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### **PART I: AFFILIATION**

Section 1. MOHJO is an Affiliate member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association

### **PART II: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Section 1. Officers and Directors are posted on the website, [www.mohjo.org](http://www.mohjo.org).

### **PART III: NOMINATION OF HORSES**

Section 1. A horse or pony is eligible for the annual point system awards if the owner is a current member in good standing of MOHJO and has paid the nomination fee for the horse or pony in question.

Section 2. Horses or ponies nominated after March 1 will receive points from the date of nomination only. Horses or ponies nominated between December 1 and March 1 will receive points retroactively to December 1.

Section 3. In the event a nominated horse or pony changes ownership during the current show season, the horse's accumulated points will be credited to the new owner, provided the new owner is a MOHJO member in good standing, or joins the organization within ten days after the purchase of said horse or pony. If the new owner is not a member or does not join, the points will remain with the seller.

Section 4. Any owner change or name change of the horse or pony must be submitted in writing to the Membership Secretary.

Section 5. Horse or pony nominations are not transferable from one horse or pony to another.

### **PART IV: MEMBER SHOWS**

*Show management is advised to pay show membership fees as early as possible to secure show dates and to benefit from publication on MOHJO's website, [www.mohjo.org](http://www.mohjo.org).*

Section 1. Horse show membership is open to horse shows held in the United States with the exception of Hawaii and Alaska.

Section 2. Horse show membership is free to horse shows held in Missouri and the metropolitan area of St. Louis Missouri. Horse show registration is still required, however.

Section 3. Horse show membership requests received less than thirty days prior to the first competition day of the show shall pay an additional horse show membership fee of \$25.00.

*Under no circumstances will shows be granted membership after the competition has been held*

Section 4. Where more than one show is held in a given year by the same management under the same name, each show is considered a separate entity.

Section 5. To reserve a show date from a previous year, the show management must register the show with the MOHJO Horse Show Membership Secretary by January 15.

Section 6. Two horse shows occurring on the same day(s) may not both be recognized by MOHJO unless they are more than 50 miles apart or unless the two horse shows involved are an A-rated show and a Local show. In case of conflict, the show whose application and payment is received first by the Horse Show Membership Secretary will be given priority. If both shows' applications and payments are received by the show Membership Secretary at the same time, the show which has used the date previously will be given priority.

Section 7. Horse show prize lists must state that the show is a recognized MOHJO show. Failure to do so will result in no points being scored by the organization.

Section 8. Typed or computer generated show results must be received by, or online results made available to, the MOHJO Point Secretary within 10 days of the completion of the horse show. Results should include class numbers, number of entrants in the first Over Fences class, horse's name, owner's name, rider's name and age, and class placement.

Section 9. Platinum Horse Show status is available for horse shows being held in Missouri only. Each horse show desiring Platinum status must register with the MOHJO Horse Show Membership Secretary and pay a \$25.00 fee for each show. Platinum Horse Shows are awarded double MOHJO points for their competitors.

***Failure to return typed or computer-generated show results, accompanied by a prize list and/or premium list, Or failure to post results online, within ten (10) days of the completion of the show will result in a \$25.00 fine to the member show. Shows not in compliance will be ineligible to receive subsequent MOHJO recognition until said fine is paid in full.***

## **PART V CONDUCT OF MEMBER SHOWS**

Section 1. Competitors who fail to satisfy a debt at a MOHJO recognized show or who have a returned check due to insufficient funds, will receive a written notice from MOHJO stating that the competitor has ten (10) days to satisfy the debt with either cash, money order or a cashier's check payable to the show secretary. If, after ten (10) days, the debt remains unsatisfied MOHJO will 1) ban the competitor from MOHJO recognized shows until the debt is paid and 2) inform all MOHJO show managers and secretaries that, under MOHJO rules, they are not to accept the competitor's entries until full payment has been made.

## **PART VI PROTESTS**

Section 1. Protests involving interpretation of MOHJO's rules will be accepted by the Board of Directors if accompanied by a written charge stating a complete and detailed description of the event in question signed by the show secretary and the member protesting, and their names and addresses. Protests will only be accepted from the show secretary. In case the protest is sustained, the entry standing next in award status shall be moved up.

Section 2. A judge's decision, representing his individual preference, is not open to protest unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules.

Section 3. Sustained protests at USEF recognized shows which result in the entry standing next in award status moving up should be brought to the attention of the MOHJO Point Secretary so the points can be adjusted.

## **PART VII VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

*MOHJO defers to and supports the definitions, violations and penalties of USEF*

## **PART VIII REGULATIONS GOVERNING JUDGES**

Section 1. It is recommended that judges for member shows not reside within a 100 mile radius of the show.

Section 2. It is recommended that a judge not adjudicate at more than one member show within a radius of 100 miles within a 60 day period.

Section 3. A judge may not adjudicate at any show in which a member of his family, or clients of a member of his family, or any of his horses are competing.

Section 4. No horse may be shown before a judge that has been sold or leased by said judge or by his employer within a period of 30 days prior to the show.

Section 5. No horse may show before a judge who has received or has contracted to receive a remuneration for the sale, purchase or lease of any horse to or from, or for the account of said person within a period of 30 days prior to the show unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction.

Section 6. No one may show before a judge who boards, rides, or trains (for horse show purposes) any horse under said person's ownership or lease within a period of three months prior to the show. Stud fees are excluded.

Section 7. No one may show before a judge who has remunerated said person for the board or training of any horse for horse show purposes within a period of three months prior to the show. Stud fees are excluded.

Section 8. No rider may compete in an equitation class before a judge with whom his parents, guardian or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the instruction, sale, lease, board or training of a horse within three months of the date of the show unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction.

## **PART IX POINT SYSTEM AND YEAR END AWARDS**

Section 1. The MOHJO point system is located on a page of the Rule Book

Section 2. Only current members in good standing and nominated horses will be eligible for Year End awards.

Section 3. A Year End Awards party will be held in January to present awards to those horses and equitation riders who earned the six highest standings in MOHJO-recognized divisions for the previous competition year. The standings will be determined by the number of points accrued for the competition year for each division.

Section 4. To be eligible for a division year end award, a horse or equitation rider must have placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> in that division in an approved point class at two member shows.

Section 5. Year End Award ribbons will be presented for first through sixth place, with ties being counted as one place. For Example: first, second, third (tie), third (tie), fourth, fifth, and sixth.

Section 6. If entries warrant, divisions may be split or combined for Year End Awards. Consult the Class Specifications.

Section 7. Classes held at Local shows with two or less entries will be awarded half the designated points. Consult the MOHJO Point System.

Section 8. Points will not count in classes where the class description is worded improperly on premium lists and/or prize lists. If the class title on the premium list and /or prize list is worded with obvious intent, the class is to be counted for points. The premium list and/or prize list which has been mailed to and received by exhibitors prior to the show, shall be the premium list and /or prize list recognized for point tabulation. If changes are made, such as added classes, **with MOHJO approval**, then these classes will count for points.

Section 9. In the event a nominated horse changes ownership during the current show season (see Part III, Section 3)

Section 10. Any owner change or name change of the (see Part III, Section 4)

Section 11. The Point Secretary will use every care to achieve accuracy in computing the standings, but neither the Secretary nor the organization will be liable for the failure of any Member Horse Show to file the results of their show, nor for errors or omissions in the making thereof. Nor can they be held responsible beyond the point of accuracy in computing the final standings from the results submitted by the proper authorities of each show.

**Section 12. Exhibitors whose points are important to them are strongly advised to consult the website or submit a record of each horse and rider's placings to the Point Secretary prior to November 1 for comparison to official MOHJO records.**

## **PART X SPECIAL AWARDS**

Section 1. The following awards will be presented at the Year End Awards Party:

- a) High Point Hunter. The award will be given to the horse or pony which has accumulated the most points in all the MOHJO recognized Hunter divisions during the competition year. The points will be counted for the horse, not the rider. All divisions in which the horse or pony is eligible will count.
- b) High Point Jumper. The award will be given to the horse or pony which has accumulated the most points in all the MOHJO recognized Jumper divisions during the competition year.. The points will be counted for the horse, not the rider. All divisions in which the horse or pony is eligible will count.
- c) High Point Amateur. The award will be given to the Amateur or Junior who accumulated the most points in all the MOHJO recognized Hunter and Jumper divisions during the competition year, the points being awarded for the horse and equitation classes. All divisions for which the horse, pony and rider are eligible will count.
- d) High Point Professional. The award will be given to the Professional who accumulated the most points in all the MOHJO recognized Hunter and Jumper divisions during the competition year, the points being awarded for the horse. All divisions for which the horse is eligible will count.
- e) USHJA Affiliation Nomination. Three members may be nominated to USHJA as Sportsman of the Year: one Amateur, one Junior, and one Professional. Nominees must be current members of MOHJO and regular or associate members of USHJA and possess the following qualifications: honesty, integrity, good sportsmanship, involvement in local Hunter Jumper activities, service to the horse community (Juniors only), and academic achievement (Juniors only). All three nominations may or may not be made each year. Nominees will compete for the USHJA Regional title, and, if successful, vie for the national USHJA Sportsman of the Year Award. No ribbon or prize is presented for this accolade.

## **PART XI CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

Section 1. For Hunters, fifty percent or more of the obstacles must be at least the required height and none may be more than 2" over or under.

Section 2. A Junior exhibitor is an individual who has not reached his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current show year.

Section 3. An Adult exhibitor is an individual no longer eligible to compete as a Junior.

Section 4. Entering a class "Hors de Concours" is not allowed

Section 5. A Jumper can be a horse or pony of any breed, height, or sex. Unless otherwise specified, Jumper classes are open to all riders regardless of age or professional status.

**Green Hunter** is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing in any class over fences 3'6" or higher including equitation classes, at any USEF or MOHJO rated show. The division may be divided into Working and Conformation, First and Second year respectively.

Fence Height: 3'6" for First Year at all shows, 3'9" for Second Year at all shows

**Pre-Green Hunter** is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing in any classes over fences 3' or higher, including equitation classes, at any USEF or MOHJO show. Once a horse has shown 3'6" he is no longer eligible to compete in this division.

Fence Height: 2'9" to 3' at all shows

**Baby Green Hunter** is open to any horse or pony in its first year of showing over fences.

Fence Height: 2' to 2'6"

**Novice Hunter** is open to any horse or pony who has not won three blue ribbons over fences

Fence Height: 2' to 2'6"

**Amateur Owner Hunter** is to be ridden by an Amateur Adult owner or an amateur member of the owner's family. If a rider competes in the AO Hunter they cannot show a horse over fences for someone else in any other class, including Amateur Adult Hunter.

Fence Height: 3'6" at all shows

**Amateur Adult Hunter** is to be ridden by an Amateur Adult. Open to horses and ponies. The same rider/horse (pony) combination may not compete at the same show over fences in any class (equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'3". The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/horse (pony) are eligible. The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except Amateur Owner Hunter.

Courses will not be adjusted for ponies. Entries may be required to jog for soundness.

Fence Height: 2'9" to 3'3". Spreads not to exceed fence height.

**Junior Hunter** is to be ridden by a Junior exhibitor. If entries warrant, the division may be divided into Large Junior Hunter (16 H and over) and Small Junior Hunter (Under 16H).

Fence Height: 3'6" at all shows

**Pony Hunter** is a pony less than or equal to 14.2 H ridden by a Junior exhibitor. No Junior over 12 years of age may ride in the Small Pony Hunter section. No Junior over 14 years of age may ride in the Medium Pony Hunter section. Exhibitors under 18 may ride for other exhibitors who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle class and/or exhibit the pony in the model class. No exhibitor may show more than three ponies in one height section. The division may be divided into Small, Medium, and Large respectively. Fence heights and distances must be altered for each height division.

Fence height:	12.2 H and under	2'3" with spreads 2'3"
	12.3 H to 13.2 H	2'6" with spreads 2'6"
	13.3 H to 14.2 H	3' with spreads 3'

**Green Pony Hunter** is a pony in its first year of showing at any USEF or MOHJO rated show. To be ridden by a Junior Exhibitor. Fence heights and distances must be altered for each height division

Fence height:	12.2 H and under	2'3" with spreads 2'3"
	12.3 H to 13.2 H	2'6" with spreads 2'6"
	13.3 H to 14.2 H	2'9" with spreads 2'9"

**Children's Hunter** is a horse or pony ridden and handled in all phases of competition by a Junior exhibitor. The same rider/horse(pony) may not compete at the same show in any class (equitation excepted) in which the fence height exceeds 3'3". The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/horse(pony) combination are eligible. Horses and ponies entered in the Children's Hunter division may not cross enter into Junior Hunter, Pony Hunter or Novice Children's Hunter divisions at the same competition. Courses will not be adjusted for ponies. Entries may be required to jog for soundness. If entries warrant, the division may be split by age for Year End awards. Fence height: 2'9" to 3'. Spread not to exceed fence height.

**Children's Hunter Pony** is a pony ridden and handled in all phases of competition by a Junior exhibitor. The same rider and/or pony may enter any equitation classes. The combination pony/rider is not eligible for USEF rated classes at the same show. Either the pony or the rider (separately) may compete in any class. If showing in an "A" or "AA" rated pony section, or classes 3'6" Pony Jumper and /or Children's Jumper, a rider may show only one pony in the Children's Hunter Pony division in addition to those ponies owned or USEF-leased by the rider. Fence Height: 2' for small, medium 2'6" for large. Spread not to exceed height of fence.

**Beginner Rider Hunter** is a horse or pony ridden by an amateur exhibitor who has not won three blue ribbons over fences at any recognized show prior to December 1 of the current show year. Equitation classes are included. Ribbons won in Short Stirrup do not affect the rider's status for this division. Riders may cross enter 2'6" classes but may not show as a Beginner after competing in classes 3' or higher. If entries warrant, this division may be split by age, Child and Adult, for Year End awards. Fence height: 2' at all shows

**Short Stirrup Hunter** is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience ridden by a Junior exhibitor who has not reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current show year. Riders may not have shown over 2', with the exception of 11 & Under Equitation over fences. Rule applies to Short Stirrup Hunter classes as well as Short Stirrup Equitation classes. Suggested course consists of 8 fences with no change of direction and no combinations. Fence height: 18" to 2' at all shows.

**Non-Pro Hunter** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior or amateur Adult. Fence height: 2'6" to 2'9" at all shows.

**Novice Child/Adult Hunter** is open to any horse or pony ridden by an amateur who has never competed over fences in any class in which fence height exceeds 3'3". Number of ribbons does not affect rider's status in this division. A rider may cross enter into Children's, Amateur Adult Hunter or any other 3' division at the same show but not riding the same horse entered in this division. Fence height: 2'9" at all shows

**Limit Rider Hunter** is a horse or pony ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor who has not won six blue ribbons over fences at any recognized show prior to December 1 of the current show year. Equitation classes are included. Ribbons won over fences 2'3" or less in height do not affect the rider's status for this division. Riders may cross enter 2'6" classes but may not show in Limit classes after competing in classes 3'6" or higher. If entries warrant, the division may be split by age, Child and Adult, for Year End awards. Fence height: 2'6" at all shows

**Intro Rider Jumper** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior or amateur Adult in their first or second year of showing in Jumper classes. Fence height: 2' to 2'6"

**Intro Jumper** is open to any horse or pony showing in its first or second year of Jumper classes. Fence height: 2' to 2'6"

**Children's/Adult Jumper** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior or amateur Adult exhibitor. Cross entry into other divisions or classes is permitted unless otherwise stated in the prize list. Classes to be scored under Table I; Table II, Section 2, 3 or 4; or Table IV. Fence height first round: 3'. Fences may not be raised to more than 3'9" nor spread more than 4'3" (Level IV)

**Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper** is a horse or pony ridden by either a Junior, an Amateur Owner or an amateur member of the owner's family. Fence height: can vary from 3'6" to 4'6" with spreads from 4' to 5'

**Level II Jumper** Fence height: 3'0"-3'3"

**Level III Jumper** Fence height: 3'3"-3'6"

**Level IV Jumper** Fence height: 3'6"-3'9"

**Level V Jumper** Fence height: 3'9"-4'0"

**11 and Under Equitation** is open to Junior exhibitors who have not reached their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current show year. An "in and out" is not required.

**12 to 14 Equitation** is open to Junior exhibitors who have reached their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday but have not reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current show year.

Fence height: 3' at all shows.

**15 to 17 Equitation** is open to Junior exhibitors who have reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday but have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current show year.

Fence height: 3'6" at all shows.

**Amateur Adult Equitation** is open to amateur riders 18 years or older.

Fence height: 3' at all shows.

**Short Stirrup Equitation** is open to riders who have not reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current show year. Riders may not have shown over 2' with the exception of 11 & Under Equitation over fences. Rule applies to Short Stirrup Hunter classes as well as Short Stirrup Equitation classes.

Fence height: 18" to 2'.

**Beginner Equitation** is open to riders of any age who have not won three blue ribbons over fences at any USEF or MOHJO recognized show prior to December 1 of the current show year. Ribbons won in Short Stirrup do not affect the rider's status. Once a rider has shown in a 3'6" equitation class, they are no longer eligible for this division. If entries warrant, the division may be split by age, Child and Adult, for Year End awards.

Fence height: 2' at all shows.

**Limit Equitation** is open to riders of any age who have not won six blue ribbons over fences at any USEF or MOHJO recognized show prior to December 1 of the current show year. Ribbons won in Short Stirrup or Beginner do not affect the rider's status. Once a rider has shown in a 3'6" equitation class, they are no longer eligible for this division. If entries warrant, the division may be split by age, Child and Adult, for Year End awards.

Fence height: 2'6" at all shows.

## MOHJO Point System

<u>RATED SHOWS</u>	<u>LOCAL SHOWS</u>	<u>(2 or less)</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place 10 Points	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 5 Points	2.5 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 6 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 3 Points	1.5 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 4 Points	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 2 Points	1.0 Point
4 <sup>th</sup> Place 2 Points	4 <sup>th</sup> Place 1 Point	.5 Point
5 <sup>th</sup> Place 2 Point	5 <sup>th</sup> Place 1 Point	.5 Point
6 <sup>th</sup> Place 2 Point	6 <sup>th</sup> Place 1 Point	.5 Point

If the first Over Fences class in the division has 15 or more exhibitors, an additional 5 “bonus” points will be awarded each placing, first through sixth.

If classes are double-pinned, they will not be awarded “bonus” points unless the number in each class split warrants it

## Divisions Eligible For Year End Awards

Green Hunter (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year) (Working) (Conformation)

Amateur Owner Hunter

Baby Green Hunter

Pre-Green Hunter

Novice Hunter

Beginner Rider Hunter - Child

Beginner Rider Hunter - Adult

Beginner Equitation

Medium Pony Hunter

Green Pony Hunter

Junior Hunter

Intro Rider Jumper

Intro Jumper

Non-Pro Hunter

11 & Under Equitation

Limit Equitation

12 - 14 Equitation

15 - 17 Equitation

Amateur Adult Hunter

Children's Hunter Pony

Adult Equitation

Short Stirrup Hunter

Short Stirrup Equitation

Children's Hunter

Small Pony Hunter

Large Pony Hunter

Novice Rider Hunter

Limit Rider Hunter

Child/Adult Jumper

Jr/AO Jumper

Level II Jumper

Level III Jumper

Level IV Jumper

Level V Jumper

