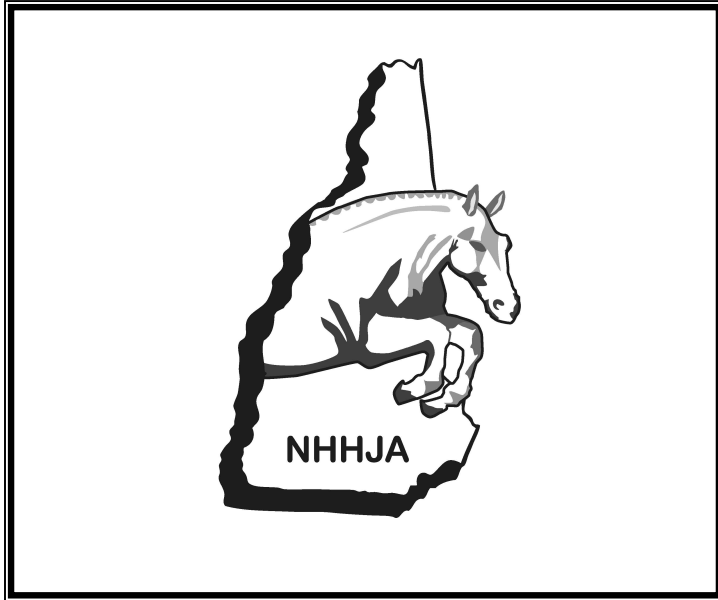


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# New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association

## - Rulebook -

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**New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association**  
*General Rules*

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1. Points may be accumulated only at shows rated with NHHJA
2. NHHJA is an affiliate of NEHC and will follow the rules of NEHC
3. The show season for accumulating points for year-end awards will be from October 1 – September 31. The exhibitors’ age for competition will follow NEHC rules, age as of December 1. After the completion of NH Medal Finals riders may compete and accumulate points in the NH Medal classes that they will be eligible for the following year.
4. The New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association abides by current NEHC show rules and regulations.
5. In order for a rider to accrue points, the rider must be a member in good standing with NHHJA. **All riders, owners, and trainers must be members of NHHJA or pay a \$10.00 non-member fee at each show.** For the Leadline and Walk-Trot classes, only the rider must pay the non-member fee. For every person that pays a non-member fee, their points WILL NOT be calculated for year-end points. If the non-member decides to become a member at some point during the year, their points from previous shows WILL NOT be retroactive.
6. An amateur is defined by NHHJA as a person who derives less than 25% of their income from horses. Income from straight board is excluded from this calculation.
7. To vote with NHHJA, an individual member must be eligible to show as an adult the year the vote is taken. An individual is entitled to one (1) vote. Family membership is entitled to two (2) votes. A lifetime individual membership is entitled to one (1) vote. Membership must be paid in full for that year.
8. Any individual having problems, concerns, questions, or suggestions about the NHHJA organization, its rules or officers, must contact the president of NHHJA in writing. All letters will be referred to the committee. If applicable, an individual response will be sent.
9. NHHJA shows will be run under a strict code of conduct. Members will be found in poor standing if one or both of the following occur:
  - A) Flagrant disregard of the rules, breached 3 times
  - B) Failure to make good on insufficient funds within 60 days
  - C) The use of abusive or foul language

D) Disregard for the well being of the horse

**If the association finds a member in poor standing...** A) Points accumulated during the period in question will be revoked until the matter has been rectified. B) The Association will not renew or reinstate memberships until the funds have been paid.

## **NHHJA By-laws**

### **Article I – Purpose**

**Section 1:** To make recommendations for the purpose of improving hunter and jumper show conditions in New Hampshire.

**Section 2:** To promote hunter and jumper activity in New Hampshire.

### **Article II – Members**

**Section 1:** Any person may become a member of NHHJA upon application and approval of the officers. The membership fee, as stipulated by the officers, shall accompany the application.

**Section 2:** The classes of membership shall be Family and Grand Family (renewed annually), Individual – Adult or Junior (renewed annually), and Lifetime.

### **Article III – Officers**

**Section 1:** The officers of the association shall consist of a president, vice president, corresponding secretary, hunter/jumper/equitation point secretary, medal point secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer. The officers shall serve for a period of two (2) years. Officers must be members in good standing with NHHJA. Officers may be replaced for the remainder of their term if unable to fulfill their duties of their office, are absent from two (2) or more meetings throughout the year, if they cease to be members, or if they choose not to finish their term. Such replacement is to be by a vote of the officers.

**Section 2:** President – the president shall have the general charge of the affairs of the association. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the association and to perform such other duties that ordinarily pertain to the office. Duties of the president include, but are not limited to 1) must be a signor on the NHHJA account in addition to the treasurer. Bank statements are to be sent to the president to review, the president must then hand over the statement to the treasurer at the next meeting or at an agreed upon time. 2) Have an agenda prepared for all meetings.

**Section 3:** Vice President – it shall be the duty of the vice president to preside at meetings of the association in absence of the president and to perform such other duties that ordinarily pertain to the office.

**Section 4:** Recording Secretary – it shall be the duty of the recording secretary to record and preserve the monthly meeting minutes.

**Section 5:** Treasurer – shall have custody of all funds, accounting for the funds to the association at the annual meetings and to perform such other duties that ordinarily pertain to the office, including but not limited to 1) paying all bills for NHHJA within a timely manner, 2) collect monthly bank statements from the president and keep a balanced check book, 3) collect all monies from the horse shows, finals, banquet and any other NHHJA organized event and deposit said monies within two (2) days time and 4) keep an accounting of all monies including cash amounts and give a report at each NHHJA meeting. The treasurer must also maintain relationship with lawyer and accountant to compile data for state and federal tax codes.

**Section 6:** Corresponding Secretary – it shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to send out notices of the association, submit membership news to the Equine Journal, prepare and send advertisements for NHHJA to the Equine Journal.

**Section 7:** Hunter/Jumper/Equitation Point Secretary - it shall be the duty of the Hunter/Jumper/Equitation point secretary to receive show results from the show secretary, maintain rulebooks and membership applications, keep membership lists, record and track Hunter/Jumper/Equitation points for all members, maintain accurate accounting of Hunter/Jumper/Equitation points recording, and other association duties that ordinarily pertain to the office.

**Section 8:** Medal Point Secretary - it shall be the duty of the medal point secretary to receive NH Medal class results from the show secretary, send and receive affiliat applications, keep membership lists, record and track NH Medal points for all members, maintain accurate accounting of NH Medal points recording, and other association duties that ordinarily pertain to the office.

### **Article IV – Meetings**

**Section 1:** Monthly meetings shall be held at a time and place to be agreed upon by the officers and rules committee members that have attended the previous meeting. Notification shall be made to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

**Section 2:** All officers and rules committee members must attend all meetings. With two (2) unexcused absences, that member can be voted off of the committee or out of office by the remaining officers.

**Section 3:** The annual meeting shall be held at a time and place to be agreed upon by the officers. Notification shall be made to the membership at least two (2) week prior to the meeting.

### **Article V – Dues**

**Section 1:** Membership dues shall be payable on or before the first show to be eligible to accumulate points for the current show year. Points will not be retroactive if a person becomes a member at a later time in the year. Points will only count from the day a person becomes a member of NHHJA.

Section 2: The annual membership dues are as follows :

- Family – 2 riders per family \$30.00
- Grand Family – 3 or more riders per family \$40.00
- Individual – Junior or Adult \$20.00
- Lifetime – 1 individual \$150.00

#### **Article VI – Funds**

Section 1: The funds of the association shall be disbursed by the treasurer under direction and by order of the officers. An accounting of receipts and expenditures shall be made to the officers prior to the meeting.

Section 2: At no time will NHHJA funds be used for anything other than NHHJA business.

Section 3: Any checks written over \$1,000.00 must be authorized by the officers.

#### **Article VII – Committees**

Section 1: The president of the association shall, subject to the approval of the remaining officers, appoint such committees as the president deems necessary. The president shall be an exofficio member of all committees.

Section 2: The rules and regulations recommended by the rules committee and/or the executive committee shall be voted on and binding on all members of the association.

Section 3: The rules committee shall consist of twelve (12) members to be nominated by and voted on by the membership for a two (2) year term. The members should represent a cross section of the membership. A total of twelve (12) members will be voted.

Section 4: The aide to the shows committee will consist of members that can be contacted to answer questions and provide technical assistance to horse show managers.

#### **Article VIII – Amendments**

Section 1: Amendments to these by-laws may be made at any regular and/or special meeting of the association by a majority vote of those present.

Visit [www.nhhja.com](http://www.nhhja.com) for more a complete show schedule and membership information.

## **New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association Pointed Divisions**

Year-end awards are given in the following divisions:

### **Equitation**

Leadline  
Walk-Trot  
Short Stirrup Equitation  
Long Stirrup Equitation  
Hunt Seat Eq. Under 12  
Hunt Seat Eq. 12-14  
Hunt Seat Eq. 15-17  
Adult Equitation  
NHHJA Children's Eq.  
Modified Adult Eq.

### **Hunters**

Short Stirrup Hunter  
Suitable Hunter  
Baby Green Hunter  
Modified Junior Hunter  
Modified Adult Hunter  
Working Hunter Pony  
Open Special Hunter  
Amateur Adult Hunter  
Children's Hunter  
Special Child/Adult Hunter

### **Jumpers**

Puddle Jumper  
Schooling Jumper  
Open Jumper

### **Pleasure**

Hunter Pleasure (horse)  
Pony Hunter Pleasure

### **High Point Awards**

Open Junior High Point Rider: Awarded to the junior rider/horse combination that accumulates the most points in all divisions. Open to junior members regardless of status.

Open Adult High Point Rider: Awarded to the adult rider/horse combination that accumulates the most points in all divisions. Open to adult members regardless of status.

Scholarships: Two (2) scholarships are awarded yearly to participating current NHHJA members. To be voted on by the committee members with two (2) winners and one (1) alternate chosen. Awarded at the annual banquet. Member or representative must be present at the annual banquet to win scholarship. If a member or representative is not present, then the alternate winner will receive the scholarship. Monies are to be distributed from NHHJA directly to the school of choice.

## Class Information

- In the hunter divisions, the champion and reserve champion shall be the horses winning the highest and second highest number of points in the designated classes/divisions throughout the show.
  - The champion and reserve champion in a division are determined by the following point values (see page 15)
- Only the top four (4) over fences can have under saddle points added in for determination of division champion and reserve champion.
- In the case of a tie score, the hunter champion and/or reserve champion shall be awarded to the horse that has the accumulated the most points over fences. If the horses have equal points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses shall either be shown at the walk, trot, canter and hand gallop (Baby Green and Suitable not to gallop) or choose to toss a coin.
  - In the hunter sections, only the first six (6) ribbons in each class are counted regardless of the number offered. Ribbons have the same value even if less than the specified six (6) places are awarded due to lack of entries.
  - In all classes, there must be a minimum of three (3) horses competing for points to count, with the exception of the hunter under saddle class held within its respective division. Leadline and Walk-Trot are also exempt.

## NH Medal Affiliation Requirements

1. NH affiliation can occur at any time during the year as long as it is 10 days prior to the show date.
2. If a show is medal affiliated after the NHHJA yearly show list has been mailed to members, the dates of the affiliated show will be posted on the NHHJA website.
3. Show medal affiliation fees will be \$50.00 per show for any and all medal classes. This fee is inclusive, regardless of how many medal classes are scheduled per show.
4. Each affiliated show must submit show results to the point secretary within 7 days following the show date. Failure to submit these to the point secretary on time will result in a \$25.00 fine and may result in the loss of affiliation.
5. Only judges rated by NEHC or USEF can judge NHHJA affiliated classes.
6. Only one class per medal division may be offered per show day.
7. All courses must consist of at least 8 fences and there must be a safe area for warm-ups. Jumps must be well constructed.
8. At least 3 riders must complete the course.
9. Testing is optional and at the discretion of the judge.
10. Riders accumulating points to qualify for the NH Medal Finals must be a member of NHHJA.

## Class Descriptions/Specifications

### Equitation Classes

No rider may enter classes for more than one age group. The exhibitors' age for competition will follow NEHC rules, age as of December 1. Points can be accumulated only in the age group indicated on the application for membership. Martingales are prohibited on the flat.

***As of December 1, 2005, the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF, [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)) requires all riders in all divisions to wear ASTM approved helmets with harnesses.***

**\*Lead Line Equitation** – Open to riders 8 years of age and under. Not to show in any other class/division at the same show. Leader and side-walkers must be over the age of 14 and appropriately dressed. Riders may not have competed off the lead. *Classes: Leadline Equitation and Leadline Suitability.*

**Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation** – Open to riders 10 years of age and under. No child entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope at the current show. May not have cantered or loped in any class. *Classes comprising the Walk-Trot division: Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation, Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Eq. Championship, and Walk-Trot Pleasure*

**Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation Championship** – same specifications as Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation class above. Must have entered, shown, and judged in the Hunt Seat Walk-Trot class in order to show in the Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation Championship class.

**Short Stirrup Equitation** – Open to riders 12 years of age and under. Riders cannot have shown over 18” at any recognized show.

**Short Stirrup Equitation Flat** – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter in both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

**Short Stirrup Equitation O/F** – to be shown over a minimum of 4 fences and a maximum of 8 fences, with fences not to exceed 18” in height. Fences may be taken at a trot or canter.

**\*Long Stirrup Equitation** – Open to riders 13 years of age and older. Riders cannot have shown over 18” at any recognized show.

**\*Long Stirrup Equitation Flat** – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter in both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

**\*Long Stirrup Equitation O/F** – to be shown over a minimum of 4 fences and a maximum of 8 fences, with fences not to exceed 18” in height. Fences may be taken at a trot or canter.

**Hunt Seat Equitation Under 12** – fence heights not to exceed 2’3”. *Classes: Equitation Under 12 O/F and Equitation Under 12 Flat*

**Hunt Seat Equitation 12-14** – fence heights not to exceed 2’6”. *Classes: Equitation 12-14 O/F and Equitation 12-14 Flat*

**Hunt Seat Equitation 15-17** – fence heights not to exceed 3’. *Classes: Equitation 15-17 O/F and Equitation 15-17 Flat.*

**Amateur Adult Equitation** – fence heights not to exceed 2’9”. *Classes: Amateur Adult Equitation O/F and Amateur Adult Equitation Flat.*

**\*NHHJA Children’s Equitation** – fences not to exceed 2’3”. Open to junior riders. Riders cannot have shown in classes over 2’6” at any recognized show and cannot cross enter into any other equitation class. *Classes: NHHJA Children’s Eq. O/F and NHHJA Children’s Eq. Flat*

**Modified Amateur Adult Equitation** – fences not to exceed 2’3”. Open to amateur adults. Riders cannot have shown in classes over 2’6” at any recognized show and cannot cross enter into any other equitation class. *Classes: Modified Ad. Eq. O/F and Modified Ad. Eq. Flat*

**\*The Stone Pony Junior Equitation Classic** – fences not to exceed 2’6”. Open to any junior rider (under age 18) that has shown in any Equitation class with fences heights between 2’3” and 3’. Top four riders of class to be tested. The Stone Pony Junior Equitation Classic will be held at the following shows: Spring Show, Summer Festival, and NH Finals. Points accumulated at shows will count towards Year End award, rider must be present at Year End Banquet to receive award.

**\*Eaton Berube Amateur Adult Equitation Classic** - Fences not to exceed 2’6”. Open to any amateur adult rider that has shown in any NHHJA equitation over fences with fence heights between, 2’3” and 2’9”. Top 25% of riders to be tested at judge’s discretion. Scores to be announce after each rider completes course and test. Points to accumulate at Spring Show, NHHJA Summer Festival and NH Finals for year-end award. Prizes for champion and reserve champion.

## Qualifying Medal Classes

- must be a member to accrue points for finals -

**\*NH Adult Medal** – fences not to exceed 2’9”. Amateur riders 18 years of age and older must accumulate 12 points in order to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-18. Note: When rider wins medal class at year-end finals, he/she must skip one (1) year of competing in the class at the finals, but may return to compete in the class the following year.*

**\*NH Junior Medal** – fences not to exceed 3’. Junior riders must accumulate 12 points in order to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-18. Note: When rider wins medal class at year-end finals, the rider no longer eligible to compete in the class and must move up to the NH Adult Medal.*

**\*NH Pony Medal** – fences not to exceed 2’3” for small & medium ponies and 2’6” for large ponies. Junior pony riders must accumulate 12 points in order to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-18. Note: When rider wins medal class at year-end finals, the rider is no longer eligible to compete in the class again and must move up to the NH Junior Medal.*

**\*NH Children’s Medal** – fence heights not to exceed 2’3”. Junior riders who haven’t show over 2’6” at a recognized show must accumulate 12 points to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-18. Note: When rider wins medal class at year-end finals two (2) years consecutively, the rider must move up to the NH Junior Medal class.*

**\*NH 2’3” Modified Amateur Adult Medal** – fence heights not to exceed 2’3”. Amateur riders 18 years of age and older who haven’t shown over 2’6” at a recognized show must accumulate 12 points to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-18. Note: When rider wins medal class at year-end finals two (2) years consecutively, the rider must move up to the NH Adult Medal class.*

**\*NH 18” Novice Medal** – fence heights not to exceed 18”. Junior and adult riders not having shown over 18” must accumulate 12 points to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-18. Note: When rider wins medal class at year-end finals, he/she is no longer eligible to compete in the class again. Rider must move up to NH Children’s Medal or NH 2’3” Modified Amateur Adult Medal depending upon rider’s age during competition year.*

ALL YEAR-END FINAL MEDAL CLASS WINNERS ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN MEDAL FINAL QUALIFYING CLASSES AT NHHJA SHOWS DURING THE YEAR FOR THE CLASS HE/SHE WON AT THE YEAR-END FINALS. RIDER MUST BE A MEMBER OF NHHJA AND MUST NOT COMPETE IN THE CLASS AT THE FINALS IF HE/SHE QUALIFIES DURING THE SEASON (UNLESS CHILDREN’S MEDAL OR MODIFIED ADULT MEDAL, SEE SPECS. ABOVE) *Example: Rider won NH Pony Medal Final and cannot jump the 3’ height for the NH Junior Medal. Rider can compete in NH Pony Medal classes at NHHJA shows and qualify, but may not compete in NH Pony Medal Final class at year-end finals.*

## Pleasure Divisions

**Walk-Trot Pleasure** – Open to riders 10 years of age and under. No child entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope at the current show. May not have cantered or loped in any class. *Classes comprising the Walk-Trot division: Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation, Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Eq. Championship, and Walk-Trot Pleasure*

**\*Pony Hunter Pleasure Division** – open to all ponies of a hunter type ordinarily used for pleasure purposes. Adults are permitted to show ponies with suitability to count; light contact with the pony's mouth is required. To be judged on performance, manners, quality, presence, suitability, substance and soundness. Open to ponies only. *Classes: see below.*

**\*Pony Hunter Pleasure Under Saddle** – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. May be asked to hand gallop, halt and back.

**\*Pony Hunter Pleasure Championship** – specifications to be the same as qualifying class. To be eligible, ponies must have been entered, shown and judged in the Pony Hunter Pleasure U/S.

**Hunter Pleasure Horse Division** – open to all horses of a hunter type ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations to status of rider. Open to horses only. *Classes: see below.*

**Hunter Pleasure Horse Under Saddle** – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. May be asked to hand gallop, halt and back. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. To be judged on performance, manners, quality, presence, suitability, substance and soundness.

**Hunter Pleasure Horse Championship** - specifications to be the same as qualifying class. To be eligible, horses must have been entered, shown and judged in the Hunter Pleasure U/S.

**NEHC Pleasure** – open to NEHC members and non-members. Open to all horses ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations as to the status of rider or place of residence. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Will be required to back. Loose rein on command of judge only, but without loss of contact. Shall be judged on manners, performance and quality in that order. *Classes: NEHC Hunter Pleasure.*

## Jumper Divisions

Jumpers may be of any breed or height, stallions, geldings, or mares.

The height of the jumps shall be: Puddle Jumpers – not to exceed 2'9", Schooling Jumpers not to exceed 3', and Open Jumpers not to exceed 3'6". The prize list must give a brief summary of the class conditions, the number of jumps, minimum and maximum height and spread for the first round, and table under which class is to be scored. Start and finish of the course: both a start line at least 12' from the first obstacle and a finish line at least 24' beyond the last obstacle must be indicated by two (2) markers at least 12' across.

· Must have shown in the division's first jumper class to be eligible to compete in the division's stake class.

**\*NHHJA Puddle Jumpers** – open to any horse or pony with no restrictions, fences not to exceed 2'9". Trophy and 6 ribbons awarded in first jumper class, money and 6 ribbons awarded in stake class. *Classes: NHHJA Puddle Jumpers – Table II.2.b and NHHJA Puddle Jumper Stake (must have shown in Puddle Jumpers to be eligible) – Table II.2.c*

**\*NHHJA Schooling Jumpers** – open to any horse with no restrictions, fences not to exceed 3'0. Trophy and 6 ribbons awarded in first jumper class, money and 6 ribbons awarded in stake class. *Classes: NHHJA Schooling Jumpers – Table II.2.b and NHHJA Schooling Jumper Stake (must have shown in Schooling Jumpers to be eligible) – Table II.2.c*

**Open Jumpers** – open to any horse with no restrictions, fences not to exceed 3'6". Trophy and 6 ribbons awarded in first jumper class, money and 6 ribbons awarded in stake class.

*Classes: Open Jumpers – Table II.2.b and Open Jumper Stake (must have shown in Open Jumpers to be eligible) – Table II.2.c*

## Hunter Divisions

Must have shown in all hunter O/F classes to be eligible to compete in division's stake class

Fences must simulate obstacles found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, etc... A ground line is recommended for all fences. The top element must be securely placed so that slight rubs will not cause a knockdown. Open jumper fences such as striped rails and bull's eye panels are discouraged. An in-and-out must never be the first fence.

**\*Low Hunter** – to be run all day in hunter rings at respective heights in each ring. Riders must specify that their round is a Low Hunter round. Only one round is permitted per ring for each horse.

**Adult Amateur Hunter** – to be ridden by amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as juniors. Horses may be shown by a different rider in any other division or class at the same show. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners and way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as an amateur adult hunter. Horses may be jogged for soundness at the judge's discretion. Fence heights not to exceed 2'9". Spreads not to exceed height of fence. Ponies may be ridden by adults, suitability to count. May be split 18-35 years of age and 36 years of age & over if entries warrant. *Classes: Adult Amateur Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter Stake, and Adult Amateur Hunter U/S. Divisions at Summer Festival will be Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 and Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & over.*

**Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle** – to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and manners.

**\*Open Special Hunter Division** – fences not to exceed 2'6". Open to all riders regardless of status. *Classes: Open Special Hunter, Open Special Hunter Stake, and Open Special Hunter U/S.*

**\*Open Special Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and manners.

**Modified Adult Amateur Hunter Division** – fences not to exceed 2'3". Open to all amateur adult horse/rider combinations that have not competed previously in a class with fence heights greater than 2'6". Open to horses and ponies to show over the same course. This pointed division is provided as a stepping stone between the 18" and open divisions. *Classes: Modified Adult Amateur Hunter, Modified Adult Amateur Hunter Stake, and Modified Adult Amateur Hunter U/S. (Riders may compete in the Eaton Berube Adult Equitation Classic)*

**Modified Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, & canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring at the judge's discretion. No more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and manners.

**\*Baby Green Hunter Division** – fences not to exceed 2’6”. No in and outs. Open to any horse or pony in their first two years of showing over fences, including 18” cross rails. Horses and ponies qualify for the Baby Green division for a maximum of two years only. Horses and ponies cannot cross enter in other divisions with jumps exceeding 2’6”. Simple changes of lead should not be penalized. Horses/ponies not to have shown over 2’6” at any recognized show. *Classes: Baby Green Hunter, Baby Green Hunter Stake, and Baby Green Hunter U/S.*

**\*Baby Green Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse’s mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors.

**\*Suitable Hunter Division** – Either horse or rider cannot have jumped over 18” at any show. Shown over 4 to 8 fences not to exceed 18” with no combinations. May trot or canter fences. *Classes: Suitable Hunter, Suitable Hunter Stake and Suitable Hunter U/S.*

**\*Suitable Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse’s mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

**Short Stirrup Hunter Division** – open to riders 12 years of age and under. May not compete in any other hunter divisions in a jumping class where fences are higher than 18”. May not have shown over 18” at any recognized show. Fences to be 18”. *Classes: Short Stirrup Hunter, Short Stirrup Hunter Stake, and Short Stirrup Hunter U/S.*

**Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

**\*Modified Junior Hunter Division** – fences not to exceed 2’3”. Open to junior riders that have not competed previously in a class with fence heights greater than 2’3” at a recognized show. Open to horses and ponies to show over the same course. This pointed division is provided as a stepping stone between the 18” and open divisions. *Classes: Modified Junior Hunter, Modified Junior Hunter Stake and Modified Junior Hunter U/S. (Riders may enter the Stone Pony Junior Equitation Classic)*

**\*Modified Junior Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and manners.

**\*Special Child/Amateur Adult Hunter** – Fences not to exceed 2’6”. Open to junior and amateur adult horse/rider combinations who have not competed in a class with fence heights greater than 2’6”. May not cross enter into the Modified Junior Hunters or Modified Adult Hunter divisions. Horses and ponies to show over the same course. *Classes: Special Child/Adult Hunter O/F, Special Child/Adult Hunter Stake, and Special Child/Adult Hunter U/S.*

**Children’s Hunter Horse Division** – to be shown by junior exhibitors, age as of December 1st of the current show year. Junior exhibitors 15-17 years of age must be eligible for intermediate equitation O/F (have not won 12 blue ribbons) as of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Fences not to exceed 3’0, spreads not to exceed fence height. If entries warrant, the division may be split at the discretion of the management. Same horse/rider combinations may not compete in any other rated division at the same show except equitation, jumpers, and pleasure. Horses may be shown by another rider in any other division at the same show. Jogging for soundness as the discretion of the judge. Shall be judged on performance and soundness. *Classes: Children’s Hunter Horse, Children’s Hunter Horse Stake and Children’s Hunter Horse U/S.*

**Children’s Hunter Horse Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judge on performance and soundness.

**Children’s Hunter Pony Division** – same judging specifications as Children’s Hunter Horse division. Fence heights not to exceed 2’ for small & medium ponies, 2’6” for large ponies. Ponies may not cross enter into the regular pony hunter division.

*Classes: Children’s Hunter Pony, Children’s Hunter Pony Stake and Children’s Hunter Pony U/S.*

**Children’s Hunter Pony Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judge on performance and soundness.

**Working Hunter Pony Division** – shown by junior exhibitors. Small ponies not to exceed 12.2 hands, medium ponies not to exceed 13.2 hands and large ponies must exceed 13.2 hands but not exceed 14.2 hands. Fence heights 2’3” for small & medium ponies and 2’9” for large ponies. In all classes, manners, suitability of pony to rider shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized. Riders may not cross enter into Children’s Hunter at the same show *Classes: Working Hunter Pony O/F, Working Hunter Pony Stake and Working Pony Hunter U/S.*

**Working Hunter Pony Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both direction of the ring. Light contact with the pony’s mouth is required. Ponies should be obedient, alert responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judge on performance and manners.

\*denotes non-rated NE

## Point System

| Regular Classes |            |            | Stake/Championship |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Place           | 3-9 horses | 10+ horses | Place              | 3-9 horses | 10+ horses |
| 1               | 16         | 18         | 1                  | 20         | 22         |
| 2               | 14         | 16         | 2                  | 18         | 20         |
| 3               | 12         | 14         | 3                  | 16         | 18         |
| 4               | 10         | 12         | 4                  | 14         | 16         |
| 5               | 8          | 10         | 5                  | 12         | 14         |
| 6               | 6          | 8          | 6                  | 10         | 12         |

Division Champion: 12 points ★ Division Reserve Champion: 10 points

## NH Medal Point Scoring

| Place | Points |
|-------|--------|
| 1     | 12     |
| 2     | 8      |
| 3     | 6      |
| 4     | 4      |
| 5     | 2      |
| 6     | 1      |

NEHC Point Systems can be found in the current NEHC rulebook.

## **New Hampshire Finals**

### *Specifications*

1. NHHJA members will be invited to the Hunter Classic based on point standings in the Hunter divisions at the end of the show series season.
2. Riders may ride in more than one (1) Medal class that they are eligible for at affiliated shows.
3. Upon qualifying for more than one medal class, riders must choose one (1) class to compete in at the Finals.
4. One horse and rider combination per Medal class. A horse may only be ridden once by one (1) rider in a Medal class at regular NHHJA shows and at the Finals.

18" Hunter Classic – the top 10 horse and rider combinations from the *Short Stirrup and Suitable Hunter* divisions qualify for the 18" Hunter Classic. Horse and rider combinations cannot have shown over 18" at any recognized show. Fence heights not to exceed 18".

2'3" Open Hunter – open to any horse and rider combination that has competed in any hunter over fences class at any 2009 NHHJA show. Fence heights not to exceed 2'3". If split into two (2) sections, a horse may only compete in one (1) section with one (1) rider.

2'3" Hunter Classic - the top 10 horse and rider combinations from the *Special Junior, NHHJA Modified Adult, Small/Medium Pony Hunter, and Small/Medium Children's Pony Hunter* divisions qualify for the 2'3" Hunter Classic. Fence heights not to exceed 2'3".

2'6" Hunter Classic - the top 10 horse and rider combinations from the *Baby Green, Open Special, Special Child/Adult Hunter, and Large Children's Pony Hunter* divisions qualify for the 2'6" Hunter Classic. Fence heights not to exceed 2'6".

2'9" Hunter Classic - the top 10 horse and rider combinations from the *Children's Hunter Horse, Amateur Adult Hunter, and Large Pony Hunter* divisions qualify for the 2'9" Hunter Classic. Fence heights not to exceed 2'9".

3' Open Hunter Classic – open to any horse and rider combination that has qualified for any other open hunter classic.

## **Circulating Trophies**

*The Constance Caldwell Horse of the Year Award* – donated by Gretchen Anderson in loving memory of her mother. Awarded to the horse that accumulates the greatest number of points in performance divisions, excluding equitation. Horse may have more than one rider.

*The Sarah Moody Perpetual Memorial Trophy* – awarded to the horse that accumulates the greatest number of points in the Open Jumper division.

*The Miss Katey O'Dell Perpetual Memorial Trophy* – donated by Jamie Keating in memory of his horse, Miss Katey O'Dell. Awarded to the horse that accumulated the greatest number of points in the Open Hunter division.

*The Chester Perpetual Memorial Trophy* – donated by Echo Valley Farm in memory of Chester. Awarded to the high-point Walk-Trot rider.

*The Oberon Memorial Trophy* – donated by Gretchen Anderson and Amy Miller in memory of their champion jumper. Awarded to the high point jumper in all jumper divisions.

*The Rusty Hunter Pleasure Challenge Trophy* – donated by Mary L Buckley in memory of her hunter pleasure mount, Rusty. Awarded to the horse that accumulates the greatest number of points in the Hunter Pleasure Horse division. To be won three (3) times by the same horse/rider combination for permanent possession.

*The Lady Luckiness Challenge Trophy* – donated by Stephen Pereira. Awarded to the rider who accumulates the greatest number of points in the Equitation 15-17 division. The trophy must be won by the same rider three (3) times for permanent possession.

*The King of Gems Challenge Trophy* – donated by Allison McGrath. Awarded to the high point equitation rider in the Under 12, 12-14, 15-17 or Adult Equitation division. To be won three (3) times by the same rider for permanent possession.

*The Ferdinand High-Point Pony Challenge Trophy* – donated by Gretchen Anderson. Awarded to the Small, Medium, Large or Children’s Hunter Pony accumulating the most points in their division. Pony Hunter Pleasure not to count. To be won three (3) consecutive years by the same pony or four (4) years by the same owner, for permanent possession.

*The Constant Companion Memorial Challenge Trophy* – donated by Cynthia Keating. Awarded to the horse/rider combination that has the most points in the Schooling Jumper division. Must be won three (3) times for permanent possession. (2000)

*The Distinguished Gentleman Memorial High Point Adult Challenge Trophy* – donated by Gail Cuthbertson. To be awarded to the horse/rider combination who accumulates the most points in the Adult Hunters and Adult Equitation divisions. Must be won three (3) times by the same horse for permanent possession. (1998)

*The King’s Cavalier Memorial Challenge Trophy* – donated by Barbara Spencer. To be awarded to the high point Short Stirrup Hunter. Must be won three (3) times for permanent possession. (1999)

*The Dry Clean Only Memorial Challenge Trophy* – donated by Carolyn Farley. To be awarded to the high point Puddle Jumper. Must be won three (3) times for permanent possession. (2000)

*The Playtime Memorial Challenge Trophy* – donated by Melissa Barden. To be awarded to the horse with the highest number of points in the 3’ and higher Hunter and Open Jumper divisions. (2001)

*The Gablinger Memorial Challenge Trophy* – donated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anacki in loving memory of “Gabby”, to encourage new adult riders or returning adults. To be awarded to the rider over 21 who accumulates the most points in the Long Stirrup, Suitable Hunter, or Hunter Pleasure divisions. (2001)

*The Seventh Heaven Memorial Trophy* – donated by Melissa Barden in loving memory of her young gelding. To be awarded to the high point horse in the Baby Green division.

*The Dr. Jekyll Perpetual Trophy* – donated by Melissa Barden. Awarded to the horse that accumulates the most points in the Suitab Hunter division.

*The Tri A Mystic Day Perpetual Trophy* – donated by Deb Wesoja. Awarded to the horse that accumulates the most points in the Specia Junior Hunter division.

*The Arty Argyle Perpetual Trophy* – donated by Kelly Hawkins. Awarded to the horse or pony that has the most combined points in the Pleasure and Hunter divisions.

*The Invisible Touch Perpetual Trophy* – donated by Melissa Barden. Awarded to the high point horse/rider in the Children’s Hunter division.

*The Against All Odds Perpetual Trophy* – donated by Jenny Willian. Awarded to the horse and rider that has the most combined points in the Puddle and Schooling Jumper divisions.

*The Fleetwood’s Epona Perpetual Trophy* – donated by Shelly Patri in 2006. Awarded to the adult rider and horse combination who ro in both the Hunter & Pleasure divisions with the highest number o combined points.

*The Killian’s Irish Red Trophy* – donated by Walter and Patsy Anac in 2008 in loving memory of their champion hunter pleasure horse Killian. Awarded to the rider in the Modified Adult Equitation/Hunters over 30 with the most points in either division

*The Hunter’s Run Challenge Trophy* – donated by Polly Murphy in 2008. Awarded to the horse and amateur adult rider (over 35) combination in any NHHJA hunter division with the highest point

**\*\*Note:** It is the responsibility of the recipient of any NHHJA challenge trophy to return the trophy in its clean and repaired state to the NH Finals that year. If trophies are not returned on time, the recipient will be charged a fee of \$25.00