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## RULE BOOK



COMBINED EASTERN SHORE HORSE SHOWS

# CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND RULES OF THE COMBINED EASTERN SHORE HORSE SHOWS

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## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the organization is:  
COMBINED EASTERN SHORE HORSE SHOWS.

## **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage the member shows to improve their shows for both the exhibitor and the spectator, to have diversified horse shows, to serve and promote the best interests of the member shows and of the exhibitors who participate in them, to take any action which may be considered appropriate to accomplish the foregoing purpose, provided that no part of the receipts of this organization shall inure to the benefit of any member of this organization.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any horse show organization located on the Delmarva Peninsula, including the entire State of Delaware, which is interested in the objects of this organization shall be eligible.
2. Applications for membership must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
3. Any member show may resign from the organization by presenting their resignation to the Secretary in writing. Upon making such resignation, all of their interests in the property and the moneys of the organization shall cease.
4. By a majority vote of the Board of Directors, any member show may, and shall, be discharged or expelled from the organization for neglect of duties or obligations as now and as may hereafter be prescribed by the By-Laws, and also for non-payment of fees and assessments levied or made, pursuant to such By-Laws and within the time prescribed for such payment.
5. A member can be expelled from this organization only after a member in good standing presents charges in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary shall call a meeting of the Elected Board of Directors, which will sit as a Trial Board. In all cases, the Trial Board's decision shall be final.

## **ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. This organization shall be managed by an Elected Board of fifteen Directors, who are elected for terms of two years; five Junior Board of Directors (must be at least 12 years of age), who will have one-half vote each and whose terms are for one year, five Directors-At-Large elected at the Annual Open Meeting for terms of one year; two Junior Directors-At-Large elected at the Annual Open Meeting who will have one-half vote each and whose terms are for one year; and Lifetime Honorary Directors to vote if present. One representative from each member show shall serve on the Board.

Nominations for Elected Board Members may be made in writing to the Secretary prior to October 1.

2. Officers, consisting of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected from among the fifteen member Elected Board of Directors, for a term of one year. The President may not serve more than two years consecutively. The President is to vote only in case of a tie.
3. All officers of this organization shall be elected at the last Annual Board meeting, not later than November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, to take office following the Annual Awards Banquet.
4. One representative from each member show shall be certified to the Secretary of the organization. In case of an absence, a member show may appoint an alternate so each show will have an equal vote.
5. The Board of Directors shall elect all persons or delegates or delegations, which are necessary to represent the interests of this organization in any other organization, from time to time.
6. Any elective office that shall be vacated during the time between annual meetings shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting.
7. The President shall appoint a replacement to complete the term of any Board Member who does not attend any Board meetings during the first year of the term.
8. The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct the business of the organization during the intervals between membership meetings. The Elected Board of Directors shall act as a Trial Board in the matter of any disciplinary action with the organization against any member.

## **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

1. A Quorum must exist to vote on a Rule A Quorum will be described as a simple majority from the elected Board of Directors (15), the Junior board (5), Directors at large (5), Junior Directors at Large (2). Not to include the designated show representatives.. The President is counted towards the Quorum, but only votes in case of a tie. A Juniors vote will count ½.
2. Meetings of this organization may be held at the written request to the Secretary of the members or at the discretion of the President at a time and place also at the discretion of the President.
3. The Annual Open Meeting of the organization shall be held each year During the month of January at a time and place to be arranged by the Board of Directors. It will be the first meeting of the calendar year.
4. Notice of the meetings will be sent to each Board member at least five days before the meeting. An emergency meeting may be called upon twenty-four hours notice OR a telephone/email/text vote may be held, each person to be notified and the vote recorded. Email/text may be used for communication with the Board.
5. A representative of a member show may attend meetings, but not vote.

6. Meetings of the organization shall be conducted according to Roberts "Rules Of Order" and the suggested order of business shall be as follows: Call to Order, Reading of the Minutes, Secretary's Report. Treasurer's Report, Old and/or Unfinished Business, Election of Officers, New Business, Adjournment.

## **ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the organization and its Board of Directors and to enforce the observance of all parts of the Constitution and By-Laws. Furthermore, at the first meeting after election, the President shall appoint any necessary committee chairman. Each chairman shall appoint additional members to the committee, of not more than five including the Chair.

## **ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President.

## **ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

These offices may be held by the same person or by two different people. The principal duties of the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be to keep accurate and detailed minutes of the meetings of the organization and its Board of Directors and to safely and systematically keep all books, records, papers, documents. And correspondence belonging to the organization or in any way pertaining to the business thereof. These officers shall also deposit the funds of the organization in some bank, pay all bills approved by the Board by check, give a complete report on the financial condition of the organization to the membership at each regular meeting, maintain a complete a complete roster of members, and collect all dues.

## **ARTICLE IX DUTIES OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

The duties of the various committees shall be such as from time to time are prescribed by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE X DUES**

The annual dues of the organization shall be fixed by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution and the By-Laws may be amended or altered by a simple majority vote of the members present.

### **CESHS RULES**

#### **RULE I DEFINITIONS**

The Combined Eastern Shore Horse Shows herewith presents its Rule Book as it has been adopted. These Rules apply to all member shows, exhibitors, riders, drivers, trainers, agents, grooms, handlers, spectators, and others in attendance at a recognized show. These Rules are to be used in conjunction with MHSA Rules whenever applicable. For any rule not specified herein, reference shall be made to the current rules of the United States Equestrian Federation, which shall be controlling. In the Western classes, any rule not specified herein will be referred to the USEF Rulebook (Chapter WS); in questionable cases, please refer to the AQHA Rulebook.

1. The CESHS competition year begins on December 1 and extends through November 30.
2. The age of an individual as of December 1<sup>st</sup> will be maintained throughout the competition year.
3. Animals over 14.2 hands are horses.
4. All entries in classes restricted to animals of a particular breed must have available the original registration papers issued by a recognized national or international registry.

#### **RULE II MEMBERSHIPS**

1. CESHS limits the number of shows per year to twenty.
2. Outstanding dues from shows not held, and any penalties assessed, must be paid before a show may be reinstated.
3. No individual membership is required in the CESHS to be eligible for High Score Awards.
4. Each horse or pony exhibited in a performance or confirmation class must be registered with CESHS for points to count toward our Annual High Score Awards. The registration fee is \$25.00 per animal. Those registering ponies must present measurement cards at the time of registration. Animals used only for equitation do not need to be registered. Points will accumulate beginning on the date of registration. Registration may be made at member shows.
5. Each Equitation rider (including Horsemanship and Medal) must be registered with the CESHS for points to count toward our Annual High Score Awards or to qualify for the Medal Finals. The registration fee is \$25.00 per rider. Points will accumulate beginning on the date of registration. Registration may be made at member shows.

### **RULE III            CONDUCT OF RECOGNIZED SHOWS**

Each member show:

1. Shall be located on the Delmarva Peninsula, including the entire state of Delaware.
2. Shall accept the proposed List of Classes as set up by the CESHS.
3. Shall pay \$75.00 dues per year, to be paid prior to the printing of the annual show schedule.
4. Shall receive a set of mailing tapes each year from the Secretary.
5. Shall publish a Prize List and submit it for approval in accordance with Rule XI. (either by mail or on line, but it must be on the CESHS web site.)
6. Shall have adequate show rings for the competition. The recommended size is 125' x 250' minimum, and 150' x 300' for classes over fences.
7. Shall have proper jumps in all divisions.
8. Shall set fences at the correct height or classes will not count.
9. Shall, in all hunter and Delmarva classes over fences, include at least two oxers in the course.
10. Shall have at least three schooling fences. When possible, the schooling area is to be away from the Pleasure ring.
11. Shall award ribbons as specified in the Prize List. A choice of cash and/or trophy may be awarded in all divisions except equitation, in which cash may not be awarded.
12. Shall limit controlled schooling to not more than six animals in the ring at a time.
13. Shall pay CESHS a fee of \$5.00 for each horse or pony showing that day. The money to be dedicated to the year- end awards of the CESHS.

### **RULE IV            MEASUREMENT OF ENTRIES**

1. Each member show shall be responsible for measuring animals when required.
2. Before an entry is measured, it must be jogged for soundness and show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame, the entry cannot compete at that competition and no measurement will be made.
3. Current USEF, VHSA, MHSA, and CESHS cards will be accepted.
4. Members of the CESHS Measurement Committee are:  
Rand Thaw, Gayle Dunkleman, and Myra Spencer.
5. A Steward and one member of this Committee are authorized to measure.
6. In the case of a protest, a Judge, one of the Stewards, and a member of this Committee shall act as a Protest Committee. Protest fees shall go to the CESHS.

## **RULE V                    PROTESTS, CHARGES, AND HEARINGS**

An exhibitor may make a protest in writing concerning an alleged specific violation of a rule or a condition of a class. The Board, upon receipt of the protest and a \$50.00 protest fee, will consider the protest. If the Board finds in favor of the complaint, the protest fee will be refunded; if not, the fee is retained by the CESHs. The Protest should proceed under the following rules:

1. When personally delivered a protest must be presented to a member of the show committee, the show management, or the show secretary of the show in which the alleged violation occurred at a time no later than 72 hours after the last class of the horse show is completed.
2. When mailed, a protest must be presented to a member of the show committee, the show management, or the show secretary of the show at which the alleged violation occurred and postmarked no later than 72 hours after the last class of the horse show is completed.
3. A protest which does not conform to the requirements of this section shall be ineffective. A deposit with a protest shall be refunded upon the finding that the protest does not conform to the requirements of this section.
4. The Elected Board of Directors will vote on the protest. The Elected Board consists of 15 Adults, 5 Adults elected at large, 5 Juniors, 2 Juniors elected at large. Each Junior vote to count ½.
5. The President will not vote, except in the case of a tie.
6. A written ballot will be used when voting.
7. The tabulation will be decided by a simple majority. Abstentions will count as a nonvote (neither for nor against) and they will be set aside, and a new simple majority number will be assumed (omitting abstentions).
8. The result of the tabulation will remain secret, the result will be read as a yeay or a nay.
9. Any rule not covered within will be referred to MHSA .

## **RULE VI.                    VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

1. A member show that violates any rule shall be penalized \$50.00 for each infraction upon simple majority vote of the Elected Board of Directors at a hearing by the Board upon the merits of the case.
2. The CESHs may file a charge, upon written notification by either of the stewards assigned to the show, of the violation(s).
3. A charge may be filed by an exhibitor affected by the violation by written notice to the CESHs within 30 days of the conclusion of the show. A \$50.00 fee must accompany the notice. If the Board finds in favor of the complaint, the protest fee will be refunded; if not, the fee is retained by the CESHs.
4. The charge must be specific as to the violation alleged.
5. The show manager designated by the show as a representative to the Board shall be given written notice of the hearing not less than 15 days before the

hearing and shall have the right to attend the hearing and answer or refute the charge.

6. Penalties shall be due and payable by the member show upon notification. All penalties shall be in addition to the dues.

## **RULE VII      CESHs ANNUAL AWARDS**

1. The CESHs offers Annual High Score Awards in the following classes and divisions under the regulations of these Rules.

Short Stirrup	Long Stirrup
Mini Stirrup Equitation	Short Stirrup Hunter
Hunter Seat Equitation – under 14	Horsemanship Equitation
Hunter Seat Equitation – 14 thru 17	4-H
Hunter Seat Equitation – Adult	Delmarva– under 14
Bill and Olive Schell Equitation	Delmarva 14 thru 17
Low Pony Hunter	Delmarva Adult
Small Working Pony Hunter	English Pleasure Horse
Medium Working Pony Hunter	English Pleasure Pony
Large Working Pony Hunter	Limited Adult
Small/Med Pony Hunter	Baby Green Horse and Pony
Large Pony Hunter	Western Pleasure – Junior
Green Hunter	Western Pleasure – Adult
Low Hunter	Paint Horse
Low Adult Am. Hunter Horse	Quarter Horse
Low Children’s Hunter Horse	Appaloosa
Junior Hunter	Purebred Arabian
Children’s Hunter	Half-Arabian
Working Hunter 3’	Pleasure Driving
Working Hunter 3’6”	Open Division
Performance Horse and Pony	High Point Hunter Derby Horse
Jumper	CESHs Hunter Derby Pony
CESHs Hunter Derby Horse	High Point Hunter Derby Pony
Crossrail Hunter Derby	High Point Crossrail Hunter Derby
CESHs All Around Challenge	Thoroughbred Hunter
Lead Line Merit	Cross Rail Hunter
Casual Hunter	Beginner Equitation
Mini Horse	Very Small Equine VSE
Pre Children’s/Pre Adult Hunter	

2. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the owner of the horses or ponies, or to the riders in equitation classes, compiling the highest number of points in their class or division at member shows throughout the year. Ribbons will be awarded for second through sixth places for the class or division.

3. No credit will be given for classes in which the specifications are not in accordance with the CESHS rules.
4. For points in any class to count toward High Score Awards, at least three entries must compete, (exception Lead Line Merit class may have two).
  - (a) If a show has a class with less than three entries, it must be announced that the class is not filled. Exhibitors have the option to compete and receive no points or to withdraw from the class and have the entry fee refunded.
  - (b) The show retains the option to cancel classes with less than three entries, in which case the entry fee will be refunded.
  - (c) In Breed classes only (Quarter Horse, Paint, Arabian, Appaloosa, Mini Horse), if there are less than three entries, the exhibitors may compete and points will count for yearend awards. When there are less than three entries, points will be awarded under a special exemption:
    - 1 entry: 1 point
    - 2 entries: 1<sup>st</sup> place – 2 points , 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 1 point
    - Halter to be awarded ½ of above
 To be eligible a year end High Score Award, an exhibitor is required to show a minimum of three shows if using *only* the special exemption .
5. A limit of five designated classes per division will count for High Score Awards unless otherwise designated in the division rules.
6. Credit will be given for the first eight places only, regardless of the number of ribbons offered by the show. Points in all classes will count 10,6,4,3,2, 1.5,1, and 1/2 except halter classes, which will count 5,3,2,1, ½ and ¼ ..
 

**( English Pleasure Horse and Pony 10-6-4-2-1-.5. Champion 10 points and Reserve Champion 6 points.**

**In the event of a tie go to Pleasure Horse rule in this rule book.)**
7. Championships and Reserve Championships for all Hunter divisions shall be awarded to two of the four horses or ponies which have accumulated the most points over fences. In addition, only these horses or ponies will receive full points for Under Saddle classes. In all other divisions, classes count equally, except halter classes, which count half points in specified divisions. Only the first eight ribbons count toward Championships regardless of the number offered.
  - (a) In the case of a tie score for all Hunter divisions, the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the horse that accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the will be decided as in part (b).
  - (b) In the case of a tie in all other divisions, horses must be shown at a walk, trot/jog and canter/lope. Competitors may be asked to hand gallop at the discretion of the judge. This competition is judged as an independent under saddle class with soundness, and performance to count as prescribed throughout the section. If all tied horses are

declared unsound, selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges. If one or more tied competitors have left the show grounds or do not want to hack, the remaining competitor will receive the award by forfeit. If no tied competitors want to hack, the tie may be decided by a coin toss. If the tie is not resolved before the end of the show, no points will be awarded to the tied competitors.

8. Show Championships will count ten points. Reserve Championships will count six points. For champion and reserve points to count toward High Score Awards, there must be at least three classes offered and at least two must fill and run.
9. The Secretary will keep the points and the member show has a responsibility to send records to the Secretary.
10. In the event of a tie the High Score Award will be awarded to each winner.
11. Special trophy awards will be presented as listed in these Rules.
12. Hall Of Fame Award: Honorees are to be selected by the Hall of Fame committee. Those being inducted will be kept secret until the year end banquet.
  - A. The Hall of Fame committee will consist of active members previously nominated to the Hall of Fame. The committee is charged with recognition for those individuals who have been outstanding in their contributions to the CESHs or the sport.
  - B. Guidelines for the Hall of Fame:
    1. The committee shall consist of a minimum of three but not more Than five, active and interested CESHs Hall of Fame individual Members who are in good standing with the CESHs. The chairman will be chosen by majority vote of the active Hall of Fame membership.
    2. In the event of a lack of active Hall of Fame members, the President may appoint committee members chosen from the Board of Directors.
    3. Each year the Secretary will canvass the eligible members of the committee as defined by 1 and 2 above prior to the first meeting following the annual awards banquet and announce the committee members at the first meeting.
    4. In the event of lack of the minimum three active Hall of Fame members, the outgoing President may appoint committee members chosen from the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the awards banquet.
    5. The Committee will exercise extreme care in the selection of individual and shall not feel that it is necessary to induct new members yearly.
    6. The Purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor persons while they are living; therefore, the Committee will find a balance in its inductees.
    7. Each year, the Committee will select not more than two (2) individuals to be considered for the Hall of Fame.
    8. The Hall of Fame Committee must be unanimous in its support of the candidates.
  - C. Suggested Guidelines for inductees into the Hall of Fame:
    1. An individual who is or has been a member of the CESHs for at

least 10 years, shown distinguished and outstanding service during that time.

2. An individual born on the “Delmarva peninsula” (DE., Eastern Shore of Maryland, or the VA. Peninsula) or has been a legal resident for at least 10 years.
3. An individual who has made major contributions to the sport of showing horses/ponies, influencing the lives of others in the horse field and/or in the guidance of the policies and dedicated service to the CESHs.

#### **RULE VIII. LICENSED JUDGES**

1. Each member show shall have an approved Judge who is at least an “r” in some association. An exception may be made, however, for a judge officiating in a ring in which only Western, breed, 4-H, Limited adult, Open, and unrecognized classes are held. In that situation, a committee of board members may consider approval of a substitute judge upon request.
2. No Judge may officiate more than two times in the same year.

#### **RULE IX. STEWARDS**

1. Each member show shall have an approved Show Steward or a Steward and a back up Steward appointed by the President.
2. The back up Steward can officiate if the Steward has to leave before the show is finished or if there is a question concerning a division in which the Steward is an exhibitor or has a student or a horse.
3. Stewards are required to fill out the evaluation sheet to be given to the Secretary.
4. The names are to be on the Prize List and/or be announced throughout the show.
5. Stewards are to act in accordance with instructions this Rule Book and in this Rule Book and in the USEF Rule Book.

#### **RULE X COMPETITION OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

1. Show management shall be responsible for sending all Judge’s cards or copies (used or not) and a complete list of exhibitors and the show numbers to the Secretary of the CESHs within two weeks after the show. A member show that has Pony Hunters must designate the proper division for each pony exhibited.
2. Each show shall file with the Secretary of the CESHs the name of the person to represent the show during the year. In the event any representative is changed, the name of the new representative shall be filed as soon as the change is made.
3. Each member show must have an ambulance, a doctor, or a registered nurse, or a proper substitution, on the grounds at all times. This includes schooling sessions before or during the show, on the date of the show.
4. Each member show should have a farrier and a veterinarian on call.

## **RULE XI            PRIZE LISTS**

1. Shall submit a copy of the proposed prize list to the Secretary or the President for the CESHS approval. Such list is to be submitted at least **thirty (30) days prior to the date of the show**. Such list to contain ALL that is to be printed. No changes to the class offerings or the officials may be made after the review by the CESHS unless an additional review is made at least (30) days prior to the date of the show. A penalty shall be assessed at the rate of \$10.00 for each day that the list is submitted beyond the thirty-day requirement.
2. A complete Prize List, including Judge's names, shall be made available to the exhibitors, either by mail or on the internet, including the CESHS web site. If a mailed copy is requested, by an exhibitor, the request must be granted. It is recommended that the Prize List be published and available at least three weeks before the competition date.
3. No recognized classes may be added after the prize list has been mailed.
4. If classes are offered which will not count toward the CESHS High Score Awards, those classes must be clearly designated in the Prize List.
5. The order of classes may not be changed after the Prize List has been accepted except in the case of an emergency. The exhibitors in the class must agree to any change.

## **RULE XII.        ENTRIES**

1. Each member show shall use an entry blank containing the correct wording according to the current USEF or MHSA Rule Book.
2. Exhibitors are required to pay a fee of \$5.00 per animal, per show, for CESHS Trophy Fee. The fee is to be collected by the member show and remitted to the CESHS.
3. Post entries are accepted up to the beginning of the class. Entries are not accepted after the first horse enters the ring.

## **RULE XIII.      GENERAL RULES**

1. Protective headgear is required in all classes over fences and in the schooling area.
2. USEF approved PVC poles are permitted but must be properly weighted to prevent dislodging more easily than wood poles.
3. Martingales are prohibited in any under saddle class, equitation or performance, except CESHS Medal classes.
4. Before a new division will be recognized for High Score Awards, it must be shown that ten exhibitors have participated throughout the year. The division will then be considered for High Score Awards the following year.
5. No owner, trainer, rider, or official may participate in any CESHS show unless that person is in good standing with the Association. Upon presentation of proper documentation, the Association may consider penalization by another Horse Association, Humane Society, or Court

of Law for violation of Association Rules to be evidence of conduct to remove the individuals in good standing status.

6. Anyone having outstanding indebtedness to the Association or any Member Show shall not be in good standing until the indebtedness is satisfied. High Score Award points will not accumulate while the owner or the exhibitor of a horse or pony is not in good standing. There will be a \$50.00 fee for returned checks.
7. No one may participate Hors de Concours (without being judged) in a judged class.
8. **Cross entering of horses or ponies between Pleasure and Hunter classes at the same show is permitted.**
9. Juniors may not exhibit stallions in any class, nor handle stallions in the rings or in the schooling areas during the course of the show.
10. All horses and ponies must be serviceably sound. All horses must trot the first portion of the opening circle in each class over fences, and will be judged for soundness at that time.

#### RULE XIV. CLASS DESCRIPTIONS and REQUIREMENTS

### HUNTER AND JUMPERS

#### A. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER

1. Open to ponies ridden by junior exhibitors who have not reached their 11th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year. **Riders may not cross-enter into any other MHSA Regional hunter, pleasure, or equitation division or class, except for Short Stirrup Equitation. In addition, riders may not compete in any classes that are over 2' in height at the same show.**
3. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands. Stallions shall be barred from all classes
4. Minimum of three (3) entries required for High Score Points.
5. *Class Specifications.*  
A division must have a minimum of three classes and a maximum of four classes, one of which must be Under Saddle.
  - a. **Short Stirrup Under Saddle:** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance, soundness and suitability to count.
  - b. **Short Stirrup Over Fences:** To be shown over a course of no less than six and not more than eight fences in the ring. Fences shall be 18". Spreads not to exceed height of fence. No oxers may be used. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability.
6. Splitting Division. Classes may not be split unless there are at least twelve (12) in the first class for this division. When the division is split the show manager and the show steward shall conduct the split prior to the start of the first class. Entries shall be divided by random selection of numbers, i.e. placing them in hat.

## **B. SMALL/MEDIUM PONY HUNTER**

1. Open to ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current competition year.
2. Fence height shall be 2'; spreads not to exceed fence height.
3. The small/medium Pony Hunter division may be combined with the Large Pony Hunter division if there are fewer than four entries in either section.
4. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Small/Medium Pony Hunter Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the pony's mouth is required. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability to count.
  - b. **Small/Medium Hunter Pony Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, and suitability. Fence heights shall be 2'

## **C. LARGE PONY HUNTER**

1. Open to ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current competition year.
2. Fence height shall be 2'6"; spreads not to exceed fence height.
3. The Small/Medium Pony Hunter Division may be combined if there are less than four entries in either section.
4. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Large Pony Hunter Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the pony's mouth is required. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability to count.
  - b. **Large Pony Hunter Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability. Fence heights shall be 2'6"

## **D. WORKING PONY HUNTER**

1. Ponies must present a current measurement card or a valid measurement form issued by USEF or an Affiliated Association.
2. Member shows may have divisions as follows:
  - a. Small ponies: not exceeding 12.2 hands, fences 2'3".
  - b. Medium ponies: exceeding 12.2 hands but not exceeding 13.2 hands, fences 2'6".
  - c. Large ponies: exceeding 13.2 hands but not exceeding 14.2 hands, fences 3'.
  - d. Small/Medium ponies combined – each to jump their respective height. Large ponies – to jump 3'.
  - e. Sm/ Med/Lg ponies combined – each to jump their respective height.

3. A division must have a minimum of three classes, one of which must be under saddle.
4. Courses must contain at least two oxers.
5. Ponies must complete a course over fences to maintain Under Saddle ribbons.
6. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Working Pony Hunter Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Ponies may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring, at the judge's discretion, but never more than eight at a time. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, and suitability.
  - b. **Working Pony Hunter Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, and suitability.

#### **E. CHILDREN'S HUNTER**

1. Open to horses ridden by a junior exhibitor who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current competition year.
3. Neither the horse or the rider may compete in any class at the same show in which fences exceed 3'3", except Equitation and Medal Classes with the same horse/rider combination.
4. A division must have a minimum of three classes, one of which must be Under Saddle.
5. Courses must contain at least two oxers.
6. Fence height shall be 3', spreads not to exceed fence height.
7. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Children's Hunter Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Horses may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring, at the judge's discretion, but never more than eight at one time. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability as a child's hunter.
  - b. **Children's Hunter Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. To be judged on manners, performance, suitability as a child's hunter.

#### **F. LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE**

1. Classes are restricted to Horses exceeding 14.2 hands.
2. Open to horses ridden by a junior exhibitor who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current competition year.
3. A rider in the Low Children's division is not eligible to cross enter in any Other divisions where the fences exceed 2'6 at the same show except age group equitation or medal classes.

4. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence height shall be 2'6"; spreads not to exceed the height of the fence.
5. ***The Low Children's Hunter Horse division and Low adult division may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in either section.***
6. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Low Children's Hunter Horse Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability to mount.
  - b. **Low Children's Hunter Horse Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. Not to exceed 2'6". To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability to mount.

## **G. LOW PONY HUNTER**

1. To be shown by a Junior rider.
2. A rider in the Low Pony Hunter Division is not eligible to cross enter in any other division where the fences exceed 2' at the same show except Age group equitation or medal classes not to exceed 2'6".
3. Riders may not cross-enter into Small/Medium Pony Hunter, Large Pony Hunter or Green Pony at the same show.
4. Ponies must compete in a course over fences to maintain Under Saddle ribbons.
5. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Low Pony Hunter under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the ponies mouth is required. To be judged on performance, soundness and suitability as a children's hunter.
  - b. **Low Pony Hunter Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight (8) fences. Fence height shall be 2'. Spreads not to exceed the height of fence. No oxers may be used.

## **H. LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER HORSE**

1. Open to horses and to be shown by an **Adult Amateur. Members competing in classes restricted to Amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR 1306. Your signature, as a rider, on the entry blank will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule.**
2. A rider in the Low Adult is not eligible to cross enter in any other divisions where the fences exceed 2'6" at the same show except age group equitation or medal classes.
3. The Low Children's division and Low Adult division may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in either section.
4. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judges on

performance, soundness, and suitability to mount.

- b. **Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. Not to exceed 2'6", spreads not to exceed fence height. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability to mount.

## **I. PRE CHILDREN'S/ PRE ADULT HUNTER**

Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by Juniors and Adult Amateurs only. Amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR 1306.

1. Adults may ride ponies. If an adult rides a pony in this division, said pony may not enter any MHS A pony division.
2. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability of mount. Fence height shall be 2'. No oxers shall be used.
3. **Rider** may not cross enter into any hunter division with fences higher than 2'3". If a **rider** in PreChildren's/ Pre Adult Hunter cross enters into another division where multiple heights are offered, the rider may not jump higher than 2'3".
4. **Riders are ineligible for this division if they have shown 3' or higher in any show, on any horse, during the current show season.**

## **J. LOW HUNTER**

1. Open to horses.
2. A division must have a minimum of three classes, one of which must be Under Saddle.
3. Courses must contain at least two oxers.
4. Fences 2'6" and 2'9".
5. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Low Hunter Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. To be judged on performance and soundness.
  - b. **Low Hunter Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. To be judged on performance and soundness.

## **K. JUNIOR HUNTER**

1. Open to horses.
2. Horses must be ridden by a junior.
3. A division must have a minimum of three classes, one of which must be Under Saddle.
4. If there are less than three entries, the division will be combined with Working Hunter. Junior riders will receive points for both Junior Hunter and Working Hunter.
5. Courses must contain at least two oxers.
6. Horses must complete a course over fences to maintain their Under Saddle

Ribbons.

7. If Junior Hunter is combined with Working Hunter (due to low entries), the points won by the Junior will go towards the Working Hunter division only. For Juniors to receive points in both divisions the entries must be declared, with the office, prior to the start of the class.
8. Fences 3'6"
9. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Junior Hunter Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Horses may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring, at the judge's discretion, but never more than eight at a time. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. To be judged on performance and soundness, with emphasis on manners. Extreme speed shall be penalized.
  - b. **Junior Hunter Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. To be judged on performance and soundness, with emphasis on manners. Extreme speed shall be penalized.

#### **L. CESHs WORKING HUNTER 3'6"**

1. Open to horses.
2. A division must have a minimum of three classes, one of which must be Under Saddle.
3. Courses must contain at least two oxers.
4. Horses must complete a course over fences to maintain Under Saddle ribbons.
5. If Junior Hunter is combined with Working Hunter (due to low entries), the points won by the Junior will go towards the Working Hunter division only. For Juniors to receive points in both divisions the entries must be declared, with the office, prior to the start of the class.
6. Fences 3'6".
7. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Working Hunter Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Horses may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring, at the judge's discretion, but never more than eight at a time. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. To be judged on performance and soundness, with emphasis on manners. Extreme speed shall be penalized.
  - b. **Working Hunter Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. To be judged on performance and soundness, with emphasis on manners. Extreme speed shall be penalized.

#### **M. WORKING HUNTER 3'or 3'3"**

1. Fence height shall be 3' or 3'3". Spreads not to exceed fence height.
2. To be judged on performance, soundness.

3. Course shall consist of no less than 8 fences.

## **N. THOROUGHBRED HUNTER**

1. This is not a Breed Division.
2. Limited to horses who are registered with or are eligible to be registered with The Jockey Club. The horse may also be registered with T.I.P.
3. To be judged on performance, and soundness.
4. To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences, 2'6" or 3' in height. Spread not to exceed fence heights.

## **O. GREEN HUNTER**

1. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in its first or second year showing over fences 3' or higher at a CESHs or any USEF Affiliated Association show, whether judged or not.
2. A division must have a minimum of three classes, one of which must be Under Saddle.
3. Courses must contain at least two oxers.
4. Horses must complete a course over fences to maintain Under Saddle ribbons.
5. Fences not to exceed 3'3".
6. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Green Hunter Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. To be judged on performance and soundness.
  - b. **Green Hunter Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. To be judged on performance and soundness.

## **P. THE HORSE HUNTER DERBY.**

1. Open to all horses both Pleasure and Hunter. There will be a ride-off at the end of the season. **To qualify for the finals the horse must have shown, in the Horse Derby, in at least 3 separate shows.** This event revives traditional horsemanship, and returns horses to their hunt field roots.
  - a. There will be only one round at the regular shows, but it may consist of options from both the Horse Classic and the Handy horse courses.
  - b. At regular shows, if the Horse Derby does not fill, it may be combined with the Pony Derby.
2. *Specifications for the Horse Classic Course –*
  - a. Fence heights 2'6" or 2'9" or 3' (riders choice).
  - b. *Scoring –* The Horse Classic Courses judged on style and brilliance. All scores to be announced separately ( round score, bonus points for higher options). Final score then to be tabulated and announced.
  - c. Courses shall consist of a minimum of 8 jumps, but course designers are

- encouraged to use more when practical.
- d. There must be two (2) fences in the course that are 6" higher than the rest of the course, set as option jumps. Horses may receive a single bonus point for each higher option attempted.
  - e. Obstacles must simulate those reminiscent of the hunt field and the course should offer a variety of jumps with different appearances such as: natural post and rail, stone wall, white board fence or gate, coop, Aiken, hedge, oxer ( a 3" difference is required for the back element of an oxer), brush logs, and natural foliage.
3. *Specifications for the Handy Horse Course* –
- a. Fence heights 2'6", 2'9" or 3' (rider's choice)
  - b. *Scoring* - The Handy Hunter Course, is judged on style brilliance, and handiness. All scores to be announced separately ( round score, bonus points for higher options, and handiness score). Final score then to be announced.
  - c. Judge may award from 1-6 additional points for handiness.
  - d. There must be (2) two fences in the course that are 6" higher than the rest of the course, set as option jumps. Horses may receive a single bonus point for each higher option attempted.
  - e. The course must have a minimum of 2 of the following options: trot jump, open gate while mounted, tight turn option, clever options for jump approaches, halt and/or back.
  - f. A long gallop to a single jump is advisable.
4. *Finals* -There will be a Hunter Derby Final at the end of the season, judged by two judges. The Judges must be separated.
- a. Each judge assigns a numerical score to the ride, and the scores are then combined for the overall total. ( I.2 *scoring*)
  - b. The top 10 point earning horses will be invited to participate, and they will be required to jump 2 rounds, round one the Hunter Classic Course and round two, the Handy Hunter Course.
  - c. In case of a tie, horses will be asked to compete in a shortened version of the course for a jump-off.
  - d. The Derby will be invitation only to the top 10 point earners. No Horses will be added, there will be no alternates, and no standby list.
  - e. Ribbons will be awarded to at least 10 places, if 10 are invited.
5. **High Score Hunter Derby Horse**
- a. High Score Hunter Derby Horse will be awarded a Trophy at the annual year end Awards Banquet.
  - b. The score will be calculated by averaging the horse's top four (4) rides.

## Q. THE PONY HUNTER DERBY

1. Open to all ponies both Pleasure and Hunter. Open to juniors only. There will be a ride-off at the end of the season. **To qualify for the finals the pony must have shown, in the Pony Derby, in at least 3 separate shows.** This

event revives traditional horsemanship, and returns ponies to their hunt field roots.

- a. There will be only one round at the regular shows, but it may consist of options from both the Pony Classic and the Handy pony courses.
  - b. The Derby will be invitation only to the top 10 point earners. No horses will be added, there will be no alternates, and no standby list.
  - c. At regular shows, if the Pony Derby does not fill, it may be combined with the Horse Derby.
2. *Specifications for the Pony Classic Course* –
- a. Fence heights 2' or 2'6" (riders choice).
  - b. *Scoring* – The Pony Classic Courses judged on style and brilliance. All scores to be announced separately ( round score, bonus points for higher options). Final score then to be tabulated and announced.
  - c. Courses shall consist of a minimum of 8 jumps, but course designers are encouraged to use more when practical.
  - d. Option jumps are required and there must be (2) fences in the course that are 6" higher than the rest of the jumps. Ponies may receive a single bonus point for each higher option attempted.
  - e. Obstacles must simulate those reminiscent of the hunt field and the course should offer a variety of jumps with different appearances such as: natural post and rail, stone wall, white board fence or gate, coop, Aiken, hedge, oxer ( a 3" difference is required for the back element of an oxer), brush logs, and natural foliage.
3. *Specifications for the Handy Pony Course* –
- a. Fence heights 2' or 2'6" (rider's choice)
  - b. *Scoring* - The Handy Hunter Course, is judged on style brilliance, and handiness. All scores to be announced separately (round score, bonus points for higher options, and handiness score). Final score then to be announced.
  - c. Judge may award from 1-6 additional points for handiness.
  - d. Option jumps are required, and there may be no more than two (2) fences in the course that are 6" higher than the rest of the course, set as option jumps. Ponies may receive a single bonus point for each higher option attempted.
  - e. The course must have a minimum of 2 of the following options: trot jump, open gate while mounted, tight turn option, clever options for jump approaches, halt and/or back.
  - f. A long gallop to a single jump is advisable.
4. *Finals* - There will be a Pony Derby Final at the end of the season. Ponies will be invited to the CESHS Derby Finals. Ponies will be required to participate in at least (3) horse shows. Invitations will be extended to the top 10 point earning ponies. The Derby Finals will be awarded to at least 10 places, if 10 are invited.
- a. Two judges will officiate at the finals and they will be in separate locations. Each judge assigns a numerical score to the ride, and the

scores are then combined for the overall total. (2. *Scoring*)

b. In case of a tie, ponies will be asked to compete in a shortened version of the course for a jump-off.

5. **High Score Derby Pony**

a., High score Derby Pony will be awarded a Trophy at the annual year end Awards Banquet.

b. The score will be calculated by averaging the top four (4) show scores for each pony (finals not included)

**R. THE CROSSRAIL HUNTER DERBY**

1. Open to all horses and ponies both pleasure and hunter. Open to both juniors and amateurs, but amateurs may not ride ponies. All horse/pony and rider combinations may not compete in classes in which fences exceed 2' at the same show. There will be a ride-off at the end of the season. **To qualify for the finals, the horse/pony must have shown in the Crossrail Derby in at least 3 separate shows.**

a. Horses/ponies exhibited in this class may not compete in any classes in which fences exceed 2' at the same show.

b. There will be only one round at the regular shows, but it may consist of options from both the Crossrail Classic and Crossrail handy courses.

c. Riders that compete in the Crossrail Derby are ineligible to compete in any other CESHS derby classes at the same show. However, horses or ponies may compete in other CESHS derby classes with a different rider at the same show.

2. Specifications for the Crossrail Classic Course

a. Fence heights will be 12" crossrails.

b. Scoring - The Crossrail Classic courses are judged on style and brilliance. All scores to be announced separately (round score, bonus points for options). Final score to then be tabulated and announced.

c. Courses shall consist of a minimum of 6 jumps, but course designers are encouraged to use more when practical.

d. Two (2) fences are allowed in the course that are 6" (18" vertical) than the rest of the course, set as option jumps. Horses/ponies may receive a single bonus point for each higher option attempted.

3. Specifications for the Crossrail Handy Course

a. Fence heights will be 12" crossrails.

b. Scoring - The Crossrail Handy courses are judged on style, brilliance and handiness. All scores to be announced separately (round score, bonus points for options, and handiness score). Final score to then be tabulated and announced.

c. Judge may award 1-6 additional points for handiness.

d. Two (2) fences are allowed in the course that are 6" (18" vertical) than the rest of the course, set as option jumps. Horses/ponies may receive a single bonus point for each higher option attempted.

- e. The course may have the following options: trot jump, tight turn option, halt and/or back.

#### 4. Finals

- a. There will be a Crossrail Hunter Derby final at the end of the season, judged by 2 judges. The judges must be separated.
- b. Each judge assigns a numerical score to the ride, and the scores are then combined for the overall total. (2b scoring)
- c. The top 10 point earning horses/ponies will be invited to participate, and they will be required to jump 2 rounds - round one Crossrail Classic Course and round two Crossrail Handy Course.
- d. In case of a tie, horses/ponies will be asked to compete in a shortened version of the course for a jump-off.
- e. The Derby will be invitation only to the top 10 point earners. No horses/ponies will be added, there will be no alternates, and no standby list.
- f. Ribbons will be awarded to 10 places, if 10 are invited.

#### 5. High Score Crossrail Hunter Derby

- a. High Score Crossrail Hunter Derby will be awarded a trophy at the annual year-end Awards Banquet.
- b. The score will be calculated by averaging the horse/pony's top four (4) rides (finals not included).

### S. JUMPER

- 1. All jump heights:
  - Minimum height – 2'9"
  - Maximum height – 3'6"
- 2. Three classes required for a Championship.
- 3. All classes must be open to all exhibitors, horses and ponies.
- 4. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Knockdown & Out.** To be shown over a minimum of eight jumps starting at 2'9". Touches will not count. Time will not be scored. In the event of ties, the jumps will be raised and jump-offs will be held. The winner shall be the horse clearing the most jumps without a knockdown or disobedience.
  - b. **Open Jumper.** To be shown over a minimum of eight jumps, starting at 2'9". Touches to count. In the event of ties, the jumps will be raised and jump-offs will be held.

## DELMARVA, PLEASURE, AND MISCELLANEOUS

### T. DELMARVA

- 1. All classes shall count equally for Championships. Ribbons won in

- Under Saddle classes are not affected by performance over fences.
2. Animals may not be shown in more than one Delmarva division at the same show (*Adult or Junior*).
  3. Year End High Score Awards will be given in Delmarva Under 14, Delmarva 14 thru 17, and Delmarva Adult.
  4. Classes at member shows may be offered as:
    - (1) One Division: All ages
    - (2) Two Divisions: Junior, Adult
  5. Fences are to be the respective heights in all classes:
    - (1) Junior 2' or 2'6"
    - (2) Adult 2'6" or 3'
  6. If there are less than three entries in the Junior Delmarva, classes will be combined with fences at the respective heights, with the Adult Delmarva. If there are less than three entries in the Adult division, classes will be combined with Junior Delmarva, with fences at the respective heights.
  7. **Delmarva specific :**
    - a. Open only to horses and ponies that are owned by residents of and are stabled on the Delmarva Peninsula, including the entire state of Delaware.
    - b. The rider does not need to be the owner, but the rider must be a permanent year round resident of the above area.  
If a competitor is eligible under these Rules through one-half of the competition year, they will be allowed to compete for the balance of the year.
    - c. Should a question arise as to the legal residence, the decision of the Board shall be final.
    - d. Animals under a signed lease will be considered as owned.
  9. *Class Specifications:*
    - a. **Delmarva Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance, manners, and suitability.
    - b. **Delmarva Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. To be judged on performance, manners, and suitability.

## U. ENGLISH PLEASURE Horse / Pony

Pleasure Horse and Pleasure Pony. Horses and ponies shall be of any breed or combination of breeds suitable for English riding and normally used for pleasure.

To be shown under English tack. Martingales are prohibited. Good manners are essential both in executing the gaits and while lined up in the ring. All horses and ponies must be serviceably sound.

In the English Pleasure Division, all animals over 14.2 hands are horses and all animals under 14.2 hands and under are ponies. Classes may be divided by horses and ponies. Horse and pony classes with less than three entries will be combined.

Pony classes may be divided by height of ponies. Small/Medium ponies under 13.2 hands. Large ponies over 1.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands. Ponies must have a current MHSA measurement card (if USEF card is not available) on file with MHSA office prior to showing in this division.

Ponies must be ridden by and handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class. Junior exhibitors shall not have reached their 18th birthday. Stallions are barred from all classes limited to junior exhibitors.

For the purposes of the pleasure division the term “suitability” shall mean suitability to purpose as a pleasure mount.

**Points for the pleasure division are awarded as follows: 10-6-4-2-1-5. Champion 10 points and Reserve Champion 6 points.** In the event of a tie for champion, horses/ponies scoring more points in the over fences class will prevail. If one of the participants does not show up for the back off, the participating horse/pony will be awarded the championship points. High Score Award Division requirements are a minimum of 3 of the following classes.

A show can hold no more than four classes and may not run two classes alike. Prize money is optional.

1. English Pleasure Horse or Pony Under Saddle: To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. To be judged on suitability of horse or pony to purpose, manners, and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride. Full Points.

2. English Pleasure Horse and Pony Trail Class: To be shown over and through obstacles simulating those found along a trail. To be judged on promptness and suitability to purpose with emphasis on manners. Full pt

3. English Pleasure Park Mount – Horse or Pony: To be shown at walk, trot, extended trot or similar gait and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged as to pleasurable handling and riding characteristics with emphasis on manners and gait. To back readily and stand quietly. May not be asked to hand gallop. Full points.

4. English Pleasure Hack – Horse or Pony: To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter with emphasis on a light rein. To be called on to negotiate a pattern or obstacles which might reasonably be encountered on a cross county pleasure ride included one or more 18” – 2’ jumps. To be judged on performance, manners, and suitability of mount to rider – 50% on the flat and 50% on the obstacles. Full points.

5. English Pleasure Horses and Ponies Over Fences: To be shown over obstacles

and fences which might be found on a trail. Height to be 2' for horses and ponies. To be judged on willingness and on natural ability to jump, with emphasis on manners. Full points.

6. English Pleasure Combination Hack – Horse or Pony: To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. At least 8, if available, to jump 2 fences at a required height 2'. To be judged on manners, willingness, suitability to purpose and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride. Full points.

7. Handy English Pleasure Horse or Pony: To be shown over a course with a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. Course might include at least one trot fence. A halt and back between fences on course is required. Height is 2' for horses and ponies. To be judged on manners, performance, willingness, and promptness. Full points.

## V. OPEN DIVISION

1. Open to all riders, adult and junior.
2. Open to horses and ponies. Open to Western, English, Pleasure, and Hunter.
3. Three classes must be offered for a Championship.
4. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Open Halter.** Open to all breeds, regardless of age and sex.
  - b. **Open Showmanship.** The class will be judged strictly on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show in a halter class. The horse is merely a prop to show the ability of the exhibitor. Conformation shall have no bearing on the judge's opinion.
  - c. **Open Walk/Trot or Jog.** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk and trot / jog, or similar gait. To be judged on the performance and manners of the horse or pony.
  - d. **Open Trail.** To be shown over and through a minimum of four (4) obstacles. To be judged on the performance, promptness, and manners of the horse or pony. May be asked to perform a walk and trot/jog only, between obstacles. On the third refusal the contestant will be asked by the ringmaster to proceed to the next obstacle. No rail work will be used.

## W. LIMITED ADULT

1. Open to Adult riders, English or Western, who do not compete in classes in which fences exceed 2'3" at the same show.
2. Horses exhibited in this division may not show in classes in which the fences exceed 2'6" at the same show.
3. A division must have a minimum of three classes. Two over fences classes may be held.

4. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Limited Adult Under Saddle - Walk**
  - b. **Limited Adult Under Saddle – Walk/Trot, jog.** To be shown at a walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance, soundness and way of going of the horse.
  - c. **Limited Adult Under Saddle – Walk/Trot, jog/Canter or lope.** To be shown at a walk, trot/jog, and canter or lope both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance, soundness and way of going of the horse.
  - d. **Limited Adult Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences, cross rails. To be judged on manners, performance, soundness and way of going of the horse.
  - e. **Limited Adult Combination Hack.** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope. To jump two cross rails. To be judged on manners, willingness, suitability to purpose, and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.
  - f. **Limited Adult Trail.** To be shown over and through obstacles simulating those found along the trail. To be judged on promptness and suitability to rider, with emphasis on manners.

#### **X. C.E.S.H.S. ALL AROUND CHALLENGE.**

1. Open to all riders, adults and juniors.
2. Open to horses and ponies. Open to Western, English, Pleasure, or Hunter.
3. Three entries must complete both sections of the class for the points to accumulate.
4. Twenty-Five points, or fifteen points including one blue ribbon, are required to qualify for Ride-Off. If less than (6) exhibitors qualify then additional horses or ponies will be selected based upon the number of points accumulated to assure at least (6) invitations are sent out. Those additional horses or ponies must have earned points in at least two different shows.
5. Qualifiers will be ineligible for further competition.
6. The Ride-Offs will be held at a CESHS Ride-Off show. The class will not begin before 10:30 a.m. being the preferred start time.
7. On the day of the Ride-Off, no horse, pony, or rider may compete in more than one CESHS Medal or Challenge class.
8. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. Class to be held right before all trail classes in the ring schedule.
  - b. Class will have two sections, each section to count 50%:
    - i. **Walk and Trot/Jog:** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk and a trot or jog. To be judged on suitability of the horse or pony to rider, manners, performance, and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.
    - ii. **Trail:** To be shown over and through a minimum of four obstacles.

To be judged on performance, promptness, and manners of the horse or pony. May be asked to perform a walk and trot/jog only between obstacles. On the third refusal, the exhibitor will be asked by the ringmaster to proceed to the next obstacle. See USEF and AQHA rules.

- c. The same animal, tack, and rider must be used throughout both sections.

## **Y. 4-H PLEASURE.**

1. Rider must be a current member of a 4-H Club. One horse/pony rider combination. All points are awarded to the child.
2. May show a horse or pony, English or Western.
3. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **4-H Pleasure.** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope. To be judged on suitability of horse or pony to rider, manners, performance, and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.
  - b. **4-H Equitation.** To be judged on the rider's hands, seat, balance, and general performance at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope. May be asked to back, dismount, or ride without stirrups.
  - c. **4-H Grooming and Showing.** To be judged on the child's ability and knowledge of cleaning and grooming procedures. Children to enter the ring at the same time with haltered ponies or horses. Helpers may accompany them into the ring to carry their grooming equipment and hold the animal. The holder may not, at any time, help or coach the child, just hold the animal.
  - d. Children should be clean, tidy, and dressed to groom, not to ride.
  - e. The children may be asked what types of brushes they have and their use.

## **Z. BABY GREEN HORSE AND PONY**

1. A horse or pony of any age, in its first or second year of showing over fences at a recognized, established horse show association, whether judged or not. ( 1<sup>st</sup> year of Cross Rail Hunter, not to count, towards years of showing over fences).
2. A division must have a minimum of three classes, one of which must be Under Saddle and one of which must be Over Fences. Shows may offer a Walk/Trot class and/or a second Over Fences class.
3. Fences:
  - a. Ponies 1<sup>st</sup> year – 18"
  - b. Ponies 2<sup>nd</sup> year – 2'
  - c. Horses 1<sup>st</sup> year – 2'
  - d. Horses 2<sup>nd</sup> year – 2'3"
4. *Class Specifications:*

- a. **Baby Green Walk/Trot.** To be shown at a walk, and trot both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. To be judged on performance and soundness.
- b. **Baby Green Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. To be judged on performance and soundness.
- c. **Baby Green Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. To be judged on performance and soundness. Trotting in corners shall *not* be penalized. (jogging for soundness not necessary)

## AA. CASUAL HUNTER

1. Casual dress, but must have helmet/hat and proper foot wear
2. Casual Hunter Division – Open to English Hunter type horses or ponies. Open to adults and juniors.
3. To consist of 3 classes:
  - a. Casual Hunter – walk
  - b. Casual Hunter- walk, trot
  - c. Casual Hunter- walk, trot, canter

## BB. PLEASURE DRIVING.

1. Championships require a minimum of three classes.
2. Shows may choose to hold separate horse and pony classes and championships. Classes may be combined for practicality or if there are less than three entries in either section.
3. For safety purposes, classes must be split when there are more than twelve entries. Entries not being judged during the split must leave the ring.
4. Appointments: Single harness (breast collar or collar) appropriate to the animal and vehicle (two or four wheel). Stirrup-type arts, chariots, and racing sulkies are prohibited. Bridles may have blinkers and over-check or side checks. Tie downs and running martingales are prohibited. The judge may excuse any entry due to an unsafe vehicle or harness, or an unruly animal. The driver must be properly attired including hat, gloves, and whip in hand. Men to wear coat and tie. Ladies to wear long sleeved pant suit or a skirt/dress at least below the knee. Failure to conform to proper attire will result in automatic disqualification. A driving apron is optional. Only the driver and one other passenger are allowed in the vehicle during the class except in the reinsmanship class, in which the Judge has the option to ride during individual workouts. an Adult must accompany a Junior driver, under the age of twelve. If further clarification is needed, the A.D.S. will be the guide.
5. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Pleasure Driving – Open.** Animals to enter the ring at a park (normal) trot. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, park trot, and road (extended) trot. Reversing will be done on the diagonal at a walk or park trot. To stand quietly when lined up and to rein back. Excessive speed shall be penalized. Judged 70% on the performance, manners, and way of going; 20% on the condition and fit of the harness; and 10% on the neatness of attire.

- b. **Pleasure Driving – Gentleman to Drive.** Same as open.
- c. **Pleasure Driving – Lady to Drive.** Same as open.
- d. (Gentleman to Drive or Lady to Drive may not be offered unless both are offered).
- e. **Pleasure Driving – Turnout.** Same as Open, but entries may be chosen to work individually both ways of the ring and/or execute a figure eight. Judged 40% on performance, manners, and way of going; 30% on condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle; 15% on neatness and appropriateness of attire; and 15% on overall impression.
- f. **Pleasure Driving – Reinsmanship.** Same as Open, but to be judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. All drivers chosen for a workout must be worked both ways of the ring at any gait requested by the Judge and may be asked to execute a figure eight or any other appropriate tests. Judged 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall appearance of the driver; 25% on the condition of the harness and the vehicle and the neatness of attire.
- g. **Obstacle Driving – Cross Country (Trail).** To be judged on the performance of the animal over a course consisting of a minimum of six and a maximum of eight obstacles designed to simulate those that might be encountered on a country drive. On the third refusal of any obstacle, the driver will be asked by the ring steward to proceed to the next obstacle. Exiting the vehicle will result in automatic elimination.
- h. **Obstacle Driving – Progressive.** To be driven and timed over a course of six numbered obstacles which will be adjusted to the following clearances: 1<sup>st</sup> - 20", 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16", 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12", 4<sup>th</sup> - 8", 5<sup>th</sup> - 4", 6<sup>th</sup> - 2". The driver will take each obstacle in the order until finishing the course or dislodging an obstacle. Time will be stopped when the rear axle clears the last obstacle or when the obstacle is dislodged. The highest number of points will decide winners. Time will decide ties. Five seconds will be added for each dislodged ball. Placings shall be based on the adjusted times. If a tie occurs in the points and time for first place, a drive-off will break the tie.

## CC. PERFORMANCE HORSE AND PONY

1. Open to horses and ponies of any age.
2. Open to juniors and adults. If an adult rides the pony in this division, please check Rule XIII.4, for restrictions.
3. The division will include one under saddle class and two over fences. Fences not to exceed 2'3" in height.
4. Course obstacles consist of gates, wall, and flower boxes.
5. Opening circle of the course to include walk, trot, and canter, this is done to eliminate the jog, after being judged.
6. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. PHP Under Saddle: To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter, both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance, soundness, with emphasis on manners of the animal.
  - b. PHP Over Fences: Fence heights not to exceed 2'3". Trotting not penalized. Judged on performance, soundness, with emphasis on manners.
  - c. PHP Over Fences: Fence heights not to exceed 2'3". Trotting not penalized. Judged on performance, soundness, with emphasis on manners.

## DD. CROSS RAIL HUNTER

1. Open to all riders, both junior and amateur adults, both horses and ponies allowed.
2. Any horse or pony/ rider combination competing in this division **may not ride in any classes where the jumps exceed 2'**

### *Class Specifications:*

- a. Must have a minimum of 3 classes.
- b. Under Saddle – to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability of mount.
- c. Over Fences – to be shown over a course of no less than 6 jumps, and no more than 8 jumps. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability of mount. Trotting corners shall not be penalized. Fence heights – no less than 12” no more than 18”.

## EE. LESSON HORSE & PONY

1. The Horse/Pony must be in an active Lesson Program.
2. Casual dress but must have approved helmet/hat and proper foot wear.
3. Lesson Horse and Pony – Open to English Hunter type horses or ponies. Open to adults and juniors.
4. A division must have a minimum of three (3) classes, one of which must be Under Saddle and one of which must be Over Fences.

### *Class Specifications:*

- a. Lesson Horse and Pony walk, trot.
- b. Lesson Horse and Pony walk, trot, canter
- c. Lesson Horse and Pony O/F: To be shown over a minimum of eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance and soundness. Trotting in corners shall not be penalized, (jogging for soundness not necessary). Course will consist of eight (8) cross rails. Riders may trot or canter the course.

## EQUITATION

### FF. LEAD LINE

1. Open to children seven years of age and under.
2. Children in these classes are eligible for the Short Stirrup Eq. division where permitted.
3. Awards:
  - a. **Lead Line Merit.** To be judged on the equitation and suitability of mount at a walk. To accumulate fourteen points to be eligible for Annual Merit award. (Two entries necessary for points to count in this class only)
  - b. **Lead Line Participation.** To be awarded to those riders who compete

in at least one-half of the shows in the show year but do not obtain sufficient points to earn the Merit Award. Only participation in the Merit Class shall be considered. Award winners will be presented a ribbon at the Awards Banquet.

- c. **Lead Line Division. This is not a High score Award division.** A minimum and a maximum of three classes are required, one of which must be the Lead Line Merit class and the other two are to be chosen from the following classes.

No additional points are awarded for Championship and Reserve Championship.

- i. **Lead Line Walk, judged 100% on the pony**
- ii. **Lead Line Walk, judged 100% on the rider.**
- iii. **Lead Line over Two Poles.** Online
- iv. **Lead Line Walk/Trot.** Online.
- v. **Lead Line Walk offline.**

4. Splitting Division. Classes may not be split unless there are at least twelve (12) in the first class of the division. When the division is split, the show manager and the show steward shall conduct the split prior to the start of the first class. Entries shall be divided by random selection of numbers, i.e. placing them in a hat.

## GG. SHORT STIRRUP.

1. Open to ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor who have not reached their 11th birthday by December 1st of the current competition year. **A rider may not cross enter into any other MHSA Regional hunter, pleasure, or equitation division or class, except Short Stirrup Hunter. In addition, riders may not compete in any classes that are over 2' in height at the same show.**

Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands. Children having won in Short Stirrup classes shall not lose their maiden, novice, or limit status. Children having lost their maiden status shall not be eligible for Short Stirrup classes. Stallions shall be barred from all classes.

2. Riders to accumulate thirty points for the Merit Award. There will also be a year-end award which will consist of a Championship and 1-6 place ribbons. If eligible children may receive both awards. No additional points are awarded for Championship and Reserve Championship.

3. *Class Specifications:*

A division must have a minimum of three and a maximum of four classes. All classes offered are to be judged equally on hands, seat, control of mount, and suitability to purpose.

- a. **Short Stirrup – Walk.**
- b. **Short Stirrup – Walk/Trot.**
- c. **Short Stirrup – Walk/Trot/Canter**

- d. Short Stirrup Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of six and a maximum of eight fences in the ring. Fences not to exceed 2'.
5. **Splitting Division.** Classes may not be split unless there are at least twelve (12) in the first class for this division. When the division is split, the show manager and show steward shall conduct the split prior to the start of the first class. Entries shall be divided by random selection of numbers, i.e. placing them in a hat.

## **HH. LONG STIRRUP.**

1. Children eligible for Long Stirrup shall not have reached their eighteenth birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Children competing in this division may not compete in any other recognized classes except Lead Line, if eligible, Bill & Olive Schell Eq., Mini Stirrup, Beginner Eq., Open Division, 4-H, Cross Rail Hunter, Casual Hunter, VSE, Lesson H&P, and Breed classes.
3. Children having won in Long Stirrup classes shall not lose their maiden, novice, or limit status. Stallions shall be barred from all classes.
4. Three entries shall be required to accumulate points toward the Annual High Score Award.
5. No additional points are awarded for Championships and Reserve Championship.
6. *Class Specifications.*

A division must have a minimum of three and a maximum of four classes. All classes offered are to be judged equally on hands, seat, control of mount, and suitability to purpose.

  - a. **Long Stirrup – Walk**
  - b. **Long Stirrup – Walk/Trot**
  - c. **Long Stirrup – Walk/Trot/Canter**
  - d. **Long Stirrup Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of six and a maximum of eight fences in the ring. Fences not to exceed 2'.

## **II. BEGINNER - EQUITATION**

1. Open to children who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Juniors may ride horses or ponies.
2. Children competing in this division may not compete in any other recognized classes except Lead Line, if eligible, Short Stirrup Eq., Long Stirrup, Bill & Olive Schell Eq., 4-H, Open, Cross Rail Hunter, Casual Hunter, Mini Stirrup Equitation, VSE, Lesson H&P, and Breed classes.
3. Children having won in Beginner Eq. classes shall not lose their maiden, novice, or limit status.
4. A division must have a minimum of three classes.
5. All classes offered are to be judged equally on hands, seat, control of mount, and suitability of purpose.
6. No additional points will be awarded for Champion and/or Reserve Ch.

The individual shows may award the ribbons, but the points will not count toward year end awards.

7. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. Beginner Equitation – Walk
  - b. Beginner Equitation - Walk, Trot
  - c. Beginner Equitation – Walk, Trot, Individual canter
  - d. Beginner Eq. - Walk, Trot, over Poles.  
Riders to be judged under saddle at a walk, and trot, then shown over 2 poles (rider's option to walk or trot the poles).

## **JJ. HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION**

1. Adults must be Amateurs and must meet the requirements defined by USEF rule GR1306.
2. High Score Awards will be given to the riders accumulating the highest number of points in Equitation classes at member shows. To receive an award, points must have been accumulated in at least two shows and under at least two judges. Classes will be designated in the Prize Lists.
3. Member shows are required to offer three classes in each of the following divisions: Under 14, 14 through 17, Adult. If all divisions are not offered, points will not be accumulated toward High Score awards in the divisions offered. May be combined with Junior Eq. if less than 4 entries.
4. Fence heights shall be:
  - a. Under 14                    2', 2'6" or 3'
  - b. 14 through 17            2', 2'6" or 3'
  - c. Adult                        fence option 2', 2'6" or 3'
5. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. Martingales are not permitted. To be judged on seat, hands guidance, and control of the horse or pony.
  - b. **Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of eight (8) fences. At the judge's option, any or all riders may be called upon to execute any appropriate tests included in the class specifications. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control.
    - i. Under 14                    USEF tests 1 to 8
    - ii. 14 through 17            USEF tests 1 to 19
    - iii. Adult                      USEF tests 1 to 19.
  - c. **Hunter Seat Combination.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter at least one direction of the ring. At least one-half of the class, but not less than six entries if available, shall then be asked to perform additional testing. The judge may use USEF tests 1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,17, or 18, or a similar test designated by the judge. The additional tests may be completed individually or as a group, at the discretion of the judge. Martingales are not permitted.

To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the horse or pony  
– 50% on flat work and 50% on additional tests.

### **KK. CESHs HUNT SEAT MEDAL**

1. Classes will be held for Under 14, 14 through 17, and Adult. If Medal Classes are offered, the show must offer all three age groups. If there are less than three (3) entries in any age group, at a regular show, they may be combined with the closest age group with fences at the respective hts
2. Three entries must complete the course for the points to accumulate.
3. To qualify for the Ride-Off, you must have one of the top ten scores. If less than ten (10) exhibitors qualify for any age group, additional riders will be selected. Those additional riders must have earned points in at least two different shows.
4. The Ride-Offs will be held at a CESHs Ride-Off show.
5. **To qualify for the finals the horse/pony must have shown, in the Medals, in at least 3 separate shows.**
6. No horse or pony may be used in more than one age group at the Ride-Offs.
7. The Ride-Offs are to be judged by at least two judges. The open point scoring system is recommended. A judge who has judged any CESHs show during that year is ineligible to judge the Ride-Offs. Judges to be separated during over fences phase, then reunited for testing and flat work.
8. *Class Specifications.*  
To be shown over a minimum of eight fences. The course shall include an oxer and at least one change of direction. The judge will select at least one-fourth of the class, but not less than six entries, if available, to show at a walk, trot, and canter. Additional tests are suggested. The same animal and tack must be used throughout. To be judged on hands, seat, guidance, and control.
  - a. **Under 14**                      **fences 2' or 2'3" option**
  - b. **14 through 17**              **fences 2'6" or 2'3" option**
  - c. **Adult**                         **fences option 2'6" or 3'**

9. Corsages will be provided for the medal entries.

### **KK. CESHs MEDAL ON THE FLAT**

1. Classes will be held for Under 14, 14-17 and Adult. If the medal class is offered, the show must offer all three age groups. If there are less than three (3) entries in any age group at a regular show, they may be combined with the closest age group.
2. Three entries must complete each class for points to accumulate.
3. The top 10 point earners in each age group will qualify for each respective final. Each rider must have shown in the medal class in at least 3 separate shows. If less than 10 exhibitors qualify for any age group, additional riders will be selected. Those additional riders must have earned points in at least two different shows.
4. The final will be held at the CESHs Ride-Off show.

5. No horse/pony may be used in more than one age group at the finals.
6. The finals are to be judged by two judges.
7. Class Specifications:
  - a. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Martingales are not permitted. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse or pony. Additional testing or individual work will be required at the judge's discretion and as appropriate based on each age group.

## **LL. BILL and OLIVE SCHELL EQUITATION CLASS**

Open to riders 12 years of age and under. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. Martingales are not permitted. To be judged on hands, seat, and control. The judge may ask for individual work if warranted.

## **MM. MINI STIRRUP EQUITATION**

1. Open to ponies ridden by junior exhibitors that have not reached their 11th birthday as of December 1, of the current competition year. A rider may not cross enter into any other MHSA Regional division or class except, Lead Line, where permitted. Riders in this division may also not cross enter into any classes that involve cantering and/or jumping.
2. No martingales allowed.
3. A rider having won in mini short stirrup equitation classes shall not lose their maiden, novice or limit equitation status when showing in this division. A rider having lost their maiden status shall not be eligible for short stirrup classes. Loss of maiden status shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of MHSA Rule I, Part 1, Sec 4, either on flat or over fences, whichever the case may be.
4. A show may offer 3 or 4 of the class options below in their mini short stirrup equitation division.
  - a. **Mini-Stirrup Walk:**  
To be judged at a walk both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.
  - b. **Mini-Stirrup Walk – Trot:**  
To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.
  - c. **Mini-Stirrup Walk - Trot Pony:**  
To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on suitability of the mount to be a Mini Short Stirrup Pony. Ponies' manners are to be emphasized.
  - d. **Mini-Stirrup Over Ground Poles:** to be shown over 4 ground poles around the ring at the trot. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.
5. **Mini Stirrup Participation** – to be awarded to those riders who compete in at least one-half of the shows in the show year, but do not obtain sufficient points to earn a 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> place, to be awarded at the year end Banquet. Points in first class *only*, to count towards this award.

# WESTERN, HORSEMANSHIP, AND BREED CLASSES

## NN. WESTERN PLEASURE

1. Hunters are not eligible for Pleasure classes.
2. Western Pleasure mounts may cross enter into English Pleasure.
3. Ponies shall be ridden by juniors in all classes.
4. Stallions are barred from classes limited to Junior exhibitors.
5. A hackamore or a curb, half-breed, or spade bit is permissible. Hackamore means the use only of a rawhide braided, leather braided, or rope bosal. Absolutely no iron will be permitted under the jaws, regardless of how padded or covered. Chain curbs are permissible but must meet approval of the Judge, must be at least one-half inch wide, and must lay flat against the jaw. No wire curbs, narrower than one-half is permitted.
6. In Junior Rider classes, horses and ponies are eligible.
7. Martingales and tie-downs are prohibited.
8. Only one hand may be used on the reins and the hand may not be changed except to negotiate an obstacle in a trail class. Exception: Two hands may be used when riding a Junior Horse in a bosal or snaffle.
9. *Pleasure Class Specifications.*

A division must have a minimum of three classes, no two of which may be alike. Shows may offer classes divided by Adult Rider and Junior Rider, or the two may be combined. There will be a yearend award offered for both Adults and Juniors. The horse or pony may not show in both divisions at the same show.

  - a. **Western Pleasure.** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, jog, and lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To be judged on suitability of horse to rider, manners, performance, and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.
  - b. **Working Western.** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, jog, and lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To work a figure eight individually and execute stops. To be judged on suitability of horse to rider, performance, and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.
  - c. **Western Trail.** To be shown over and through obstacles. To be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the rider, suitability, and quality of movement. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style and some degree of speed, providing quality is not sacrificed. Each obstacle *can* be given an obstacle score that should be added or subtracted from. Examples of a zero-obstacle score – Three (3) refusals at an obstacle, a fall by horse or rider, no attempt to perform an obstacle, failure to enter/exit obstacle from the correct side or direction. *See USEF or AQHA rules.* Horse will also be judged on the line of travel between obstacles. At least six (6) obstacles must be used.

Judge has the right to dismiss a horse or rider from the class for unsafe conditions.

- d. **Western Reining.** To perform the required pattern individually and separately. To be judged on neatness, dispatch, ease, calmness, and the speed with which the pattern is performed.
- e. **Western Free Style.** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, jog, and lope. Each participant shall then have one minute to demonstrate a particular skill of the horse or pony. Judged 50% on rail work and 50% on the skill.
- f. **Western Command.** To perform both ways of the ring at any gait requested. Refusal to take commands immediately or break of gait will cause elimination.
- g. **Western Versatility.** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, jog, and lope. Grooms may then assist in stripping the horses for judging on conformation. Judged 50% on performance and manners on the flat, 50% on conformation.

## OO. HORSEMANSHIP EQUITATION

- 1. Open to both Juniors and Adults
- 2. A year end Award will be offered.
- 3. The class is designed to evaluate the rider's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence. The pattern should be precise with the rider and the horse working in complete unison, executing each maneuver with subtle aids and cues. The pattern will be posted.
- 4. *Horsemanship Specifications.*
  - a. All exhibitors must enter the ring and then work individually. After all riders have worked their pattern the whole class may work at all three gaits at least one way of the ring.
  - b. The following maneuvers are acceptable in a pattern: walk, jog, trot, extended trot, lope, or extended lope in a straight line, curved line, serpentine, circle or figure eight; or a combination of these gaits and maneuvers: stop, back in a straight or curved line; turn or pivot, rollbacks, side pass, flying or simple change, counter canter. **A back is required**, judges should not ask the rider to mount or dismount.

## PP. REGISTERED APPALOOSA

- 1. Owners will be required to show registration papers form the Appaloosa Horse Club.
- 2. Member shows may have English Appaloosa and Western Appaloosa, or one class English and Western together.
- 3. Three classes must be offered for a Championship. If entries are low this division may be combined with the Paint or Quarter Horse divisions

but, points won will go towards horses' registered breed, for year-end awards.

4. *Class Specifications.*
  - a. **Appaloosa Halter:** Open or one class for each sex.
  - b. **Appaloosa Pleasure:** To be shown at a walk, trot/jog, and lope/canter both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein. To be judged 60% on performance and manners; 30% on type, conformation, quality, and substance; and 10% on appointments. No martingales, tie-downs, or draw reins permitted.

## **QQ. REGISTERED ARABIANS**

1. High Score Awards will be presented in Purebred Arabian and Half Arabian.
2. Owners will be required to show registration papers from the Arabian Horse Association.
3. Show Championships require a minimum of three classes.
4. Animals may be of any size.
5. If shows choose to hold Half Arabian English and Half Arabian Western classes, the Arabian Park and mounted Native Costume classes may be open to both Purebred and Half Arabians and may count toward both Show Championships.
6. At shows not offering Half Arabian classes, Half Arabians may show with the Purebreds. Points won by each will count toward their respective division. All points will count toward one Show Championship.
7. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Arabian Halter:** Open or three classes (mare, gelding, stallion) for Purebred, two classes (mare, gelding) for Half Arabians.
  - b. **Arabian Western Pleasure:** To be shown on a light rein at a walk, jog, lope, and hand-gallop. Extreme speed is to be penalized. To be judged on manners, performance, substance, and conformation.
  - c. **Arabian English Pleasure:** To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot, canter, and hand-gallop. To be judged on manners, performance, substance, and conformation.
  - d. **Arabian Park:** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. To be judged on brilliant performance, presence, quality, manners, and conformation.
  - e. **Arabian Mounted Native Costume:** To be shown at a walk, canter, and hand-gallop. Extreme or reckless speed is to be penalized. Horses shall stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 75% on performance and manners, 25% on appointments.

## RR. REGISTERED PAINT HORSE.

1. Owners will be required to show registration papers from the American Paint Horse Association.
2. Member shows may have English Paint and Western Paint, or one class – English and Western together.
3. Three classes must be offered for a Championship. If entries are low this division may be combined with the Appaloosa or Quarter Horse divisions but points won will go towards horses' registered breed, for year-end awards
4. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Paint Halter.** Open
  - b. **Paint Pleasure.** To be shown at a walk, jog/trot, and lope/canter both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To be judged on suitability of the horse to rider, manners, performance, and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.

## SS. REGISTERED QUARTER HORSE.

1. Owners will be required to show registration papers from the American Quarter Horse Association.
2. Member shows may have English Quarter Horse and Western Quarter Horse, or one class English And Western together.
3. Three classes must be offered for a Championship. If entries are low this division may be combined with the Appaloosa or Paint Horse divisions but points won will go towards horses' registered breed, for year-end awards.
4. *Class Specifications:*
  - a. **Quarter Horse Halter:** Open or one class for each sex.
  - b. **Quarter Horse Pleasure:** To be shown at a walk, jog/trot, and lope/canter both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To be judged on performance and conformation at the discretion of the Judge.

## TT. REGISTERED MINI HORSE

1. Owners are required to show papers from the AMHA or AMHR assoc.
2. Three classes must be offered for a Championship.

### *Class Specifications:*

- a. **Mini Horse Halter:** To be shown with a walk, trot, turn 90 degrees to make an L.
- b. **Mini Horse Showmanship:** To be judged 50% on appearance, of the handler (10%) on the pony (40%). Then 50% on the presentation, leading, and posing of handler and pony.

- c. **Mini Horse In Hand Trail:** To be shown over and through obstacles simulating those found on the trail. Regular trail obstacles included can be found in the Western trail section of the CESHS Rule Book. The pattern must be precisely followed. A serpentine trot/walk pattern, ground tie, bridge, jump, mailbox, back thru, are some examples. Cause for elimination: handler cannot carry a whip, or physically touch the horse, if 3 obstacles are refused, or the horse leaves the ring.

#### UU. VERY SMALL EQUINE (VSE)

1. Open to all unregistered small equine, under 14'2"
2. Three classes must be offered for a Championship.  
*Class Specifications:*
  - a. **VSE Halter:** To be shown with a walk, trot, turn 90 degrees to make an L.
  - b. **VSE Showmanship:** To be judged 50% on appearance, of the handler (10%) on the pony (40%). Then 50% on the presentation, leading, and posing of handler and pony.
  - c. **VSE In Hand Trail:** To be shown over and through obstacles simulating those found on the trail. Regular trail obstacles included can be found in the Western trail section of the CESHS Rule Book. The pattern must be precisely followed. A serpentine trot/walk pattern, ground tie, bridge, jump, mailbox, back thru, are some examples. Cause for elimination: handler cannot carry a whip, or physically touch the horse, if 3 obstacles are refused, or the horse leaves the ring.

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#### CESHS SPECIAL TROPHY AWARDS

***Short Stirrup Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Friends of CESHS  
Awarded to the High Point Short Stirrup Hunter Pony.

***Hidden Meadows Farm Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Stanley, Darlene, Ginny, and Kari Morris. Awarded to the High Point Long Stirrup rider.

***Candy Kane Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Windy Way Farm  
Awarded to High Point Short Stirrup Hunter.

***Misty Dawn Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Brittany Harrison.  
Awarded to the High Point Small Working Pony Hunter.

***Cleaver Endeavor Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Tami Beauchamp.  
Awarded to the High Point Medium Working Pony Hunter.

***Beau Design Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Khari Taustin.  
Awarded to the High Point Large Working Pony Hunter.

***Farnley Cotillion Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Cyprus Glenn Farm.  
Awarded to the Grand Champion Working Pony Hunter.

***Almosta Farm Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by The Hickman Family..  
Awarded to the High Point Small/Medium Pony Hunt

***Foxden Farm Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Foxden Farm and Beth Steele.  
Awarded to the High Point Large Pony Hunter.

***Memorial Trophy.*** Donated by Bradley Caine.  
Awarded to Grand Champion Pony Hunter.

***My Main Munchkin Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Dena Burnham Greene.  
Awarded to the High Point Children's Hunter.

***Drummer Boy Challenge Trophy.*** Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Greene.  
Awarded to the owner of the Horse compiling the most points in the Junior  
Hunter Division.

***Sky's Shadow Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Claude W. Owen in memory  
of his mare, Sky's Shadow. Awarded to the rider of the Horse compiling the  
most points in the Junior Hunter Division.

***Ryan D. James Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by the Anderson Family.  
Awarded to the Low Pony Hunter.

***Low Hunter Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Richard Zimmerman in memory of  
Henry A. and Zelda M. Zimmerman. Awarded to the High Point Low Hunter.

***Gondy's Lad Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Charlie Purnell and Kaye Purnell.  
Awarded to the High Point Green Hunter.

***Dr. Christine Kehne Perpetual Hunter Trophy.*** Donated by Dr. Kehne in  
memory of her mare High Girl. Awarded to the High Point  
3'6" Working Hunter  
***Working Hunter 3'.*** No Trophy

***"Kingsford" Memorial Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Autumn Grove Stables  
and the Naughton Family, in memory of their horse Kingsford. Awarded to the  
High Point Baby Green Horse or Pony.

***Ankar Farm Perpetual Trophy.*** Resident Donated by Karin and  
Andrew Immerman and Ankar Farm. Awarded to the High Point Delmarva  
Under 14 horse or pony.

***Ankar Farm Perpetual Trophy.*** Resident. Donated by Karin and Andrew Immerman and Ankar Farm. Awarded to the High Point Delmarva 14 through 17 horse or pony.

***Cruise Control.*** Donated by Ginny Morris  
Awarded to the High Point Delmarva Adult Horse.

***Grand Champion Delmarva Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by The Thaws.  
Awarded to the Grand Champion Delmarva horse or pony.

***Invitational Farm Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Wayne and Myra Spencer.  
Awarded to the High Point Open Division Horse or Pony.

***Thunder Memorial Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Maida Mootz in memory of her pony, Thunder. Awarded to the High Point Western Pleasure Junior horse or pony.

***Fast Buck Freddy Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Charlie and Kaye Purnell. Awarded to the High Point Western Pleasure Adult Horse.

***Holly Grove Farm Western Pleasure Grand Champion Perpetual Trophy.***  
Donated by Kaye and Charlie Purnell. Awarded to the Grand Champion Western Pleasure Adult or Junior, horse or pony.

***Clippadore Memorial Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Kennedy in honor of her pony, Clippadore. Awarded to the High Point English Pleasure Pony.

***My Lady Princess Perpetual Trophy.*** Retired in 2017 **New Trophy to be Awarded to the High Point English Pleasure Horse.**

***CESHS English Pleasure Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Martha Baynard in memory of her horse Morning Star. Awarded to the Grand Champion English Pleasure horse or pony.

***Low Children's Hunter Horse- (was Pre-Children's).***

***"Nightline" Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Marianne Roth and Endeavor Farm. Awarded to the High Point CESHS Low Children's Hunter Horse.

***"Work Less, Play More" Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse –***  
Donated by The Phillips family (perpetual trophy)

***Thoroughbred Hunter Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by CESHS & Friend  
Awarded to the high point Thoroughbred.

***Miles to Go Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Mary Ellen Carroll. Awarded to the High Point Equitation Under 14 rider.

***Hunter Seat Equitation 14 through 17 Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by the Bellis Family. Awarded to the High Point Equitation 14 thru 17 rider.

***Pearl McNeal Junior Equitation Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by The Neperts. Awarded to the High Point Junior Equitation rider – Highest of Under 14 or 14 through 17.

***“The Illusionist” Perpetual Trophy,*** Donated by Tami & Kathy Beauchamp High Point Adult Equitation.

***Grand Champion Hunter Seat Equitation. New Trophy donated 2018***  
Donated by the Greg Russell Family

***Hunter Seat Medal Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Cheryl and Jay Taustin. Awarded to the winner of the Under 14 Medal Ride-Off.

***Fager’s Island Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Mr. and Mrs, John Fager. Awarded to the winner of the 14 through 17 Medal Ride-Off.

***Hunter Seat Medal Adult Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Butch and Linda Evans. Awarded to the winner of the Adult Medal Ride-Off

***“Placido” Memorial Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Tami Beauchamp in memory of Donna Baker’s beloved horse. Awarded to the Champion Hunter Derby Horse.

***Wayne Spencer Memorial Challenge Trophy.*** Donated by his family, to honor a man who loved horses and the competition of showing. Awarded to the Champion CESHS All Around Challenge horse or pony.

***Chestnut Ridge Farm Challenge Trophy.*** Donated by Amanda Peters. Awarded to the Grand Champion Stock Seat Equitation rider, Junior or Adult.

***Waco Joker B Challenge Trophy.*** Donated by Mollie Esterson in memory of her versatile Appaloosa gelding, Waco Joker B. Awarded to the High Point Appaloosa. To be won three times by the same horse for permanent possession.

***Bluewater Arabians Purebred Champion Trophy.*** Donated by Leslie Watson. Awarded to the High Point Purebred Arabian.

***Shamadora Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Raven Ridge Arabians and the Nennstiehls. Awarded to the High Point Half Arabian.

***Galant Mandate Challenge Trophy.*** Donated by Leslie Watson. Awarded to the Grand Champion Arabian.

***Pleasure Driving Trophy.*** Donated by the Delmarva Driving Club. Awarded to the High Point Driving Horse or Pony.

***It's A World Affair Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Butch And Linda Evans. Awarded to the High Point Paint Horse.

***"Tellin' War Stories" Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Karen Guthrie and Dave Fairbank. Awarded to the High Point Registered Quarter Horse.

***Layfield Farms Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Rebecca Insley and Daryl Layfield Insley, in memory of their horse, "Schrandy Chiquita". Awarded to the High Point Limited Adult Horse.

***Good Ole Days (Woody) Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Ginny Morris. Awarded to the High Point 4-H Horse or Pony.

***Nathalie "Huffy" Truitt Memorial Perpetual Trophy***  
Donated by her daughter Kathy Sheldon and friend Melissa Anne Payne. Awarded to the Hunter Derby Individual High Score horse.

***Performance Horse and Pony Perpetual Trophy,***  
Donated by Marianne Roth and Endeavor Farm. Awarded to the high point Performance Horse or Pony.

***May Hickman Memorial Perpetual Trophy Mini Stirrup Perpetual Trophy,***  
Donated by Mrs. Anne Parkes, to the memory of a great horse woman, and loving mother. Awarded to the High Point Mini Stirrup child.

***"Tuffy" Perpetual Trophy,*** Presented by Gene and Millie Esham, in honor of "Tuffy", an all-around Champion, loving friend, and guardian angel. Awarded to the high point Horsemanship rider.2012

***"Baker" Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Kim Baker and Kelly Baker Thaw. Awarded to the individual high score of the Pony Derby. 2014

***Pony Derby Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by the Naughton's & Autumn Grove Farms. Awarded to the winner of the Pony Derby. 2016

***"High Meadows Honeysuckle" Perpetual Trophy.*** Donated by Annett Farms. Awarded to the high point Casual Hunter.

***Cross Rail Hunter Trophy***  
Donated by the Morris Family

### ***Beginner Equitation***

Donated 2019 by the CESHS Junior Board

***Bill and Olive Schell Memorial Equitation Trophy***, Presented by their friends. Awarded to the rider with the highest number of points accumulated from the Bill and Olive Schell Equitation class. A perpetual trophy.

***Hooker Furbush Perpetual Trophy***. Donated by Kelvin Adkins. Awarded to the High Point Jumper. To be held by CESHS.

***Dave Greene Pal Award***. Presented in memory of Dave Greene by his wife and friends. Awarded each year to the person who best exemplifies companionship, fellowship, and the general enjoyment of showing whether winning or losing. The Board of Directors shall choose the recipient.

***Keep Smilin' Perpetual Sportsmanship Award***. Donated by Lisa Horn. Awarded to the Junior Rider who best exhibits the qualities of good sportsmanship. Written nominations for this award may be made to the Secretary by anyone. The Board of Directors shall choose the recipient.

***The Schell Hall of Fame Trophy***. Donated by the CESHS in honor of Bill and Olive Schell, who gave both of their time and energy to the Association for over 50 years. Honorees, to be selected by a committee, must have been associated with the CESHS for at least ten years and have shown distinguished and outstanding service during that time. To be held by the CESHS.

### **RETIRE TROPHIES**

***Flirt Memorial Perpetual Trophy***. Donated by Renee Stevenson. Awarded to the Pony accumulating the most points in any one division, Pleasure or Hunter.

***Shore Savings and Loan Association Trophy***. Donated by Elizabeth Carmichael. Awarded to the Horse accumulating the most points in any one division, Pleasure or Hunter.