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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 be due and payable 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**

An Individual Category 1 Membership is \$50.00 annually. An Individual Category 2 Membership is \$25.00 annually. An individual may upgrade from a Category 2 Membership to a Category 1 Membership within the same year by paying the difference in membership price of \$25.00. 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 at only the Category 1 level. There are no Barn, Family or Life memberships.

### **1.3 Membership Privileges**

#### **1.3a Category 1 Membership**

1. Accrue points in AHJA Category 1 or 2 AHJA Medal classes
2. Compete for Category 1 and Category 2 Year End Awards
3. Serve as a Member of the Board of Directors

#### **1.3b Category 2 Membership**

1. Accrue points in Category 2 AHJA Medal classes
2. Compete for Category 2 Year End Awards

#### **1.3c Professional Membership**

1. Listed on Recommended Judge's List for Category 2 Shows
2. Compete for both Category 1 and 2 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

### **1.4 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. 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 Category 1 points to count. An Annual Horse Recording fee is \$20. A

Lifetime Horse Recording fee is \$50. Horses may be added through out the year.

#### **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 may submit a completed application with full payment to the Horse Show Secretary. The points for the show will be counted towards Year End Awards and Medal Finals Qualification. The Show Secretary must date and sign the application and forward application and fees to AHJA.
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 Category 1**

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 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 The 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 MEMBER 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 Category 1 shows must be USEF approved and rated Premier (AA), National (A), Regional I (B) or Regional II (C) or Local
3. All Category 2 Shows are unrated by USEF
4. All AHJA shows must be located in Arizona
5. Category 1: No shows on the same date will be approved that are within 125 driving miles of each other
6. No 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 Category 1 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 Category 2 shows must have a medic on the grounds for all show Sessions and paid warm up sessions. All 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 must offer the AHJA Medals. Category 1 Shows must offer the Children's Medal, Adult Medal, Junior-Amateur Medal, Mini Medal, Silver Stirrup Medal and Pony Medal. Category 2 shows must offer the Category 2 Child and Adult Medal and in addition may offer any of the Category 1 Medals. 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.

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

1. Category 1: Application must be received 60 days prior to the start of the competition
2. Category 2: Application must be received 30 days prior to the start of the competition
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 Mandatory AHJA Fee

Each show must collect a mandatory AHJA fee from each numbered entry. Monies must be forwarded with results within 10 working days from the conclusion of the competition. A late fee will apply at the rate of \$25/day.

1. Category 1: Fee is \$3/ horse
2. Category 2: Fee is \$2/ horse-rider combination

### 2.1d 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
2. Category 1: AHJA membership form at least 5” high and 8” wide  
Category 2: AHJA membership forms must be available in office
3. 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. Contact AHJA Point secretary for mailing list.

### 2.1e Duties of the Show Secretary

The show secretary is responsible for:

1. Collecting completed AHJA Membership and Horse Recording Applications. Applications must be signed and dated by the show secretary to be valid
2. Complete the Post Competition Show Report Form and mail with results, membership forms and horse recordings to AHJA point secretary.
3. 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, Derbies and Grand Prix’s, 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.**
4. Submit, with results, all Mandatory AHJA Fees (Rule 2.1c)
5. Submit a numerical list of entries
6. Items 1-5 above must be received by the AHJA Point Secretary within 10 working days of the completion of the competition.
7. 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

### CATEGORY 1 HORSE SHOW APPROVED DIVISIONS

#### 3.1 Approved Hunter Divisions: Pointed as per current USEF Rules

Green 3’	Green 3’3”	Green 3’6”
Green 3’9”	Performance Hunter 3’3”	Performance Hunter 3’6”
High Performance	Large Jr Hunter	Small Jr Hunter
Amateur Owner 18-35	Amateur Owner 36 & over	Jr Hunter 3’3”
Amateur Owner 3’3”	Small Pony Hunter	Medium Pony Hunter
Large Pony Hunter	Young Hunter 5 & under	
Young Hunter 6 & under	Young Hunter 7 & under	

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

Children's 13 & under                      Childrens 14-17  
Adult Amateur 18-35                      Adult Amateur 36 & over                      Children's Pony Hunter  
Hunter Breeding: Yearling  
Hunter Breeding: Two Year Old                      Hunter Breeding: Three Year Old

**The following Category 1 divisions are local and will be pointed as a USEF local show**

**Short Stirrup Hunters:** Open to rider 11 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".

No oxers or combinations. Fences 2'0"

**Medium Stirrup Hunters:** Open to riders 12 – 17. Riders may not have shown over fences that exceed 2'3" at any time. No cross entry into any class that exceeds 2'3".

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".

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".

No oxers or combinations. Fences 2'3"

**Low Children's Hunter:** Open to any horse ridden by a junior rider. Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2'9" at the same show. Fences 2'6"

**Low Adult Hunter:** Open to any horse ridden by an amateur rider. Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2'9" at the same show. Fences 2'6"

**Modified/Child/Adult Hunter:** Open to all junior and amateur riders. No cross entry restrictions. Fences 2'9"

**3.2 Category 1 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

**Modified Junior/Amateur Jumpers:** Open to any horse ridden by a Junior or Amateur rider. No cross entry restrictions  
Fences 1.15 Meter

**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 .95 – 1.0 meter

**Adult Amateur Jumper:** 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 .95 – 1.0 meter

**Modified Child-Adult Jumper Low:** Open to all Child or Adult Amateur riders on any horse. The same horse-rider combination may not compete in any jumper classes exceeding .90 meter at the same show. Fences .85 meter and below. All classes restricted to Child and Adult Amateur riders that meet the height specs shall receive points, regardless of the class name. Points are awarded to the horse.

**Modified Child-Adult Jumper:** Open to all Child or Adult Amateur riders on any horse. The same horse-rider combination may not compete in any jumper class exceeding 1.05 meters at the same show. Fence heights are .90-.95 meter. All classes restricted to Child or Adult Amateur riders that meet the height specs shall receive points, regardless of the class name. Points are awarded to the horse.

**Low Training Jumpers:** Open to any horse and rider. Points are awarded to the horse. Fences .95-1.95 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

**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

**Open Jumper:** Open to any horse or rider. Fence heights shall be 1.25 meter and above. Points are awarded to the horse. All unrestricted classes that meet the height specs shall receive points, regardless of the name of the class. The winner of this division shall receive the **AHJA JUMPER OF THE YEAR PERPETUAL TROPHY.**

### 3.3 Category 1 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"-3'6" This class is required to be offered at 2 fence heights: 3'0" and 3'3". Show management may opt to run a third section at 3'6". Riders must stipulate prior to the class which fence height they choose to jump. Distances need not be adjusted for each fence height. Fence heights will be judged as one class. No rider may compete in more than one (1) fence height in a single class. Riders MAY compete in different fence heights in different classes

If a 3'6" section is offered, riders competing at 3'6" are NOT eligible for the AHJA Children's Medal class or Final.

**Equitation 18-35:** Fences 3'0"

**Equitation 36 and over:** Fences 3'0"

**Short Stirrup Equitation:** 11 and under Tests 1-5

Same rider restrictions as Short Stirrup Hunters

No Oxers, No combinations Fences 2'0"

**Medium Stirrup Equitation:** Riders 12-17 Tests 1-5

Same rider restrictions as Medium Stirrup Hunters

No Oxers, No Combinations Fences 2'0"

**Long Stirrup Equitation:** Riders 18 and over Tests 1-5

Same rider restrictions apply as Long Stirrup Hunters

No Oxers, No Combinations Fences 2'0"

**Beginner Rider Equitation:** Same rider restrictions as Beginner Rider

Hunter. Tests 1-8, No oxers, No combinations Fences 2'3"

**Low Children's Equitation:** Same rider restrictions as Low Children's

Hunter, Tests 1-8, Fences 2'6"

**Low Adult Equitation:** Same Rider restrictions apply as Low Adult

Hunter. Tests 1-8, Fences 2'6"

**Modified Child/Adult Equitation:** Tests 1-10, Fences 2'9"

**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 Category 1 Medal Classes and Finals

#### 3.4a Show and class requirements

AHJA Category 1 approved horse shows must offer the 6 AHJA Medal classes. In all AHJA Medal classes, a minimum of 3 riders must be entered. No minimum to complete the course. 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 junior 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 Silver Stirrup Medal:** Open to amateur riders, 18 and over. Riders in this class may not compete over fences above 2'9" or .85 meters during the current show year 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.



3. **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"

4. **AHJA Adult Medal:** Open to adult amateur riders. Specifications are the same as the AHJA Children's Medal

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.

6. **AHJA Pony Medal:** Open to all Junior exhibitors on ponies. To be shown over a course of not less than 8 jumps. If an in and out is used, it must be adjusted for each height. Two tests (chosen from Tests 1-15) must be included in the course. There is no required work-off. Small and medium ponies shall jump 2'0". Large ponies shall jump 2'6". The course must include two changes of direction after the first fence. An oxer may not be the first jump. Riders may show in any other AHJA Medal where eligible.

### 3.4b Qualifying points

In all AHJA Medal classes, a rider must accrue 6 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 moved up in the results and receive corresponding points for the next highest placing.

### 3.4c Category 1 Medal Finals

1. Riders must be current Category 1 AHJA members
2. The trainer of each rider competing in AHJA Medal Finals classes must be an AHJA member in good standing.
3. Riders must have accrued a minimum of 6 points
4. 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
5. Riders will not lose their Medal Finals eligibility if they compete at a higher

height after they have qualified, except as noted. The following conditions apply:

- a. Mini and Silver Stirrup 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 or Silver Stirrup 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
6. All Medal Finals shall consist of at least two rounds over fences.
  7. In all Medal Finals (**Pony Medal excluded**), two or more tests of the top four competitors are required.
  8. 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.
  9. If a rider qualifies for more than one Final, that rider must compete at the highest height for which they are qualified. **Exception: Pony Medal riders may compete in any other Medal for which they are eligible.**
  10. The format and location of the Medal Finals shall be determined each year by the AHJA Board of Directors.
  11. **There must be a minimum of 3 entered riders in any Medal Final.**

#### RULE IV

#### CATEGORY 2 HORSE SHOW APPROVED DIVISIONS

**4.1 General:** Shows may offer any or all of the below listed sections. Shows **MUST** offer both the Children's and Adult Category 2 Medals. Category 2 shows may offer any or all of the Category 1 Medals. It is advised that if a show offers the Category 1 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 2 Jumper Class.) The horse must be assigned a different number for each horse/rider combination. Each horse/rider combination shall be charged the \$2.00 AHJA fee.

#### 4.2 Approved 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 with fences that exceed 18" at the same show. Fences 12" in an "X" configuration

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

**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

**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

**Mini Stirrup Hunter:** 11 and Under: Open to beginner junior riders who are 11 years and under. Points are given 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

**Mini Stirrup Equitation:** 11 and Under: Open to beginner junior riders who are 11 years and under. Points are given 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

**Young Stirrup Hunter** 12-17: Open to beginner junior riders who are between the ages of 12 and 17 years. Points are given 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

**Young Stirrup Equitation** 12-17 Open to beginner junior riders who are between the ages of 12 and 17 years of age. Points are given 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

**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 in to any classes where fences exceed 2'3" at the same show. Fences 2'0", no oxers

**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 in to any classes where fences exceed 2'3" at the same show. Fences 2'0", no oxers.

**Pre Children's/Adult Hunters:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are given to the horse/rider combination. Riders may not cross enter in to any classes where fences exceed 2'6" at the same show. Fences 2'3", no oxers or combinations

**Pre Children's/Adult Equitation:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are given to the horse/rider combination. Riders may not cross enter in to any class where the fences exceed 2'6" at the same show. Fences 2'3", no combinations

**Children's/Adult Hunters:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are given 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

**Children's Adult Equitation:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are given to the rider. Riders may not cross enter in to any class where the fences exceed 2'9" at the same show. Fences 2'6", no combinations

**Junior/Adult Hunters:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are given to the horse rider combination. No cross entry restrictions. Fences 2'9"

**Junior/Adult Equitation:** Open to junior and amateur riders. Points are awarded to the rider. No cross entry restrictions. Fences 2'9"

**Cat 2 Jumper:** Open to any rider or horse. **Multiple riders on the same horse in the same class are prohibited.** Points are given to the horse. Fences 2'6" -2'9". Any USEF Table II class rules may be used except Table 2.1.

**AHJA Category 2 Children's Medal:** Open to junior riders. To be shown over a course of no less than six fences at 2'3" in height. No oxers or combinations. A test must be built in to the course. The test shall consist of one of the following: halt or halt and back, roll back turn, end jump or trot a jump. No required work off. Three entries are required to fill the class. No minimum must complete in order for points to count. May be combined with the AHJA Adult Category 2 Medal or any other Medal of the same height. 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. This class will be part of the USHJA Affiliate Equitation Awards Program.

**AHJA Category 2 Adult Medal:** Open to adult amateur riders, 18 and over. Specs are the same as the AHJA Category 2 Children's Medal above.

#### **4.3 Category 2 Medals Champion**

4.3a At the end of the year, the top 8 point earners in the Category 2 Children's and Adult Medal Standings will receive awards at the AHJA Banquet,

4.3b AHJA reserves the right to hold a Category 2 Medals Final class to be held during the AHJA Category 1 Medal Finals or at a show of the Board of Directors choosing. This class will be a 1 round format with a work off of the top 4 highest scoring riders. The work off may be on the flat or using tests 1-8. Riders who have accrued a minimum of 6 points in their respective medal will be eligible. This class will receive double points toward the High Score Medal Rider Award

**4.3b If a Category 2 Medals Finals class is offered, the trainer of each rider competing must be either an AHJA Category 1 or 2 member in good standing.**

#### **4.4 Category 1 AHJA Medals**

Category 2 shows may offer any or all of the Category 1 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 Category 1 Shows**

5.1a At all Category 1 shows, the following divisions will accumulate points based upon the USEF Rating of the show: Green Conformation, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Green, Regular Conformation, Performance 3'3", Performance 3'6", High Performance, Small Junior Hunter, Large Junior Hunter, Junior Hunter 3'3", Amateur Owner Hunter 18-35, Amateur Owner Hunter 36 & over, Amateur Owner 3'3", Small Pony Hunter, Medium Pony Hunter & Large Pony Hunter. Classics and Derbies shall receive 2x the points. No points for Champion or Reserve Champion.

The following divisions shall receive Regional II (C) points: All Equitation divisions, all jumper divisions not based on money earned, Pregreen Hunters and Adult Amateur Hunters 18-35 and 36 and over, Children's Hunters 13 & under and 14-17, Short Stirrup Hunters, Medium Stirrup Hunters, Long Stirrup Hunters, Beginner Rider Hunters, Low Children's Hunters, Low Adult Hunters, Modified Child/Adult Hunters. Classics and Derbies shall receive 2x the points. No points for Champion or Reserve Champion.

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

5.2 Category II Shows: All classes (including Medals) at AHJA Category II horse shows shall receive the points listed below. No other classes (Derbies, Classics or Specials) other than those listed by AHJA shall receive and points or bonus points.

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 Category 1 Medal Classes” All Category 1 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 (example Large and Small Junior Hunter into Junior Hunters) if there are less than 4 pointed horses or riders in each division.

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 (Category 1 shows) or have a signed Amateur affidavit for Category 2 shows that has been submitted to AHJA.**

### 6.3 Horse Eligibility

6.3a Category 1: 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 Category 2: Horses need not be recorded. The horse/rider combination receives 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 out. Upon the return of the trophy the trophy must be engraved by the recipient, cleaned and returned to AHJA 30 days 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: After using the tie breaker rule, any ties for Year End Awards shall remain tied and duplicate awards will be given. To break a tie, the horse with the most points over fences shall be the winner.

**6.7 AHJA Hunter of the Year shall be awarded to the Category 1 Hunter receiving the most points in a single division.**

**6.8 AHJA Jumper of the Year shall be awarded to the Category 1 jumper receiving the most points (not dollars) in a single 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. 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 on line on or before December 1 of each year. All new rules shall be highlighted in some manner.

**NOTES AND EXTRA-ORDINARY RULE CHANGES**