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RULE BOOK **2011**

INTRODUCTION

The association has published this rule book to assist all members in their participation in Nebraska Hunter Jumper Schooling Show Circuit.

If you have questions about the rules, contact one of the officers of the association listed on the following pages.

Any correspondence regarding a NHJSSC show or issue thereof should be sent to the Show Manager of that show as well as the President and Recording Secretary of NHJSSC.

If you make recommendations for changes or additions to the rule book, please write them down and send them to the President and the Recording Secretary. They will be considered during the next revision to this book.

The Board hopes you will like the rulebook and wishes you good luck and happy showing during the coming year.

The objects of this association are: a) To further the education of the membership in all aspects pertaining to hunter/jumper competition, b) To establish and promote a uniform body of rules governing the conduct of horse shows sponsored or sanctioned by the association (NHJSSC), c) To insure the fair enforcement of such rules for the common benefit of all participants, d) To further the art of riding and to promoted and encourage good horsemanship and sportsmanship.

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SECTION I Membership

1. Membership Fee – The NHJSSC has determined that there will be no yearly membership fee. Instead there will be a number fee charged to each horse/rider combination per show. The fee will be added to the total bill and will go towards circuit expenses. All persons participating in a NHJSSC show will be considered a member and points will be accumulated for year-end awards.

2. Junior Members – Any person that has not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year

3. Amateur Members – Any individual who is 18 yr and older as of December 1st of the previous year and who has not accepted any money for lessons, training, coaching, sales (agent), etc. within the horse industry. By accepting payment for any of these services it renders you ineligible for amateur status as stated by the US Equestrian Federation.

SECTION II Horse Show Membership

1. The NHJSSC Board of Directors will decide the awarding of show recognition and dates. The show requestor that has historically, meaning the last 5 years, hosted the most shows for a specific month will be given first preference in the awarding of that month's show if there are multiple hosting requests for it. In the event the show requestors have historically hosted the same number of shows for a specific month, awarding of that month's show shall be determined by Board votes. Additional shows may be added on a yearly basis. **All member shows must apply for recognition postmarked on or before October 31, for a show in the following year. Please contact a Board member for the appropriate form if you did not host a show in 2011 and would like to request a show for 2012.**

2. The NHJSSC Board of Directors has the option (under unusual circumstances) to consider additional shows during the year from the current show applications, subject to the same rules as all other

shows requests. All shows must be held in Nebraska.

3. The show requestor for a yearly show should remember that the Board will allocate the show dates. No barn/show facility shall advertise as hosting a NHJSSC show without the approval of the current board of directors.

4. It is required that the show-requestor, whether an individual or an organization, be in good standing of the association when applying for and holding their show(s). The show requestor should also be familiar with the rules and regulations of NHJSSC and be supportive of the shows.

5. All hosting facilities must be able to provide a total of 20 stalls and/or paddocks for incoming participants the night before and day of an approved show date. Stalls are NOT to exceed \$30 per night and must include initial bedding. A hosting facility must also provide a warm class or warm up area for participants, adequate parking for cars and trailers, and a fenced show arena. **(updated June 3rd, 2011)**

6. Show dates may be rotated among the managers as long as the NHJSSC board of directors is kept informed of all changes. Show management should remember that all NHJSSC shows must take place in Nebraska.

7. The last show of the season is to be held before the change from Daylight Savings time (when at all possible).

8. NHJSSC shows should be held only on a Saturday, Sunday or a National Holiday.

9. NHJSSC shows can not be run concurrently with any other show at the same show grounds (when at all possible). All efforts should be made to schedule show dates around other dates of shows in the current metropolitan area.

10. The NHJSSC show season will be from January 1st to November 30th of each year.

11. The NHJSSC strongly recommends one show per month from January through October. No shows should be held in November or December without the approval of the NHJSSC board with the exception of the Finals Show which can be hosted in November, weather permitting.

11. All show dates must be approved by the Board prior to being advertised. Any show management or barns who does not follow the rules of the NHJSSC can be banned from hosting any additional shows in the circuit.

12. A "NHJSSC Finals" Show will be held in October, but no later than the first weekend in November, after the last regular season show. "NHJSSC Finals" will be host to the Medal Final, and all Standardized divisions. It is up to the show management if they choose to host any or all of the Optional Divisions. It is highly recommended by the association that all classes be included. Only the Top 10 riders in each division, based on points, will be invited to compete at the "FINALS". Regular class fees apply to all classes. The hosting barn is responsible for all expenses relating to the final show with the exception of the Medal classes, (including the judges, insurance, and ribbons).

SECTION III Board Meetings

1. Open Board Meetings – An “open” board meeting may be held annually for horse show participants to discuss any issues associated with the current year or next years NHJSSC shows. Place and time to be determined by the current board members (Board of Directors). All NHJSSC meetings shall be conducted under “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

2. Closed Board Meetings- Closed Board meetings shall take place no fewer than two times each calendar year. The closed Board meeting historically taking place on the date of the annual awards banquet may be included as one of the two board meetings. (12/4/10)

3. **Board Vote** – Only board members in good standing will be allowed to vote at open board meetings.
4. **Board Absence** – Any board member having two or more unexcused absences shall be removed from the board and replaced.
5. **Board Vacancy** – All board vacancies will either be published in the NHJSSC newsletter, and/or posted on the web site with a request for nominations from the “membership” to be sent via-the suggestion box on the NHJSSC web site. A personal phone call to the President or Vice-President of the NHJSSC, within 30 days, will also be accepted for nominations. Phone messages do not count as nominations. Direct contact must be made with either representative in order to make a nomination. The replacement will be determined by the current board of directors from these nominations. Any complaints may be filed with the NHJSSC secretary within 30 days of the removal and/or replacement of a board member. If a board vacancy within current term of Office involves a vacancy of Officer Position, the president may temporarily assign a Board Member to that position until the Board if Directors can meet and elect a member into Office. (12/4/10)
6. **Election of Officers**- Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Positions for Election are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Point’s Keeper, and Communications Director. Officers shall be elected, by the Board of Directors, from the members of the Board. Term of Office shall be two (2) years from the date of election into Office. Officers shall be eligible to succeed themselves. (12/4/10)
7. **Duties of Officers**- Definitions of Positions
 - i. President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the Circuit. The president may call a special meeting of the Circuit, subject to approval of the Board.
 - ii. Vice President: The vice president shall, in the absence of the president or upon his or her request, perform all duties of the latter. In the event that the office becomes vacant, the vice president shall succeed the president for the remainder of the term.
 - iii. Secretary: The secretary shall give notice and keep minutes of all meetings of the Circuit and be responsible for maintaining records of all business transacted at meetings.
 - iv. Treasurer: The treasurer shall be the general financial officer of the Circuit. He or she shall collect monies due the Circuit, keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, depositing all monies and other valuables in depositories designated by the Board of Directors, and pay all bills of the Circuit. He or she shall make an annual report to the Circuit of its financial condition.
 - v. Points Keeper: The points keeper shall be responsible for maintaining accurate points from participating shows and forwarding points to the website manager and president in a timely manner. The points keeper shall be responsible for tallying Year End Awards and Special Awards for the Year End Banquet.
 - vi. Communications Director: The communications director shall be responsible for communication necessary between the Board and the population including, but not limited to, Board vacancies and change in date/location of shows. (12/4/10)

SECTION IV Fees

1. The entry fees authorized per NHJSSC class at each show are as follows:

- i. Class entry fees shall not exceed \$10 per class for any NHJSSC recognized classes. All non recognized classes may have fees set by hosting barn.
- ii. The class fee for the finals in the NHJSSC medal class at the last show of the year will be \$10. The class fee can be waived by the hosting facility for the Medal Final only.
- iii. A "number fee" will be charged to each horse/rider combination at each NHJSSC show. The fee of \$5 for each horse/rider combination, will be charged to your bill. All participating barns/show management agrees to pay the total dollar amount for the "number fee" to the NHJSSC. *Please note: No rider may use another individual’s number to compete, with the exception made for warm-up classes ONLY. A separate number must be issued for each horse/rider combination, unless a rider riding more than one horse in a hunter division is using a substitute rider in the under saddle only (Section V #5).*

iv. There will be a \$5 charge for each horse/rider combination that enters the NHJSSC Benefit Hack. All proceeds from the benefit hack are to go to the NHJSSC Scholarship fund. A check should be mailed to the treasurer no later than 10 days after the close of the show. The total amount mailed to the treasurer should include \$5 dollars for every horse/rider combination that participates in NHJSSC pointed classes (if a rider chooses to only compete in additional classes not associated with the NHJSSC, then he/she would not have to pay the \$5 number fee) and the total amount from the NHJSSC Benefit Hack class. (ex. 40 horse/rider combinations and 5 riders in the NHJSSC Benefit Hack = \$200 + \$25 = \$225)

2.No Horse may enter the ring until fees are paid or secured by a signed blank check. A parent or legal guardian must sign all entry forms for junior competitors before they can enter the ring. If paying with cash, some form of payment must be presented to the office before entering the ring.

3.Number Fee – Hosting barns are required to pay this horse/rider combination fee to the NHJSSC treasurer, within 10 days of the close of their show, for all horse/rider combinations on the Master Exhibitor List.

4.If a person makes payment which is not negotiable to NHJSSC or fails to pay an entry to a member-show, that person and his/her horses will not receive any points from the date of the check or non-payment until settlement is made both for said indebtedness owing to the show or NHJSSC and for said service charges or fines. Any person(s) failing to do so within 10 days shall forfeit all points accumulated in NHJSSC.

5. All proceeds from the NHJSSC Benefit Hack shall go toward the annual NHJSSC Scholarship Fund, to be award to a participating senior that meets the criteria set forth by this association (see section VI - Equitation #5)

6. A hosting facility may, at its discretion and responsibility, charge a reasonable fee for a Non-showing horse.

SECTION V Conduct of Shows

1. Any person showing in NHJSSC shows should be familiar with its rules and regulations.

2. A Show Packet will be distributed to all shows for the current season. The packet will include the following items:

- i. 3 Hard copies of the NHJSSC rule book (office, in gate, and judge)
- ii. 3 Hard copies of class specifications (office, in gate, judge) per show held
- iii. List of special requirements of judge (as needed by breed associations for their awards programs). 2 hard copies per show held (judge, office).
- iv. List of requirements from show office (complete addresses for banquet information, requirements from show secretary)
- v. Fee Submission form (to record and send appropriate fees to Treasurer) one for each show held.
- vi. Next Year's Show Date Submission Form
- vii. Hosting Facility Agreement.

2. Each horse-rider combination must be issued a separated number. This number must be used correctly for points to count. Please see #4 below for the only exception)

3.Horses entered in Jumper classes and Medal classes are only allowed one entry per class including not to be judged rounds.

4.Riders in Equitation classes are only allowed one entry per class.

5. A rider riding more than one horse in a hunter division may use a substitute rider in the under saddle only if the original rider has more than one mount in the under saddle class. Substitute rider must be listed on entry form and must use the horse's original number.

6. Only NHJSSC classes of those shows recognized by the NHJSSC will count toward year-end awards.

7. The heights of the fences as listed on the show bills, are at no time to exceed the stated amount—that is to say, a 2' class means the jumps are not to exceed 2'.

8. All barns/facilities hosting NHJSSC shows must run the mandatory 29 core classes. Shows may run any or all additional "OPTIONAL" classes, however it is the recommendation of the board/association that complete divisions be run rather than just individual classes. For example, it is recommended that if a show runs Baby Green Hunter, they run all three classes not just one or two. Show management may choose to run an additional "Over Fences" class for each standardized division.

9. Classes recognized by NHJSSC must be placed through 6th place when possible. No double pinning will be allowed. Show management is encouraged to pin up to 10th place for larger classes. No points will be awarded for placing 7th through 10th.

10. Each member show may give additional awards at their shows such as Championships, Reserve Championships or prizes; however, this is not required. When Championships and Reserve Championships are awarded, the points used to determine Champion and Reserve Champion will be: (1st-6, 2nd-5, 3rd-4, 4th-3, 5th-2, 6th-1). No additional points will be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion. These championships given at member shows will be determined by totaling all the points earned within the specific division. The highest point accumulation receives the championship and so forth. In case of a tie, the entrant with the most points in the over fence classes will be judged higher (breaks the tie).

11. All NHJSSC shows must allow schooling over the show fences at announced times prior to the show or during the show. This information must be included in the prize list.

12. NHJSSC is not affiliated with USEF or any other organization. NHJSSC rules will prevail in case of conflicts between similar organizations. On occasion the USEF rules may be used as guidelines. Every show office is responsible for having available to participants a current copy of the USEF Rule Book chapters HU and JP (if jumper classes offered) in the instance USEF rules are called upon. Rule Book can be found on www.usef.org (12/4/10)

13. Show bills must designate NHJSSC affiliation, give order of classes, indicate unrecognized classes (with an asterisk or some other special character), indicate show date and time, state schooling times, list the Show Manager (s), give the Judge's name (if at all possible), and list a phone number for further information. Any additional classes, not clearly defined in this rulebook, must have its conditions printed in the show bill.

14. Each hosting barn shall give the NHJSSC Points Keeper the original/or copy of the Master Exhibitor List and the original copy of the Judge's cards within 10 (ten) working days after the show. This permanent record will be kept for a period of one year from the date of the show

15. NHJSSC expects horse show management to abide by applicable State and Federal animal health regulations.

16. Cruelty to or abuse of a horse by any person at any NHJSSC Show is Forbidden and renders the offenders subject to penalty. The Show management may bar the violators from further participation for the remainder of the show.

17. The Horse Show management shall reserve the right to refuse an entry or to return an entry fee.
18. All barns/show management hosting an NHJSSC shows must have on the show grounds: speaker system, concessions, restrooms, parking and schooling area with a minimum of two warm-up fences or have schooling available the day before the show and/or the morning of the show (prior to the start of the show). An optional "Warm-Up" class can be substituted for a schooling area.
19. Barns/facilities hosting NHJSSC shows failing to follow the rules of the NHJSSC may jeopardize their chances of holding future NHJSSC recognized shows.
20. Shows are encouraged to use the "one minute rule". This rule permits management to disqualify an exhibitor from the class who fails to report to the in-gate within one minute of the first call for that exhibitor. After a one-minute call is made, the ring gate attendant may skip to the next rider available. If it is the end of the class, a 5 minute call will be made to indicate the closing of the class.
21. The running of classes by the "back to back" method is at the discretion of the Horse Show management.
22. All Horse Show Managers are encouraged to use different judges for each NHJSSC Show. In the event this is not possible, a judge may not judge more than two (2) approved shows per season. A 90 day interval between show dates is encouraged.
23. All NHJSSC shows should list on their show bill their regulations governing the presence of "pets" (dog and etc.). NHJSSC strongly recommends that all "pets" be kept on a leash or confined to a crate.

SECTION VI Attire and Equipment

1. **Approved protective Headgear is required at all times when mounted anywhere on the show grounds.** NHJSSC strongly encourages all competitors to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) Standards, certified by the safety Equipment Institute (SEI). There are many varieties of headgear that are recommended by various organizations. It is the responsibility of adult riders and parents/legal guardians of children to examine the various styles/designs available and make an informed selection of their protective headgear.
2. Each horse/rider combination will be issued a separate number. Each rider must use their correct number with the correct horse. It is the responsibility of the rider to make sure the proper number is being clearly displayed. All riders are required to use: a) approved protective headgear (i.e. riding hardhat), b) riding boots with heels (i.e. boots, jodhpur boots or paddock boots).
3. Clothing should be neat, clean, and conservative in color. When possible, entrants are encouraged to show in proper riding attire; boots, breeches, rat catcher shirt with choker and riding coat in addition to the hardhat. Modifications may be made due to weather or at the discretion of the judge.
4. English saddles (astride or side saddle) and English bridles are necessary for showing. Martingales are optional in classes over fences, but are not permitted in equitation on the flat or in under saddle classes. A judge **may** penalize for non-conventional types of equipment such as; saddles, bridles, bits, nosebands and martingales. For the Medal Final, rider must ride all three phases of the class in the same tack. No modifications can be made unless tack is broken. Rider will be asked to complete the flat phase of the equitation class with martingales on.
5. Hair should be neat and worn so the rider's number may be visible at all times.
6. Horses should be clean and neat. Braiding is optional.
7. Use of boots and bandages on a horse are prohibited in all Hunter Divisions. Exceptions may be made for the Hunter Divisions at the discretion of the show management (i.e. during inclement weather, poor

footing or injuries on a horse). However, the use of boots and bandages is allowed in the Equitation Divisions (to include the Medal and the Benefit Hack). The show manager should inform the judge when exceptions have been allowed.

SECTION VII Divisions and Classes

Standardized Divisions: **All Standardized Divisions must be held at every NHJSSC shows.**

STANDARDIZED CLASSES:

A. HUNTERS

1. Beginner Hunter /Rider: Open to beginner horses/ponies and/or beginner riders, regardless of age. **The horses are to be judged as to suitability for carrying a beginning rider.** Consistent trotting of the course will not be penalized. Fences not to exceed 18". Under Saddle class to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. No hand galloping. **Horse/Rider combination may not** cross enter into any other divisions that require them to jump fences higher than 2'3" at the same show.

a) Beginner Hunter/ Rider over fences, 18" b) Beginner Hunter/ Rider over fences, 18"
c) Beginner Hunter/ Rider Under Saddle

2. Novice Children's/Adult Hunter: Open to Junior and Amateur riders only on horses and ponies. Fences not to exceed 2'. Under Saddle class to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. No hand galloping. **Horse/Rider combination may not** cross enter into any other divisions that require them to jump fences higher than 2'6" at the same show.

a) Novice Children's/Adult Hunter Over Fences, 2" b) Novice Children's/Adult Hunter Over Fences, 2"
c) Novice Children's/Adult Hunter Under Saddle

3. Limit Hunter/Rider: Open to Junior and Amateur riders only on horses and ponies. Fences not to exceed 2'3". Under Saddle class to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. No hand galloping. **Horse/Rider combination may not** cross enter into any other divisions that require them to jump fences higher than 2'9" at the same show.

a) Limit Hunter/Rider Over Fences, 2'3" b) Limit Hunter/Rider Over Fences, 2'3"
c) Limit Hunter/Rider Under Saddle

4. Nebraska Hunter: Open to all riders on horses and ponies. Fences not to exceed 2'6". Under Saddle class to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Entries may be required to hand gallop.

a) Nebraska Hunter Over Fences, 2'6"
b) Nebraska Hunter Over Fences, 2'6"
c) Nebraska Hunter Under Saddle

5. Low Hunter: Open to all riders on horses and ponies Fences not to exceed 2'9". Under saddle class to be shown at the walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Entries may be required to hand gallop.

a) Low Hunter Over Fences 2'9"
b) Low Hunter Over Fences 2'9"
c) Low Hunter Under Saddle

6. Open Hunter: Open to all riders on horse and ponies. Fences not to exceed 3'. Under saddle class to be shown at the walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Entries may be required to hand gallop.

a) Open Hunter Over fences 3'
b) Open Hunter Over fences 3'
c) Open Hunter Under Saddle

B. EQUITATION

Riders entering the equitation divisions should pay special attention to the fact that they may only compete in classes with fence heights varying not more than 6 inches. This means that a rider competing in the 12" division may enter the 18' division but may not go any higher; and in like fashion, a rider may ride 2' and 2'6" or 2'6" through 3' including 2'9".

1. **Academy Equitation:** **Open to very beginning riders, regardless of age, in their first two years of showing.** Consistent trotting of the course will not be penalized. Riders competing in the academy division may not cross enter into any division where the fences exceed 18". Academy division points do not count towards the cumulative high-point year-end equitation award. **Horse shows must run all four classes.** Points accumulated throughout the current show year in the Academy Equitation do not count towards the High Point Equitation Award.

- a) Academy Equitation- Walk/Trot
- b) Academy Equitation- Walk/Trot/Canter
- c) Academy Equitation- Ground Poles
- d) Academy Equitation- Micro x-rails- Fences not to exceed 12"

2. **Beginner Equitation:** Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Fences not to exceed 18". Flat class to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. Entries may be asked to hand gallop. Riders may not cross enter into Intermediate and/or Advance Equitation.

- a) Beginner Equitation Over Fences, 18"
- b) Beginner Equitation on the flat

3. **Intermediate Equitation:** Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Fences not to exceed 2'6". Flat class to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. Entries may be asked to hand gallop. Riders may not cross enter into Beginner Equitation.

- a) Intermediate Equitation Over Fences, 2'6"
- b) Intermediate Equitation on the flat

4. **NHJSSC Mini-Medal Class (Qualifier Class):** Open to Junior and Amateur members in good standing. To be shown over a course of not less than 7 obstacles at 2'6", which must include two changes of direction (change of leads). The height at which the rider chooses to compete must be declared on their entry form and prior to entering the ring. At the judge's discretion, the top four (4) riders may be asked to test. During the ride off (and the finals) exhibitors are required to use the same equipment that was used in their first phase unless the equipment breaks or is deemed broken (Broken equipment must be presented to the show manager or board member to determine the condition of the equipment prior to the start of the next phase. The management and/or board member will determine whether the equipment should be replaced for the next phase of the class).

For the current show year, riders will need to qualify for the NHJSSC Mini-Medal Final. To qualify for the Mini-Medal Finals, a rider will be required to win one class or accumulate a minimum of 12 points throughout the current show season. Once having qualified, a rider may not enter this class until the finals. At the medal finals, all competitors are required to wear proper attire. Horse may not be used by more than one rider in the Medal final. Once a rider has won the Mini-Medal Final at 2'6", they are no longer eligible to compete at that height. Points accumulated throughout the current show year while qualifying for the NHJSSC Mini-Medal Class do not count toward the High Point Equitation Award. Points earned during the Mini-Medal Finals **WILL** count towards the High Point Equitation Award.

5. **NHJSSC Medal Class (Qualifier Class):** Open to Junior and Amateur members in good standing. To be shown over a course of not less than 7 obstacles at 3', which must include two changes of direction (change of leads). The height at which the rider chooses to compete must be declared on their entry form and prior

to entering the ring. At the judge's discretion, the top four (4) riders may be asked to test. During the ride off (and the finals) exhibitors are required to use the same equipment that was used in their first phase unless the equipment breaks or is deemed broken (Broken equipment must be presented to the show manager or board member to determine the condition of the equipment prior to the start of the next phase. The management and/or board member will determine whether the equipment should be replaced for the next phase of the class).

For the current show year, riders will need to qualify for the NHJSSC Medal Final. To qualify for the Medal Finals, a rider will be required to win one class or accumulate a minimum of 12 points throughout the current show season. Once having qualified, a rider may not enter this class until the finals. At the medal finals, all competitors are required to wear proper attire. Horse may not be used by more than one rider in the Medal final. Once a rider has won the Medal Final at 3' they will be allowed to compete at that height in future years. Points accumulated throughout the current show year while qualifying for the NHJSSC Medal Class do not count toward the High Point Equitation Award. Points earned during the Medal Finals **WILL** count towards the High Point Equitation Award.

6. NHJSSC Benefit Hack Class: Open to all riders (professionals, amateurs, juniors). To be judged 50% on the rider's equitation, and 50% on the horse's movement. All entry fees (\$5.00 per rider) will be donated to the NHJSSC Scholarship Fund to be awarded annually at the year-end awards banquet to a High School graduating Senior. Year-end awards will be awarded to the top 6 participants throughout the current show year. Points accumulated throughout the current show year in the Benefit Hack do not count towards High Point Equitation or High Point Hunter Awards.

7. Advance Equitation; Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Fences not to exceed 3'. Flat class to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Entries may be asked to hand gallop. Riders may not cross enter into Beginner Equitation.

- a) Advance Equitation Over Fences: Fences not to exceed 3'
- b) Advance Equitation on the flat

OPTIONAL DIVISIONS (Non-Standardized Divisions)

The following classes are not required to be held at any NHJSSC show; however, the show management may elect to hold these additional classes. If they are held by Divisions, NHJSSC points will be awarded. The points will be the same as for the STANDARDIZED classes- (1st -6, 2nd -5, 3rd -4, 4th -3, 5th -2, and 6th -1).

As in STANDARDIZED classes: A Note: it is not the Board's intent that a Horse/Rider combination will progress to a division with 3' fences and then return to the 2' divisions.

A: HUNTERS:

1. Pony Hunter: Open to ponies ridden by either a junior or amateur exhibitor. Ponies shown in this division will be eligible to show in ANY height at the same show. Fences not to exceed 2'.

- a) Pony Hunter Over Fences 2'
- b) Pony Hunter Over Fences 2'
- c) Pony Hunter Under Saddle
- d) Pony Hunter Model (optional)

2. Baby Green Hunter: Open to green horses and/or ponies in their first two years of showing. Riders may be any age or any level of experience. Fences not to exceed 2'3". Horses should not compete in this class if they have more than two years of show experience. Horses deemed as having more than two years show

experience will have their point disqualified.

- a) Baby Green Hunter Over fences, 2'-2'3"
- b) Baby Green Hunter Over fences, 2'-2'3"
- c) Baby Green Hunter Under Saddle

Once a horse shows at fences higher than 2'9" at any horse activity, NHJSSC or otherwise, it is no longer eligible to compete in the Baby Green division.

3. Non-Pro Hunter: Open to Junior and Amateur riders on horses and ponies. Fences not to exceed 2'6". Under Saddle class to be shown at a walk, trot, and center both directions of the arena. Entries may be required to hand gallop.

- a) Non-Pro Hunter Over Fences, 2'6"
- b) Non-Pro Hunter Over Fences, 2'6"
- c) Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle

4. Modified Hunter: Open to horses and ponies, regardless of age or show experience. In classes over fences, the fence height will be 3'3". In under saddle classes the horses may be asked to walk, trot, canter and hand gallop.

- a) Modified Hunter Over Fences 3'3"
- b) Modified Hunter Over Fences 3'3"
- c) Modified Hunter Under Saddle

5. Working Hunter: Open to horses and ponies, regardless of age or show experience. In classes over fences, the fence height will be 3'6". In under saddle classes the horses may be asked to walk, trot, canter and hand gallop.

- a) Working Hunter Over Fences 3'6"
- b) Working Hunter Over Fences 3'6"
- c) Working Hunter Under Saddle

6. NHJSSC Hunter Classic- Open to all riders on horses and/or ponies. Fences not to exceed 2'6". No under saddle. Hosting barns may choose to do a 20% add back (prize money) or a suitable optional prize. Class fee \$10.00. Hosting barns/managements may choose to have two scored rounds or just one.

B: JUMPER:

Jumper may be any breed, height or sex. Unsoundness will not be penalized unless it is sufficiently severe to be considered an act of cruelty.

Management may, at its option, offer any or all Jumper Sections. Each Section shall contain two classes, within the height definition given as:

1. 0.75m Jumpers: Open to all riders. Fences not to exceed 2'6" in height. Each individual show may have as many classes per jumper division. Show management may also designate the rules/guidelines of each class (i.e. Table II 2.2b, etc). US Equestrian Federation rules apply unless otherwise stated.

2. 0.85m Jumpers: Open to all riders. Fences not to exceed 2'9" in height. Each individual show may have as many classes per jumper division. Show management may also designate the rules/guidelines of each class. US Equestrian Federation rules apply unless otherwise stated.

3. 0.95m Jumpers: Open to all riders. Fences not to exceed 3' in height. Each individual show may have as many classes per jumper division. Show management may also designate the rules/guidelines of each class. US Equestrian Federation rules apply unless otherwise stated.

4. 1.00m Jumpers: Open to all riders. Fences not to exceed 3'3" in height. Each individual show may have as many classes per jumper division. Show management may also designate the rules/guidelines of each

class. US Equestrian Federation rules apply unless otherwise stated.

5. 1.07m Jumpers: Open to all riders. Fences not to exceed 3'6" in height. Each individual show may have as many classes per jumper division. Show management may also designate the rules/guidelines of each class. US Equestrian Federation rules apply unless otherwise stated.

6. 1.15m Jumpers: Open to all riders. Fences not to exceed 3'9" in height. Each individual show may have as many classes per jumper division. Show management may also designate the rules/guidelines of each class. US Equestrian Federation rules apply unless otherwise stated.

If there are no initial clear rounds and a tie exists for first place, a jump-off should be held.

Show management has the option to determine the class specifications from the following or from other respected sources. The management must indicate on the posted course design a clear description of the specifications for each of their jumper classes. Show management may also designate the rules/guidelines of each class. US Equestrian Federation rules apply unless otherwise stated.

If time permits and the hosting barn/management designate a time, riders may be permitted to inspect the course on foot prior to commencement of the class. The competitors cannot enter the ring until they are given permission by the Show Management.

Ties: For clear rounds, a jump-off should be held. If there are not initial clear rounds and tie exists for first place, a jump-off should be held. US Equestrian Federation rules apply unless otherwise stated.

C EQUITATION

1. Advance Equitation: Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Fences not to exceed 3'. Flat class to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Entries may be asked to hand gallop. Riders may not cross enter into Beginner Equitation.
 - a) Advance Equitation Over Fences: Fences not to exceed 3'
 - b) Advance Equitation on the flat

SECTION VIII Points

1. Rider points and Horse points:

a) Equitation points may only be earned by NHJSSC members currently in good standing with this association and with all its member shows.

b) Hunter and Jumper points are based on horse/rider combination. If there is a change in the horse's or member's name, this change must be submitted in writing to the Points Keeper. It is the rider's responsibility for using the correct name of the owner, rider and horse. Inconsistent use of names may result in loss of points.

2. Any change of the name of the horse must be submitted in writing to the Points Keeper. The Points Keeper will maintain the point records of the association and will compute the results of the show year. Each member show is required to submit a complete official class card copy (provided by the association) marked with all of the judge's placing through 8th place (in case of disqualified participant) for each NHJSSC recognized class. Each class sheet must be clearly marked and contain the show name and date. These cards should be handed to the points keeper at the end of the show or if points keeper is unavailable must be sent Priority or First Class mail, and must reach the Points Secretary within 10 days of the show.

3. If a horse or rider shows in a division in which it is not eligible, points will not be awarded and a

“DQ” will be listed next to their name. A letter will be sent to participants explaining the reason for disqualification. If a rider shows in more than one division and exceeds the requirements for the LOWEST division shown, the points from the LOWEST division will be “DQ”ed. All protests against Disqualifications should be directed towards the points keeper for review and all decisions will be final. Disqualified participants will not receive points for class(es) disqualified in. All persons below the disqualified participant will be moved up in points (i.e. if the 6th place horse/rider is disqualified then the 7th place horse/rider will receive the 6th place points, and so on).

4. Standardized/Optional Divisions – All approved NHJSSC pointed shows must offer all of the Standardized Hunter/Jumper/Equitation Divisions that are eligible for year end awards. NHJSSC Optional Hunter/Jumper/Equitation Divisions may be added by the hosting barn for year end awards. Any additional classes not associated with the NHJSSC must be clearly marked on the prize list with an asterisk (*) or some other marker.

5. The Points Keeper will keep the points book current. The Points Keeper will forward results to webmaster for uploading to the official NHJSSC website. Points will be posted on the website as soon as they can be posted. Please be patient.

6. Combining/Double Pining – There will be no combining of any pointed divisions or “double pining” of a class. Show management is encouraged to pin large classes thru 10th place.

7. COMPUTATION OF DIVISION POINTS. (See Section on awards.) These rules govern the awarding of points for the NHJSSC awards at the end of the year, not how each member show may give awards.

a) Points will be separated by over fences and under saddle. In case of ties, the rider with the most points over fences will be adjudged the higher. If there still remains a tie, duplicate awards will be presented.

b) Points are: 1st-6; 2nd-5, 3rd-4, 4th-3, 5th-2, 6th-1.

8. Participants are responsible for the accuracy of their points posted on the website. Any discrepancies/disputes should be brought to the attention of the designated “points keeper” in a timely fashion, and no later than October 31st of the current show season.

SECTION IX Show Managers Check List

1. Beginning of show year.

a) Submit a Horse Show Request Form to the NHJSSC Board with a postmark on or before October 31st of the year prior to the year in which the show is desired. A separate request for a Horse Show must be submitted by each show requesting a show date.

b) By requesting to host an NHJSSC Show, show management/barns agrees to all the rules set forth by the NHJSSC. All required forms and fees, etc. must be submitted to the appropriate entities at the conclusion of the show.

c) Obtain a judge. (A list of judge’s contact information may be obtained from NHJSSC)

d) Order ribbons. (The NHJSSC logo, if available, may be used without charge if the ribbons are ordered from Hodges Badge Company 800-556-2440.)

e) Make out show schedule. Each show must offer all NHJSSC STANDARDIZED classes, and may offer NHJSSC OPTIONAL classes or additional classes of its own choosing. The added classes must be advertised as “Not for NHJSSC points” or with an “asterisk”.

f) Publish show bill; NHJSSC Logo is optional, dates, judge, schooling times, show time, order of classes and any other show rules (such as: “pet” restrictions, back to back classes, open classes, etc). The show bill must also indicate NHJSSC recognition, entry fee structure, the show manager and a phone number for further information. A clear description of any additional classes not spelled out in the rulebook must be published in the prize list

g) Mail show bill: the show manager may find the optimum time for mailing to be three weeks before the show date.

h) Order or have on hand: entry forms, entry numbers, judge's sheets, ribbons, Championship charts, jumps, jump courses.

2. Before Show:

a) Fill in completely the class cards, for every NHJSSC recognized class. (Show date must be clearly placed on each class card.) The original class card copy or computer print-out of each NHJSSC class must be dated and marked clearly to indicate judge's placings through 6th place and mailed to the Points Keeper. Send by First Class or Priority mail. The postmark must be within 10 days of the show date.

b) Have on show grounds: speaker system, concessions (if at all possible), restrooms, parking area, schooling area with a minimum of two warm-up fences, or have schooling the night before/morning of the show. An optional warm up class may be substituted for a schooling area.

c) Have at entry booth: pencils, pens, measuring tape, change, money box, paper clips, small first aid kit, hammer, nails, entry forms, entry numbers, judge's sheets, championship charts, jump courses for posting and for judge.

d) **If you are unable to hold your show for any reason or if you change locations, you must contact the President as soon as possible. Show management should send out an additional mailing indicating the change in venue/date (if approved by the board). A rain date should be included on all prize lists when possible. Changes to actual dates are not allowed without the consent of the presiding board.**

3. Show Day:

a) Review class fees with entry booth secretaries. b) Issue one number for each horse/rider combination.

c) Review class specifications with the judge and with personnel at the secretaries' desk.

d) Be sure to properly mark all of the judge's placings through 8th place on the class cards used for NHJSSC classes and make sure all class cards contain the date of the show and class name

e) Post the Nebraska Equine Law-Limited Liability Act sign in a conspicuous place. (See page 1 for address to obtain the sign.)

f) Place Information for use of Warm-up and Schooling areas near the posting of jump courses. The following are a few suggestions which may be used:

During schooling, it may be in the interest of safety to have everyone hack and jump in the same direction for a time (maybe 10 min.) and then have everyone reverse.

Remind riders to communicate intentions to others (such as: "heads-up-bush box").

When areas are small, lounging should be limited.

g) No ties between 1st to 8th place may be given in hunter or equitation classes.

h) When classes are large, the show managers are allowed to work the class in sections for safety. Show managers may **NOT** award two sets of ribbons for split classes which receive NHJSSC points.

i) When classes are large, the show management is encouraged to award ribbons up to the tenth place. No points will be awarded for placing 7th through 10th.

j) The class order as published in the Prize list should not be changed by show management except for extenuating circumstances (such as weather or daylight).

4. After Show:

a) Hand judges cards to Points Keeper at end of show. If Points Keeper is unavailable, please mail judge's cards and Master Exhibitor Lists for all NHJSSC recognized classes to the Points Keeper (Name and address on page 3) within 10 days of the show date. The Show manager must reconcile class cards with judge's card results and initial each class card before sending them to the Points Keeper. **Make sure all results are easily readable and the show date and class name are on each class card and show bill is included.** Report the times the show began and ended.

SECTION X Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner

1. The Annual Awards Banquet will be held in the first or second weekend in December each year. Alternate dates may be used with the approval of the board.

2. In order to be eligible for year end awards, a rider must compete in more than one NHJSSC show during the competition year. (12/4/10)

3. Annual awards will be presented in all the following STANDARDIZED Divisions and in the OPTIONAL Divisions if these divisions meet the requirements set by NHJSSC.

STANDARD Divisions

- 1) Beginner Hunter/Rider
- 2) Novice Child/Adult Hunter
- 3) Limit Hunter/Rider
- 4) Nebraska Hunter
- 5) Low Hunter
- 6) Open Hunter
- 7) Academy Equitation
- 8) Beginner Equitation
- 9) Intermediate Equitation
- 10) NHJSSC Benefit Hack

OPTIONAL Divisions

- 1) Baby-Green Hunter
- 2) Pony Hunter
- 3) Non-Pro Hunter
- 4) Modified Hunter
- 5) Working Hunter
- 6) NHJSSC Hunter Classic
- 7) 0.75m Jumpers
- 8) 0.85m Jumpers
- 9) 0.95m Jumpers
- 10) 1.00m Jumpers
- 11) 1.05m Jumpers
- 12) 1.15m Jumpers
- 13) Advanced Equitation

- a) Hunter Divisions: In hunter divisions, a championship, reserve championship, and recognition will be awarded for each division.
- b) Jumper Divisions: In jumper divisions, a championship, reserve championship, and recognition will be awarded for each division.
- c) Equitation Divisions: In the equitation divisions, a championship, reserve championship, and recognition will be awarded for each division.
- d) Annual Medal Final Winners: Medals will be awarded to the top finishers at the annual awards banquet. Total number of medals given out is determined by the board.
- e) Special awards as may be defined and directed by the NHJSSC Board. High Point Hunter, High Point Jumper, and High Point Equitation will be awarded at the end of each show season. A Rookie of the Year Award may also be given out at the end of each show season if deemed appropriate by the NHJSSC board.
- f) Classes eligible for the Rookie of the Year Award are as follows: Academy Equitation, Beginner Equitation, Beginner Rider/Hunter, and Novice Child Adult Hunter. If a rider wins Rookie of the

- Year Award they are not eligible for any other High Point award in the same year.
- g) High Point Hunter: All Hunter Divisions 2' (Novice Child/Adult Hunter) and higher are eligible for points to be counted towards High Point Hunter. This includes the NHJSSC Hunter Classic.
 - h) High Point Equitation: Points from Beginner Equitation, Intermediate Equitation, and Advanced Equitation count towards High Point Equitation. Points earned at the Medal Finals will also count towards High Point Equitation.
 - i) High Point Jumper: Points from all jumper divisions will count towards High Point Jumper.
 - j) The Benefit Hack will not count towards any High Point Awards.
 - k) All ties will be broken using the following methods in this order: Most points over fences, most points over fences at Final show, points accumulated in the Benefit Hack, and # of shows attended during the year.

SECTION XI SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. **NHJSSC Benefit Hack Scholarship:** One (1) scholarship (amount to be determined by the board until a sufficient fund is established) will be reward to a high school senior participant who demonstrates excellence in school, horsemanship, and extra curricular activities. To be considered for the scholarship, the senior must participate in at least 6 NHJSSC horse shows in the current show season, show in at least 6 Benefit Hack classes, and must be enrolled in high school on January 2nd of the current year. The participant must meet the above described requirements and submit a copy of their last year's and current report card, a list of horse achievements (can be a list of year-end awards, etc.), a list of other achievements (i.e. community service, organizational activities, etc.), and two letters of recommendation. Recommendations can be from employers, trainers, a school councilor or teacher.
2. NHJSSC Barn Challenge
3. Youth Sportsmanship Award: Open to junior riders between the ages of 13-18, as of December 1, 2010, who are active NHJSSC participants. Candidates should demonstrate commitment and dedication to the hunter/jumper sport and the NHJSSC, by promoting the sport, while exhibiting characteristics exemplifying positive sportsmanship principles and serving as a positive role model for his or her peers. Nominating Period is January 1- October 31, 2011. Nominations can be made by a parent, trainer, barn owner, barn mate, or fellow exhibitor. Recipient will be decided on by the Board of Directors before the annual meeting. Perpetual trophy will be awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet as well as a small keepsake trophy and certificate. Nomination form can be found on the NHJSSC website or by contacting Ann at SITABEAT4ME@aol.com or 402-613-8517.

SECTION XII Updating

This rule book is to be updated by the Board annually, during the period between the Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner and the first show of the following year.

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