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**RULE I**  
**MEMBERSHIP AND HORSE RECORDING**

**1.1 Membership Year**

The AHJA membership and pointing year shall be from December 1 thru November 30. Membership shall open on December 1 each year for the following year. Membership is open to all interested parties except those Parties who are suspended by the National Federation (United States Equestrian Federation).

**1.2 Memberships:**

**STATE:**

An Individual State – formerly known as “Category 1” Membership is \$75.00 annually.

**LOCAL:**

An Individual Local- formerly known as “ Category 2” Membership is \$50.00 annually.

**REGIONAL:**

An Individual Regional- new membership option and “ Category 3” Membership is \$100.00.

**NON-COMPETING:**

An Individual Non-Competing - new membership option is \$25.00

An individual may upgrade from a State or Local Membership to a Regional Membership within the same year by paying the difference in membership price. An individual may be a Junior, Senior or Professional member. The type of member must be declared on the Membership Application. In order to join as a Junior Member, date of birth must be listed. In order to join as an Amateur Member, the amateur declaration must be signed. Professional Memberships are available only at the State and Regional level. There are no Barn, Family or Life memberships.

**1.3 Membership Privileges**

**1.3a STATE Membership**

1. Accrue points in State/Category 1 AHJA classes and Medal Classes. Points from the following states will be counted, if the show submits points according to current AHJA rules: Arizona.
2. Compete for State/Category 1 only AHJA Year End Awards
3. Serve as a Member of the Board of Directors
4. Eligible for consideration for Affiliate classes at the USHJA National Championship
5. Eligible to apply for AHJA Scholarship
6. Must declare Amateur or Professional status

**1.3b LOCAL Membership**

1. Accrue points in Local/Category 2 Classes and AHJA Medal classes. Points from ARIZONA UNRATED SHOWS ONLY will be counted.
2. Compete for Local/ Category 2 only AHJA Year End Awards
3. Eligible for consideration for Affiliate classes at the USHJA National Championship
4. Eligible to apply for AHJA Scholarship

5. Must hold current Amateur Status

### **1.3c REGIONAL Membership**

1. Accrue points in Regional/Category 3 classes and AHJA Medal classes. Points from the following states will be counted, if the show submits points according to current AHJA rules: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, California, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming.
2. Compete for Regional/Category 3 only AHJA Year End Awards
3. Eligible for consideration for Affiliate classes at the USHJA National Championship
4. Serve as a member on the Board of Directors
5. Category 3 Membership is open to Amateur or Professional Riders.

### **1.3d Non-Competing Membership**

1. Eligible for non-competition awards
2. Can attend AHJA member events/clinics and apply for scholarships

### **1.3e Professionals in State/Category 1 or Regional/Category 3**

1. Professionals may choose either State/Category 1 or Regional/Category 3 Membership
2. Professionals may Compete for either State/Category 1 or Regional/Category 3 Year End Awards
3. Serve as a Member of the Board of Directors
4. Listing in the AHJA Trainer's Directory on [www.AHJA.org](http://www.AHJA.org)
5. Nomination for the Shelby Shank Trainer's Award
6. Receive a 50% discount on AHJA Horse Recordings
7. Riders of member trainers may compete in AHJA Medal Finals

### **1.3f Awards:**

1. **Each Membership section will receive separate awards at the year end banquet.**

## **1.4 Application for Membership and Horse Recordings**

### **1.4a Membership Applications**

Application for membership will not be considered unless completely filled out and accompanied by payment in full. All memberships must be completed online at [www.AHJA.org](http://www.AHJA.org). Incomplete applications or applications submitted without appropriate fees will not be processed. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check the AHJA website to make sure that their membership is activated. Horses must be recorded for State/Category 1 and Regional/Category 3 points to count. An Annual Horse Recording

fee is \$20. A Lifetime Horse Recording fee is \$50. Horses may be added throughout the year. Horses must be added online.

#### **1.4b Joining at the Show or After the Show**

1. If an exhibitor wishes to join AHJA or record a horse at a show, they must submit a completed application with full payment by joining on the AHJA website. Points for the show will be counted towards Year End Awards and Medal Finals Qualification. There will be no paper memberships available.
2. If an exhibitor decides to join AHJA after the conclusion of the show, they must join within 10 working days of the conclusion of the show for points to be retroactively counted.

### **1.5 Horse Recording**

#### **1.5a State/Category 1 or Regional/Category 3**

1. For points to count in hunter and jumper divisions, each horse must be recorded with AHJA.
2. At least 1 owner must be an AHJA member and that owner must appear on the official entry blank.
3. An official lease filed with either AHJA or USEF shall be construed as legal ownership except in the case of Amateur Owners.
4. The horse must be exhibited under the same name and ownership that appears on the recording form.
5. Horse recordings are \$20 for an Annual and \$50 for a Lifetime Recording
6. Horses need not be recorded in order for Medal or Equitation points to Count. Only the rider must be a member.

#### **1.5b Category 2**

Horses need not be recorded but riders must be an AHJA member.

### **1.6 Change of Horse Name, Ownership, Owner, Member Name or Other Information**

**1.6a** Changes of a Horse Name must be reported to AHJA within 10 working days of the conclusion of the show. Name changes must be on the appropriate form. There is a \$10 fee for changing the name of a recorded horse. This fee must accompany the name change application.

**1.6b** A transfer of ownership must be recorded with AHJA. If both the previous owner and the new owner are current AHJA members, all points will transfer to the new owner of record. If the new owner is not a member of AHJA, all accrued points shall remain in the name of the previous owner. There is a \$10 fee for an owner change.

**1.6c** Change of name of a member must be recorded with AHJA within 10 working days of the close of a horse show. There is no charge for a member name change.

## **RULE II HORSE SHOWS**

### **2.1 Approvals**

#### **2.1a General**

1. The pointing of all AHJA shows is from December 1 thru November 30. Shows that begin on or before November 30 will count for the current year regardless of the end date of the show.
2. All State/Category 1 or Regional/Category 3 shows must be USEF approved and rated Premier (AA), National (A), Regional I (B) or Regional II (C) or Local. Channel I includes Premier (“AA”) and National (“A”) rated hunter competitions and Channel II includes Regional (“B”, “C”, and local) rated hunter competitions.
3. All Local/Category 2 Shows are unrated by USEF
4. All Regional/Category 3 shows must be located in: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, California, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas or Wyoming. All State/Category 1 shows must be located in Arizona.
5. State/Category 1 or Regional/Category 3: No shows on the same date will be approved that are within 125 driving miles of each other
6. No Local/Category 2 shows on the same date will be approved that are within 25 driving miles of each other
7. Shows may not be approved that are in conflict with the AHJA Banquet, AHJA Clinic, AHJA Medal Finals, or USEF Zone 8 Finals (if Zone Finals are AHJA approved). Conflicting dates must be approved by the Board of Directors.
8. All State/Category 1 and Regional/Category 3 shows must conform to current USEF Rules. AHJA reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any show for rules and conduct violations, whether USEF takes action or not.
9. All Local/Category 2 shows must have a medic on the grounds for all show sessions and paid warm up sessions. All Local/Category 2 shows must have a Veterinarian and a Blacksmith contact number information posted. It is recommended that all shows use a USEF R or r judge or an AHJA member trainer as a judge.
10. All AHJA approved shows may offer AHJA Medals. State/Category 1 and Regional/Category 3 shows may offer the Children’s Medal, Adult Medal, Junior-Amateur Medal, and Mini Medal. Category 2 shows may offer any of the State/Category 1 Medals. State/Category 1 shows held over multiple days may offer the Medals on more than one occasion as long as they are held on separate days with a different judge.
11. All Zone 8 shows are allowed to run AHJA State/Category 1 or Regional/Category 3 Medal classes.

#### **2.1b Show Approval Applications**

1. State/Category 1 or Regional/Category 3: Application must be received 60 days prior to the start of the competition. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, late

- approval forms may be accepted and shows approved for a fee of up to \$200.
2. Local/Category 2: Application must be received 30 days prior to the start of the competition. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, late approval forms may be accepted and shows approved for a fee of up to \$100.
  3. All show applications may be mailed, emailed or faxed to the address shown on the application form. Shows are encouraged to submit applications early in order to be listed on the AHJA Calendar.
  4. There is no application fee or show approval fee.
  5. AHJA reserves the right to reject any application for any reason, if by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, such action is deemed in the best interest of the exhibitors and/or the association.

### **2.1c Prize List**

A copy of the prize list must be submitted to AHJA 21 days prior to the start of the horse show. The prize list must contain the following:

1. The words “**AHJA APPROVED**” in a conspicuous place for all Arizona shows.
2. Show management must send a prize list or link to all AHJA members via regular mail or electronic mail not later than 21 days before the close of entries for all Arizona Shows. Contact AHJA Point Secretary for current mailing list.

### **2.1d Duties of the Show Secretary**

The show secretary is responsible for:

1. Complete the Post Competition Show Report Form and send with results to AHJA point secretary.
2. Compile and send results of the show (Results must include Horse Name, Rider Name, Owner Name, placings thru 6<sup>th</sup> in all classes and thru 12<sup>th</sup> in Classics and Grand Prixes, and money won in jumper classes). Results must be submitted in AHJA approved format (see website for proper form). If submitted in any other format, a \$25/day processing fee will be charged.
3. Submit a numerical list of entries.
4. Items 1-3 above must be received by the AHJA Point Secretary within 10 working days of the completion of the competition.
5. Maintain all show records, class sheets, judges' cards and results from the show for a period of 1 year to ensure proper pointing. These records should be immediately available to the AHJA point secretary during this time should a question arise.

**RULE III**  
**STATE/CATEGORY 1 and REGIONAL/CATEGORY 3 HORSE SHOW APPROVED**  
**DIVISIONS**

**3.1 STATE/Category 1& REGIONAL/CATEGORY 3 Approved Hunter Divisions**

**The following hunter divisions will be pointed as per USEF Rules**

Green 3'	Green 3'3"	Young Hunter 5, 6, 7
Green 3'6"/3'9"	Performance Hunter 3'3"	Performance Hunter 3'6"
High Performance	Jr Hunter 3'6"	Jr Hunter 3'3"
Amateur Owner 3'6"	Amateur Owner 3'3"	Pony Hunter

**The following hunter divisions will be pointed as Zone rated divisions as per USEF Rules**

Children's Hunter 14 & under	Children's Hunter 15-17
Adult Amateur 18-35	Adult Amateur 36 & over
Children's Pony Hunter	
Low Children's Hunter	Low Adult Hunter
Hunter Breeding: Yearling, Two Year Old, Three Year Old	

**The following hunter divisions are local and will be pointed as a USEF local show**

**Short Stirrup Hunters:** to riders 17 and under: Riders may not have shown over fences that exceed 2'3" at any time. No cross entry into any class that exceeds 2'3".

Outreach Short Stirrup shall accrue points here.

No oxers or combinations. Fences 2'0"

**Long Stirrup Hunters:** Open to adult riders 18 and over. Riders may not have shown over fences that exceed 2'3" at any time. No cross entry into any class that exceeds 2'3".

Outreach Long Stirrup shall accrue points here.

No oxers or combinations. Fences 2'0"

**Beginner Rider Hunter:** Open to riders who have never shown over fences that exceed 2'6". Riders may not cross enter into any classes where fences exceed 2'6".

Outreach Beginner Rider will accrue points here.

No oxers or combinations. Fences 2'3".

**Modified Child/Adult Hunter:** Open to all junior and amateur riders. No cross entry restrictions.

Outreach Modified Child/Adult will accrue points here.

Fences 2'9"

**3.2 State and Regional Approved Jumper Divisions**

**Junior/Amateur Owner Jumpers High** (Based on Money Won) As per USEF Rules and Zone 8 Rules regarding cross entry. Fences 1.30/1.35 meter and above

**Junior/Amateur Owner Jumpers Low** (Based on Money Won) As per USEF Rules and Zone 8 Rules regarding cross entry. Fences 1.20/1.25 meters

**Children's Jumper High:** As per Zone 8 USEF Rules. Fences 1.10 meter (Classic may be 1.15 meter)

**Children's Jumper Low:** As per Zone 8 USEF Rules. Riders may not show High and Low Classic at the same show. Fences 1.0/1.05 meter

**Adult Amateur Jumper High:** As per Zone 8 USEF Rules. Fences 1.10 meter (Classic may be 1.15 meter)

**Adult Amateur Jumper Low:** As per Zone 8 USEF Rules. Riders may not show High and Low Classic at the same show. Fences 1.0 – 1.05 meter

**Low Training Jumper:** Open to any horse and rider.

Fences .70-.85 meter. All unrestricted classes that meet the height specs shall receive points, regardless of the name of the class. Points are awarded to the horse. Outreach .70-.85 Jumper will accrue points here.

**Medium Training Jumper:** Open to any horse and rider. Fences .90-1.05 meter. All unrestricted classes that meet the height specs shall receive points, regardless of the name of the class. Points are awarded to the horse. Outreach .90-1.05 points shall accrue here.

**High Training Jumper:** Open to any horse or rider. Points are awarded to the horse. Fences 1.10-1.20 meter. All unrestricted classes that meet the height specs shall receive points, regardless of the name of the class. Points are awarded to the horse. Outreach 1.10-1.20 Jumper shall accrue points here.

**Open Jumper:** Open to any horse or rider. Fence heights shall be 1.25 meter and above. All unrestricted classes that meet the height specs shall receive points, regardless of the name of the class. Points are awarded to the horse.

### 3.3 State and Regional Equitation Division

All equitation, flat and fences, are combined for year-end awards. Riders must be AHJA members in good standing to accrue points. Horses need not be recorded with AHJA. Horse owners need not be members of AHJA. All equitation classes will be pointed as a “C” member show: 15,10,5,4,3,2. Distances will not be adjusted for ponies. USEF Rules apply for Equitation tests

**Equitation 11 and under:** Fences 2’6”

**Equitation 12-14:** Fences 3’0”

**Equitation 15-17:** Fences 3’0”-3’3”

**Equitation 18-35:** Fences 3’0”

**Equitation 36 and over:** Fences 3’0”

**Short Stirrup Equitation:** Riders under 18. Tests 1-5, Same rider restrictions as Short Stirrup Hunters. No oxers, no combinations Fences 2’0” Outreach Short Stirrup shall accrue points here.

**Long Stirrup Equitation:** Riders 18 and over. Tests 1-5, Same rider restrictions apply as Long Stirrup Hunters No oxers, or combinations Fences 2’0” Outreach Long Stirrup shall accrue points here.

**Beginner Rider Equitation:** Tests 1-8, Same rider restrictions as Beginner Rider Hunter. No oxers, no combinations Fences 2’3” Outreach Beginner Rider shall accrue points here.

**Low Children’s Equitation:** As per Zone 8 USEF Rules Tests 1-8, Fences 2’6”

**Low Adult Equitation:** As per Zone 8 USEF Rules Tests 1-8, Fences 2’6”

**Modified Child/Adult Equitation:** Tests 1-10, Fences 2’9”

Outreach Modified Child/Adult will accrue points here.



**Pony Equitation:** As per USEF Rules

**Children's Pony Equitation:** As per Zone 8 USEF Rules Small/Medium 2'3", Large 2'6"

### 3.4 AHJA Medal Classes and Finals

#### 3.4a Show and class requirements

AHJA approved horse shows may offer the 4 AHJA Medal classes. In all AHJA Medal classes, there is no minimum number of riders required to hold the class. Full points will be given in any class where three (3) or more competitors compete. To determine the number of riders in the class, riders must enter the arena and attempt the first jump. In the event that only two riders compete, first place shall receive 1 point and second place shall receive .5 point. In the event that only one rider competes, upon completion of the class, that rider shall receive .5 points. In the event that only 1 or 2 riders complete the course, there will be no work-off and the class will be pinned. Full points will count. If more than 2 riders complete the course, a minimum of 3 riders will return for further testing. Riders in AHJA Medal classes need not be AHJA Members, however only current AHJA members whose trainer of record is an AHJA member in good standing will accrue points toward Finals competition.

Points are awarded: 1<sup>st</sup>=10, 2<sup>nd</sup>=6, 3<sup>rd</sup>=4, 4<sup>th</sup>=2, 5<sup>th</sup>=1, 6<sup>th</sup>=1/2

1. **AHJA Mini Medal:** Open to all Juniors and Amateurs who have *never* competed over fences above 2'9" or .85 meter at Regular Member USEF Horse Shows.

To be shown over a course of not less than 8 fences not to exceed 2'6" in height. USEF Tests 1-8. No combinations. Distances will not be adjusted for ponies.

2. **AHJA Children's Medal:** Open to junior riders who have not competed over fences higher than 3'3" (Hunters and Equitation) or 1.0 meter (Jumpers) *during the current show year* at USEF Regular Member Horse Shows. The course must include one combination, two changes of direction, a single oxer and a minimum of 8 fences. Two or more tests are required of the top 4 competitors. USEF Tests 1-17 Fences 3'0". This class may be combined with AHJA Adult Medal if less than 3 riders.

3. **AHJA Adult Medal:** Open to adult amateur riders. Specifications are the same as the AHJA Children's Medal. This class may be combined with AHJA Children's Medal if less than 3 riders.

5. **AHJA Junior Amateur Medal:** Open to all Junior and Amateur riders. Riders competing in this class may not compete in any other AHJA Medal at the same show. Two or more tests are required of the top 4 competitors to be shown over a course of not less than eight (8) jumps at 3'3" in height. The course must include a combination (including an oxer), 2 changes of direction after the first fence and a single oxer.

In addition, the course must include at least one of the following:

- a. Roll back turn
- b. End fence
- c. Broken line
- d. Narrow jump
- e. Natural obstacle (water obstacles are prohibited)

USEF Tests 1-19

### 3.4b Qualifying points

In all AHJA Medal classes, a rider must accrue 2 points to be qualified for the Finals. Once a rider has accrued the required points, that rider may continue to compete in AHJA Medal classes for the remainder of the year and earn placings and awards at each show, however that rider will no longer accumulate points in that Medal section. Instead, qualified riders placing in the top six will be removed from the pointed results and all non-qualified riders will be move up in the results and receive corresponding points for the next highest placing.

In all AHJA Medal classes, points will be awarded 10-6-4-2-1-.5

Riders will continue to accrue points for the whole season. If a Medal Final is held, all riders with two (2) or more points in an AHJA Medal class are qualified.

### 3.4c Medal Finals

1. Riders must be current AHJA members
2. Riders competing in any Medal Final must be entered in the Show office by 5:00 PM the evening prior to the class. No entries on the day of the class are accepted.
3. The trainer of each rider competing in AHJA Medal Finals classes must be an AHJA member in good standing.
4. Riders must have accrued a minimum of 2 (two) points
5. Points will be posted on [www.AHJA.org](http://www.AHJA.org) in a timely manner. It is the responsibility of the rider to make sure points are accurate
6. Riders will not lose their Medals Finals eligibility if they compete at a higher height after they have qualified, except as noted. The following conditions apply:
  - a. Mini Medal Finals: After qualifying, riders may compete up to and including .90 meter in the jumper ring and 3'0" in the hunter or equitation ring at USEF shows. If a rider competes above that level, the rider will forfeit their eligibility for the Finals in the Mini Medal Final.
  - b. Children's and Adult Medal Finals: After qualifying, riders may compete up to and including 1.0 meter in the jumper ring and 3'3" in the hunter and equitation ring at USEF shows. If a rider competes above that level, the rider will forfeit their eligibility for the Finals in the Children's or Adult Medal Final.
  - c. Junior Amateur Medal Finals: No restrictions
7. All Medal Finals shall consist of at least two rounds over fences.
8. In all Medal Finals, two or more tests of the top four competitors are required only if the top competitors' total scores are within 4 points of each other. It is up to the judge if further testing is required of riders outside the four-point margin.
9. If any Medal Final Class has more than 12 competitors, only the top 12 shall return for the second round. Tied riders in the 12<sup>th</sup> position shall return. Riders with a score of ZERO score in the first round may return for the second round if they are still among the top 12 riders returning.
10. If a rider qualifies for more than one Final, that rider must compete at the highest height for which they are qualified.
11. The format and location of the Medal Finals shall be determined each year by the AHJA Board of Directors.
12. **There must be a minimum of 6 entered riders in any Medal Final. Any Medal Final with less than six riders entered will be combined or cancelled.**

### **3.4d AHJA Category 2 Approved Shows:**

Any Category 2 approved show may run any or all of the AHJA Medals. In addition, riders may qualify in the Medals listed at the end of this section. Riders must submit results from these classes to AHJA within 30 days of the completion of the show. Submission must be from the horse show office and include: the name of the show, the date of the show and show the results of the class substituted.

Approved classes for Category 2 shows include:

Tucson Hunter Jumper Association 3' Medal, Tucson Hunter Jumper Association 2'6" Medal, Four Reel Farm 2'6" Medal, CEP Equitation Challenge.

### **3.5e Additional Medal Qualifying Classes:**

Riders may also qualify at any show within the Category guidelines in the following classes. Riders must submit results from these classes to AHJA within 30 days of the completion of the show. Submission must be from the horse show office and include: the name of the show, the date of the show and show the results of the class substituted. Listed below are the approved classes that may be substituted.

AHJA Jr Amateur Medal Approved Substitutions:

ASPCA Horsemanship, Hamel Foundation NHS Medal, Marshall & Sterling Jr Medal, Marshall & Sterling Jr/AM Horsemanship, NCEA Jr Hunt Seat Medal, USEF Adult Equitation, USEF Hunter Seat Medal, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, USHJA Jr Jumping Seat Medal, USHJA Adult Jumping Seat Medal, USHJA Hunter Seat Medal, WISH Equitation, CHJA Jr Medal, CHJA Adult Medal, NMHJA Jr/AM Medal 3'3", UHJA Jr/AM Medal, UHJA Jumper Seat Medal

AHJA Children's Medal Approved Substitutions:

Marshall & Sterling Children's Horsemanship, THIS National Children's Medal, Columbine Jr Medal, Col. RL Robertson Medal, Dorothy Roberts Memorial Medal, UHJA Jr Hunter Seat Medal, THJA 3' Medal, NMHJA Child Medal

AHJA Adult Medal Approved Substitutions:

Ariat National Adult Medal, USEF Adult Equitation, Marshall & Sterling Adult Medal, THIS NHS Adult Medal, Columbine Adult Medal, Ruth C Ayers Medal, Dorothy Roberts Memorial Medal, UHJA AA Medal, THJA 3' Medal, NMHJA Adult Medal

AHJA Mini Medal Approved Substitutions:

Larkspur Jr Medal, Larkspur Adult Medal, Four Reel Farms Medal, THJA 2'6" Medal, CEP Equitation Challenge, Marshall & Sterling 2'6" Children's Medal, Marshall & Sterling 2'6" Adult Medal, NMHJA Mini Medal

**RULE IV**  
**LOCAL/CATEGORY 2 HORSE SHOW APPROVED DIVISIONS**

**4.1 General:** Shows may offer any or all of the below listed sections. Regional/Category 3 shows may offer any or all of the AHJA Medals. It is advised that if a show offers the AHJA Medals, that a start time be posted in the schedule for these classes. Please note that the same horse may be used by two different riders in the same class over fences in both hunter and equitation (Exception: one rider per horse in all Medal classes and the Cat 3 Jumper Classes.) The horse must be assigned a different number for each horse/rider combination.

**4.2 Approved Hunter and Equitation Classes**

**Walk-Trot:** For the beginner rider. Riders may not cross enter into any other classes at the same show and may never have shown over fences exceeding 18". Points are awarded to the rider. This division includes any equitation, under saddle and pleasure classes. Fences shall be rails on the ground. All rails must be placed between standards that have no attached jump cups.

**Crossrail Hunter:** For the beginner rider or horse. Points are awarded to the horse/rider combination. Horse/Rider combinations may not cross enter into any class with fences that exceed 18" at the same show. Fences 12" in an "X" configuration. Outreach Crossrail Hunter shall accrue points here.

**Crossrail Equitation:** For the beginning rider. Points are awarded to the rider. Riders may not cross enter into any classes that exceed 18' at the same show. Fences 12' in a "X" rail configuration. Outreach Crossrail Equitation shall accrue points here.

**Future Hunter:** For the beginning horse or rider. Points are awarded to the Horse/Rider combination. Horse/rider combination may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2'0" at the same show. Fences 18", no oxers. Outreach 18" Hunter shall accrue points here.

**Future Equitation:** For the beginning rider. Points are awarded to the rider. Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2'0" at the same show. Fences 18', no oxers. Outreach 18" Equitation shall accrue points here.

**Mini Stirrup Hunter:** 11 and Under: Open to beginner junior riders who are 11 years and under. Points are awarded to the Horse/Rider combination. Riders may not cross enter into classes where the fences exceed 2'3" at the same show. Fences 2'0", no oxers. Outreach Short/Long Stirrup Hunter shall accrue points here.

**Mini Stirrup Equitation:** 11 and Under: Open to beginner junior riders who are 11 years and under. Points are awarded to the rider. Riders may not cross enter into classes where the fences exceed 2'3" at the same show. Fences 2'0", no oxers. Outreach Short/Long Stirrup Equitation shall accrue points here.

**Young Stirrup Hunter 12-17:** Open to beginner junior riders who are between the ages of 12 and 17 years. Points are awarded to the horse/rider combination. Riders may not cross enter into classes where fences exceed 2'3" at the same show. Fences 2'0", no oxers. Outreach Short/Long Stirrup Hunter shall accrue points here.

**Young Stirrup Equitation 12-17** Open to beginner junior riders who are between the ages of 12 and 17 years of age. Points are awarded to the rider. Riders may not cross enter into any classes where fences

exceed 2'3" at the same show. Fences 2'0", no oxers. Outreach Short/Long Stirrup Equitation shall accrue points **Silver Stirrup Hunter:** Open to beginner amateur riders who are 18 years and older. Points are awarded to the horse/rider combination. Riders may not cross enter into any classes where fences exceed 2'3" at the same show. Fences 2'0", no oxers. Outreach Short/Long Stirrup Hunter shall accrue points here.

**Silver Stirrup Equitation:** Open to beginner amateur riders who are 18 years and older. Points are awarded to the rider. Riders may not cross enter into any classes where fences exceed 2'3" at the same show. Fences 2'0", no oxers. Outreach Short/Long Stirrup Equitation shall accrue points here.

**Pre Children's/Adult Hunters:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are awarded to the horse/rider combination. Riders may not cross enter into any classes where fences exceed 2'6" at the same show. Fences 2'3", no oxers or combinations. Outreach Beginner Rider Hunter will accrue points here.

**Pre Children's/Adult Equitation:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are awarded to the horse/rider combination. Riders may not cross enter into any class where the fences exceed 2'6" at the same show. Fences 2'3", no combinations. Outreach Beginner Rider Equitation will accrue points here.

**Children's/Adult Hunters:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are awarded to the horse rider combination. Riders may not cross enter into any class where the fences exceed 2'9" at the same show. Fences 2'6", no combinations. Outreach Low Child/Adult Hunter shall accrue points here.

**Children's/Adult Equitation:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are awarded to the rider. Riders may not cross enter into any class where the fences exceed 2'9" at the same show. Fences 2'6", no combinations. Outreach Low Child/Adult Equitation shall accrue points here.

**Junior/Adult Hunters:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are awarded to the horse/rider combination. No cross entry restrictions. Fences 2'9". Outreach Modified Child/Adult Hunter shall accrue points here.

**Junior/Adult Equitation:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are awarded to the rider. No cross entry restrictions. Fences 2'9". Outreach Modified Child/Adult Equitation shall accrue points here.

#### 4.3 Category 3 Approved Jumper Classes

AHJA will offer 4 levels of AHJA Jumpers. All AHJA Jumper classes are prohibited from running classes using Table III or Table II, Sections 4,5,6,7

All shows are encouraged to use Table II, Sec 2b, Table II, Sec 2c (with or without time allowed in the first round) or Table II, Sec 2d. AHJA advises that all courses be designed to encourage correct riding and discourage extreme speed.

In all AHJA jumper classes, the horse may only compete once. Multiple riders on the same horse are not allowed in the same class. A different rider may ride the same horse in different jumper classes.

**AHJA Jumper Beginner:** Fences 2'0"- 2'2" Open to any horse/rider combination. The same horse/rider combination is prohibited from jumping above 2'6" in any class at the same show. Combinations (in and outs) are not allowed. Classes are prohibited from running classes using Table II, Section 1. Outreach 0.60-0.65 meter will accrue points here.

**AHJA Jumper Low:** Fences 2'3"- 2'6" Open to any horse/rider combination. The same horse/rider combination is prohibited from jumping above 2'9" in any class at the same show. Combinations (in and outs) are not allowed. Classes are prohibited from running classes using Table II, Section 1. Outreach 0.70-0.75 meter will accrue points here.

**AHJA Jumper Medium:** Fences 2’7”- 2’9” Open to any horse/rider combination. The same horse/rider combination is prohibited from jumping above 3’0” in any class at the same show. Combinations (in and outs) are not allowed. Outreach 0.80-0.85 meter will accrue points here.

**AHJA Jumper High:** Fences 2’10”- 3’0 with no restrictions. Combinations are allowed but will be open to any horse/rider combination and not adjusted for ponies. The course must include at least 2 oxers in the first round. Outreach 0.90 meter will accrue points here.

**4.4 Regional AHJA Medals**

Category 3 shows may offer any or all of the AHJA Medals but must adhere to all the rules for these Medals. See Rule 3.4. AHJA encourages the use of USEF approved judges for these classes.

**RULE V  
POINTS**

**5.1 State Shows**

**5.1a** At all State/Category 1 shows, the following Hunter divisions will accumulate points based upon the USEF Rating of the show: 3’0” Green, 3’3” Green, 3’6”/3’9” Green Performance 3’3”, Performance 3’6”, High Performance, Junior Hunter 3’6”, Junior Hunter 3’3”, Amateur Owner Hunter 3’6”, Amateur Owner 3’3”, Pony Hunters

**5.1b** The following divisions shall receive Regional II (C) points: All Equitation divisions, all Jumper divisions not based on money, Adult Amateur Hunters 18-35 and 36 and over, Young Hunter, Children’s Hunters 14 & under and 15-17, Children’s Pony Hunters, Short Stirrup Hunters and Long Stirrup Hunters, Beginner Rider Hunters, Low Children’s Hunters, Low Adult Hunters, and Modified Child/Adult Hunters.

Any show designated as a Zone Championship show shall receive points as per USEF Guidelines for a Zone Championship Show.

USEF Rating	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Premier (AA)	40	35	30	25	24	23
National (A)	30	25	20	15	14	13
Regional I (B)	20	15	10	5	4	3
Regional II (C) & Local	15	10	5	4	3	2
Hunter Breeding	5	3	2	1		

The following Jumper Division are awarded based on money won: Junior/Amateur Owner Jumpers

**5.1c** Classics shall receive 2x the points. No points for Champion or Reserve Champion.

**5.1d Regional/Category 3 Shows**

**a** At all Regional/Category 3 shows, the following Hunter divisions will accumulate points based upon the USEF Rating of the show: 3’0” Green, 3’3” Green, 3’6”/3’9” Green Performance

3'3", Performance 3'6", High Performance, Junior Hunter 3'6", Junior Hunter 3'3", Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6", Amateur Owner 3'3", Pony Hunters

**5.1b** The following divisions shall receive Regional II (C) points: All Equitation divisions, all Jumper divisions not based on money, Adult Amateur Hunters 18-35 and 36 and over, Young Hunter, Children's Hunters 14 & under and 15-17, Children's Pony Hunters, Short Stirrup Hunters and Long Stirrup Hunters, Beginner Rider Hunters, Low Children's Hunters, Low Adult Hunters, and Modified Child/Adult Hunters.

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Hunter Breeding	5	3	2	1		

The following Jumper Division are awarded based on money won: Junior/Amateur Owner Jumpers

Classics shall receive 2x the points. No points for Champion or Reserve Champion.

**5.2 Local/Category 2 & Shows:** All classes (including Medals) at AHJA Regional/Category 3 horse shows shall receive the points listed below. No other classes (Classics or Specials) other than those listed by AHJA shall receive points. There are no bonus point classes.

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
10	6	4	2	1	½

**5.3 AHJA State and Regional Medal Classes** All State/Category 1 & Regional/Category 3 AHJA Medal classes shall receive the points below regardless of the USEF rating of the show or the number of entries in the classes: 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, ½

**5.4 Discrepancies:** Points will be updated in a timely manner and will be posted on the AHJA website. Exhibitors will have 30 days from the upload of the point bulletin to notify the point secretary, in writing, of any discrepancies. After 30 days, no discrepancy will be addressed and the points will stand as posted regardless of the validity of the discrepancy. It is the duty of the exhibitor to check on their points. Exception: After the final show of the pointed year and prior to the awards banquet, AHJA reserves the right to issue a final point standing and declare a shorter time in which to file discrepancies.

## RULE VI AHJA YEAR END AWARDS

**6.1** All divisions listed in this rule book are eligible for AHJA Year End Awards. AHJA reserves the right to combine divisions (where possible) if there are less than 3 pointed horses or riders in each division. AHJA reserves the right to not make awards in divisions with less than 3 horses or riders.

**6.2 Rider Eligibility:** AHJA members in good standing are eligible for awards in the equitation divisions. Riders showing in classes restricted to Amateur riders must have a current USEF Amateur Card (State and Regional) or have a signed Amateur affidavit for Local/Category 2 shows that have been submitted to AHJA.

### **6.3 Horse Eligibility**

6.3a State/Category 1 & Regional 3: Horses must be recorded (either Annual or Lifetime recording) with AHJA. At least one owner (listed on the entry blank) must be an AHJA member in good standing.

6.3b Local/Category 2: Horses need not be recorded. The horse/rider combination receive points.

**6.4 Presentation of Awards:** Awards will be presented at the year-end awards banquet in January of each year. No awards will be mailed. Awards may be picked up within 90 days after the banquet from a designated AHJA person. All those who attend the banquet must buy a banquet ticket (exception: children under the age of 3 are free) to be admitted to pick up awards.

**6.5 Perpetual Trophies:** All Perpetual Trophies awarded at the AHJA Banquet must be signed for. Upon the return of the trophy, the trophy must be engraved by the recipient, cleaned and returned to AHJA, **by December 1 prior to the AHJA Banquet.**

Any person not returning a Perpetual Trophy shall be subject to a \$500 fine and be found not in good standing with AHJA until the trophy is returned or replaced (subject to AHJA approval of replacement trophy) and the fine paid.

**6.6 Year End Ties:** Any ties for Year End Awards shall remain tied and will receive duplicate awards.

**6.7 AHJA Hunter of the Year** shall be awarded to the horse receiving the most points in a single USEF recognized division.

**6.8 AHJA Jumper of the Year** shall be awarded to the State/Category 1 & Regional/Category 3 jumper receiving the most points (not dollars) in a single USEF recognized division. Dollars won shall be converted into points based on ribbons won.



**RULE VII**  
**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

**7.1** Only Amateur and Professional members in good standing of AHJA may propose a rule change.

**7.2** Rule changes must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the AHJA Rules Committee no later than September 1 of each year for consideration. The rule change proposal must contain the name of the AHJA member submitting it.

**7.3** Extraordinary Rule Changes: No rules may be changed during the show calendar year unless the rule pertains to the safety of the horse or rider or for the benefit of AHJA members. These proposals should go directly to both the current AHJA President and the Rules Chairman. Extraordinary Rule Changes must be passed by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the current Board of Directors.

**7.4** The Board of Directors reserves the right to make a rule clarification at any time if it is deemed in the best interest of the exhibitors or the Association.

**7.5** At the September Board of Directors meeting, all rule changes will be voted on. The new AHJA Rule Book will be available online on or before December 1 of each year.