



## New Jersey Horse Shows Association 2013 Specifications



### NJHSA SANCTIONED DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

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Children's / Adult Amateur Jumper (Current USHJA Zone 2 Spec)

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## High Score Award Rules

The NJHSA Board reserves the right to make final decisions relating to the interpretation of specifications and the adjudication of the High Score Rules and procedures.

### GENERAL RULES

1. Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF rule book will be conducted judged in accordance therewith.
2. Throughout these specifications the definitions of Junior Rider, Adult Amateur and Amateur-Owner will conform to the definitions established by USEF:
  - a. Junior Rider: Has not reached his/her 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current Show Year (USEF GR127)
  - b. Adult Amateur Rider: No longer eligible as a Junior Rider, and is an Amateur according to the USEF definitions. Adult Amateur Riders must hold a valid USEF Amateur Certification (USEF GR1307)
3. The NJHSA High Score Awards "Show Year" is December 1 through November 30, concurrent with the USEF/USHJA year.
4. Riders, horses, and ponies are eligible for High Score Awards ONLY if they are registered with the NJHSA and application fees have been paid. Membership becomes effective upon receipt of a completed application and the appropriate fees by the Membership Secretary. NO POINTS WILL BE ACCRUED FOR RIBBONS WON BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF MEMBERSHIP.
5. In cases of multiple ownership of a horse or pony, ALL owners of record must be NJHSA members or on points will accrue.
6. A transfer of ownership must be filed for a horse or pony that is already recorded with the NJHSA. Points will be awarded to the new owner only from the date the transfer fee and paperwork are received by the NJHSA.
7. Stables, Farms, or Corporations who wish to register their horses and ponies must be registered as members. In addition, an officer of the Stable, Farm, or Corporation must be a Senior Member.

8. For LEASED horses or ponies, the actual owner of the horse or pony must be an NJHSA member for points to accrue. (Exception: leases recorded with USEF per USEF GR1108 - A recorded horse must be shown under a lessee's ownership provided an official lease is registered with the Federation.)

### General Eligibility Rule

In NJHSA classes/divisions where eligibility is determined by "ribbons won," only first place ribbons which meet the following criteria are counted:

- Won at USEF Recognized Shows
- Won in classes with eight or more entries
- Won in equitation over fences classes in which fence heights exceed 2 feet. EXCEPTION: to move from Intermediate to Open equitation status, the rider must win twelve (12) first place ribbons competing over obstacles 3'3" or higher. (This rule affects eligibility in the Children's Hunter divisions.)

### Membership Fees

#### *Annual Membership Fees*

Junior:	\$20
Senior:	\$25
Family: a maximum of five people sharing a common residence, must include at least one but not more than two Senior members	\$40

#### *One-Time Fees*

Life Membership	\$250
Farm/Stable/Corporation Recording	\$20
Horse/Pony Recording	\$10
Horse/Pony Transfer of Ownership	\$5

**Important Notes for Members**

- Members found to have misrepresented themselves (i.e., rider's age, rider's level as maiden/novice/limit, horse/pony size or eligibility, etc.) will forfeit ALL points earned in the division. Thereafter, points will be awarded only in the correct divisions of eligibility.
- If any member is suspended by USEF, NJHSA will suspend their membership during the suspension period imposed by USEF, such that no NJHSA points will be accrued. Points will not be accrued by any horses or ponies owned by suspended members or their farms, stables, or corporations. Any disciplinary action by USEF resulting in revocation and/or redistribution of points will also be observed by the NJHSA.
- Be certain to check horse show prize lists to determine whether NJHSA Points are carried and will be counted. Be certain a prize list is correct and states CURRENT specifications. NJHSA CLASSES AND DIVISIONS MUST BE LISTED CORRECTLY FOR POINTS TO COUNT.
- If a genuine error is made, the NJHSA Executive Board must be notified immediately, and the horse show management and exhibitors must follow the NJHSA Executive Board's decision on sanctioning the division, and any procedure for correction.

**VALIDITY OF POINTS**

The following conditions must be met:

- NJHSA Rules and Specifications must be followed for points to count.
- THREE (3) entries must be awarded ribbons in each class for points to count.
- A minimum of THREE (3) classes constitute a division. All three must run for Championship and Reserve Championship Bonus points to count. In Hunter divisions, the three classes must include an Under Saddle class. Additional classes may be added at the discretion of show management.
- The maximum number of classes which may be offered in a section is four if held on one day, five if held on more than one day, including the Under Saddle. A Classic may not count toward the total number of classes offered to create a division, and will not be awarded NJHSA High Score points. Exception: Mini-Stirrup Equitation.

- A horse/pony MUST show in at least one "over fences" class for the under saddle points to count for that horse/pony. Otherwise, all individual classes earn points.
- If a division is offered, but one or more classes are not completed, points will be awarded in classes which are filled or completed. No Champion or Reserve bonus points will be awarded unless three classes (including an Under Saddle class in Hunter divisions) are filled and completed.
- Splitting of divisions is permitted as long as a minimum of three classes are held for each section.
- A competitor must be awarded points at least three (3) times during the year in any class or division to receive a High Score Award.
- Points from USEF-rated classes/divisions (Children's Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Child / Adult Jumpers, and Gold Medal when run concurrently with USEF or PHA Medal) will not be counted from Unrecognized shows. While Unrecognized (Schooling) shows are free to offer these sections and classes at their shows, NJHSA points will not be accrued from these shows.

**Mid-Year Points Reconciliation**

The NJHSA Board has enacted a Mid-Year Points Reconciliation deadline. The date of this deadline is determined annually by the NJHSA Board, and is typically around June 15 for points accrued December 1 through May 31. After the mid-year deadline, points for the first half of the show year will be locked and cannot be changed.

**NJHSA Point Value System**

Effective 12/1/2012, NJHSA has adopted a two-tiered point system. Points will be awarded based on the following tables:

***Unrecognized (Schooling) Shows***

<b>Ribbon Won</b>	<b>3-8 Entries</b>	<b>9-15 Entries</b>	<b>16-25 Entries</b>	<b>26+ Entries</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	7	14	21	28
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	10	15	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	8	12	16
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	6	9	12
5 <sup>th</sup>	2	4	6	8
6 <sup>th</sup>	1	2	3	4

**USEF Recognized Shows**

Ribbon Won	3-8 Entries	9-15 Entries	16-25 Entries	26+ Entries
1 <sup>st</sup>	14	21	28	35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10	15	20	25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8	12	16	20
4 <sup>th</sup>	6	9	12	15
5 <sup>th</sup>	4	6	8	10
6 <sup>th</sup>	2	3	4	5

**Champion / Reserve Bonus Points**

Championship Bonus Points: 10 points

Reserve Championship Bonus Points: 5 points

Please note that points for Championship and Reserve Championship DO NOT change with the number of entries.

For Jumper Divisions, no Champion or Reserve bonus points are awarded. All points are on a per-class basis only.

**Determining Champion and Reserve Titles**

Show championships and reserve championships will be determined using the following points tables:

**For all Hunter and Pleasure Divisions (USEF GR808.6):**

Ribbon Won	Points Awarded
1 <sup>st</sup>	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	2
5 <sup>th</sup>	1
6 <sup>th</sup>	1/2

Only the top four horses will receive points for ribbons won in the under saddle class. Ties will go to the horse scoring the most points over fences.

**For Equitation Divisions (USEF GR808.4 and GR808.5):**

Ribbon Won	Points Awarded
1 <sup>st</sup>	5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2
4 <sup>th</sup>	1

Any ties will remain tied and receive equal points.



## EQUITATION DIVISIONS

### Mini Stirrup Walk-Trot

This is not a High Score Division. An Achievement Award for this division will be given to every rider who accumulates a total of **400 points**. No year-end Champion or Reserve will be awarded, and no placement awards will be given to riders who do not reach the Achievement Award level. Once reaching a total of 400 points, a rider may continue to show in the Mini Stirrup Division, or may show in another division where eligible without losing his or her Achievement Award for the current year.

Riders are cautioned to be careful when advancing out of the Mini Stirrup division when interest is shown in other High Score Programs or Divisions, or in Finals-type horse shows.

Open to riders 10 years of age or under as of the current show year. Riders not to have shown over fences 2' or higher at a USEF Recognized show. Riders may not cross-enter into any other class or division at the same show where they are required to canter. The division must include at least three of the following classes:

- Walk-Trot Equitation
- Walk-Trot Pleasure
- Walk-Trot Figure Eight
- Cross-Rails - 4 cross-rails under 2'. Management is required to mark the judge's card and course description with the specifications of this class as "cantering is NOT required."

**PLEASE NOTE:** USEF requires that any exhibitor jumping a course is required to be a USEF member, even if the division is W/T only. To retain the USEF W/T membership exemption for Mini Stirrup riders, Show Managers at USEF competitions may wish to substitute ground poles or raised cavaletti, and note it as such in the prize list.

**NOTE:** *Once a rider jumps 2' or higher in any USEF or NJHSA Recognized Show, that rider is no longer eligible for Mini Stirrup, Short Stirrup Equitation or Short Stirrup Hunter.*

### Short Stirrup Equitation

*Perpetual Memorial Trophy donated by Liz McFadden in memory of "Coco-Lossal"*

Open to riders 12 years of age or under as of the current show year. Rider not to have shown over fences 2' or higher at a USEF Recognized show. Riders may not cross-enter into any division except Pleasure and Short Stirrup Hunter. Classes to be offered should include:

- Walk-Trot - To be shown both ways of the ring.
- Walk-Trot-Canter - To be shown both ways of the ring, no more than 10 to canter at one time.
- Over Fences - To be shown over a minimum of 4 fences under 2'. May be crossrails.

**NOTE:** *Once a rider jumps 2' or higher in any USEF or NJHSA Recognized Show, that rider is no longer eligible for Mini Stirrup, Short Stirrup Equitation or Short Stirrup Hunter.*

### Pre-Children's Equitation

*Separate High Score Awards will be given to the highest scoring rider on a horse and the highest scoring rider on a pony.*

Open to junior riders who are still eligible as Limit Equitation riders. Riders may not cross-enter at the same show into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter or any class/division where fences exceed 2'9". If the division is split a rider may show in only one section at that show. Classes must include:

- Flat Class (1) - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. No martingales.
- Over Fences (minimum of 2) - To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences at 2'6" for horses, 2' for ponies.

**Junior Bronze Medal**

A single class open to Junior Riders who have not won 6 first place ribbons (ref: General Eligibility Rule) as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may not have won any equitation class at 3'6" or higher prior to December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over at least 8 fences at 3' with one change of direction, and it is recommended to include at least one combination. Optional Tests 1-7.

**NOTE: Show Management is encouraged to combine the NJHSA Bronze Medal with NJPHA Children's Equitation.**

**Mini Maclay**

A single class open to Junior Riders who have not won a first place in any equitation Medal Class where fences are 3'6" or higher prior to December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over a course of at least 8 fences 3' to 3'3" with or without wings, including a change of direction and at least one combination. A minimum of 12 riders, if available, to show on the flat. Flat phase to count 50%. Judged on hands, seat, guidance and control of the horse. One rider per horse. Mount must stay the same throughout the phases.

**NOTE: May NOT be combined with any other equitation class.**

**NJHSA Gold Medal**

A single class open to Junior Riders. To be shown over a course of at least 8 fences at 3'6", which includes at least one combination, an oxer and two changes of direction. One rider per horse.

**HUNTER DIVISIONS****Short Stirrup Hunter**

Open to horses and ponies ridden by riders eligible for Short Stirrup Equitation (see above). Manners and suitability to count. It is recommended that the classes be held in a ring and must include:

- Under Saddle(1) - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. No more than 10 to canter at one time. No martingales.
- Over Fences (minimum of 2) - A minimum of 4 fences under 2'. Fences may be crossrails.

**NOTE: Once a rider jumps 2' or higher in any USEF or NJHSA Recognized Show, that rider is no longer eligible for Mini Stirrup, Short Stirrup Equitation or Short Stirrup Hunter.**

**Pre-Children's Hunter**

*Separate High Score Awards will be given to the highest scoring horse and the highest scoring pony.*

Open to horses and ponies ridden by junior riders who are still eligible as Limit Equitation riders. Riders may not cross-enter at the same show into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter or any class/division where fences exceed 2'9". Classes must include:

- Under Saddle (1) - To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. No martingales.
- Over Fences (minimum of 2) - A hunter course of at least 8 fences. Ponies to jump 2', horses to jump 2'6"

**NOTE: Pre-Children's Hunter may be combined with Low Adult Hunter if there are fewer than 3 entrants in either section.**

**Children's Hunter**

*Perpetual Memorial Trophy in memory of Lori Adamkiewicz, donated by the McDevitt Family. Awarded to the overall High Score Children's Hunter.*

*Separate High Score Awards will be given to the highest scoring Large Pony, Small/Medium Pony, Horse w/ rider age 14 and under, and Horse w/ rider age 15-17.*

To be run according to current USHJA Zone 2 Specifications. To be shown by junior exhibitors. Fence heights to be:

- 2' for small and medium ponies
- 2'6" for large ponies
- 3' for horses

Spreads not to exceed fence heights. Please refer to current USJHA Zone 2 Specifications for cross-entry restrictions..

**NOTE:** *Children's Hunter Horse section may be combined with Adult Amateur Hunters if there are fewer than 3 entrants in either section, in accordance with USHJA Zone 2 specifications.*

**Low Adult Hunter**

*Memorial Challenge Trophy in memory of Marilyn Haggerty Blohm. To be awarded to the Champion of the Low Adult Hunter Division at the NJHSA Annual Horse show.*

Open to horses and ponies ridden by adult riders who are considered amateurs according to USEF rules. Rider may not cross enter into any class or division at the same show where the fences are 3' or higher. Fences 2'6". Classes must include:

- Under Saddle (1) - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. No martingales.
- Over Fences (minimum of 2) - To be shown over a hunter course of at least 8 fences at 2'6".

**NOTE:** *Low Adult Hunter may be combined with Pre-Children's Hunter if there are fewer than 3 entrants in either section.*

**Adult Amateur Hunter**

*Perpetual Memorial Trophy donated by James Jones Lemmermann in memory of Grace Pratt Jones*

To be run in accordance with current USHJA Zone 2 Specifications. To be shown by riders who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors, in possession of current USEF Amateur Certification. Ponies may be shown by Adults, suitability to count. Fences not to exceed 3'; spreads not to exceed fence height. Please refer to current USHJA Zone 2 Specifications for cross-entry restrictions.

Division may be split according to age groups, 18-35 and Over 35, if entries warrant.

**NOTE:** *If there is only one section of Adult Amateurs it may be combined with Children's Hunter Horse section.*

**Schooling Hunter**

Open to all. To be judged on performance and soundness with an emphasis on manners. Classes must include:

- Under Saddle (1) - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways othe ring. No martingales.
- Over Fences (minimum of 2) - To be shown over a hunter course of at least 8 fences at 2'6" to 2'9".

**Suitable Hunter**

Open to all. To be judged on performance and soundness with emphasis on manners and suitability. Classes must include:

- Under Saddle (1) - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. No martingales.
- Over Fences (minimum of 2) - To be shown over a hunter course of at least 8 fences at about 3'.

**Pleasure Horse or Pony**

*Perpetual Memorial Trophy in memory of James Jones Lemmermann, donated by his friends*

*Memorial Challenge Trophy donated by Lisa Mende Senus in memory of "Goodbye Hollywood", presented to the Pleasure Division Champion at the NJHSA Annual Horse Show*

Open to all horses and ponies. To be shown in English tack at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged with emphasis on manners and suitability as well as soundness and performance. Must back readily and stand quietly. No more than 8 to hand gallop at the same time. No martingales.

A minimum of three classes to be offered. Division may include Cross Country Pleasure that is to include at least one of the following tests:

- trot or canter over cavaletti
- trot or lead over small jumps
- back between two ground rails

The Pleasure Division may be split into horses and ponies as two separate sections if entries warrant.

**JUMPER DIVISIONS****General Rules:**

- All jumper classes meeting the specifications below (except Classics) will receive NJHSA Points regardless of the number of classes offered at the show.
- No NJHSA Champion or Reserve Champion Bonus points will be awarded in any Jumper Division.
- A Jumper Class need not be named exactly for points to count towards its respective High Score Award, as long as said class meets the height and spread requirements of the section (exception: Child/Adult Jumpers.)

- Please note that once a pony has been shown in Pony Jumpers, it becomes ineligible to be shown by an adult in any section at the same competition (USEF Rule JP119.4(a))

**Pre-Preliminary Jumper (Level 0, 0.85m, 2'9")**

Open to all horses and ponies. All classes to be run concurrent with USEF Tables. Fences set according to USEF Level Zero at 2'9" (0.85m).

**Schooling Jumper (Level 1-2, 0.95-1.0m, 3'-3'3")**

A single High Score Award will be awarded to the horse or pony scoring the highest number of points in Level 1 and Level 2 Jumper classes throughout the show year. Open to all horses and ponies. All classes to be conducted under USEF Tables. Fences set according to USEF Levels:

- Level 1 (0.95m) - 3'0" in height, 3' to 3'6" in spread
- Level 2 (1.0m) - 3'3" in height, spreads 3'3" to 3'9" in spread

**Children's / Adult Amateur Jumper**

*Perpetual Memorial Trophy presented by E. J. Geiger in memory of "Clever Decision"*

To be run in accordance with USHJA Zone 2 Specifications which are available at the show office or online at USHJA.org.

To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year, or by Amateurs in accordance with GR 1306 and must show USEF Amateur Certification. Riders may not compete in any other class at the same competition where fences exceed 1.15m (3'9") except the USEF Talent Search Class. Horses may show at 1.40m (4'7") or below with another rider.

Fence heights to be set between 1.0m (3'3") to 1.15m (3'9").





## Guidance for Show Management

**Effective December 1, 2012**, the following rules must be followed for your show to carry NJHSA points, and for those points to be counted:

- **The fee for carrying NJHSA points is \$100 per show.** Shows running over multiple days need only pay a single \$100 fee. No credit will be given for classes cancelled or not filled. If an entire show is cancelled, Management may apply to the NJHSA for credit toward a future show.
- **The payment of fees and receipt of an application at least 14 days in advance of the show will be strictly enforced.** If you run a series, you may submit a single application for the entire series. While we encourage you to pay in advance for the entire series, you may pay for your shows individually as long as payment is received 14 days in advance of the show date.
- **In no case will points be entered into NJHSA's database until show fees are received.**
- **All points must be submitted via e-mail in either USEF format or as an export from ShowPro software.** A USEF-compliant Excel template is available from the Point Secretary and as a download from the NJHSA website. Points shall be submitted to [points@njhsa.org](mailto:points@njhsa.org).
- The NJHSA Point Secretary should be included on the mailing list (electronic or hard copy) for your shows.
- **Points submitted in any format requiring manual input by the Point Secretary will result in a \$50 fee being assessed to the show.** This fee must be paid before points will be entered.
- Results from the Show Secretary must be sent to the NJHSA Point Secretary within TEN (10) days of the date of the show.
- **Please note that all NJHSA classes and divisions must meet minimum specifications or the points will not be counted.** Please be sure that your prize list publishes the correct specifications. **Points from non-conforming classes or divisions will not be counted regardless of the name of the class or division.** This includes combinations of divisions that are not specifically permitted under NJHSA rules.
- Splitting classes or divisions is permitted as long as a minimum of three classes are held for each section.

- NJHSA Classes/Divisions should be identified as such in the body of the prize list. If any classes or divisions are marked in the prize list as recognized by the NJHSA the show will be expected to pay for such recognition.
- A copy of the NJHSA High Score Specifications should be made available to the exhibitors of the show on the day of the show.
- Any violation of the NJHSA High Score Awards Rules and Specifications will be considered the fault of the show management and NOT the NJHSA.

THE NJHSA BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DECISIONS RELATING TO THE INTERPRETATION AND ADJUDICATION OF THE HIGH SCORE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the NJHSA Point Secretary at [points@njhsa.org](mailto:points@njhsa.org).

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