

## **HIGH DESERT HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION RULES**

### **RULE I – CALENDAR YEAR**

The horse show year and membership shall begin December 1<sup>st</sup> and end November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **RULE II – HORSE SHOW REQUIREMENTS**

The following are mandatory for all HDHJA shows:

1. Horse show management must be a HDHJA member to have their show count towards Year-End awards.
2. Ample parking for trailers, cars, and/or recreation vehicles
3. Suitable warm up and exercise areas
4. First Aid Kit and EMT or First Responder must be present on the competition grounds at all times during competition. This person may not have any other duties in relation to the Outreach Show or any other activity that may be occurring at the facility.
5. Eating facility
6. Safe and suitable footing
7. Restrooms
8. Water facilities
9. Working Telephone
10. Insurance coverage for personal injury and for liability, and providing HDHJA with a copy of the policy naming the HDHJA as co-insured 30 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> show of the season with a copy given to the show secretary.
11. Courses must comply with all OHJA guidelines and breakaway cups or wooden dowels must be used for the back rail of all oxers.
12. The Course Designer must be an active member of USHJA at the Outreach level or above and be at least 21 years of age.
13. A veterinarian must be on-call at all times during competition and their information must be posted in horse show office.
14. A farrier must be on-call at all times during competition and their information must be posted in horse show office.

15. Judges must be active members of USHJA at the Outreach level or above and at least 21 years of age.

16. Show Manager(s) and Secretary must be Associate or above Members of USHJA and at least 21 years of age, and have passed Safe Sport training.

17. Show Management must have a Steward or Adjudicator in place to mediate and resolve any disputes for USHJA Outreach classes.

18. The judge(s), steward or adjudicator, course designer, and emergency personnel may not compete in any USHJA Outreach classes at a show in which they are officiating.

19. For objectivity, the show manager may not serve as a judge, steward or adjudicator of any USHJA Outreach classes at a show in which they are officiating.

### **RULE III – GENERAL RULES FOR SHOW**

All USEF/USHJA safety rules and guidelines apply (i.e. ASTM approved helmets, footwear, equine medication etc.)

Horse Show Management is considered to be a collaborative combination of the HDHJA Officers, the Horse Show Manager/Secretary and the Facility Representative.

#### **Section A: Horse Show Sanctioning Process**

Submission for sanctioning of shows for the calendar year must be made to the HDHJA Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the show. At the time of application submission, show management must submit the following:

1. A completed HDHJA Sanction Show application.
2. Horse show management must be a HDHJA member to apply and run a show.
3. Forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per HDHJA sanction day. Submission less than thirty (30) days prior to show will be subject to an increased application fee of ninety dollars (\$90.00). Sanctioning fees are non-refundable; upon approval, inclement weather only exception.
4. Show management may apply for multiple dates at one time; however, payment of the approval fee for all dates requested is required at the time of application.
5. Show management must provide to the HDHJA Treasurer, at least three weeks prior to commencement of the show, proof of insurance as required by the HDHJA Bylaws and provide the HDHJA with a copy of the policy naming the HDHJA as co-insured. Insurance coverage must include personal injury and liability. If proof of insurance is not provided

as required, show will lose HDHJA sanctioning. Show management must notify all HDHJA members that its show(s) is/are not HDHJA sanctioned.

The HDHJA Treasurer will notify show management if the dates were accepted and the show is approved.

6. To be OHJA/USHJA Outreach recognized shows, the Horse Show Management will need to refer to the USHJA Outreach Competition Requirements and the OHJA Outreach Approval Process.

### **Section B: Show Dates**

If, for any reason, show management changes the date(s) and/or location(s) of any show previously approved by the HDHJA Board, show management must notify for show approval; however, no additional approval fee(s) shall be due for such show(s). To reserve its show date(s) for the following competition year, show management that has historically held its show(s) on the same date(s) in prior years (i.e., Memorial Day weekend) must submit its application(s) by January 1<sup>st</sup>. After January 1<sup>st</sup>, all applications will be considered for approval on a 'first come, first serve' basis.

### **Section C: Prize List**

The Prize List can be provided by the Show Secretary upon request. As an alternative to mailing or emailing the Prize List, show management may post the Prize List on the HDHJA website. Regardless of whether Prize List is mailed, emailed, or posted on a website, show management must make Prize Lists available to the membership of the HDHJA at least thirty (30) days prior to the show date. Prize Lists must list classes exactly as submitted to and approved by HDHJA. All HDHJA classes must be offered. All classes in which horses and riders may compete and accumulate points for Year-End Division Championships must be named and conducted according to HDHJA specifications. Non-approved classes must be identified as such in the Prize List. HDHJA will supply ribbons and medals for HDHJA Medal classes.

### **Section D: During the Show**

During the show, show management must (a) have a copy of HDHJA, OHJA and USHJA Outreach Rules available for reference, and (b) make HDHJA, OHJA and USHJA Outreach membership applications available for show participants. Upon request, the HDHJA board will make available copies of the HDHJA Rules and membership applications to the show management. HDHJA is a USHJA Outreach Competition and must post a "Promotion Poster", provided by USHJA, in high traveled area on show grounds.

### **Section E: After the Show**

Within seven (7) days after the show, show secretary shall provide the HDHJA Points Chairpersons with the following: (1) complete, typed show results, including the correct names of the horse and rider; (2) for combined age group classes, the correct age group of the rider; (3) all judges' cards must be turned in with show results; and (4) a copy of the show's prize list. If show results are not provided to the HDHJA Points Chairpersons as required, the Board shall not approve, or shall revoke approval of, any shows conducted by show management. Show management must also report results in electronic spreadsheet format along with exhibitor list and ID# to the OHJA and USHJA Points Chairperson within fourteen (14) days after the competition. Any new Memberships and fees collected at the show must be submitted to the appropriate Associations.

### **Section F: HDHJA Medal Classes**

Before permitting any rider to compete in an HDHJA Medal class, show management must confirm the rider's membership status by (1) checking the current membership list, (2) requiring the rider to provide his/her current membership, or (3) requiring the rider to provide proof of payment of the applicable HDHJA membership fee. \$5 of each Medal Class entry fee received will be paid to HDHJA.

The following HDHJA Medal Classes are offered at each show: 2' Medal, 2'6" Medal and 3' Medal. A minimum of two (2) riders must contest the course for the class to count toward the HDHJA Medal Finals and for the medal to be awarded. If at least two riders complete the course there must be a "ride-off" in each medal class between at least the top two (2) riders with the top four (4) riders recommended. This class is open to both juniors and adult amateurs. HDHJA medal courses must have a minimum of eight (8) fences. No schooling of the course is allowed at the Medal Finals.

A rider may only ride in one HDHJA Medal height at the same show.

If a rider shows in both an equitation division and the HDHJA medal at the same show, they must ride in the HDHJA Medal height that most closely corresponds to the equitation division ridden in at that same show.

If a rider competes in the 2'9" Equitation division, they may ride in either the 2'6" medal or the 3' medal.

Exhibitors in the cross rails division are eligible to show in the HDHJA 2' Medal Class at the same show. Exhibitors in the trot-a-pole division are ineligible to show in the HDHJA 2' Medal Class at the same show.

The top 12 riders (based on point accumulation), at each of the heights, qualify for the medal finals. If more than 12 riders have accumulated a minimum of 10 points then all riders who accumulate 10 points or more will qualify for the medal finals. Points are accumulated toward the Medal Finals as follows: (a) 1st – 10 points; (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6 points; (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 points; (d) 4th – 3 points; (e) 5th – 2 points; and (f) 6<sup>th</sup> – 1 point.

Once a rider has won the Medal Finals, they will no longer be eligible to compete in future HDHJA Medals at the same height.

A rider may only show in one HDHJA Medal Finals height per year.

### **Section G: OHJA Medal Classes**

The OHJA Foundation Medal 2', the OHJA Child/Adult Mini Medal 2'6" and the OHJA Child/Adult Medal 3' may be offered (excluding the HDHJA Championship Show). Refer to the OHJA Rules/Website for specifications and Medal Finals information.

### **Section H: Class Splits**

If a class has more than 12 entries, show management will adopt the "California split" method.

Under saddle classes will be split at judge's discretion.

### **Section I: Horse Utilization**

A horse cannot be shown in more than six over fences classes per day and/or more than two divisions per day. This does not include Beginning Riding Trot-a-Pole.

If there is a lameness concern the Judge, the Horse Show Manager/Secretary and the Steward/Adjudicator will decide the welfare of horse.

### **Section J: Special Events**

In addition to sanctioned horse shows, HDHJA may offer special events such as, but not limited to, a Jumper Jackpot, a Hunter Derby, a clinic or a seminar. Special events may be conducted in person or virtually through video submission, as specified. Points earned at special events will not count toward year-end division championships and must be listed as such in the prize lists. All HDHJA safety rules and guidelines apply to special events.

### **Section K: Horse Welfare**

All USEF/USHJA horse welfare guidelines apply at all HDHJA events.

HDHJA will not tolerate any form of abuse toward a horse or pony (hereafter referred to as horse) by an exhibitor, trainer, owner, groom or anyone else. Abuse means an action or omission which is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse, including, but not limited to:

- \* Excessive use of whip (including hitting a horse with a whip more than two times for any one incident)
- \* Excessive or persistent use of spurs or improper use of bits to cause pain to a horse
- \* Use of illegal equipment

- \* Excessive riding, training, lunging or showing
- \* Jabbing the horse in the mouth with the bit or any other device
- \* Riding or competing an exhausted, lame or injured horse
- \* “Rapping” a horse or striking a horse with an object
- \* Abnormally sensitizing or desensitizing a horse
- \* Leaving a horse without adequate food, drink or exercise
- \* Using any device or equipment which causes excessive pain to a horse/pony

If abuse is observed by anyone on the horse show grounds, it should be reported to a HDHJA Board Member or horse show official (including judge, manager, starter or announcer). Any of these people may issue a warning to the participant that their behavior is in violation of HDHJA rules.

A judge may eliminate any rider from a class who violates the principles of horse welfare during competition and it will result in an automatic warning.

If the warned participant refuses to immediately correct their behavior, or if the violation is severe, the violator is subject to immediate expulsion from the show. Any three people who are either a Board Member and/or a horse show official must agree that expulsion is appropriate.

Any follow-up actions or punishment for either a warning or an expulsion shall be decided at the next Board meeting and shall be commensurate with the severity of the violation based on the USEF/USHJA horse welfare guidelines. Punishments may include, but are not limited to, a written warning to the rider, trainer and horse owner, loss of points from that show and suspension from showing at future HDHJA shows for a given period of time.

A second violation within a year will automatically result in a minimum suspension of one horse show.

## **Rule IV – POINT ACCUMULATION**

### **Section A: HDHJA Membership and Points**

All points for the year will be included in the year-end tabulation once a rider is registered with HDHJA for that current year.

Points will be awarded as follows: (a) 1st – 10 points; (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6 points; (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 points; (d) 4th – 3 points; (e) 5th – 2 points; and (f) 6<sup>th</sup> – 1 point.

Riders may only show in one equitation division per show, except in the trot-a-pole and cross rail equitation divisions. Riders may cross enter between trot a pole equitation and cross rail equitation divisions at the same show. Riders in the trot a pole division may only cross enter between trot a pole and cross rail divisions at the same show.

Equitation divisions are open to Junior and Amateur exhibitors only.

If a rider illegally cross enters into two equitation divisions they will be given points for the higher division and will lose all points and awards for the lower division.

### **Section B: Points Committee Chair(s)**

The Points Committee Chair(s) of the HDHJA is to maintain a year-to-date accounting of points toward year-end division championships. Points must be provided to the Website Committee Chair no later than 14 days post competition.

### **Section C: Point Discrepancy Procedure**

Any discrepancies in point accumulations noted by a member shall be reported by written request to the HDHJA Points Committee Chair(s) who will research and correct the reported discrepancy as appropriate.

### **Section D: Points/Results Posted**

Results will be posted on Horseshowtime.com within 7 days at the conclusion of the show. Points will also be posted within 14 days at the conclusion of the show to the HDHJA website.

## **RULE V – YEAR-END DIVISION AWARDS**

### **Section A: Approved Divisions**

HDHJA will award Year-End Championships for approved divisions. Members must be in good standing to receive year-end awards.

Each division will award Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> place ribbons.

All points count for Year-End Championships. Each class must have two riders starting for points to count for year-end awards. If a division only has one rider, that rider will be awarded one (1) single point per class.

Separate year-end awards will be given for the Junior and Amateur riders in all equitation divisions if there are 3 or more participants from each group (Junior and Amateur) who have received points. If there are fewer than 3 participants in each group who have received points then the Junior and Amateur groups will be combined for year-end awards for that division.

### **Section B: Hunter and Equitation Year-End Division Championships**

USHJA Outreach Equitation Walk Trot Poles

USHJA Outreach Equitation Cross Rails  
USHJA Outreach Hunters 18"  
USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'  
USHJA Outreach Equitation 2'  
USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'3"  
USHJA Outreach Equitation 2'6"  
USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'9"  
USHJA Outreach Equitation 2'9"  
USHJA Outreach Equitation 3'

### **Section C: Hunter and Equitation Division Specifications**

All courses in hunter and equitation classes, except Walk Trot Poles, must have a minimum of seven obstacles.

No fill or flowers are to be used in cross rail jumps.

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 divisions where the jumps are 2' or lower a minimum of 68' between the jumps in a line is recommended.

In classes 2' and lower simple changes of lead will not be penalized.

#### **USHJA Outreach Equitation Walk Trot Poles**

Walk/Trot division. Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Rider may only cross enter into the cross rail divisions. Horses may cross enter into other divisions.

#### **USHJA Outreach Equitation Cross Rails**

Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Flat classes are walk/trot only.

#### **USHJA Hunters 18"**

Fence height 18". Open to all riders, horses and ponies. No oxers, in and outs or combinations allowed. Recommended to have flat class exhibitors canter in smaller groups for safety.

#### **USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'**

Fence height 2'. Open to all riders, horses and ponies. No oxers, in and outs or combinations allowed. Recommended to have flat class exhibitors canter in smaller groups for safety.

#### **USHJA Outreach Equitation 2'**

Fence height 2'. Open to Junior and Amateur riders. No oxers, in and outs or combinations allowed. Recommended to have flat class exhibitors canter in smaller groups for safety.

*USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'3"*

Fence height 2'3". Open to all riders, horses and ponies. No oxers, in and outs or combinations allowed. Recommended to have flat class exhibitors canter in smaller groups for safety.

*USHJA Outreach Equitation 2'6"*

*Fence height 2'6". Open to Junior and Amateur riders.*

*USHJA Outreach Hunters 2'9"*

Fence height 2'9". Open to all riders, horses and ponies.

*USHJA Outreach Equitation 2'9"*

Fence height 2'9". Open to Junior and Amateur riders.

*USHJA Outreach Equitation 3'*

*Fence height 3'. Open to Junior and Amateur riders.*

**Section D: Jumper Year-End Division Championships**

.50-.55M Non-Pro Jumpers (Cross Rails)  
.60-.65M Schooling Jumpers  
.60-.65M Non-Pro Jumpers  
.70-.75M Schooling Jumpers  
.70-.75M Non-Pro Jumpers  
.80-.85M Schooling Jumpers  
.80-.85M Non-Pro Jumpers  
.90-.95M Schooling Jumpers  
.90-.95M Non-Pro Jumpers  
1.0-1.05M Schooling Jumpers  
1.0-1.05M Non-Pro Jumpers  
1.10-1.15M Schooling Jumpers  
1.10-1.15M Non-Pro Jumpers  
1.20 and above Schooling Jumpers

**Section E: Jumper Division Specifications**

All courses must have a minimum of seven obstacles.

Show organizers must use USEF Jumper Table IV, Sections 1 or 2 (Optimum Time) for scoring the .50-.55M and .60-.65M classes. Show organizers are encouraged to use USEF Jumper Table IV, Sections 1 or 2 (Optimum Time) for scoring the .70-.75M classes. The only other tables allowed are Table II, Section 2, a,b,c or d, and Table II, Section 1. No other USEF Jumper scoring tables are allowed in any jumper division.

Schooling Jumper classes are open to all riders, horses and ponies. These classes are not considered a division and will not offer point accumulation or a year-end Championship.

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 divisions .65M and below a minimum of 68' between the jumps in a line is recommended.

Fence Height (approximately)

.50-.55M = 1'8"-1'10" (Cross Rails)

.60-.65M = 2'-2'2"

.70-.75M = 2'4"- 2'6"

.80-.85M = 2'8"- 2'10"

.90-.95M = 3'- 3'2"

1.00-1.05M = 3'4"-3'6"

1.10-1.15M = 3'8"-3'10"

1.20M and above = 4' and above

.50-.55M Non-Pro Jumpers (Cross Rails)

Open to Junior and Amateur riders only. No oxers, in and outs or combinations allowed. Run in optimum time.

.60-.65M Schooling Jumpers

Open to all riders, horses and ponies. No oxers, in and outs or combinations allowed. Run in optimum time.

.60-.65M Non-Pro Jumpers

Open to Junior and Amateur riders only. No oxers, in and outs or combinations allowed. Run in optimum time.

.70-.75M Schooling Jumpers

Open to all riders, horses and ponies. Oxers allowed at the course designer's discretion. No in and outs or combinations allowed. Recommended to be run in optimum time.

.70-.75M Non-Pro Jumpers

Open to Juniors and Adults. Oxers allowed at the course designer's discretion. No in and outs or combinations allowed. Recommended to be run in optimum time.

.80-.85M Schooling Jumpers

Open to all riders, horses and ponies.

.80-.85M Non-Pro Jumpers

Open to Junior and Amateur riders only.

.90-.95M Schooling Jumpers

Open to all riders, horses and ponies.

.90-.95M Non-Pro Jumpers

Open to Junior and Amateur riders only.

1.0-1.05M Schooling Jumpers

Open to all riders, horses and ponies.

1.0-1.05M Non-Pro Jumpers

Open to Junior and Amateur riders only.

1.10-1.15M Schooling Jumpers

Open to all riders, horses and ponies.

1.10-1.15M Non-Pro Jumpers

Open to Juniors and Amateurs.

1.20 and above Schooling Jumpers

Open to all riders, horses and ponies.

**RULE VI- Other Year-End Awards**

**Don Kerron Award:** A Perpetual Trophy is to a junior or amateur rider exemplifying sportsmanship as well as horsemanship throughout the current show season. Don Kerron was a well-known professional horseman of the Pacific Northwest. His father established the Portland Riding Academy, a social mainstay of Portland society, which Don eventually took over. He continued on with his career establishing Sunwood Farm in 1969, which he ran for over 20 years producing many top riders. Later he and his wife Kathy moved to Central Oregon and continued to pass on his knowledge and love for the sport. Nomination forms MUST be submitted no later than November 1. Nominees will be voted on by active HDHJA Board Members.

**Kirstin Chiasson Award:** A Perpetual Volunteer-of-the-Year Plaque will be awarded to any member or parent volunteer. In honor of Kirsten, who in the short time as a HDHJA member, was always willing to help out wherever needed and really believed in making it fun for our young riders. Nomination forms MUST be submitted no later than November 1. Nominees will be voted on by active HDHJA Board Members.

**Leading Child Rider:** To be awarded to the Child who has accumulated the most points throughout the current HDHJA competition year in Hunters, Equitation and Jumpers on one (1) or more horse/pony.

**Leading Adult Rider:** To be awarded to the Adult who has accumulated the most points throughout the current HDHJA competition year in Hunters, Equitation and Jumpers on one (1) or more horse/pony.

**HDHJA Katie Grundeman Junior Rider Grant:** One \$1,000 grant will be awarded per year to a junior rider to be used toward furthering their riding education or achieving their competition goals. This junior must demonstrate exemplary horsemanship, sportsmanship, leadership and work ethic. The rider should be a current HDHJA member in both the year they apply and in the following year in which they receive the grant. To apply for the award, applicants must present the activity in which they wish to participate, what they hope to learn from the experience, and a proposal for how they will share with the membership what they learned from the experience. Applicants will have one year post completion of their activity to present to membership.

Applications may be submitted as a written essay (maximum 500 words), video, podcast or another format pre-approved by the HDHJA Special Awards Committee. In addition, each applicant must submit a separate peer or trainer recommendation statement. Awardees will act as HJHJA Junior Representative in the year they receive the grant. Junior representative duties will be age appropriate and may include, but are not limited to, assisting with updates for publication in the Club News section of Flying Changes Magazine, contributing to HDHJA social media posts, assisting the Special Awards Committee with promoting the Katie Grundeman Grant, assisting in organizing grant fundraisers and volunteering in the horse show office.

Applications must be submitted no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>. Awardee will be selected by the active HDHJA Board Members and announced at the HDHJA Awards Banquet. Submissions to be graded 60% on presentation of activity, 30% on educational merit and 10% on trainer/peer recommendation.

**HDHJA Scholarship:** This \$500 scholarship is presented to a junior or amateur member of HDHJA at the HDHJA year-end Awards Banquet. The application includes a horsemanship quiz which will be part of the criteria used for selecting a winner. The funds must be used to further the recipient's riding education or to help achieve their competition goals.

Applications are available to submit between January 1 and December 1, and will be processed by the HDHJA Special Awards Committee.