

IOWA NEBRASKA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Bylaws

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Article I Purpose

To further the development of the Hunter-Jumper sport in the states of Iowa and Nebraska by collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, State Legislature, Iowa Horse Industry Council, USA Equestrian, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, United States Equestrian Team, registered breeders and owners; to promote and encourage educational programs regarding riding, and to generally improve the conditions of work and the production of the horse and horse industry.

Article II Membership

Section 1. Classes of Membership. This corporation shall have six (6) classes of membership: family membership, individual membership, stable membership, corporate membership, associate membership, and schooling show membership. Upon receipt of dues, membership confirmation letter will be sent to members via email, if possible. Letter shall include the name, age, membership number, effective date of membership and type of membership. For Hunter and Jumper INHJA Year End Awards, the owner(s) of the horse must be a member(s) in good standing of INHJA for that year. For Equitation INHJA Year End Awards, the rider must be a member in good standing of INHJA for that year.

Section 2. Family Members. Eligibility defined. The term "Family" shall include the following: all of the members of a family living at the same address, including any unmarried children living away from home attending school as long as their home address is their legal address. This membership shall have two (2) votes. Points are recorded for hunter, jumper and equitation classes.

Section 3. Individual Members. Eligibility defined. Any person may join the association as an individual. This membership shall have one (1) vote. Points are recorded for hunter, jumper and equitation classes.

Section 4. Stable Members. Eligibility defined. Anyone claiming stable membership may do so. This membership shall have two (2) votes. Stable memberships should receive two (2) prize lists and informational mailings. Points are recorded for hunter and jumper classes.

Section 5. Corporate Members. Eligibility defined. Anyone claiming membership as a corporation may do so. This membership shall have two (2) votes. Points are recorded for hunter and jumper classes.

Section 6. Associate Members. Eligibility defined. Anyone claiming membership as an associate may do so. This membership shall have no vote and no points are recorded.

Section 7. Schooling Show Membership. Eligibility defined. Riders who wish to have their points counted towards schooling shows, but do not wish to be a Regular member (as defined above in Sections 2-6, must obtain a schooling show membership in order for their points to count towards Year-end schooling show awards. Owners of horses need not be members in order for schooling show points to count.

Section 8. Obtaining Membership. Any person desiring membership shall fill out a written application for membership in such form and containing such information as the Board of Directors shall proscribe. The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, deny the application for reasons satisfactory to said Board.

Section 9. Right to Vote. Only members in good standing shall have the right to vote.

Section 10. Membership Dues. The annual dues of all members shall be determined each year by the Board of Directors, subject to approval at a meeting of the membership. The assessed amount shall be due and payable in the month of January of every calendar year for member name to be included in the membership directory.

Section 11. Membership Incapable of Transfer. No membership can or shall be assigned either voluntarily or involuntarily or by operation of law, nor can any membership or membership rights be assigned, alienated or encumbered in any manner, except to vote by written proxy at the annual meeting. Any purported or attempted assignment, transfer, alienation, or encumbrance of the membership or property right shall be wholly void and confer no rights upon the purported assignees, transferee or claimant.

Section 12. Ownership Capable of Transfer. Ownership can be transferred upon sale or bona fide lease of a horse, with such transfer dated and given in writing to the Secretary.

Section 13. Expulsion. Any member failing to pay his dues to the Corporation, after the same has become due and payable for sixty days, shall cease to be a member in good standing. Any member may be expelled and his or her membership forfeited by the Board of Directors as herein before provided, or for conduct, which in the opinion of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors is liable to injure the welfare or character of the Corporation, or when in default of the payment of any indebtedness to the Corporation, or to any of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) recognized shows. Except as otherwise herein specifically provided, the Board of Directors shall determine the manner and procedure governing the expulsion of members.

Section 14. Extent of Personal Liability of Member. All members shall be personally liable to the Corporation for their membership fees and dues, but no Member or Director of the Corporation shall be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Corporation.

Section 15. Age. The age of an individual on December 1st shall be maintained throughout the entire show year. Persons born on December 1st shall assume the greater age on that date.

Article III Termination of Membership

Section 1. When Membership Terminates. A membership shall terminate upon the happening of any of the following to wit:

- a. The death of a member.
- b. The termination of the member's eligibility as defined in Section 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article II.
- c. The resignation of the member: provided, however, that no member upon his resignation can be relieved of any indebtedness or obligation to the Corporation.
- d. The expulsion of the member as provided in Section 12 of Article II.

Section 2. No Withdrawal Value Upon Termination of Membership. No part of income or assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to its members, directors or officers. In the event of the termination of the membership of any person for any cause whatsoever, the Corporation shall not be liable for the payment of any sum whatsoever to such person or his legal representatives, and no such person or his legal representatives shall have any right, title or interest in the property or in assets of the Corporation.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1. Regular Annual Meeting. A regular annual meeting of the members shall be held

each year at the hour and place specified by the Board of Directors. New Directors shall be elected or installed and such other business transacted as appropriately comes before such meeting. All meetings shall be conducted by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Section 2. Election. A month prior to the annual meeting a nominating committee appointed by the Board of Directors shall secure the names and consent of voting members in good standing willing to serve on the Board of Directors. These names shall be presented in writing to the membership at least three (3) weeks prior to the annual meeting. If any such annual meeting is not held or the directors are not installed after a written ballot at such meeting, they may be elected or installed at any special meeting for that purpose.

Section 3. Place of Meetings. Unless the Board of Directors shall appoint some other place in any instance or instances, meetings of the members of the Board of Directors, both annual and special, shall be held in the place and format specified by the President.

Section 4 Notice of Meetings. Notice of each meeting of the membership, both annual or special, shall be given by the secretary or any other officer, in writing to each active member entitled to notice, such notice to be addressed to the last physical or electronic address shown on the records of the Corporation and deposited for transmittal at least seven days prior to the date set for such meeting. Whenever a member shall, in writing, give the Corporation an address for the purpose of notice, the same shall be deemed the member's last address according to the records of the Corporation as such term is herein used.

Section 5. Form of Notice and Statement of Purpose. Notice of any meeting shall specify the format, the place, the day and the hour of the meeting. In the case of special meetings, the general nature of the business to be transacted shall be stated in the notice.

Section 6. Voting Procedures. Every member entitled to vote or execute consents or assents shall receive notice of the annual election. Directors shall be elected by written ballot, which shall be presented only to members in good standing. The ballot shall be devised so that upon opening the ballot, the ballot counting committee shall not know from whom the votes come, but shall know that the ballot being counted is in fact the "true and correct" form of ballot. Ballots shall be presented to the membership at least three weeks before the annual meeting.

Section 7. Quorum. Voting members holding ten percent (10%) of the entire voting power, represented at any members' meeting, in person, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8. Political Activity. The Corporation shall not, in any way, be affiliated with any political organization and shall not endorse candidates for any elective public office, local, state or national.

Article V Directors

Section 1. Number. The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of no more than nine (9) persons, all of who shall be voting members in good standing of the Corporation. All Emeritus Board Members who are currently serving shall complete their terms with all the rights and responsibilities of the regular directors.

Section 2. Election. A month prior to the annual meeting a nominating committee appointed by the Board of Directors shall secure the names and consent of voting members in good standing willing to serve on the Board of Directors. The number of names secured by the nominating committee shall be determined by the Board of Directors. However, the number of names secured by the nominating committee should be at least two more than the number of vacancies

to fill and an opportunity for write-in names shall be provided on the ballot. These names shall be presented in writing to the membership at least three (3) weeks prior to the annual meeting. One-third (or as close as practical) of the directors shall be elected annually. Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years or terminate service upon written resignation. All directors shall hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualify.

Section 3. Vacancies. Vacancies in the board may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, but in no event by less than a majority of three (3) remaining directors. The voting membership in good standing may elect a director or directors at any time to fill any vacancies or vacancy in the Board of Directors that is not filled. Any vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be deemed to exist in the case of death, resignation, removal, or failure to qualify of any director, or if the authorized number of directors be increased, or if the members fail to elect a full authorized number of directors, via a written ballot or at any annual or special meeting held for that purpose. When a vacancy is filled, the successor director shall serve only the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4. Board of Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting approximately four (4) weeks prior to the annual meeting of the membership. At least three (3) meetings shall be held by the Board of Directors after the annual membership meeting.

Section 5. Special Meetings. Any issue may be dealt with via telephone or other electronic media by canvassing the entire board for their individual votes on any subject.

Section 6. Quorum. Five (5) members of the whole Board of Directors shall be necessary to and shall constitute a quorum at each regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Consecutive Terms. Board members may serve a limit of two consecutive three year terms. Each former board member becomes eligible for election to the board after at least one year from previous term served has elapsed.

Article VI Power of the Directors

The directors shall have power:

First: To call special meetings of the membership when they deem it necessary.

Second: To establish the duties and powers of all officers and committees.

Third: To make such rules and regulations in the management and control of the affairs and business of the Corporation as they deem best, not inconsistent with law, the Articles of Incorporation, the General Rules of the Association, these Bylaws, or the USEF.

Article VII Duties of the Directors

It shall be the duty of the directors:

First: To serve the Corporation faithfully and without compensation for services as directors.

Three (3) absences at Board of Directors meetings shall serve as just and lawful cause for expulsion from the Board by a ruling of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.

Second: To cause to be kept a complete record of all their minutes and acts, and of the proceedings of the members, and present a full statement at the regular annual meeting of the membership, showing in detail the assets and liabilities of the Corporation and generally the condition of its affairs.

Third: To supervise all officers, agents and employees and see that their duties are properly performed.

Article VIII Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers shall be a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors immediately following the annual membership meeting.

Section 2. President. The president shall be the chief operating officer of the Corporation and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, have general supervision, direction, and control of the operations and management of the Corporation. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees. He/she shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of president of a corporation, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be proscribed by the Board of Directors, by the Bylaws and by the General Rules of the Association.

Section 3. Vice-President. In the absence or disability of the president, the vice-president shall perform all the duties of the president, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restriction upon, the president. The vice-president shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be proscribed for him/her respectively by the Board of Directors, by the Bylaws and by the General Rules of the Association.

Section 4. Secretary. The secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a membership record, showing the name and address of each member, the date of said membership, and in the event of the membership having been terminated, the fact of termination together with the date upon which such membership ceased. The secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, records of the proceedings of meetings of Board of Directors and the members. The secretary shall serve or cause to be served all notices required by law, these Bylaws, and the General Rules of the Association. In case of his /her absence, inability, refusal or neglect so to do, then any and all duties may be served by an assistant secretary or by any person thereunto directed by the president or vice-president of the Corporation. The secretary shall also discharge such other duties as pertain to his/her office or which may be proscribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Treasurer. The treasurer shall receive all the moneys of the corporation from the secretary or from other persons from whom they shall be due and shall have the custody and control of all the funds of the corporation subject to the direction and control of the Board of Directors, the executive committee and/or the finance committee; and he/she shall keep a correct and accurate account of all moneys received and dispersed, and of the financial condition of the corporation; his/her books shall be at all times open and accessible to inspection and audit by order of the Board of Directors, and he/she may be required to give bond satisfactory to the Board of Directors in such amount as the Board of Directors shall fix. He/she shall maintain only the bank accounts approved by the Board of Directors. All proposed expenses by the Junior membership must be approved by the Treasurer. All expenses above fifty (50) percent of the Junior Balance must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Junior Board of Directors. Voted on by the general membership. Junior board is limited twelve (12) members. The officers shall be a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Officers shall be elected by the Junior members immediately following the annual membership meeting. Elected Officers shall serve a term of two (2) years.

Article IX Amendments to the Bylaws and Rules

Section 1. Amendments. The Bylaws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by the vote of the quorum at the annual or a special meeting. Any change to the existing rules and bylaws will be announced to the membership 30 days prior to execution.

Section 2. Rule Changes. All rule changes proposed by the Board must be sent to the Population

in good standing thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. Rule changes proposed by the population must be submitted thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting to be included in the ballot sent to the membership in good standing. If a rule change proposal needs revised after it is discussed at the general meeting, the board may make changes to the proposal and must mail out another ballot to general membership within 30 days of the general meeting. The rule change shall become effective if approved by 51 % of the votes of the membership returning their ballots by the official closing date.

IOWA NEBRASKA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION RULES

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I. RULES GOVERNING SHOW MANAGEMENT

A. POINT APPROVED SHOWS

Point approved shows are those shows which agree to abide by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Rules and the Iowa Nebraska Hunter Jumper Association (INHJA) Rules and have applied to and been accepted by USEF and INHJA for approved status. Show dues, as set by the Board, along with any penalty due from a previous year, must be submitted with the application for show recognition and fully paid prior to approval by the INHJA Board. It is recommended that all requests for show approval be submitted prior to March 1. The Board will consider requests submitted after that time and approve based on available dates. At the INHJA Annual Meeting, the Board will review all show recognition applications received and approve a schedule of INHJA recognized shows for the current year. The Board of Directors shall not approve the recognition of more than six (6) horse shows held at the same venue in any state. INHJA show recognition application forms are available from and should be submitted (in final form) with an appropriate check payable to INHJA to:

INHJA, Contact the Board to obtain the mailing address

Upon approval from the Board, INHJA recognized shows will receive a show packet containing INHJA Rules, current membership application forms, a current INHJA membership list and a return envelope with mailing instructions for points. INHJA will make an effort to publish the show name, dates and location of approved shows when received prior to the INHJA Annual Meeting.

Horse Show Managers producing hunter/jumper shows (USEF and/or schooling show) within the states of Iowa or Nebraska shall have current INHJA membership status in order for the show's points to be counted for INHJA year-end awards.

B. RULES OF THE USEF

All classes at point-approved shows that count toward INHJA Year End Awards shall be conducted and judged in accordance with the rules of USEF, as found in the latest published USEF Rule book. It shall be the responsibility of individual show management to adopt and enforce these rules. In case of discrepancy or dispute, the USEF Rule book will be the

determining guide in every case. When a discrepancy or dispute exists in the case of a breed or section not covered by the USEF Rule book, recourse shall be had to the published rules of the INHJA or other organization governing that breed or section.

C. PRIZE LISTS

1. Approval Requirements, in addition to USEF requirements:
 - a. No show may publish "INHJA POINT APPROVED" on its prize list or in advertising until the Board has approved the show recognition application.
2. Content Requirements, in addition to USEF requirements:
 - a. IOWA NEBRASKA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION POINT APPROVED shall be stated prominently on prize list.
 - b. Prize lists shall state that only current INHJA members will be awarded points for their wins at the show.
 - c. INHJA membership applications must be available at horse shows accredited by INHJA.
 - d. INHJA Medal and INHJA Mini-Medal classes shall be held if shows are in states of Iowa and Nebraska. (Rule IV).

D. SHOW RESULTS

1. Official results with the below information must be submitted to the INHJA Points Secretary at the address stated, within 10 days following the horse show, accompanied by a show prize list: Contact the Board to obtain the mailing address(es)
 - a. Division, Section, Rating, Number and Name of Class.
 - b. All placings awarded, listing horse, owner and rider.
 - c. Check for INHJA Medal and INHJA Mini-Medal Class fees.
 - d. List of all exhibitors in the show, horses' names, rider and owner.
 - e. Champion and Reserve for each section, when offered, naming horse, owner and rider.
 - f. Membership applications and dues received during the show.

E. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Only one show within the states of Iowa and Nebraska shall be recognized for any given date. No show outside the states of Iowa and Nebraska shall be approved if the date requested conflicts with the date of a recognized show in Iowa or Nebraska.

II. RULES GOVERNING POINT SCORING

A. RECORDING

1. **Horses** - to qualify for INHJA Hunter and Jumper Year End Awards, the owner(s) must be member(s) in good standing of INHJA. (Recording is not open to Associate Memberships.) Placings won prior to membership will not count toward INHJA Year End Awards. INHJA will not be responsible for misspellings on entry blanks that deprive a horse or owner of points. If the name of a horse is changed during the show season, it shall be the responsibility of the owner to notify the Secretary of INHJA in writing. If an owner(s) name changes due to marriage, divorce, etc., it shall be the responsibility of the owner to notify the Secretary of INHJA in writing. If the owner(s) of a horse changes due to a sale or lease, it shall

be responsibility of the owner(s) to notify the Secretary of INHJA in writing. Points lost by failure to comply with these rules are the responsibility of the owner(s).

2. **Riders** - to qualify for INHJA Equitation Year End Awards, the rider must be either an Individual or Family member, in good standing, of INHJA. A rider may be recorded at any time during the year, however, placings won prior to recording will not count toward INHJA Equitation Year End Awards.

B. WINNINGS TO COUNT

Only winnings at point approved shows by INHJA members and horses owned by INHJA members will be considered toward INHJA Year End Awards.

C. POINTS SCORING

1. The INHJA Points Secretary shall compile points strictly from the results furnished to him/her by the individual show secretaries. Any questions concerning the final awards must be submitted in writing to the Points Secretary. If the discrepancy or dispute is not resolved between the Points Secretary and the plaintiff, the Points Secretary shall present the issue to the INHJA Board of Directors for a ruling. The decision of the Board shall be final.

2. The Points Secretary shall make available the point totals at mid-show season and the results of the point championships at the end of the competitive year. The show calendar for INHJA shall be the same as that of the USEF. Points awarded in shows after the show calendar ends shall be held over for the next year's tabulation. The results are to be complete through the first eight (8) places.

a. The INHJA Medal Class and the INHJA Mini-Medal Class to be awarded based on Bonus points.

b. INHJA will utilize USEF points for all 'A'/National shows, for all divisions including jumpers. Refer to: USEF GR1132, Section 5 (Hunter Division Point Chart). For 'B'/Regional shows INHJA point secretary will subtract 2 points from the point chart, then calculate championship/reserve points the same, but on the lower number.

c. The Points Secretary, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, may combine or split divisions for the purpose of Year End Awards, based on participation for that given year, for all USEF non-rated classes. The Points Secretary, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, may do the same for USEF rated classes, combining any related divisions for that given year.

III. RULES GOVERNING EXHIBITORS AND OWNERS

A. USEF RULES

Exhibitors and owners shall, in every case, conduct themselves in accordance with the rules of USEF and INHJA. The rules of USEF shall take precedence in the event of a conflict, unless otherwise specified by INHJA. Willful or repeated violation of the rules or penalization by another association or humane society may be cause for cancellation of points, and/or disciplinary action by the Board of Directors of INHJA, who shall be the final judge.

IV. SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF INHJA SECTIONS AND CLASSES OFFERED FOR INHJA YEAR END AWARDS

A. EQUITATION DIVISION

1. 11 years and under, flat
2. 11 years and under, fence (2'6")
3. 12-14 years, flat
4. 12-14 years, fence (max. 3')
5. 15-17, flat
6. 15-17, fence (max. 3'6")
7. Adult Amateur, flat
 - a. Specifications - Open to nonprofessional riders who have reached their 18th birthday.
8. Adult Amateur, fences
 - a. Specifications - Open to nonprofessional riders who have reached their 18th birthday. Fences not to exceed 3'3". Tests 1-8 may be required.

9. INHJA Medal Class

- a. Specifications - Open to all junior and amateur riders. A minimum of 3 riders to compete. Riders will first be required to show over a course of not less than eight (8) obstacles of which six (6) must be set at the maximum 3'3" height. The course must include one change of direction (change of lead) and one combination including an oxer. The judge shall select a minimum of eight (8) riders, if available, from the over-fences section to show back in the flat section. In the flat section, riders shall be shown as a group, at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. No martingales allowed in the flat phase. If necessary, the judge, at his discretion, may ask for test 1-19 of the top four riders. Only one rider per horse. If necessary, horse show management may allow two fence height sections at either 3'0 or 3'3 to be judged as one class. A minimum of three entries are needed to fill class. All eligible riders may enter this class at each INHJA approved show, regardless of previous wins. Year End Awards can be split for juniors and amateurs at the Points Secretary's discretion, with consent from the Board of Directors. Classic class points scale shall be awarded for this class. Eight placings: Medals - 1st, 2nd, 3rd; Ribbons - 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th.
- b. Requirement - All horse shows within the states of Iowa and Nebraska shall offer the INHJA Medal Class as a requirement for INHJA approval. INHJA will, in return, supply the show committee with 1st, 2nd, 3rd place medals and 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th ribbons, to be awarded in this class. Show management must remit a check for FIVE DOLLARS (\$5) per entry.

10. INHJA Mini-Medal Class

- a. Specifications - Open to all junior and amateur riders. A minimum of 3 riders to compete. Riders will first be required to show over a course of not less than eight (8) obstacles of which six (6) must be set at the maximum of 2'6" height. The course must include one change of direction (change of lead). The judge shall select a minimum of eight (8) riders, if available, from the over-fences section to show back in the flat section. In the flat section, riders shall be shown as a group, at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. No martingales allowed in the flat phase. If necessary, the judge, at his discretion, may ask for test 1-13 of the top four riders. Only one rider per horse. All eligible riders may enter this class at each INHJA approved show, regardless of previous wins. Year End Awards can be split for juniors and amateurs at the Points Secretary's discretion, with consent from the Board of Directors. Classic class points scale shall be awarded for this class. Eight

placings: Medals - 1st,2nd, 3rd; Ribbons - 4th, 5th, and 6th,7th, 8th.

b. Requirement. All horse shows within the states of Iowa and Nebraska shall offer the INHJA Mini-Medal Class as a requirement for INHJA approval. INHJA will, in return, supply the show committee with 1st,2nd, 3rd place medals and 4th, 5th, 6th,7th,8th ribbons, to be awarded in this class. Show management must remit a check for FIVE DOLLARS (\$5) per entry.

11. Short Stirrup Equitation Section

Points earned in this section do not count towards any High Point Year End Awards (the points count only to Year End Awards restricted to Short Stirrup riders). Open to horses and ponies. Open to riders who have not reached their 12th birthday and have not won six (6) first place ribbons at any USEF recognized shows over fences higher than 2'3" in the past three (3) years, including equitation. A rider who is eligible as of December 1 shall retain his/her eligibility throughout the year regardless of ribbons won. No rider may cross enter, at the same show, between the Short Stirrup Hunter/Equitation and Long Stirrup Hunter/Equitation sections, or between Short Stirrup and any class requiring the entry to jump 3' or higher. Manners to be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized. Fences not to exceed 2'3", combinations prohibited. No hand gallop in under saddle classes.

12. Long Stirrup Equitation Section

Points earned in this section do not count towards any High Point Year End Awards (the points count only to Year End Awards restricted to Long Stirrup riders). Open to horses and ponies. Entry restricted to junior and amateur riders who have not won six (6) first place awards at any USEF recognized shows over fences higher than 2'6" in the past three (3) years, including equitation. A rider who is eligible as of December 1 shall retain his/her eligibility throughout the year regardless of ribbons won. No rider may cross enter, at the same show, between the Long Stirrup Hunter/Equitation and Short Stirrup Hunter/Equitation sections, or between Long Stirrup and any class requiring the rider to jump 3'3" or higher. Manners to be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized. Fences not to exceed 2'6", combinations prohibited. No hand gallop in under saddle classes. For Year End Awards, sections or classes may be split by age.

B. USEF RECOGNIZED HUNTER SECTIONS

(Specifications according to Zone Specifications and USEF Rule Book; The INHJA board of directors may edit division name/specifications to conform to USEF/USHJA changes.)

Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class. Owner assumes responsibility of hunter eligibility and green status.

1. High Performance Hunter– Refer to USEF Chapter HU106.
2. Performance Working Hunter 3'6" -Refer to USEF Chapter HU106.
3. Performance Working Hunter 3'3" -Refer to USEF Chapter HU106
4. Green Working Hunter (3'0") & (3'3") Refer to USEF Chapter HU.
5. Green Working Hunter (3'6" & 3'9") - Refer to USEF Chapter HU.
6. Young Hunter (3'0" & 3'3") Refer to USEF Chapter HU.
7. Young Hunter (3'6" & 3'9") Refer to USEF Chapter HU.
8. Junior Working Hunter (Small and Large) - Refer to USEF Chapter HU.
9. Amateur Owner Working Hunter (18 to 35, 36 to 50, 51 & over) - Refer to USEF Chapter HU.

10. Pony Working Hunter (Small, Medium, Large) - Refer to USEF Chapter HP.
11. Green Pony Hunter (Small, Medium, Large) - Refer to USEF Chapter HP.
12. Adult Amateur Hunter – Refer to Zone 6 Specifications.
13. Children's Working Hunter Horse (13 & Under; 14 & Over) – Refer to Zone 6 Specifications.
14. Children's Hunter Pony (Small, Medium, Large)— Refer to Zone 6 Specifications.
15. Thoroughbred Working Hunter – Refer to USEF Chapter HU.

C. USEF RECOGNIZED HUNTER BREEDING

Refer to USEF Chapter HU 186. Open only to horses of any breed considered suitable to become a hunter. Horses to be moved on the line.

Yearling Hunter Breeding

Two Year Old Hunter Breeding

Three Year Old Hunter Breeding

D. NON USEF RECOGNIZED HUNTER SECTIONS

All sections below shall be judged on performance and soundness, with emphasis on manners. Extreme speed will be penalized. A rider who is eligible as of December 1 in respect to the specifications outlined for the sections below shall retain their eligibility throughout the year regardless of ribbons won.

1. Baby Green Hunter. Open to horses in their first two (2) years of showing. To be shown over fences not to exceed 2'6". Courses shall have no combinations. In the under saddle class, horses will not be asked to hand gallop.
2. Thoroughbred Working Hunter. Open to any thoroughbred horse registered with the Jockey Club or eligible for such registration. Fences not to exceed 3' in height.
3. Limit Adult Hunter. Eligibility as of December 1 of the current show year. Open to non-professional riders who have reached their 18th birthday and have not won six (6) blue ribbons at USEF recognized shows for the past three (3) years over fences 3' and higher, including equitation. Fences not to exceed 2'9" in height. In under saddle class, horses will not be asked to hand gallop.
4. Limit Children's Hunter. Open to horses and ponies ridden by juniors who have not won more than six (6) blue ribbons at USEF recognized shows for the past three (3) years. Ribbons won in the pony hunter section or won over fences 2'9" or lower not to count. Fences not to exceed 2'9".
5. Short Stirrup Hunter Section. Points earned in this section do not count towards any High Point Year End Awards (the points count only to Year End Awards restricted to Short Stirrup riders). Open to horses and ponies. Open to riders who have not reached their 12th birthday and have not won six (6) first place ribbons at any USEF recognized shows over fences higher than 2'3" in the past three (3) years. No rider may cross enter, at the same show, between the Short Stirrup Hunter/Equitation and Long Stirrup Hunter/Equitation sections, or between Short Stirrup and any class requiring the entry to jump 3' or higher. Fences not to exceed 2'3", combinations prohibited. No hand gallop in the under saddle class.
6. Long Stirrup Hunter Section. Points earned in this section do not count towards any High Point Year End Awards (the points count only to Year End Awards restricted to Long Stirrup riders). Open to horses and ponies. Open to juniors and amateur riders who have not won six (6) first place ribbons at any USEF recognized show over fences higher than 2'6" in the past three

(3) years. No rider may cross enter, at the same show, between the Long Stirrup Hunter/Equitation and Short Stirrup Hunter/Equitation sections, or between Long Stirrup and any class requiring the entry to jump 3'3" or higher. Fences not to exceed 2'3", combinations prohibited. No hand gallop in the under saddle class.

For Year End Awards, sections or classes may be split by age.

7. Diamond Stirrup division. Fences not to exceed 2'3" in height. Open to all amateur riders who have reached their 18th birthday, amateur certification is required. No rider may cross enter, at the same show, between this division and any class where the fence height exceeds 2'6". Oxers and combinations are prohibited. No hand gallop in under saddle class. Open to horses and ponies, manners emphasized, extreme speed penalized. No Jog.

8. Hunter Classic/Derby. All hunter derby/classics at INHJA shows that follow the USHJA Hunter Classic/Derby format to count. Classes may be, but not required to be, USHJA recognized Hunter Derbies/Classics. Specifications, heights, and prize money distribution (if offered):

E. USEF RECOGNIZED JUMPER SECTIONS

1. Low Children's Jumper – Refer to USHJA Zone 6 specifications
2. High Children's Jumper – Refer to USHJA Zone 6 specifications
3. Low Adult Amateur Jumper – Refer to USHJA Zone 6 specifications
4. High Adult Amateur Jumper – Refer to USHJA Zone 6 specifications
5. Junior Jumper – Refer to USEF Chapter JP, 117.
6. Amateur Owner Jumper-Refer to USEF Chapter JF, 117.
7. Open Jumper – Refer to USEF Chapter JP, 119.
8. Pony Jumper– Refer to USEF Chapter JP, 118.

F. NON-USEF RECOGNIZED JUMPER SECTIONS

1. Level 1 Jumper/0.8m-0.85m Jumper- Refer to USEF Chapter JP, 120.
2. Level 2 Jumper/0.9m/0.95m Jumper – Refer to USEF Chapter JP, 120.
3. Level 3 Jumper/1.0m - Refer to USEF Chapter JP, 120.
4. Level 4 Jumper/1.05m/1.10m - Refer to USEF Chapter JP, 120.
5. Level 5 Jumper/1.15m - Refer to USEF Chapter JP, 120.
6. Level 6 Jumper/1.20m/1.25m - Refer to USEF Chapter JP, 120.
7. Level 7 Jumper /1.30m/1.35m- Refer to USEF Chapter JP, 120.
8. Pre-Children's Jumper– Open to Children. Riders may not cross enter into any classes with fences higher exceeding 1.00m (3'3") at the same show. **0.85m (2'9")** Maximum speed 360 yards per minute.
9. Pre-Adult Jumper- Adult Amateur riders. Riders may not cross enter into any classes with fences higher exceeding 1.00m (3'3") at the same show. **0.85m (2'9")** Maximum speed 360 yards per minute.

G. HIGH POINT AWARDS

High point awards shall be awarded to the following individuals who are residents of Iowa or Nebraska, or students of trainers from Iowa or Nebraska:

1. High Point Jumper. To be awarded to the horse with the most combined points from INHJA recognized jumper classes.
2. High Point Hunter: To be awarded to the horse with the most combined points from

INHJA recognized hunter classes.

3. High Point Amateur. To be awarded to the amateur rider (INHJA member) with the most combined points from INHJA recognized jumper, hunter, and equitation classes. Points to be counted when the amateur was the rider.

4. High Point Junior. To be awarded to the junior rider (INHJA member) with the most combined points from INHJA recognized jumper, hunter, and equitation classes. Points to be counted when the junior was the rider.

5. High Point Jr. Equitation Rider. To be awarded to the junior rider (INHJA member) with the most combined points from INHJA recognized equitation classes.

6. High Point Children's Hunter. To be awarded to the junior rider (INHJA member) with the most points from INHJA recognized Children's Hunter classes. Points to be counted when the junior was the rider.
7. Helping Hand Award. To be awarded to the individual selected by the Junior Board in recognition for help, support, and/or encouragement provided to the INHJA Juniors during the horse show year.
8. High Point Trainer Award. To be awarded to the trainer who accumulates the most points from INHJA recognized jumper, hunter, equitation, and Hunter Breeding classes from horses ridden by him/her, from horses ridden by his/her students (hunters and jumpers) and from points earned by his/her students in equitation classes. Points are recorded for trainer listed on the member's membership application; any changes to the trainer to receive points must be submitted in writing to the INHJA Board by the INHJA member (rider).

V. INHJA Schooling Shows

Schooling Show Recognition and Points. INHJA shall create a program to include a group of common ground, schooling show classes, similar in specifications, nature and intent for INHJA points and awards, tailored for entry level show riders, with the awards based upon classes 2'7" and below. Rules will be promulgated by a Schooling Show committee appointed by the Board of Directors, and rules must be approved by the Board.

General:

Shows are not required to re-name existing divisions to match the names of the INHJA schooling show divisions, but **MUST** match specifications in order for points to count towards year end awards.

Only a rider's top TEN shows in each award category, would count for INHJA awards.

It is recommended, at show management's discretion, to allow double pinning of classes with 15 or more entries. If double pinning is done, it shall be by 'California split' in O/F classes, and only one set of points will be submitted for each OVER FENCES class: In other words, the winner in the 'A' section receives 1st place points, and the winner of the 'B' section receives 2nd place points and so on. Also recommended, at show management's discretion, that classes with less than 6 entries not be split unless age or specific eligibility criteria require such. All flat classes receive points.

Shows opting to participate for INHJA points must apply for such recognition, and pay a recognition fee of \$30 per show. Furthermore, competitors wishing to be eligible for INHJA Schooling Show Awards, must join INHJA at a minimum level of **Outreach** membership. However, to have a to vote in INHJA matters or have INHJA points count in classes at USEF shows (other than USHJA Outreach etc.), some type of a regular INHJA membership would be necessary. INHJA recognized schooling shows are to be in the states of Iowa or Nebraska. In a rare case the INHJA Board of Directors may make an exception.

In consideration of good horsemanship and sportsmanship, it is recommended, that show days do not exceed 10 hours. In the same light of good horsemanship and sportsmanship, it is recommended, that entry forms contain an 'honor system' pledge by exhibitors and trainers, to refrain from the doping and/or over medication of horses. The 'honor system' is also recommended for trainers and exhibitors not to have riders who are over qualified drop down to classes run at lower levels. INHJA will award points to riders in the lower level categories for a maximum of three years, however individual shows, managements or circuits may require other cross entry restrictions at their discretion. Also, it is recommended that shows emphasize utilizing knowledgeable course designers and proper equipment, in an effort to strive to provide safe and correct courses; particularly in regard to track, distances, construction, footing and conditions thereof.

The following are 7 INHJA Schooling Show Award Categories.

INHJA Award Categories:

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| 1.) Intro Rider | [Rider] (class 1) |
| 2.) 'Next Step' Eq. | [Rider] (class 2) |
| 3.) Diamond Stirrup Eq. | [Rider] (class 3) |
| 4.) Modified Int. Eq. | [Rider] (class 4) |
| 5.) Eq. Medal 2'3" &/or 2'6" | [Rider] (class 5) |
| 6.) 0.60 m & 0.65 m Jumper Rider | [Rider] (classes 6 - 7) |
| 7.) 0.70 m & 0.75 m Jumper Rider | [Rider] (classes 8 - 9) |

INHJA Schooling (common ground) Shows May Choose:

General: Divisions from which individual shows, managements, circuits, etc. can pick and choose to match the specifications of some of their classes, for INHJA points are listed below. Some shows may choose to make some name changes of classes to these, if desired, but it is totally optional.

INHJA Schooling Show Equitation Division Specifications:

- 1.) Intro Walk/Trot Equitation: Division may include one Walk-Trot Flat class, one Walk-Trot-Canter Flat class, up to 4 ground poles classes and up to 3 micro-x rails classes per show.
- 2.) 'Next Step' X-rails Equitation: Division may include up to...
 - a. up to 3 X-rails Equitation o/f classes and 1 Equitation on the Flat class
 - b. up to 3 o/f classes that include verticals and 1 Equitation on the Flat classHeight of fences not to exceed 18"

3.) Diamond Stirrup Equitation: Division is open to Adult Amateurs only. Division may include 1 Flat class and up to 3 o/f classes. Height of fences 18"-2'3".

4.) Modified Intermediate Equitation: Division may include 1 Flat and 3 o/f class. Height of fences 2'6".

5.) Medal 2'3" &/or 2'6": One class per show at height designated by Show Management.

INHJA Schooling Show Jumper Specifications:

General: All jumper class heights be defined for INHJA purposes in meters. Points would be kept for riders, and only one set of points (of the designated, or if no designation, the 1st horse ridden if multiple) / class awarded to the rider, regardless of the number of horses rider has in each class.

6.) 0.60 m Jumper: Maximum 3 classes per show; tables determined by shows.

7.) 0.65 m Jumper: Maximum 3 classes per show; tables determined by shows.

8.) 0.70 m Jumper: Maximum 3 classes per show; tables determined by shows.

9.) 0.75 m Jumper: Maximum 3 classes per show; tables determined by shows.

Show Results: Results must be mailed with-in 7 days of the completion of the show. Contact the Board to obtain the mailing address.

Points:

Points for each class will be based on the following scale:

If there are 10 horses or less per class:

1st: 12
2nd: 10
3rd: 8
4th: 6
5th: 4
6th: 2
7th: 1
8th: .5

If there are 11 or more horses per class, add 1 point PER HORSE to each placing on the above base scale.