

For HDHJA Judges and Starters

All USEF/USHJA safety rules and guidelines apply.

Please let us know if you see anything unsafe happening. You may tell the Show Manager, Germaine Dougherty (HDHJA President), any other Board Member, the Starter or the Steward. Your announcer will be able to help you find one of these people.

Divisions where the jumps are 2' or lower:

- Simple changes of lead are not to be penalized.

HDHJA Medal Classes:

- If two or more riders complete the course there must be a ride-off between at least the top two riders, with the top four riders recommended. The ride-off may be entirely on the flat, but it is the judge's choice.

OHJA Medal Classes:

- If three or more riders complete the course there must be a ride-off between at least the top two riders, with the top four riders recommended. If two or fewer riders complete the course, the judge may elect not to have a ride-off.

All USEF/USHJA horse welfare rules apply. We will not tolerate any form of abuse towards a horse or pony by anyone. This includes hitting an animal more than 2 times for any one incident. A judge may eliminate any rider from a class who violates the principles of horse welfare. Please let management know the name or number of the rider eliminated.

If there is a lameness concern please contact the Horse Show Manager or the Steward.

As consistent with USHJA Outreach rules, there are no rules/limitations on tack (unless it is a horse welfare issue).

Schooling clothes are acceptable for the rider in the show ring; riders may not wear garments with hoods.

If a class has 12 or more entries it will be split using the "California Split" method.

The judge, at their discretion, may split any under saddle class into smaller groups to work. This is especially recommended for classes with fences 2' or lower.

New this year – rules for schooling:

- There is a limit of four horses in the ring warming up at the same time.
- There will only be one diagonal fence or line available for schooling.

Course Information:

All courses (hunter, equitation and jumpers) higher than trot-a-pole must have a minimum of seven obstacles.

Courses must comply with all USEF/USHJA guidelines. Breakaway cups or wooden dowels must be used for the back rail of all oxers.

Cross rail jumps may not have fill. The two poles used for a cross rail jump must have a space between them that is equal to the width of the widest pole.

In classes 2' or lower in the hunters and equitation or .65M or lower in the jumpers we recommend a minimum of 68' between the jumps in a line. There are to be no oxers or in and outs in these classes.

Hunter Derbies will run all day. A rider will do their Derby round(s) right after their division rounds.