1) week before entry closing date.

Mandatory wording for all MHSA year-end award classes, including medal classes. See class specifications.

Entry blank must include spaces for MHSA membership number and MHSA height card number, in addition to the MHSA requirements.

Cover of the prize list must clearly specify date, rain date, time, show contact number, location of show and name of show judge.

Advertisers (if any) ads must be included in programs. A current list of advertisers and artwork may be obtained from the Board. Prize list must specify show contact person, date and time of the closing of entries, whether post entries are allowed and if so, up until when.

A general rule page, appropriate to show type, must be included.

An MHSA membership form

No dogs at MHSA sanctioned shows.

All horses on premises for MHSA Benefit Shows must be entered in at least one (1) class.

SHOW ENTRIES

All entry forms must be filled out completely in order to be accepted by entry close date. Incomplete entry forms will be subject to a \$5 per class or a \$20 (4 or more classes) post-entry fee. Entries must be accompanied with Membership #'s, should the entry not have a membership number, a \$2 Membership Number Verification fee will be applied to each entry, or a completed MHSA Membership Application/Horse Registration Form. Separate checks must be issued for Show Entry fees and Membership/Registration fees. **Horses and Riders must be entered using their MHSA registered name as it appears on their Membership/Registration Cards or points will not count.**

PROTESTS AND CHARGES

GENERAL- A protest and/or charge must:

State the full name and address of the accused

Contain a complete and definite statement of the facts that constitute the alleged violations

Include details regarding violation of the rules.

Each rule allegedly violated must be listed by section, if MHSA, or by chapter and article of USA Equestrian Rules.

The Steward, Events Committee, Show Manager, or the Show Secretary must refer a protest and/or charge against a recognized show to the Hearing Committee.

PROTESTS: May be made to the Show Steward by an exhibitor, owner, agent, trainer, or the parent of a junior exhibitor for any violation of MHSA and/or USA Equestrian Rules. If the protestor is dissatisfied with the ruling of the Show Steward a formal protest may be filed with the MHSA Hearing Committee. A protest must be:

In writing

Signed by protestor

Addressed to the Hearing Committee

Received by the Hearing Committee within forty-eight (48) hours of the alleged violation.

Accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit

If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protester. If not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to MHSA.

CHARGES: Charges shall be made to the hearing committee by an official of the competition for any violation of MHSA and/or USEF rules. Charges shall be filed as listed above.

NON-PROTESTABLE DECISIONS:

The soundness of a horse, when determined by a veterinarian or the competition judge.

A judge's decision, representing his/her preference, unless it is in violation of MHSA or USA Equestrian Rules.

HUNTER SHOWS

DEFINITION: The Hunter Division is open to riders of any age and horses may be of any type, breed or gender (unless otherwise stated). MHSA prohibits stallions being shown by a rider 17 and under. All Over Fences classes will be judged on performance, soundness, conformation, suitability and manners. Horses in Under Saddle classes must have shown and been judged in Working Hunter Over Fences. In addition to Walk/Trot, Equitation and Pleasure divisions, horses may be shown in two (2) other hunter divisions, Refer to cross entry rule regarding height restrictions/eligibility for horse/rider combinations. Horses shown in Pleasure Hack must have shown in Hunter Hack.

Cross Entry: The same rider/horse (pony) combination may not compete at the same show in any class (equitation excepted) and in which fence heights are not the same (up to two divisions per horse). The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/mount are eligible. The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show provided the horse does not exceed the two divisions limit per horse (excluding equitation).

Any classes of similar or equal heights may be combined at Show Managements Discretion if either, or both, classes have less than 3 entries (not including non-judged entries) TO BE JUDGED ON THE SAME CARD, with points separated for year-end awards.

In Under Saddle and Hunter Hack classes, horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At judges' discretion, horses may be asked to hand gallop one way of the ring (unless otherwise stated in division). No more than eight (8) horses are to hand gallop at a time.

APPOINTMENTS:

Personal

Riders should wear conservative jackets, breeches or jodhpurs, boots or jodhpur boots. A Hunt cap or derby is required. Spurs, crops and bats are optional. Juniors must have on a hard hat while mounted.

Riders in all classes where jumping is required must wear hard hats. A hard hat is defined as a hunt cap with a hard shell (ASTM approved). All junior riders must wear protective headgear, at all times, while mounted. Harnesses must be secure and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. The MHSA strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM standards (American Society of Testing and materials).

Tack:

Bridle should be of show type, curb or single snaffle, curb and snaffle, or pelham, with a cavesson noseband. Judges can penalize, at their discretion, a horse with a non-conventional noseband, bit or bridle.

Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes. Standing martingales are allowed for all over fence classes. All other martingales may be considered unconventional.

3. Saddle should be any English type saddle. Girth may be of leather, web, or string.
4. No boots or bandages are allowed except in equitation.

Note: Any unconventional use tack will be subject to the judge's discretion

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS:

Obstacles must simulate those found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, hedge, boxer, etc.

Prohibited: Chicken coops hinged at the tip and free at the bottom, triple bars, hogs back, striped rails, targets, any spread over 4', square oxers and Swedish oxers.

Divisions from Lows and above may have oxers.

Every course must have at least four (4) different types of obstacles.

All obstacles must be at least 20' wide, or have wings at least 24" wide that are at least 12" higher than the obstacle.

A 6" difference is recommended for the back element of an obstacle. There must be a minimum difference of 3".

Simple lead changes will not be penalized in Short Stirrup, Rusty Stirrup, Green Horse or Green Rider. A ground line is recommended for all obstacles.

The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class.

The inside dimensions of a cup for a 4" rail must be a minimum of 1-1/2" deep and 5" across.

An in-and-out is considered as one obstacle in the required number of obstacles. It must never be used at the start of a course. An in-and-out may have one or two strides. The suggested distance for an in-and-out when used in a ring is 24' to 26'; on an outside course 26' to 28'. The distance may be altered during a class requiring different fence heights.

SOUNDNESS: All horses must be serviceably sound. Horses being considered for an award may be asked to jog for soundness with rider dismounted.

WORKING HUNTER DIVISIONS

Revised to include in heights and divisions

A Same Horse & Rider Combination MAY be allowed to drop down to a lower division if they present a Veterinarian's and/or Doctor's Written Medical Note for either Horse or Rider, stating the reason for request, or if the Horse & Rider Combination is returning to showing after a two-year Hiatus – All Lower Division Competition Requests must be approved by the MHSA Board prior to showing. Horses & Riders that are approved to Drop Down to a lower division will not be eligible for Year End Awards. If they have previously been awarded a Year End Award at a Similar or Higher Height no points will count toward Year End Awards. This applies to ALL Division Heights where appropriate and Rules Permit.

JUNIOR/OPEN HUNTER – 3'0" – 3'6": Open to all horses and and riders of any age to jump a minimum of eight (8) fences. Under Saddle classes to be shown at a walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena. May be asked to hand gallop. Emphasis is on manners, extreme speed to be penalized. Professionals may enter this division. Classes: Course A and B, and Under Saddle.

CHILDRENS/ADULT AMATEUR/MODIFIED HUNTER – 2'9" – 3'0": Open to all horses and and riders of any age to jump a minimum of eight (8) obstacles. Under Saddle classes to be shown at a walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena. May be asked to hand gallop. Emphasis on manners, extreme speed to be penalized. Professionals may enter this division. Classes: Course A and B, and Under Saddle.

LOW WORKING/LARGE PONY HUNTER – 2'6" – 2'9": Horses and Ponies to jump a minimum of eight (8) fences. Hunter Under Saddle classes to be shown at a walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena. Not to hand gallop. Large Ponies are defined as those that are over 13.2 and do not exceed 14.2 hands. Professionals may enter this division. Classes: Course A and B, and Under Saddle.

INTERMEDIATE HORSE/SMALL/MEDIUM PONY HUNTER – 2'3" – 2'6": Horses and Ponies to jump a minimum of eight (8) fences. Hunter Under Saddle classes to be shown at a walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena. Not to hand gallop. Small & Medium Ponies are defined as those that do not exceed 13.2 hands. Professionals may enter this division. Classes: Course A and B, and Under Saddle.

GREEN HORSE/GREEN RIDER HUNTER – 2'0" – 2'3": For horses and riders that have never jumped a course of higher than 2'3" in an MHSA, HHSA or USEF sanctioned Hunter Show. Horses and riders may stay in this division for two (2) years or until they have won a year-end division championship. Simple Changes are permitted & are not to be penalized. Professionals may enter this division. Shown over a minimum of eight (8) fences. Under Saddle classes to be shown at a walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena. May not be asked to hand gallop. If a horse or rider moves to a higher height division, they will not be allowed back into this division and Green Horse/Green Rider points will be forfeited. Classes: Course A and B, and Under Saddle.

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER – 18" – 2'0": Designed for the beginning rider 17 and under (as of January 1), and the Beginning Horse, in their first or second year of showing in an MHSA Hunter Show (excluding Walk/Trot division), and riders OR horses returning after a two – year hiatus that are able to canter in a group. Simple Changes are permitted & are not to be penalized. Riders not allowed to cross enter into another division. Once crossover has taken place, rider will not be allowed back into Short Stirrup. Classes: Course A, Course B, and Under Saddle. Professionals may NOT enter this division.

RUSTY STIRRUP HUNTER – 18" – 2'0": Designed for beginning rider 18 and over (as of January 1), and the Beginning Horse, in their first or second year of showing in an MHSA Hunter Show (excluding Walk/Trot division), and riders OR horses returning after a two – year hiatus that are able to canter in a group. Simple Changes are permitted & are not to be penalized. Riders not allowed to cross enter into another division. Once crossover has taken place, rider will not be allowed back into Rusty Stirrup. Classes: Course A, Course B, and Under Saddle. Professionals may NOT enter this division.

WALK/TROT: Designed for the beginning rider 13 years and under (as of January 1), and the beginning rider 14 years and over, and riders OR horses returning after a two – year hiatus who are not yet ready to canter in a group. In the Walk/Trot 14 & Over, also permitted is the beginning horse who are not yet ready to canter in a group. This class is to be shown at a walk and trot only, in both directions of the arena. Classes: Walk/Trot Equitation, Walk/Trot Pleasure, and Walk/Trot Obstacle Course over poles. Professionals may NOT enter this division

EQUITATION DIVISION

In Equitation classes, only the rider is being judged, therefore, any horse that is suitable for, and is capable of performing the required class routine is acceptable.

POSITION

General: Rider should have a workmanlike appearance, seat and hands light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control should any emergency arise.

Hands: Hands should be over and in front of the horse's withers, knuckles thirty (30) degrees inside the vertical, hands slightly apart and making a straight line from the horse's mouth to rider's elbow. Method of holding reins is optional and bight of reins may fall on either side. However, all reins must be picked up at the same time.

Basic Position: The eyes should be up and shoulders back. Toes should be at an angle best suited to rider's conformation; ankles flexed in, heels down, calf of leg in contact with horse and slightly behind girth. Iron should be on ball of foot and must not be tied to the girth.

Position in Motion: At the walk, sitting trot and canter, body should be a couple of degrees in front of the vertical. Posting trot, inclined forward. Galloping and jumping, same inclination as the posting trot.

Mounting and Dismounting: To mount, take up reins in left hand and place hand on withers. Grasp stirrup leather with right hand and insert left foot in stirrup, toe in girth and mount. To dismount, rider may either step down or slide down. The size of the rider must be taken into consideration.

EQUITATION

GREEN RIDER EQUITATION 2'0"-2'3": For riders that have never jumped a course of higher than 2'3" in an MHSA, HNSA or USEF sanctioned Hunter Show. Riders may stay in this division for two (2) years or until they have won a year-end division championship. If a rider moves to a higher height division, they will not be allowed back into this division and Green Rider points will be forfeited. Classes: Flat – to be shown at a walk, trot and canter, in both directions of the arena. Over Fences – 2'0"-2'3" to be shown over a minimum of eight (8) fences.

SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION 18"-2'0": Designed for the beginning rider 17 and under (as of January 1) in their first or second year of showing (excluding Walk/Trot division). Riders not allowed to cross enter into another division. Once crossover has taken place, rider will not be allowed back into Short Stirrup Classes: Flat – to be shown at a walk, trot and canter, in both directions of the arena. Over Fences – 18"-2'0" to be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences.

RUSTY STIRRUP EQUITATION 18"-2'0": Designed for the beginning rider 18 and over (as of January 1) in their first or second year of showing (excluding Walk/Trot division). Riders not allowed to cross enter into another division. Once crossover has taken place, rider will not be allowed back into Rusty Stirrup Classes: Flat – to be shown at a walk, trot and canter, in both directions of the arena. Over Fences – 18"-2'0" to be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences.

MHSA HUNT SEAT EQUITATION MEDAL CLASSES

MHSA HUNT SEAT MEDAL 3'3"-3'6": Exclusively for the Junior or Adult Amateur MHSA member. Fences are set at 3'0"-3'6". Judged seventy-five (75%) percent on horsemanship over fences and twenty-five (25%) percent on the flat. The course has at least two (2) changes of direction and one (1) in- and-out. USA Equestrian Tests 1-19 may be used at the discretion of the judge. First through third to be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Fourth through sixth place are awarded ribbons.

MHSA HUNT SEAT MEDAL 2'9"-3'0": Exclusively for the Junior or Adult Amateur MHSA member. Fences are set at 2'9"-3'0". Judged seventy-five (75%) percent on horsemanship over fences and twenty-five (25%) percent on the flat. The course has at least two (2) changes of direction and one (1) in- and-out. USA Equestrian Tests 1-19 may be used at the discretion of the judge. First through third to be

awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Fourth through sixth place are awarded ribbons.

MHSA HUNT SEAT MEDAL 2'3"-2'6": Exclusively for the Junior or Adult Amateur MHSA member. Fences are set at 2'3"-2'6". Judged seventy-five (75%) percent on horsemanship over fences and twenty-five (25%) percent on the flat. The course has at least two (2) changes of direction and one (1) in- and-out. USA Equestrian Tests 1-19 may be used at the discretion of the judge. First through third to be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Fourth through sixth place are awarded ribbons.

EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

OPEN EQUITATION ON THE FLAT: Open to Juniors and Adult Amateurs. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Judge may ask for additional tests to be performed, including a change of mounts. Blue ribbons in this class are not to affect status in the Over Fences Divisions.

All Equitation Classes will count accumulatively for Year End Awards.

PLEASURE DIVISION

Open to riders and horses of all ages. The English Pleasure Horse is defined as one (1) of any type, breed or gender (unless otherwise stated). MHSA prohibits stallions being shown by a rider 17 and under.

It is imperative that the horse has the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to ride and display a pleasurable attitude. All gaits must be performed with willingness and obvious ease, cadence, balance and smoothness. Shown at a walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena, with emphasis on manners and the ability to afford a pleasurable ride. Conformation is not to count.

The Hunter Hack portion of this division to be shown at the walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena and required to jump two (2) fences, 2'3" in height. May be asked to hand gallop, halt and back. Martingales are prohibited in this division. Classes: Hunter Hack and English Pleasure Hack. Horses showing in Pleasure Hack must have shown in Hunter Hack.

JUMPER DIVISION

Open to riders and horses of all ages. All Jumper Classes will be run as: Table II Sec 2 (a) / (b) - Horse and Rider must jump the course set within the time allowed. Fault and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed are added together. Horse and rider with clean rounds may come back to compete in the jump-off. Places are decided by the least amount of faults and fastest time.

OPEN JUMPER CHALLENGE 3'3" – 3'6"

TRAINING JUMPER CHALLENGE 2'9" – 3'0"

PUDDLE JUMPER CHALLENGE 2'3" – 2'6"

JUMPER SHOWS

Jumper classes will be held at Hunter Shows with rules are as follows:

DEFINITION: the Jumper Division is open to riders of any age and horses may be of any type, breed or gender (unless otherwise stated). MHSA prohibits stallions being shown by a rider 17 and under.

APPOINTMENTS:

Tack and Attire:**Martingales.**

Classes offering less than \$1000. - No martingale restrictions.

Classes offering \$1000. to \$4999. - Only standing or running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted.

Whips. Competitors are prohibited from using a whip that is longer than 30" (75cm) while mounted and in the warm-up or competition arenas. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited at any time. A dressage whip may be used when working on the flat.

Draw Reins. Draw reins may only be used when schooling, or, in classes with less than \$1000.

Tied Stirrups. Any rider competing with their stirrups tied to the girth and/or secured in any like manner, will automatically be eliminated from that class. Riding anywhere on the competition grounds with stirrups tied to the girth or otherwise secured is cause for elimination by the Steward of that rider from the current or subsequent class in which the rider is entered. In the case of Junior or Amateur riders, the Steward will note the Trainer name(s) on the Steward's Report and further disciplinary actions may be taken by MHSA and USA Equestrian.

Attire. Management, at its discretion, may allow competitors to compete without riding coats. If a riding coat is not worn, riders must wear a shirt with a collar or a choker, neatly tucked into riding breeches. A windbreaker jacket or raincoat may be worn if conditions require. In all cases, riders must appear neatly attired to appear before the public or be subject to penalty of elimination by the judges.

Formal Attire. Only black, dark blue, dark green or scarlet coats are permitted; white breeches (ladies are permitted to wear light tan); a white tie or choker or hunting stock, and a white or lightly colored shirt must be worn.

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS:

Jumpers may be of any breed, height or sex. (Exception: Pony Jumpers, see Art. 2718.4)

Stallions. Junior riders may not show stallions.

Classes per Day. No more than three (3) classes in any section may be held during any 24-hour period.

Cross Entry. Any horse may compete in up to two (2) divisions. Refer to USEF Rules regarding eligibility.

Horses per Rider. The number of horses per rider is not limited.

JUMPER DIVISION LEVELS

The following fence dimensions are guidelines for what may be offered in jumper classes

CROSS-RAIL JUMPER: Fences 18"-2'0" maximum. No combinations, triple bars, liverpools or oxers. – UNDER HIATUS

RAIN DROP JUMPER: Fences 2'0" to 2'3" maximum. No oxers. – UNDER HIATUS

PUDDLE JUMPER: Fences 2'3"-2'6" maximum with 2'0" to 2'6" in spread. Gambler's Choice 3'0" maximum. No triple combinations, triple bars or liverpools.

LOW JUMPER: Fences 2'6"-2'9" maximum and 2'6" to 3'0" in spread. Gambler's Choice 3'3" maximum. Triple bars/liverpools up to 3'0".

TRAINING JUMPER: Fences 2'9"-3'0" maximum and 2'9" to 3'3" in spread. Gambler's Choice 3'6" maximum. Triple bars up to 3'6".

OPEN JUMPER: Fences 3'0"-3'6" maximum and 3'6" to 4'6" in spread. Gambler's Choice 4'0" maximum. Triple bars up to 4'0".

Cross-Rail Division will consist of three (3) classes:

Table II Sec 2 (a) / (b),

Time-Fault & Out,

Table II Sec 2 (c) (Power & Speed).

All other Division Levels must have three (3) of the following four (4) classes:

Table II Sec 2 (a) / (b),

Time-Fault & Out,

Table II Sec 2 (c) (Power and Speed) and

Gambler's Choice.

RULES FOR JUMPER SHOWS

Knockdown of Obstacle-4 faults

1st Disobedience-4 faults; 2nd Disobedience-4 faults; 3rd Disobedience-Elimination

Time faults assessed for each second or portion thereof exceeding the Time Allowed.

Starting course before Judge's signal-Elimination

Fall of horse or rider (except Fault and Out, and Gambler's Choice) – Elimination

Failure to enter ring within one (1) minute of being called – Elimination

You have forty-five (45) sec. to cross the starting line after the Judge's Signal.

Riders are not allowed to cross enter into another division. Once crossover has taken place, rider will not be allowed back into previous division

For Jumper Shows, Show Managers are required to have 3 classes per division. Those 3 classes are selected from the following list:

Table II Sec 2 (a) / (b) - Horse and Rider must jump the course set within the time allowed. Fault and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed are added together. Horse and rider with clean rounds may come back to compete in the jump-off. Places are decided by the least amount of faults and fastest time.

Time-Fault & Out - Competitor's time starts when they cross the start line. If they finish the course cleanly before the Time Allowed (must be posted on course plan) is up, they may continue on and start the course again. When time is up the Judge will signal, the rider takes the next jump and then must stop jumping. An obstacle is not considered to have been jumped until the horse's forefeet have touched the ground on landing. If a knockdown occurs, the Judge will signal and rider may take the next jump on the course and then stop. No points are awarded for the obstacle jumped after the signal. If a fall or disobedience occurs after landing, the horse is scored as though the fault had occurred at the next obstacle. Two (2) Points are given for each obstacle jumped cleanly and one (1) point for the obstacle knocked down. The winner is the competitor with the greatest number of points.

Table II Sec 2 (c) (Power & Speed) - If a competitor has gone clean in the initial part of the course, he will, upon crossing the finish line, start the jump-off course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial course. The winner is the competitor with the fastest time and least number of faults. If not clean in the initial part of the course the competitor must stop when he crosses the finish line. The competitor with the least amount of faults and the fastest time wins. If there are no clean rounds in the initial part of the course and a tie exists for the first place, there will be one jump-off, in which time will decide in the event of equity of faults.

Gambler's Choice: Each obstacle carries 10 to 120 points according to difficulty. No combination obstacles. Obstacles must be built so they can be jumped in both directions. Horse and Rider will have sixty (60) seconds to jump all the obstacles in any order and any direction they wish. Time

will start when they cross the start line. Start line may be crossed in either direction. The Judge will signal when time is up. The horse and rider must then cross the start line (in either direction) to end their time. If the fixed time is reached at the moment the horse is ready to take off, the obstacle counts if jumped correctly. If they do not cross the start line, they place last, with the same number of points. Each obstacle may be jumped ONLY TWICE. If jumped a THIRD time, points do not count. If a rider falls, they must stop, but is still placed according to the number of points awarded. If a jump is knocked down, the points do not count and the jump may not be jumped again. The Joker Fence is worth 200 pts. If it is knocked down, 200 points are deducted. The winner is the competitor with the most points.

Table 5.2a- Optimum Time in First Jump-off: The first round and first jump-off are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an Optimum Time (defined as 4 sec. less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc.

Table 5.1- Optimum Time in First Round: The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an Optimum Time (defined as 4 sec. less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc.

OPTIONAL CLASSES:

\$200 Partner Switch Stake Class 2'6" - In this class you will have two (2) riders and one (1) horse. HORSE MAY ONLY BE ENTERED ONCE, but the rider may ride different horses and have different partners. Rider one will jump a posted course of five (5) to seven (7) fences and cross the start line (where time will start), Rider two will get on and jump a different course of five (5) to seven (7) fences, which will be timed. Team with the least amount of faults and the fastest time wins. This class will not affect the horses jumping height status.

4-Bar or 6-Bar (stake) - Obstacles are placed in a straight line 24' or 36' apart. We will start at crossrails then have progressive heights, such as 2', 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3', 3'3", 3'6", 3'9", 4, 4'3", 4'6". If the horse refuses or runs out, the rider must resume the course at the obstacle at which the fault occurred and is permitted to make his approach from outside the space between the two (2) obstacles, thus jumping the fence at an angle. Only those without fault in the preceding round are entitled to take part in the next round. The winner is the last horse to complete a clean round.

SOUNDNESS: all horses must be serviceably sound. Horses being considered for an award may be asked to jog for soundness with rider dismounted.

HUNTER / JUMPER SCHOOLING SHOWS

DIVISIONS: Schooling show classes & divisions will be represented in the Schooling Show Prize List.

RULES: Schooling Show Rules will follow rules specified in the Hunter & Jumper Sections, any variations will be stated in Schooling Show Prize List.

WESTERN SHOWS

DEFINITION: Horses and ponies may be any breed or combination of breeds. Horses must be serviceably sound and in good condition. Stallions may be ridden / handled only by adults (18 years and over).

Any horse or pony that is not under control may be excused at the discretion of the judge and show management.

In all classes, horses are to be shown at a four beat walk, free-moving, easy-to-ride jog and lope both ways of the arena.

Horses are to be ridden on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint.

Extended gaits may be requested by the judge.

Horses five (5) and under and Green Horses (see Green Horse Division Rules) may be ridden in a snaffle bit or a bosal, with two hands; or in a shanked bit, with one hand.

Horses six (6) years and older must be ridden in a shanked bit, with one hand.

When riding with one (1) hand, it is permissible to have one (1) finger in between the reins.

When riding with one (1) hand an exhibitor may not change hands, except to navigate an obstacle in the Trail class.

When using split reins, the ends of the rein fall on the same side as the hand holding the reins.

When using a romal, no finger between the reins is allowed. Rider may hold the end of the romal with the free hand.

The patterns are to be worked as stated, not as drawn. The drawn pattern is just to give the general idea of what the pattern will look like in the arena.

For Working Cow Horse (when applicable) Romal reins are required NO SPLIT REINS

APPOINTMENTS:

Personal:

Riders must wear a western hat or ASTM approved riding helmet, long sleeved shirt with collar, jeans or pants, and western boots. Chaps and spurs are optional. Improper or incomplete attire will be penalized, up to possible disqualification.

Exhibitors must wear an exhibitor number. In riding classes, numbers may be pinned to both sides of the saddle pad.

Tack:

Entries shall be shown with a western saddle. Silver show tack will not count over good work tack.

Maximum overall shank length on bits is 8.5".

Western snaffle bits (center jointed, single rounded mouthpiece of 3/8-3/4" in diameter) is acceptable for horses five (5) years or younger. If a curb strap is used, it must be attached below the reins.

Horses shall not be shown with mechanical hackamores, cavesson type nosebands, martingales or any type of tie down. A rounded hackamore or bosal, constructed of braided rawhide, is permitted for horses five (5) and under.

Bandages and protective boots are generally prohibited. However, in reining or dry working cow horse classes, the use of bell boots, protective wraps or boots on the front and on the rear fetlocks are permitted.

TACK: Refer to USEF WS 105

CLASSES

Each class may be offered in multiple divisions, but will be judged the same regardless of the division.

HALTER: Halter classes are open to horses of all ages, breeds and genders. In each class, the horses will work individually. The Judge will specify how she/he wants horses to enter, and work, but will observe each horse at the walk and jog, to check for soundness. Each horse will then be shown standing squarely, so the Judge can assess fitness and confirmation. The horse's fitness, conformation and grooming are the key factors in this class. Points will be awarded to 1st through 6th place for year-end

points.

SHOWMANSHIP: This class is to determine the exhibitor's ability to fit, groom and present a horse at halter. Each exhibitor will be asked to perform individually, a pattern that may include walking, trotting, backing and turning. The pattern will be posted before the show begins. Precision, accuracy, manners and willingness are rewarded. Each horse will be presented for individual inspection by the judge. This class is judged on the exhibitor's showmanship and preparation-grooming of the horse. Conformation is not a major consideration.

STOCK SEAT EQUITATION: Horses will be asked to work at a walk, jog and lope, both directions of the arena and will be judged on riders' positions and horsemanship. May be asked to perform individual tests, at the discretion of the judge. The horse's quality of movement is not a major factor.

WESTERN PLEASURE: Horse to be shown on the rail, at the walk, jog and lope. Each gait should be performed both ways of the arena. At the Judge's discretion, an extended jog may be requested. Horses must stand quietly, reverse and back willingly. Horses should work on a reasonably loose rein, maintaining consistent, relaxed gaits and making smooth transitions. Judged predominantly on quality of gaits and manners, as well as suitability of horse to rider. Rider's equitation is not a major factor. Passing is not penalized, as long as each horse is working at a pace appropriate to their size and stride.

TRAIL HORSE: Horses to work individually, over and through an obstacle course. This may include walk, jog, lope, back, side pass or tight turns. To be judged on rein work, manners and accuracy of the pattern. Off pattern will result in disqualification. Obstacles may include but are not limited to: negotiating a gate, carrying objects from one place to another, crossing a bridge, crossing logs, backing through obstacles, side-passing over a log, etc. Pattern will be posted at least one hour before the class. No part of the pattern will be designed to advantage a very large or very small horse. Manners, responsiveness and general attitude in completing the course are the major factors in this class. Any balking, delays or refusals will be penalized. A horse that refuses may be directed to continue to the next obstacle, or be excused.

MHSA STOCK SEAT MEDAL: Open to riders and horses of any age and experience level. To be judged as an equitation class on a basic pattern including but not limited to walk, jog, & lope circles & straight lines, with simple flying changes, halts, backing, and pivots. To be judged on equitation and accuracy of pattern. May be asked to preform walk, jog, and lope on the flat in addition to pattern.

IN HAND TRAIL: Open to horses of all ages, breeds and genders. Horses are to be lead in a flat halter, nylon or leather with a chain, through a designated trail course. The chain may be used under the chin or hanging from the halter. Exhibitor is not allowed to touch the horse, except when sidepassing. Each exhibitor will be asked to perform individually, a pattern that may include walking, trotting, backing and turning. Obstacles may include but are not limited to: crossing a bridge, crossing logs, backing through obstacles, pivoting in a box, etc. The pattern will be posted before the show begins. Precision, accuracy, manners and willingness are rewarded.

VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE:

VERSATILITY RANCH RIDING (FORMALLY KNOWN AS RANCH HORSE PLEASURE): Horses show individually through a pattern. In this class, judges are looking for relaxed, responsive horses with soft and cadenced gaits. The horse should make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, plus the horse should be soft in the bridle and yield to contact. Should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse; overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing maneuver requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.

Rule SHW561 outlines the class, including prohibited and mandatory obstacles.

The purpose of Ranch Horse Pleasure should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse working outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations. For Complete Rules

refer to USEF AR 217.0.

Each horse will work individually, performing both required and optional maneuvers, and scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance.

The required maneuvers will include the walk, jog, and lope both directions: and the extended jog and extended lope going at least one direction; as well as stops, and a back.

1. Three optional maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, jog, or lope over a pole(s); or some combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform.
2. The maneuvers may be arranged in various combinations with final approval by the judge.
3. The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be free-flowing and ground covering for all gaits, with an emphasis on forward movement. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.
4. No time limit.
5. Posting at the extended jog is acceptable
6. Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable.

VERSATILITY RANCH REINING: Ranch reining measures the ability of the stock horse to perform basic handling maneuvers. Judges are looking for: "To rein a horse is not only to guide him but also to control his every movement. The best reined horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance and dictated to completely."

VERSATILITY RANCH TRAIL: Obstacles found in a ranch trail pattern are approximate to those found during the course of everyday work. Judges are looking for a well-trained, responsive and well-mannered horse that can correctly navigate and negotiate the course, and to do so in a correct and efficient manner.

DIVISIONS

Each division will include Showmanship, Stock Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure and Trail with the exception of Walk/Jog, Green Horse, & Performance Horse. Walk/Jog will consist of Stock Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, and Trail only. Green Horse will consist of Western Pleasure and Trail only. **Versatility Ranch Horse will consist of Versatility Ranch Riding, Versatility Ranch Reining, & Versatility Ranch Trail.**

WALK/JOG 13 AND UNDER - This division is designed for riders 13 years old and under (as of December 1), and riders OR horses returning after a two – year hiatus who are not ready to compete in classes that require loping. Horse/rider combination may not crossover into a loping division.

WALK/JOG 14 AND OVER - This division is designed for riders 14 years old and over (as of December 1) and beginning horses, and riders OR horses returning after a two – year hiatus, who are not ready to compete in classes that require loping. Green Horse Rules Apply to the Beginning Horse for this division. Horse/rider combination may not crossover into a loping division.

NOVICE 17 AND UNDER - Restricted to exhibitors 17 years and younger (as of December 1st) in their first or second year of showing in MHSA Western Shows and who have not won the Year End Division Championship in a previous year.

NOVICE 18 AND OVER - Restricted to exhibitors 18 years and over (as of December 1st) in their first or second year of showing in MHSA Western Shows and who have not won the Year End Division Championship in a previous year.

JUNIOR 17 AND UNDER - Restricted to exhibitors 17 years and younger (as of December 1st),

regardless of experience level

ADULT 18 & OVER - Restricted to exhibitors 18 years and over (as of December 1) regardless of experience level.

OPEN - Open to Exhibitors of All Ages and Experience Levels

GREEN HORSE: Open to Horses in their first or second year of showing in MHSA Western Shows that have not yet won a Year End Division Championship in a previous year. Horses may be shown two - handed in a smooth snaffle, or bosal hackamore or one - handed in a bridle bit. Mechanical hackamores are not allowed.

VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE:

Versatility Ranch Riding

Versatility Ranch Reining

Versatility Ranch Trail

Note: Each horse/rider combination may compete in a maximum of two (2) divisions. Each horse can only compete in up to two (2) divisions, but a competitor may show multiple horses for the purpose of year-end awards.

DRESSAGE SHOWS

TESTS OFFERED:

Traditional Dressage: All Tests & Levels - Intro thru 4th.

Copies of traditional dressage tests can be found at the USEF & USDF websites

For Traditional Dressage: Intro, Freestyle, & Quadrille Tests see USDF site:

<http://usdf.org/> OR

<http://www.usdf.org/downloads/forms/index.asp?TypePass=Tests>

For Traditional Dressage Training – 4th Level see USEF site:

<http://www.usef.org/> OR

https://www.usef.org/_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/2015dressageTests.aspx

For Western Dressage: All Tests & Levels - Intro, Basic, Level 1,

Level 2. For test copies and rules and regulations see:

<http://www.westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-tests/>

Note: Horses are limited to a maximum of three Dressage rides a day at Fourth Level & below and may enter no more than two consecutive levels. Riders are not limited on the number of horses they compete.

HSDS HORSE/RIDER TEAM AWARDS FOR 2016

GENERAL RULES:

Calculation of the average for all horse/rider and Horse of the year awards: The 4 highest scores earned will enter into the calculation of the average. At least one score of the highest test of the relevant level will enter into the calculation of the average. For the Freestyle Award the 2 highest scores will be averaged.

This applies for all Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur, Vintage Cup and Open Division.

Award Year runs from January 1 to December 31.

Awards will be presented at the year-end awards banquet.

Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded.

No minimum score is required but the overall average must be at least 58%.

Minimum score of 55% for the highest test of the level must be earned. This applies to all levels Intro thru Fourth.

ELIGIBILITY:

Rider must be HSDS member in good standing at the time the scores are earned.

Horse must be registered with HSDS at the time the scores are earned.

Horse and Rider are considered a team for each level of the competition.

JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDERS: Riders 21 years old and younger.

ADULT AMATEUR: Non-professional riders over 21 years of age.

VINTAGE: Riders 50 years of age and older.

OPEN: Professional riders.

HORSE AWARDS

HORSE OF THE YEAR:

Intro, Training, First, Second, Third and Fourth Levels excluding Freestyle. Champion and Reserve Champion at each level will be awarded.

GENERAL RULES:

Awards are earned by the horse, and the horse may be shown by more than one rider throughout the year.

Award year runs from January 1 to December 31.

Awards will be presented at the year-end awards banquet.

ELIGIBILITY:

Horse must be registered with HSDS at the time the scores are earned.

Rider must be HSDS member in good standing at the time scores are earned. Horse

Owners must be HSDS members at the time scores are earned.

FREESTYLE AWARD

First, Second, Third and Fourth Levels.

Champion and Reserve Champion at each level will be awarded.

Minimum of 2 freestyle scores.

In addition the horse must have ONE non-freestyle score from the highest test of the specified level OR from any test in the next highest level, and these scores must be 58% or higher.

Non-freestyle scores WILL NOT be used in calculating the freestyle average. Average score must be 58% or higher.

2018 AMENDMENTS:

Amendments have been made to the 2018 Handbook are highlighted in red

