



*NORTHERN ILLINOIS*

*HUNTER & JUMPER*

*ASSOCIATION*

*2017*

**Northern Illinois Hunter & Jumper Association**  
**Rules and Regulations 2017 Show Season**  
**Affiliated with USEF and USHJA**

An organization dedicated to the development of the sport of riding and equal opportunity to applicants requesting recognized shows.

**USEF Sportsman Charter**

*That sport is something done for the fun of doing it, and that it ceases to be sport when it becomes something done for what there is in it;*

*That amateurism is something of the heart and spirit not a matter of exact technical qualifications;*

*That good manners are fundamentally important;*

*That the code must strictly be upheld;*

*That the whole structure of sport is not only preserved from the absurdity of undue importance, but is justified by a kind of romance which animates it, and by the positive virtues of courage, patience, good temper, and unselfishness which are demanded by the code;*

*That the exploitation of sport for profit alone kills the spirit and retains only the husk and semblance of the thing;*

*That the qualities of frankness, courage and sincerity which mark the good sportsman in private life shall mark the discussions of his interests at the show.*

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Knowledge of the rules of any sport is required of each participant and the exhibitor at a recognized competition is in no way exempt from this responsibility. A complete knowledge of and compliance with the rules are essential and the exhibitor must be fully cognizant of all rules as well as class specification in the divisions in which he/she shows.

It is obvious that however complete rules may be, they never can cover all possible situations which may arise. If a matter cannot be solved by interpreting the rules to the letter, the solution to be adopted by those responsible should lie in a principle, which follows as nearly as possible the spirit of the rules.

## NIHJA Executive Board Members

### NIHJA Officers effective December 1, 2016 for the 2017 show season:

President: Toni Bruns (2016 – 2017)  
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Stewards: **(NIHJA approved list)**

The above Officers and Directors will be collectively known as the Executive Board members. The Executive Board Members will act as members of the Show Standards Committee for all 2017 scheduled NIHJA shows.

## **1. Membership - Equal Opportunity**

- A. There are no geographic limitations to memberships on individuals, stables, horses and/or shows.
- B. All persons wishing to have a NIHJA show and meeting NIHJA requirements will receive equal opportunity in obtaining a show date, subject to rules and regulations.
- C. The Annual Meeting will be open to all members and to the public. Two - (2) weeks prior notice of the Annual Meeting will be provided to the membership by USPS mail.

## **2. Officers:**

- A. General: The officers of NIHJA shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and a Board of Directors composed of eight members of the association. These shall be elected by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting in October and the terms will commence on the first day of December following the Annual Meeting. The President and Secretary/Treasurer will be elected in a two-year term for the even years, and the Vice-President shall be elected in a two-year term for the odd years. The Officers and Directors will be collectively known as the Executive Board.
- B. Vacancies: The President with the approval of the Executive Board will appoint Vacancies.
- C. Administrative: The President shall appoint an Association Secretary, Point Secretary, Junior Spokesperson, and Membership Liasion.
- D. Association Secretary's Responsibility: The Association Secretary shall carry out all administrative matters under the direct supervision of the President. The Association Secretary shall maintain the NIHJA Membership database and provide this database to the Association Points Secretary for every show.
- E. Association Point Secretary's Responsibility: The Points Secretary shall compile the points after every show, post them on the website as soon as possible and forward copies of the point standings to Show Management prior to show dates. The point standings will be posted during shows. Year to date points will be mailed to members upon request. The Association Point Secretary is also responsible for maintaining the list of measurements for Pony, Small, and Large Hunter Divisions.
- F. Treasurer's Responsibility: The Treasurer shall have the responsibility to audit and submit a Treasury Report at the Annual Meeting and at all Executive Board Meetings, and pay any bill affiliated with NIHJA. The NIHJA Treasurer is also responsible for paying all expenses incurred by NIHJA from the NIHJA bank account. The NIHJA Executive Board is authorized by the membership to utilize the money collected for Annual memberships, Annual Award Sponsors, Show Management fines, Show date fees and other miscellaneous income for the following purposes:
  - a) Annual Membership Mailings: Postage, printing and miscellaneous office supplies expenses.
  - b) NIHJA Medal Finals: Invitation, Exhibitor party with a cap of 50% up to \$350 dollars, and flowers for Medal winners.
  - c) NIHJA Newsletter: Postage, printing and miscellaneous office supplies expenses.
  - d) USEF & USHJA Annual Affiliation Membership: Annual affiliation expense.
  - e) NIHJA Annual Awards Banquet: Invitations, Perpetual Trophy engraving and year-end Division Awards.
  - f) NIHJA Annual rulebook: Printing expense.
  - g) Compensation: -The Points Secretary and the Association Secretary will each be awarded a stipend of \$1,500 to be paid in two (2) increments of \$750. The first of these payments will be made after 10 horse shows; the second will be made after the NIHJA Finals in late September or early October.
  - h) Web site: Annual website hosting expense, Domain name, as well as additional programming that might be needed with the Executive Board's approval.

i) Miscellaneous: All other expenses incurred must be approved by all members of the Executive Board and must benefit or be used for the sole purpose of the NIHJA. (Example: NIHJA measuring sticks).

G. Executive Board: The Executive Board shall act on all questions of discipline and any questions of interpretation of the bylaws, Rules and Regulations. The Executive Board is empowered to take any disciplinary action for violation of any of the by-laws, Rules or Regulations in the nature of specified fines, suspensions, warnings, etc.

Director's terms will be staggered as follows: Eight (8) two year terms, four (4) two year terms – even and odd years. The Executive Board can take discretionary action should a voting member continually miss Board meetings. After missing two meetings, a warning will be invoked, and after missing a third meeting, the Executive Board has the authority to dismiss the member.

The Executive Board may change no rules, rule changes can only be made by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting.

### 3. Dues & Fees:

A. The Annual fee for individual membership and eligibility for Equitation Points and High Point Horse shall be \$30.00. Family membership, for up to three (3) horses, each with eligibility for Equitation Points and High Point Horse shall be \$50.00. Horse nominations are not allowed to be changed after initial registration. Additional horses must be registered separately. Family memberships get up to three (3) votes when applicable. If less than three (3) riders are nominated under a family membership, than each rider receives one (1) vote.

Additionally in order for a member rider and their nominated horse's points to count their trainer must be an NIHJA Individual member or have a Stable Membership.\**amended Oct 2015*

An exhibitor must be on the current NIHJA membership list provided to the Show Secretary and if not on that list must become a member at that horse show for their points to count or to ride in a Medal class. If indeed the membership dues have been duplicated the NIHJA treasurer will refund any duplicate dues paid.

B. Annual dues for each stable member shall be \$50.00. Stable membership includes up to ten (10) High Point nominations owned by the same stable or family. Individuals owning multiple horses may also utilize stable membership. Stable memberships receive one vote.

C. The fee for NIHJA recognition of horse shows will be \$50.00 per day and per 1/2-day. A \$100 dollar fee, to be paid at the time the date is awarded, with the balance payable by March 1. This fee will be forfeited if the show is not held. If the fee is not paid in full by March 1 the show date awarded may be forfeited and the date may be awarded to another applicant. Forfeited show dates must be picked up thirty (30) days prior to the awarded show date.

D. Transfer of Ownership: In the event of transfer of ownership of a horse during the show season, point accumulation will continue if a \$ 10.00 fee is paid to NIHJA and the horse is registered in the name of the new owner with NIHJA.

E. Non-Members: It will be the responsibility of each show management to collect a \$30.00 non membership fee from each entry not a current NIHJA member. The fees collected must be given to the Association or Points Secretary at the end of each horse show. Payment of this fee does not entitle any rider to enter a Medal Class. Non member fee = rider per horse. \**amended Oct 2015*

F. Medal Rider Fees: Show Management will pay to NIHJA \$5.00 per rider competing in each of the NIHJA Medal classes held at the horse show.

#### **4. USEF Rules:**

USEF Rules will apply unless otherwise stated by the rules of NIHJA within this book. Affiliated with USEF, we are required to uphold their rules and regulations, and also their penalties and suspensions.

#### **5. By-Laws:**

A. Annual Meetings: The Annual Meeting will be held in October of each year. Two (2) weeks notice of the Annual Meeting and Proposed Rule Changes will be provided to all NIHJA Members.

B. Horse Show Meeting: The Horse Show Meeting will be held in October or November of each year. Two (2) weeks notice of the Horse Show Meeting will be provided to all NIHJA Members. All parties interested in holding a NIHJA show will be able to apply for a show date at this time.

C. Amendments of By-Laws: The by-laws of NIHJA may be amended only by a 3/4 majority vote of all members of the Association. .

D. Rules & Regulations: Rules and Regulations of the Association may be amended by a majority vote at an annual Meeting. Should a rule change occur, the rule must remain in place for a period of 2 years before any change can be made to that rule. Proposed Rule Changes will be sent to all NIHJA members two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting but will not exclude new proposals brought forth from the floor at the Annual Meeting. *\*amended Oct 2014*

E. Quorum: A minimum of five (5) Board Members is required to constitute a quorum at Executive Board meetings.

F. Protest: the Executive Board will handle questions of protest and discipline. Protests at shows shall be made to both the Show Secretary and a Show Steward in writing. This is to be accompanied by a check payable to NIHJA for \$25.00. This check will be refunded if the protest is determined to be valid by the Executive Board Members. After completion of the show, protests may be made in writing within 72 hours to the President or the Association Secretary accompanied by a check for \$25.00 payable to NIHJA. Minors may protest. Trainers should be aware of all NIHJA rules. Should discrepancies occur causing riders to lose accrued points, NIHJA will not be responsible.

G. Mailing Lists: Are made available to any member of the Association upon request, but cannot be used, given out or sold for solicitation purposes.

#### **6. Awards:**

A. Annual Awards Dinner: An Annual Awards Dinner will be held each year at which time the Annual High Point Awards, Sportsmanship Awards and Horse-Show of the Year Award will be made.

B. Junior Sportsmanship Award: A Sportsmanship Award will be given at the end of each year to a Junior rider based upon the junior's attitude, sportsmanship and horsemanship for the entire show season. The Vice-President will select five (5) amateur adults from different stables who will be responsible for selection of the individual most worthy of this award. The Vice-President will make sure that this selection is completed one month prior to the Awards Banquet.

- C. Amateur Adult Sportsmanship Award: A Sportsmanship Award will be given at the end of each year to the Amateur Adult rider based on the individual's attitude, sportsmanship and horsemanship for the entire show season. The President and the Junior Spokesperson(s) will select five (5) Juniors from different stables that will be responsible for selecting the individual most worthy of this award. The President will make sure that this selection is completed one month prior to the Awards Banquet.
- D. NIHJA Horse-Person of the Year Award: This award will be given to the individual whom the membership feels has contributed the most to the Association. Ballots will be mailed to all members for their vote.
- E. NIHJA Horse-Show of the Year Award: This award will be given to the show and show management whom the membership deems most worthy of special recognition. Ballots will be mailed to all members for their vote. All recognized NIHJA Horse Shows are eligible for this award.
- F. Special Awards: Special Awards may be provided by the Executive Board.
- G. Perpetual Trophies: An attempt will be made to obtain perpetual trophies in all divisions. Perpetual trophies may not be retired.
- H. Trophy Replacement: The Board reserves the right to identify trophies that need to be replaced due to the age/condition while preserving the history of the trophy.

## **7. Recognized Shows:**

- A. The annual show season shall start December 1 and continue through the Final Show - which will be no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of October - with the boards approval. Stewards for the NIHJA Finals Horse Show will be comprised of a group of three (3) NIHJA Board Members, no USEF Steward required. *\*amended Oct 2015* The weekend prior to the final show date will be an off-weekend.
- B. To participate in the show date lottery, you must represent, or be the management of that show for the entire length of the horse show. The show must be billed under that show management name. Show Managers must be present throughout the entire horse show. Only one (1) person per applicant can select a show date.
- C. There shall be no co-recognition with other Hunter and Jumper associations with the exception of USEF and USHJA.
- D. Fees for NIHJA recognition are as stated in Section 3C.
- E. Show management requesting dates at the Annual Meeting must meet the following requirements. Show Management eligible for the first drawing must be a member in good standing in the current year and that held a recognized NIHJA show with at least 40 NIHJA member entries. If a show management receives less than 40 NIHJA member entries on the Monday prior to their horse show, show management will have the option to cancel the show or run it as. Either way the decision will not effect their first round draw eligibility for the following year provided that the following year the 40 horse minimum is reached. The NIHJA Board will determine weekends available for the show date drawings. The Show season will be divided into two (2) separate horse show draw seasons:
  - 1) A winter season ending on April 15
  - 2) A summer season ending with NIHJA Finals.

Management that has been continually fined for contract infractions will not be able to draw from the first lottery winter or summer draws. A second lottery draw for winter or summer will be open to

all Show Management desiring to host a show. Show facility will be limited to host only two (2) shows per season, unless due to an emergency type situation (closure or quarantine of a facility, loss of use of facility, safety concerns at a facility) and the approval of the NIHJA Board a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) show may be hosted at the facility.

The NIHJA Finals have no restrictions on facilities and may be the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) show at any facility meeting the requirements of our Association and with the capabilities to host the event. A majority vote of the Executive Board can make exceptions to show date availability. "Good Standing" is determined at the discretion of the Executive Board. Any applications for show dates after the Annual Meeting will be awarded to the residual requests kept from the lottery.

- F. Show Managements will be limited to no more than two (2) draws for recognized shows per season. All Show Management must inform the NIHJA President and Executive Board by December 1, of the location of their NIHJA show. If the location of the declared facility changes, the NIHJA board must approve and requires 30 days change notice.
- G. Simultaneous NIHJA recognized shows are permitted provided they are greater than 50 miles apart. Simultaneous recognized shows within the 50-mile limit may be permitted provided the Show Management's of both shows agree.
- H. Cancellations, change of show dates and new show dates will be permitted provided the new show date does not conflict with any NIHJA rules and the Show Management sends notice by postcard or letter via first class mail to all current members at least thirty (30) days prior to the invalid show date. Failure to do so will result in loss of recognition at future shows for the remainder of that show season and for the following show season, forfeiture of any fees paid, and further disciplinary or punitive action as the Executive Board may see fit. Horse shows can not be traded, sold or transferred. Any cancellations will be awarded to the next party on the waiting list.
- I. At a recognized show, the decision of the show steward(s) is final and supersedes all others made by the Show Management. Two (2) NIHJA Board Members will be appointed official stewards at a NIHJA Horse Show, however if one of the appointed Stewards is not available another NIHJA Board Member present at that Show may be appointed an acting steward. *\*amended Oct. 2016*

During a NIHJA competition should a competitor, trainer or parent wish to approach the judge a NIHJA Steward must be contacted and be present. *\*amended Oct. 2016*

- J. Mandatory and Optional Divisions, see Section 8K.
- K. Either two (2) day or three (3) day shows are allowed. A two (2) day show must be held on Saturday and Sunday, a three (3) day show must be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, however an exception may be made to accommodate a show date that falls on a major holiday (i.e. Easter Sunday). There are to be no more than two recognized shows in any month when there are four (4) Saturdays or four (4) Sundays in that month, and no more than three recognized shows in a month when there are five (5) Saturdays or five (5) Sundays in that month. When the Finals are in September, there may be three (3) shows. There may not be more than two (2) shows in any three week period. The Finals may be four (4) full days. The final horse show must have a minimum of 2 rings. The five (5) NIHJA Medal Finals requires two (2) "R" Judges.
- L. The Show Standards Committee reserves the right to refuse show dates to applicants when it deems the facilities to be unsuitable for a NIHJA show. "Suitability" is determined at the discretion of the majority of the Show Standards Committee. The committee will attempt to inform the applicant in time to make corrections, but in any event, the applicant will be advised of the reasons for the show date being withheld. Applicant must meet all standards sixty (60) days prior to the Horse Show date.



- M. All recognized shows must conform to the NIHJA standards for recognized shows (Appendix A) and sign the appropriate Show Agreement.
- N. A \$50.00 penalty for each violation of a NIHJA Show Standard, NIHJA rule or USEF rule may be assessed by the Executive Board.

## **8. Show Management Responsibilities**

- A. Judges: All judges must be recognized by USEF and all judges names must be submitted to the Association Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the show otherwise there will be up to a \$500 fine imposed. No judge shall judge more than two (2) NIHJA recognized shows per year. No judge shall judge any show within sixty (60) days of the last show he/she have judged. Judges names submitted by the Show Management's are to be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis if conflicts should arise. If a second judge is called in at the last minute, it will not count as a second show judging. Regardless of the reason for the change, the Executive Board **MUST** approve all change in judges otherwise there will be up to a \$500 fine imposed. All judges at Finals must be "R" rated in H, J, and H/E and cannot have judged any other NIHJA show that year. The Executive Board must approve the judges for the Medal Finals sixty (60) days prior to the show and requires that two (2) "R" Judges judge the five (5) Medal Finals.
- B. In the event of a time problem with a show, a second judge may be utilized with both permission and judge approval given by a majority of the Show Standards Committee present.
- C. Prize Lists: Prize lists for all shows must be posted to the NIHJA website (nihja.net) not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the show date. Prizelists will be emailed to all NIHJA members to the email address provided on the membership form. Members are also offered the option to request paper copy of prizelists to be sent to them via US Postal Service by selecting this option on their NIHJA Membership form, Show managements are required to send prizelists via the members preferred option. Non-compliance will result in a fine of \$50 against Show Management.\**amended Oct 2015*
- D. Awards: Prizes and six (6) ribbons will be offered for all Hunter, Equitation, Jumper, Short-Stirrup and Long-Stirrup Classes. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons are mandatory if championships are offered. Prizes for championships for Hunter, Equitation, Jumper, Short-Stirrup and Long-Stirrup are mandatory.
- E. Headgear: Any mounted individual cannot ride anywhere on the show grounds without wearing headgear passing the testing standards. The harness must be secured and if such headgear has a brim it must be flexible or semi-flexible. Any rider violating this rule, at anytime, must immediately be prohibited from further riding until headgear is properly in place. (USEF Rule Article 318).
- F. All NIHJA recognized shows must have Membership forms available to competitors. These forms will be provided by NIHJA or are available online at nihja.net.
- G. Show management must be responsible for the knowledge of all NIHJA and USEF rules and have the rule books present on the premises **AT ALL TIMES**.
- H. The Judge's cards, exhibitors list, protests and championship point calculation sheets must be given to the Points Secretary, President or the Association Secretary at the end of each show.
- I. Non-member fees collected as per Section 3E must be given to the Points Secretary, President or the Association Secretary at the end of each show.

- J. **Rule Violations:** The Show Management is required to notify the Association or Points Secretary on or before the return of the points of any violation and the details thereof. A committee of three (3) Executive Board members shall be approved by the President as a Rules Committee and determine whether or not Executive Board action is necessary and shall notify the show competitor of such ruling. (See Section 2G and Section 5E)
- K. **Division:** Recognized shows must offer the six (6) Mandatory Divisions and the five (5) Medal Classes as shown below with a minimum of three (3) classes per hunter division, two (2) classes per equitation division and can select any other NIHJA divisions, classes, or any other divisions or classes as necessary. The selection is left to the discretion of the individual Show Management. Three (3) riders must **complete** the course for the over fences classes and three (3) riders must **complete** the entire under saddles class and be scored by the judge in order for the class to count towards year end awards in any given Hunter/Jumper/Equitation class. Four (4) riders must complete the course for the class to count towards year end awards in Medals classes. No class points or division points will be awarded for classes not meeting these specifications. *\*Amended Oct. 2016*

a) **Mandatory Divisions:**

- 1) **Junior Hunter 14 & Under** - Fences not to exceed 2'9". Ponies may not be entered in Division if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition.
- 2) **Junior Hunter 15-17** - Fences not to exceed 3'0". Ponies may not be entered in this division if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition.
- 3) **Amateur-Adult Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 3'0". Open to any adult rider who is of amateur eligibility.
- 4) **Novice Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 3'0". Open to any horse which has not won six (6) blue ribbons over fences at any Hunter-Jumper Association shows in any Hunter Division prior to December 1, 2016. Ribbons won in Pre-Green Divisions and Training Hunter do not affect eligibility.
- 5) **Low Working Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'9".
- 6) **Training Jumpers** – Fence height 3'.
- 7) **NIHJA Childrens Mini-Medal Class** - Fences 2'3". Riders may not show higher than 2'9" in any class for the current year. Riders may not enter any other Medals classes at the same horse show.
- 8) **NIHJA Childrens Medal Class** – Fences 2'9". Riders may not enter any other Medals classes at the same horse show.
- 9) **NIHJA Adult Mini-Medal Class**, - Fences 2'6". Riders may not enter any other Medals classes at the same horse show.
- 10) **NIHJA Junior Medal Class** – 17 & Under. Fences 3'3". Riders may not enter any other Medals classes at the same horse show.

- 11) **NIHJA Senior Medal Class** - 18 & Over. Fences 3'0". Riders may not enter any other Medals classes at the same horse show.

**b) Optional Divisions:**

- 1) **Children's Hunter** - For horses and ponies. Fences not to exceed 2'6". Open to Junior riders 17 & under who have not won six (6) blue ribbons, over fences, prior to December 1, 2016 at a recognized hunter-jumper Association show. Ribbons won in Short Stirrup, Pony, Beginner Rider and Limit Rider classes do not affect eligibility. Eligible Junior Hunters can cross enter.
- 2) **Junior Equitation 14 & Under** - Fences not to exceed 2'9".
- 3) **Junior Equitation 15-17** - Fences not to exceed 3'0".
- 4) **Thoroughbred Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'9".
- 5) **Modified Child Equitation** - Fences not to exceed 2'6". The Horse/Rider Combination can not show higher than 2'9" at that show.
- 6) **Modified Adult Equitation** - Fences not to exceed 2'6". The Horse/Rider Combination can not show higher than 2'9" at that show.
- 7) **Adult Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'9". Open to any adult rider who is of amateur status.
- 8) **Amateur Adult Equitation** - Fences not to exceed 2'9". Open to any adult rider who is of amateur status.
- 9) **Junior-Amateur Adult Jumper** - Fence height 3'3". Open to all Junior and Amateur riders.
- 10) **Combined Jumper** – Fence height 3'6"- 3'9", with 20% of jumps at 3'9".
- 11) **Low Jumper** – Fences not to exceed 2'9". The only other Jumper Division a horse and rider combination can cross enter in is Training Jumper at that show.
- 12) **Non-Thoroughbred Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'9".
- 13) **Small Hunter** - For horses under 16.0 hands. Fences not to exceed 3'0". A NIHJA measurement card may substitute for an USEF measurement card.
- 14) **Large Hunter** - For horses 16.0 hands and over. Fences not to exceed 3'3". A NIHJA measurement card may substitute for an USEF measurement card.
- 15) **Pony Hunter** - For ponies 14.2 hands and under only. Fences not exceed 2'3" for small ponies; 2'6" for medium ponies; and 2'9" for large ponies. Also, lines do not need to be adjusted but is strongly recommended. A NIHJA measurement card may substitute for an USEF measurement card.

Ponies can cross-enter in Children's Hunter classes. Winnings in this division will not affect the rider's Children's Hunter division status. Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition.

Ages for the pony riders are as follows: 12 years and under may ride Small Ponies; 14 years and under may ride medium ponies, and Juniors 17 and under may ride large ponies. An adult rider is allowed to ride a pony in the Long Stirrup and Beginner Adult divisions even if the same pony is being ridden by a child in the Pony Divisions.

- 16) **Pony Equitation** – (See Pony Hunter for standards, change Hunter to Equitation).
- 17) **Pre-Green Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'6". Open to horses showing in their first year only. If a horse has shown 3 shows or less for that season, an owner can petition in writing the board for reinstatement of their pre-green status.
- 18) **Training Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'6". Entries in this division do not affect pre-green status.
- 19) **Short Stirrup Equitation** - This will consist of W/T, W/T/C and O/F classes. Fences not to exceed 1'6". Open to children 12 & under. Riders may cross enter in only the Beginner Rider Division and Junior Hunter Flat, Pony Hunter Flat, Children's Hunter Flat, Limit Rider Hunter Flat. Warm-up rounds may be allowed at the discretion of the Show Management provided it is announced prior to the start of the O/F class. Martingales are allowed in all Short-Stirrup classes.
- 20) **Short Stirrup Hunter** - This will consist of two (2) O/F classes and one (1) U/S class. Fences not to exceed 1'6". Open to children 12 & under. Riders may cross enter in only the Beginner Rider Division, and Junior Hunter Flat, Pony Hunter Flat, Children's Hunter Flat, Limit Rider Hunter Flat. Warmup rounds may be allowed at the discretion of the Show Management provided it is announced prior to the start of the O/F class. Martingales are allowed in all Short-Stirrup classes.
- 21) **Non-Pro Working Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'9". Open to non-professional riders, who do not compete in divisions with conflicting height restrictions only.
- 22) **Modified Adult Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'6". The Horse/Rider Combination can not show higher than 2'9" at that show.
- 23) **Modified Childrens Hunter** – Fences not to exceed 2'6". The Horse/Rider Combination can not show higher than 2'9" at that show.
- 24) **Beginner Adult Rider Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'0". Riders must not have shown higher than 2'6" at any Association recognized competition. Riders who have won three (3) blue ribbons over fences in any division (Hunter and Equitation) prior to December 1, 2016 will not be eligible. Any rider who meets the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the division for the entire show season. Ribbons won in Short-Stirrup or Long-Stirrup Divisions will not affect eligibility.
- 25) **Beginner Childrens Rider Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'0". Riders must not have shown higher than 2'6" at any Association recognized competition. Riders who have won three (3) blue ribbons over fences in any division (Hunter and Equitation) prior to December 1, 2016 will not be eligible. Any rider who meets the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the division for the entire show

season. Ribbons won in Short-Stirrup or Long-Stirrup Divisions will not affect eligibility.

- 26) **Beginner Adult Rider Equitation** - Fences not to exceed 2'0". Riders must not have shown higher than 2'6" at any Association recognized competition. Riders who have won three (3) blue ribbons over fences in any division (Hunter and Equitation) prior to December 1, 2016 will not be eligible. Any rider who meets the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the division for the entire show season. Beginner Equitation Riders may not show in any other Equitation Division except Short-Stirrup or Long-Stirrup. Ribbons won in Short-Stirrup or Long-Stirrup Divisions will not affect eligibility.
- 27) **Beginner Childrens Rider Equitation** - Fences not to exceed 2'0". Riders must not have shown higher than 2'6" at any Association recognized competition. Riders who have won three (3) blue ribbons over fences in any division (Hunter and Equitation), prior to December 1, 2016 will not be eligible. Any rider who meets the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the division for the entire show season. Beginner Equitation Riders may not show in any other Equitation Division except Short-Stirrup or Long-Stirrup. Ribbons won in Short-Stirrup or Long-Stirrup Divisions will not affect eligibility.
- 28) **Limit Adult Rider Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'3". Riders can not show higher than 2'9" at that show. Open to adult riders who are of amateur status.
- 29) **Limit Childrens Rider Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 2'3". Riders must not have shown higher than 2'9" at any Association recognized competition. Riders who have won three (3) blue ribbons over fences in any division (Hunter and Equitation) prior to December 1, 2016 will not be eligible. Any rider who meets the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the division for the entire show season. Limit Equitation riders can not cross enter in the Junior Equitation 13 and Under Division. Ribbons won in Short-Stirrup or Long-Stirrup, Beginner Rider Hunter and Beginner Rider Equitation Divisions do not affect eligibility.
- 30) **Limit Adult Rider Equitation** - Fences not to exceed 2'3". Riders can not show higher than 2'9" at that show. Open to adult riders who are of amateur status.
- 31) **Limit Childrens Rider Equitation** - Fences not to exceed 2'3". Riders must not have shown higher than 2'9" at any Association recognized competition. Riders who have won three (3) blue ribbons over fences in any division (Hunter and Equitation) prior to December 1, 2016 will not be eligible. Any rider who meets the eligibility rule at the first show in which they compete will remain eligible for the division for the entire show season. Limit Equitation riders can not cross enter in the Junior Equitation 13 and Under Division. Ribbons won in Short-Stirrup or Long-Stirrup, Beginner Rider Hunter and Beginner Rider Equitation Divisions do not affect eligibility.
- 32) **Long Stirrup Hunter** - This will consist of two (2) O/F classes and one (1) U/S class. Fences not to exceed 1'6". Open to any riders 13 years and older. Riders may cross enter in only the Beginner Rider Division, and Amateur-Adult Hunter Flat, Childrens Hunter Flat, Novice Hunter Flat, Novice Adult Hunter Flat, Amateur-Adult Equitation Flat, Non-Pro Hunter Flat, Limit Rider Hunter Flat. Warm-up rounds may be allowed at the discretion of the Show Management provided it is announced prior to the start of the O/F class. Martingales are allowed in all Long-Stirrup classes.

33) **Long Stirrup Equitation** - This will consist of W/T, W/T/C and O/F classes. Fences not to exceed 1'6" '. Open to any riders 13 years and older. Riders may cross enter in only the Beginner Rider Division, and Amateur-Adult Hunter Flat, Childrens Hunter Flat, Novice Hunter Flat, Novice Adult Hunter Flat, Amateur-Adult Equitation Flat, Non-Pro Hunter Flat, Limit Rider Hunter Flat. Warm-up rounds may be allowed at the discretion of the Show Management provided it is announced prior to the start of the O/F class. Martingales are allowed in all Long-Stirrup classes.

34) **Regular Working Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 3'6". Horses that have previously earned the status of Second year Green in any Hunter-Jumper Association show must now be classified as Regular Working Hunter.

35) **Open Hunter** - Fences not to exceed 3'0".

L. **Class Splits**. See USEF Rule Book Chapter HU, Subchapter HU-2 Division of Sections or Classes, HU112 General numbers 1 & 2. Change the 40 to 25, and the 50 to 30. Section may not be divided if there are less than the required number of entries. Any section with 40 or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. Mandatory split at fence height of 2'6" and lower, with class size larger than 20. *\*amended Oct 2014*

M. **Championships**: Championships shall be awarded only when there are a minimum of three (3) classes in Hunter Divisions, and two (2) classes in Equitation and Jumper Divisions. Championship and Reserve places will go to the two (2) top horses/riders in a division and must be in the top four (4) over fences to qualify, with the exception of the Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Hunter & Equitation Divisions. In order to be eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion, the rider or horse MUST be entered in the entire division; it is not necessary to ride in each class as long as there is the minimum of three (3) riders completing each class. Post entries are not allowed; once a class has been held no horse/rider may go back and pay the entry fee in order to qualify for Championship points.

N. **Hunter Divisions**: When any Hunter Division is offered, a minimum of three (3) classes, two (2) over fences and one (1) under saddle must be held to offer a Champion and Reserve Champion, otherwise the number of classes is optional. Mandatory Hunter Divisions requires minimum of three (3) classes.

O. Adults can ride Ponies, but not in the Pony division or if it is shown in the Pony division. **Exception:** An adult can ride a pony in the Long Stirrup or Beginner Adult divisions even if the pony is shown in the Pony divisions.

P. **Equitation Divisions**: The following applies to all Equitation divisions except for Short-Stirrup and Long Stirrup Equitation Divisions. Courses for these classes must be different from any of the Hunter courses used in a particular show. All Equitation over fence classes must have at least eight (8) fences with at least two (2) changes of direction. Equitation divisions will consist of two (2) classes, one (1) over fences class and one (1) flat class. Champion and Reserve Champion points are not awarded for any of the Equitation Divisions with the exception of Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Equitation Divisions.

Q. **Jumper Classes**: Not more than three (3) jumper classes per day. This does not include Classics, Pony or Low Jumpers. **Exception to this rule:** If there is a safety issue with darkness or weather, classes may be moved to a different day.

- R. Medal Classes: All NIHJA shows must offer NIHJA Senior, Junior, Childrens, Childrens Mini and Adult Mini Medal Classes. All Medals Class riders MUST be current members of NIHJA. The rider must have a current NIHJA membership (and must be a member in good standing) prior to riding in any of the NIHJA Medals Classes.

Show Management has the right to cancel any Medal Class where there are less than five (5) entries. They MUST cancel any Medal Classes where there are less than four (4) entries or combine those that may be combined (Children's Mini Medal and Adult Mini Medal or Junior Medal and Senior Medal). Four (4) riders must complete the Medals course.

The top twenty (20) Senior, Junior, Childrens and Mini Riders will be invited to the Medal Finals ride-off. The top twenty (20) positions will be filled first by medal winners, then by top point winners. In the event of a tie for the 20<sup>th</sup> (position) rider, the tied riders will be invited. *\*amended Oct 2014*

The class will be held over a course of at least eight (8) fences, including at least one (1) combination. (No combination is required for the Mini Medals course). There must be at least two (2) changes of direction. At least four (4) riders who have completed the course will be called back by the Judge for a work-off at the Judges discretion. (The Mini Medals test may be incorporated into the course, excluding finals where a minimum of four (4) riders may be called back at the judges discretion.)

The Medal course must not be posted until schooling is closed. The order of go as well as the course must be posted one (1) hour before the class begins. The courses used for the Medal Classes MUST be different from any other Hunter-Jumper or Equitation course used at that show. The Medal courses are to be approved by the stewards before it is posted. NIHJA will provide the medals for all Medal Classes.

NOTE: Medals are open to all riders all year long, however a rider may not cross enter into one of the larger medals at any one show. If a rider wins the class in one of the larger medal classes, they cannot ride in any subsequent lower height Medal classes and cannot ride in the lower height Medal Finals for a period of five (5) years or a petition to the Board for approval.

- S. Price Ceiling: The only price ceiling NIHJA controls is the Medal Class at \$25.00 per entry. NIHJA will receive \$5.00 per medal rider payable from each horse show. NIHJA encourages Show Management to keep prices consistent throughout the show year however; prices at the "Finals" must be no higher than the average prices charged throughout the year. Show Management will define "per entry."

- T. Combining Divisions: The following divisions or classes may be combined with their respective division as shown if they are not filled at the discretion of the Show Management:

- 1) Junior Hunter 14 & Under and Adult Hunter 2'9" *\*amended Oct 2016*
- 2) Junior Equitation 14 & Under and Junior Equitation 15-17 *\*amended Oct 2016*
- 3) Junior Hunter 15-17 and Amateur Adult Hunter *\*amended Oct 2016*
- 4) Short-Stirrup Hunter and Long-Stirrup Hunter
- 5) Short-Stirrup Equitation and Long-Stirrup Equitation
- 6) Beginner Adult Hunter and Beginner Childrens Hunter
- 7) Beginner Adult Equitation and Beginner Childrens Equitation
- 8) Limit Adult Hunter and Limit Childrens Hunter
- 9) Limit Adult Equitation and Limit Childrens Equitation
- 10) Small Hunter and Large Hunter
- 11) Modified Children Equitation and Modified Adult Equitation
- 12) Modified Children Hunter and Modified Adult Hunter
- 13) Adult Mini Medals and Childrens Mini Medals

14) Junior Medals and Senior Medals

**\*In any combined division a horse may only compete once in the class.** *\*amended Oct 2016*

All combined divisions must be in accordance to regulation height. (For example, if Large and Small Hunters were to be combined, respective fence heights would not be compromised. The two divisions would simply be judged together. In this case, all Large Hunters would be required to show at 3'3", then the fences must be adjusted for the Small Hunters to show at 3'.) When these division are combined, points earned will be credited to the entry in their respective division. Divisions not listed above may not be combined

U. Medical and Ambulance Services: Show Mangement must provide Emergency Medical Treatment (EMT), EMS or paramedic at their show solely dedicated to the NIHJA Horse Show. *\*amended Oct 2015*

**9. High Point Awards:**

- A. Awards may be offered in any division listed in Section 8. However, any division which has not been utilized at 25% of the recognized shows held throughout the show season, will not have a Year End High Point Award for the year.
- B. No credit will be given for classes, divisions or shows that are not conducted in accordance with NIHJA rules. In the case of Short-Stirrup Equitation and Short-Stirrup Hunter classes, all points will count for Year End Awards even if a full division is not held.
- C. Qualifications: Horses and riders who are current members of NIHJA are eligible for High point Awards in all NIHJA divisions for which they are qualified and in which they choose to compete, provided the applicable nomination forms and fees stated in Section 3 have been turned over to the Association or Points Secretary.
- D. The top eight (8) placed horses/riders in each qualifying division will be presented with an Annual Award including Championship and Reserve Championship. In addition, the horse receiving the most points for the show year, in any given division will receive the annual High Point Award, and another horse with the next highest point total, in any given division will receive the Reserve High Point Award.
- E. Membership forms are available online or from the Association or Points Secretaries and must be provided at all NIHJA shows to interested participants by the Show Management.
- F. Membership forms should be mailed or handed directly to either the Association or Points Secretary. The Show Secretary is permitted to accept Membership forms and fees for the Association and/or Points Secretaries.
- G. A single nomination fee allows a horse to qualify in any NIHJA division if the horse properly meets the division qualifications.
- H. Points Awarded - points will be awarded as follows

First Place	10 points
Second Place	6 points
Third Place	4 points



Fourth Place	2 points
Fifth Place	1 point
Sixth Place	1/2 point
Division Champion	20 additional points
Reserve Champion	12 additional points

**NOTE:** Champion and Reserve Champion points are not awarded for Equitation Divisions with the exception of the Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Equitation Divisions.

## APPENDIX A

### NIHJA Show Standards

1. NIHJA Executive Board is responsible for assigning stewards to each show. It will be show management's responsibility to confirm attendance of a NIHJA certified steward at each show and to have their names posted in the horse show office.
2. The show arena or field must be a minimum of 10,000 square feet indoor and 14,000 square feet outdoors.
3. Fences and cups must be in accordance with USEF rules.
4. There must be a minimum schooling area of 80'x60' and cannot be designated as a spectator area. Schooling fences must consist of at least one vertical and one spread with adequate poles and cups.
5. The time for schooling should be shown on the prize list.
6. There must be adequate parking.
7. There must be a concession stand and should be available throughout the show.
8. The office must be accessible and provide a sufficient number of prize lists, entry forms, and NIHJA nomination forms.
9. The public address system must carry throughout the show grounds, schooling area and stabling facility as well as the show ring.
10. There must be an adequate ring crew available as well as a Paddock Master.
11. Emergency telephone numbers must be posted by the phone.
12. The show must not run longer than 12 hours in any day from the starting time listed on the show bill. For every half-hour over the 12 hours allowed, a \$50.00 fine will be imposed. Also, an additional fine will be incurred if the show is incomplete.
13. NIHJA show grounds must have a minimum of four toilets and must be cleaned each day of the show.
14. Courses should run 60-75 seconds.
15. Courses for the day must be posted by the start of the show (with the exception of the Medals Classes). Courses must be posted in sight of a mounted rider and show the direction of the fences as well as the distances between the fences,
16. The Medal Course must be approved by the stewards before it is posted.
17. Any course requiring a posted order of go, as well as the medal courses, must be posted one hour before the classes commence as noted in USEF rules.
18. The Medal courses must not be posted until schooling is closed.
19. The stalls must be at least 80 square feet.
20. Bathing facilities for horses must be provided.
21. The names of the stewards must be announced at least once each day and must be posted in the horse show office.
22. The Judge's names must be submitted to the Association Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the show date.
23. The Executive Board must approve the judge for the Medals Finals sixty (60) days prior to the show.
24. Prize lists must be sent to all current members not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the show date.
25. All NIHJA shows must have a current USEF and NIHJA rule book present on the premises AT ALL TIMES.
26. Protests must be submitted with judge's cards, exhibitor's list and championship point calculation sheets to the Points Secretary or Association Secretary at the end of each show, if they were submitted during the show.
27. Prize list must specify all charges to be incurred per entry.
28. The board may impose additional fines, as they deem necessary.
29. List of 3 Farriers phone numbers available in the Horse Show office unless you have a Farrier on call.
30. Horse show management must control motorized vehicle for safety.
31. Show Management must provide Emergency Medical Treatment (EMT), EMS or paramedic at their show solely dedicated to the NIHJA Horse Show..
32. It will be Show Management's responsibility to minimize arena delays & conflicts, prioritizing arenas, and accommodating multiple rides to provide for a smooth running horse show.