

ATHENS AREA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION



2018 RULE BOOK

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rule 1 - USEF Affiliation

The AAHJA is an affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation, and is therefore subject to all rules and penalties of the USEF. The AAHJA and its members are governed by current USEF rules unless these rules conflict with current AAHJA rules as described herein.

Rule 2 - Membership Dues

2.A. Show Membership: The membership dues for a horse show affiliated with the AAHJA are \$50 per horse show.

2.B. The annual individual membership dues for a senior member (amateur or professional) are \$30.00, and the dues are \$25.00 for a junior member (a rider under the age of 18). Family membership dues (3 members from the same immediate family) are \$40.00. Dues for the current year must accompany each application for membership. The annual membership term is December 1- November 30. Membership will not be pro-rated.

2.C. Status: A Professional is any individual who teaches or trains riding students, and/or trains or rides horses for remuneration. An Amateur is any adult rider who is not a Professional. An individual may petition the Board to regain Amateur status, and will be granted such on a case-by-case basis through a majority vote of the Board. A Junior is any rider who, as of December 1 of the show year, is under the age of 18.

Rule 3 - Registration of Horses and Ponies

3.A. In order for points to count toward AAHJA annual awards in any **hunter** division, a horse must be registered with the AAHJA. The lifetime registration dues are \$10.00. If the same owner registers three or more horses at the same time, the registration dues are \$7.50 per horse. It is the owner's responsibility to ascertain that a registration **number** has been issued.

3.B. No points will be counted toward the annual awards until the horse is registered. The horse must be registered prior to or at its first competition in order for the points to count towards annual awards. A horse that is not registered with the association may show at any AAHJA affiliated show, but no points will count toward annual awards. An individual may join and register a horse the day of a horse show, and AAHJA benefits begin immediately.

3.C. If an owner wishes to change a horse's name, the owner must re-register the horse with the AAHJA under the new name. The fee for this is \$5.00. The AAHJA must also be notified of change of ownership, but there is no recording fee for this change.

Rule 4 - Recognition of Shows

4.A. Procedure:

1) Application: Any horse show wishing to become an AAHJA affiliated show must complete a show membership application, and the Board must receive this application and the show membership fee at least sixty days prior to the planned date of the show. In order to reserve a show date for the following year, a show must submit the application and fees by December 1. Senior shows maintain priority of pre-existing or open dates until the December Board meeting. Other dates will be given out on a first come- first serve basis. No more than one AAHJA sanctioned show may be held on the same weekend.

2) Proof of Insurance: All show managers are required to provide proof of insurance for their show, listing AAHJA as an additional insured on the policy. Proof of insurance must be sent to the Show Coordinator along with the prize list for approval.

3) Change of date: If a show wishes to change dates, the show must submit in writing the proposed change to the Board at least 30 days prior to the original date of the planned event. There will be a \$5.00 fee for this change. Any cancelled horse show forfeits the membership dues to the Association. Special consideration will be given for changes due to uncontrollable circumstances (i.e. weather). It is the show management's responsibility to notify the general membership of any changes. Cancelled horse shows forfeit priority of their existing date.

4.B. Refusal of Recognition: The Board reserves the right to deny AAHJA recognition to any show that, by a majority opinion, it is deemed that refusal of recognition is in the best interests of the association. No recognition will be given to shows that fail to meet the minimum requirements stated by these By-Laws and Rules, and no recognition will be given to shows indebted to the association.

4.C. Prize Lists:

1) Submit to the Show Coordinator: All shows must submit a copy of their prize list to the Show Coordinator for approval by the Show Coordinator allowing a five day turn around for approval before prize list mail out.

2) The prize list of every AAHJA affiliated show must contain the following:

a) The AAHJA page (or half page):

This horse show is an affiliated member of the Athens Area Hunter Jumper Association, and is held in accordance with the rules and regulation of the AAHJA. Any individual participating in this horse show is subject to these rules, and therefore is responsible for a knowledge and understanding of the rules of the Association. This horse show holds the following divisions that are recognized by the AAHJA for annual awards:

(List the recognized divisions with complete class specifications from the rule book, or use abbreviated class descriptions verbatim as provided in the show manager's packet.

b) The amount of entry fees and prizes offered in each class.

c) Names of officials and judges. "TBA" will not be accepted for any judge, show steward, or manager.

d) Exact date and location of show with directions.

e) Tentative time schedule and information concerning warm-up.

f) Statement concerning post entries and a full description of any additional fees charged, such as "office", "schooling", or "day" fees.

g) Entry blank with room for AAHJA membership number. The entry blank published in the prize list must be the one used the day of the show.

h) AAHJA membership form (may copy and reprint this form):

Athens Area Hunter Jumper Association
Membership Form

Please enroll me as a junior/ senior/ family[^] (circle one)* member of the AAHJA for the year _____. I am enclosing a check** or money order for \$_____.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

Home _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Barn/ Stable (that you ride out of): _____

Birthdate:(junior only) _____ Status: (Circle one) Professional/ Amateur/ Junior***

Liability: I, _____, agree to allow my child(ren)'s trainer, _____, to sign liability waivers at AAHJA horse shows for my child (ren), _____. Sign Name _____.

Annual Dues: Junior- \$25.00, Senior- \$30.00, Family- \$40.00

*A junior member is under age 18, a senior member is age 18 or older, family membership is for three individuals of the same immediate family.

[^] Family membership- Please fill out one form for each family member.

** Please make check payable to Athens Area Hunter Jumper Association and send to: AAHJA, 1350 Green Ferry Road, Watkinsville, Ga. 30677

***A Professional is any individual who teaches or trains riding students, and/or trains or rides horses for remuneration. An Amateur is any adult rider who is not a professional.

Each horse show is also required to provide a liability disclaimer to be signed by the exhibitor, parent, or trainer in their prize list which includes the AAHJA in all aspects of the disclaimer. Any classes or divisions that are not AAHJA recognized must be clearly identified in the prize list. All show managers are also required to provide proof of insurance for their show, listing AAHJA as an additional insured on the policy. Proof of insurance must be sent to the Board along with the prize list for approval.

3) Any farm wishing to hold an AAHJA show must present the classes in the order in which they are listed in the approved prize list.

4) Prize lists must contain general arena descriptions, i.e. Advanced ring is held in a grassy field with dimensions of 100' X 200'.

Rule 5 - Conduct of Shows

5.A. Entries: Entries must be open to all exhibitors, and the show is required to make notice of the show to all prospective exhibitors (i.e. sending out a prize list).

5.B. Minimum requirements:

1) All judges employed by an AAHJA recognized show must be approved by the Board at least 30 days in advance of the date of the horse show. A judge may only officiate at two AAHJA affiliated shows per year.

2) Show management must appoint an AAHJA approved Steward who will be the official representatives of the AAHJA, and will be responsible for settling any disputes or questions concerning AAHJA rules and regulations. An approved steward must be present for the entire show, and this duty can be divided between two people. The show steward, as the representative of AAHJA, must not be employed by the show in any other office, or be affiliated with the host farm.

3) Every show must provide qualified medical personnel on call for the entire duration of the show, including warm-up.

4) Show management must eliminate any entry that is ineligible.

5) Show management must submit to the AAHJA Point Secretary original show result reports postmarked within 7 days of the completion of the show. Show management must also include original or copies of judge's cards and a master list of all exhibitors and horses with their respective AAHJA numbers.

6) During the warm-up period in the competition arena, there must be a qualified show official managing the ring for the full period.

7) The warm up period in the competition arena may have no more than six horses in the ring at one time. The amount of time allowed to each rider is up to the discretion of the show management. When space allows, show stewards may authorize additional horses.

8) The schooling area used by the horse show must be of sufficient size to ensure safe schooling. At least two jumps, one of which **may** be an oxer, must be available in the schooling area at all times. Each jump must have an ample number of poles to allow for ground lines on both sides of the jump. If breakage occurs, the pole must be immediately replaced.

9) Classes may only be held after dark if sufficient lighting is available. It is the duty of the show stewards to determine if lighting is adequate.

10) It is show management's discretion to hold classes within a division back-to-back, and management must explain the procedure of back-to-back classes to exhibitors.

11) Champion and Reserve Champion awards must be given out for all AAHJA recognized divisions.

12) Class or ring changes from schedule must be announced at least 15 minutes prior to the class and may not be altered if the change prevents pre-registered riders from competing.

13) Show management is required to provide the judge with the abbreviated AAHJA Rule List published by the Board of Directors. Show management must also provide a full AAHJA rulebook at the secretary stand. **A USEF approved measurement stick is available from the AAHJA Board.**

Rule 6 - Stewards

6.A. Application: Any senior member wishing to become an AAHJA approved steward must be at least 18 years of age and must submit an application to the Board in writing. In order to be an AAHJA steward, and applicant must pass the AAHJA steward test with a 90% prior to accepting their first stewarding job. The Board will develop the

standards for the AAHJA stewards, and shall publish the names of all current AAHJA stewards.

6.B. Duties: All AAHJA stewards are required to do the following:

1) Rule on disputes and answer questions concerning AAHJA rules at any show at which he or she is officiating.

2) Receive complaints about AAHJA rule violation from any member, and file a report about such complaint to the Board. In the event that a member wishes to report a rule violation or file a protest, he or she must use the official Rule Violation Protest Form provided by the steward or show management.

3) Attend at least 50% of all general membership meetings and attend Board meetings at which you are called to discuss a dispute or complaint.

4) Conduct all pony measurements which he or she is called upon to do following current USEF Guidelines with an approved USEF measuring stick.

5) Stewards must be present on the show grounds from the beginning of the warm-up to the end of the show.

6) Stewards are required to fill out a stewards show report form at any horse show in which he or she officiates as a steward. The form is provided by show management and must be sent by the show steward to the Board Steward within 10 days of the date of the show.

7) The AAHJA Board of Directors recommends that show management pay the Steward \$30.00 if 1-5 AAHJA sanctioned divisions are held, or \$50.00 if more than 5 AAHJA sanctioned divisions are held.

Rule 7 - Protests, Charges, and Hearings

7.A. Conduct of Hearings: Except as herein discussed, Chapters 6 of the USEF Rule Book shall govern procedures of any protests, charges, and hearings of the AAHJA. The Board is required to meet within 30 days of report of any protest or appeal of a decision made by a show steward or show management. The Board shall have final decision over violations concerning AAHJA rules.

7.B. Penalties: The Board reserves the right to impose such penalties for rule violations as provided by Chapter 7 of the USEF. First offenses for rule violations may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$50. Second violation of the same rule will result in a fine not to exceed \$75. Third violation of the same rule will result in withdrawal of AAHJA show status.

Rule 8 - Pony Measurement

No animal may be shown in a pony class without a current measurement card issued by the AAHJA. Each pony must be measured at the first horse show they compete at for that year. A pony must be measured every year until it reaches the age of **eight**, at which time a permanent measurement card will be issued. Measurement procedure shall follow the procedure provided by the USEF Rule Book, and must be conducted by a show steward. AAHJA accepts GHJA and USEF permanent cards for pony measurement.

Rule 9 - Show Specifications

9.A. Division Specifications: The AAHJA offers the following divisions and classes. All hunter divisions consist of two fence classes and one flat class. All equitation divisions consist of one **or two** fence class(es) and one flat class. Hunter courses shall simulate obstacles found in the hunt field such as natural rails, gates, walls, etc. All hunter and equitation courses shall consist of at least seven and no more than ten fences (excluding the first Tracy Ragan McKenna Crossrail fence course).

1) Pre Beginner - This division is open to riders in their first year of showing. The division consists of three classes, a Walk Equitation, a Walk/ Trot One at a Time Under Saddle, and a Walk/ Trot One at a Time Equitation. Rider may only cross enter the Beginner I division. In the instance of a tie for Champion or Reserve Champion, the results of the 3rd class will serve as the tie breaker.

2) Junior Beginner I - This division is geared to riders who are under 18 and in their first or second year of showing and have never shown above the beginner level. Riders are ineligible for this division if they have ever shown above the 18 inch height. Division consists of three classes- two Walk/Trot classes (one Under/Saddle, where points are accrued by the rider, and one Equitation, to be run in that order) and a Walk/Trot/Canter One at a Time Equitation Class. Suitability of mount to be stressed. Rider **may cross enter into all crossrail divisions**. Please refer to Rule 9.B. for cross-entry. In the instance of a tie for Champion or Reserve Champion, the results of the 2nd class will serve as the tie breaker.

3) Adult Beginner I - Same as Junior Beginner I, except that the rider must be 18 years or older.

4) Tracy Ragan McKenna Crossrail Equitation - This division is geared to riders who are in their first or second year of showing and have never shown above the beginner level. Riders are ineligible for this division if they have ever shown above the 18 inch height. Classes are to be judged on equitation. Rider is not to be penalized for trotting the course. Division consists of three classes- two crossrail classes not to exceed 18" (one class to be once around two outside lines and one class to be twice around) and a flat class held at the walk, trot, and canter both directions. Flat class will be split to canter if entries are large to ensure safety of horses and riders. **Rider may cross enter into the Beginner I division and/or all Crossrail divisions**. Please refer to Rule 9.B. for cross-entry.

5) Adult Crossrail Equitation - Same as Tracy Ragan McKenna Crossrail Equitation, except the rider must be 18 years or older.

6) Junior/Amateur Crossrail Hunter - This division is geared to riders who are in their first or second year of showing and have never shown above the beginner level. Riders are ineligible for this division if they have ever shown above the 18 inch height. Classes over fences to be judged as a regular hunter class with no penalty for trotting the course or trotting through lead changes. At least one change of direction is required. Suitability of mount is to be stressed. **Rider may cross enter into Junior Beginner I and all Crossrail divisions OR any 18 inch division**. Please refer to Rule 9.B. for cross entry.

7) Open Crossrail Hunter - Open to all riders, horses, and ponies. **This division is at the Crossrail height. Classes over fences to be judged as a regular hunter class with no penalty for trotting the course or trotting through lead changes. At least one change of direction is required. Rider may cross-enter into the Open Hopeful Hunter division. This**

division may be combined with Junior/Amateur Crossrail Hunter if entries warrant, but points will be kept separately.

8) Open Hopeful Hunter Crossrails or 2' - Open to all riders, horses, and ponies. This division is offered in two height sections, **Crossrails** and 2', to be judged together. Rider must choose one height section in which to show. Competitors are not to be penalized for simple changes. Courses to consist of simple verticals with no width (ie. gates, flower boxes) but that meet the height specifications. No in and outs, oxers, roll tops, or walls to be used. At least one change of direction is required.

9) Green Rider Equitation 18" - This division is open to riders in their first or second year of showing over fences greater than 18" Crossrails. Courses to consist of simple verticals or crossrails with no width (ie. gates) but that meet the height specifications. No in and outs, oxers, roll tops, or walls to be used. At least one change of direction is required. Competitors are not to be penalized for simple changes. Riders may cross enter into the Crossrail Hunter, the Green Rider Hunter, and the **Open Hopeful Hunter**. Division is to consist of one over fences and a flat class to be judged on Equitation. Please refer to Rule 9.B. for cross entry.

10) Green Rider Hunter 18" - This division is open to green riders in their first or second year of showing over fences greater than 18" Crossrails. Competitors are not to be penalized for simple changes. Courses to consist of simple verticals with no width (i.e. gates) but that meet the height specifications. No in and outs, oxers, roll tops, or walls to be used. At least one change of direction is required. Riders may cross enter in the Green Rider Equitation, the Crossrail Hunter, and the **Open Hopeful Hunter 18"**. Please refer to Rule 9.B. for cross entry.

11) Schooling Hunter 2' - Open to all horses and ponies. To be judged over a course not to exceed two feet in height. No in and outs, but oxers may be used which do not exceed two feet in width. At least one change of direction is required.

12) Short Stirrup Hunter 2' - Open to horses and ponies shown by a junior rider 12 years of age and under. Riders are eligible for this division for two years, and should never have shown over fences exceeding two feet in height. Competitors will be penalized for trotting the course. Riders may cross enter any 2' schooling division and their age group equitation up to 2'6", **or into Schooling Pony Hunter**. Riders may not cross enter into Pony Hunter or the Pony and Junior Medal Classes. To be judged over a course of fences no greater than two feet in height or width. No in and outs. At least one change of direction is required.

13) Long Stirrup Hunter 2' - Same course and procedure specifications as the Short Stirrup Hunter division, except rider must be over 12 years of age. Long Stirrup riders may cross enter any class that does not exceed 2'6" in height.

14) Short/Long Stirrup Equitation 2' - Follows the same specifications as divisions (12) and (13) above, respectively. To be judged on equitation of rider.

15) Junior Equitation (11 & Under) 2' - Open to riders eleven years of age and under on horses or ponies. Fences are not to exceed two feet in height or width. No in and outs.

16) Schooling Pony Hunter 2' & 2'6" - Open to ponies shown by a junior or amateur. Ponies may opt to jump either 2 foot or 2 foot 6 inches at rider's discretion. Course may consist of oxers not to exceed two feet in width and in and outs.

17) Junior Equitation (12-17) 2'6" - Open to riders age 12 to 17 on horses or ponies. Fences are not to exceed two foot six inches in height and two foot in width. In and outs may be used.

18) Adult Equitation 2'6" - Same as (17) above, except open to senior riders on horses or ponies.

19) Pre-Children's Hunter 2'6" - Open to junior riders on horses or ponies. Fences are not to exceed two foot six inches in height and two foot in width. In and outs may be used.

20) Pre-Adult Hunter 2'6" - Same as Children's Hunter except open only to senior members.

21) Open Hunter 2'6" - Open to all riders, horses, and ponies. Fences are not to exceed two foot six inches in height and two foot in width. In and outs may be used.

22) Children's/ Adult Amateur Hunter 3' - Open to junior and adult amateur riders on horses and ponies. Fences are not to exceed three feet in height and two foot six inches in width. In and outs may be used.

23) Working Hunter 3' - Same as Junior/ Amateur Hunter, but open to all riders.

24) .70 m (2'3") Jumper - Open to all riders on horses or ponies. To be shown over a jumper type course of at least 8 fences at the height of .70m (2'3"). Fences should be numbered and may contain colorful poles and designs. In and outs may be used. The division consists of 2 classes, and the USEF table for each class is determined by the show management. USEF tables must be listed in the prize list with complete descriptions. Riders are required to wear boots and breeches, but not jackets. For tack allowed, please see USEF rules.14.1.1.25.

25) .80 m (2'7") Jumper - Open to all riders on horses or ponies. Same description as .70m (2'3") but height is .80 m (2'7")

26) .90 m (2'11") Jumper - Open to all riders on horses or ponies.

27) .95 m (3'1") Jumper - Open to all riders on horses or ponies. Same description as .70m(2'3") but height is .95m (3'1")

28) AAHJA Medal Classes - See Rule 10, Section A. of this rulebook.

9.B. Cross Entry: Due to the number of beginner divisions in the association, this chart is provided to ease any confusion about cross entry.

If you are in...	You may cross enter:	If you are in...	You may cross enter:
Pre Beginner	Beginner I division & all Crossrail divisions	Open Crossrail Hunter OR Open Hopeful Hunter	Horse may cross enter any division for which the rider is eligible
TRM Crossrail Eq	Beginner I division & all Crossrail divisions	Green Rider Eq 18"	All Crossrail divisions & Green Rider Hunter & Open Hopeful Hunter
Jr/Am Crossrail Hunter	Beginner I & all Crossrail divisions OR any 18" division	Green Rider Hunter 18"	All Crossrail divisions & Green Rider Eq & Open Hopeful Hunter

9.C. General Specifications:

1) Only riders holding amateur status may compete in any class that is specified solely for amateurs. Amateur status is defined in Article 808 of the USEF Rule Book. It is the responsibility of show management and/or the show stewards to reject any entry that does not comply with this rule.

2) Horses and ponies may enter no more than 7 over fences classes at any one show, no exceptions.

3) Show management reserves the right to combine or cancel any division in which entries number fewer than **two**. In order for points to count toward AAHJA year-end awards, each class of each division must have at least **two** entries. Divisions that are combined will be run and pinned together, and points will be kept accordingly for AAHJA annual awards. The following divisions may be combined:

- a) Junior Beginner I and Adult Beginner
- b) TRM Crossrail Equitation and Adult Crossrail Equitation
- c) Jr/Am Crossrail Hunter, Open Crossrail Hunter, and Green Rider Hunter- Run with correct specs for each.
- d) Crossrail Medal & Green Rider Medal- Run with correct specs for each.
- e) Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup
- f) Short/ Long Stirrup Equitation and Age-group equitation- Run at correct height for each group.
- g) Short/ Long Stirrup Medal, Pony Medal, and Junior/ Adult Medal- Run at correct height for each group.
- h) Pre-Children's Hunter and Pre-Adult Hunter and Open Hunter and Schooling Pony Hunter
- i) Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter and Working Hunter

4) Attire and Turnout:

Competitors at AAHJA shows are **encouraged** to show in:

- a) Either tall boots and breeches or jodphurs and paddock boots.
- b) Show shirt with choker.
- c) Black hard hat (**All riders must** wear an ASTM approved helmet with a fastened and properly fitted chin strap at all times when mounted.)
- d) Show jacket (beginners are not required to have a show jacket, but they are recommended for all riders). Show management may waive jackets in cases of excessive heat.

The following items are recommended for all riders. Although riders will not be penalized for variations to recommended attire, overall presentation in the ring may affect a judge's decision.

- a) Black gloves.
- b) Long sleeved show shirt with monogrammed choker or pin..
- c) Garter straps for jodphurs.
- d) Belt.
- e) Hair contained in a hair net and completely contained in hard hat.
- f) Plain black crop.

All horses **should be** properly turned out for showing.

5) No martingales are allowed in flat classes of any kind. Only standing martingales are allowed in hunter and equitation fence classes.

6) Polo wraps and boots are allowed only in equitation and jumper classes, not hunter classes. In the event of questionable footing, the judge and the AAHJA steward may make a joint decision to allow protective leg gear to be used in any and all classes. This decision must be announced prior to the start of the show.

7) The 3" Rule: Show management is allowed to vary the height of the required jump specifications by 3", higher or lower, in the following divisions: Green Rider Hunter (#10) and Schooling Hunter (#11) through Open Jumpers (#24).

9.D. Abuse and Misconduct Clause: The show stewards or show management reserves the right to eject from the show grounds with loss of all entry fees and possible suspension and/or expulsion from the association any rider, owner, trainer, or person affiliated with such who is found to be cruel or abusive to an animal, or discourteous to any show official. Abuse is defined in the USEF Rule Book under Article 302. In the event of an obvious lameness, the steward has the right to dismiss a horse from competition.

Rule 10 - AAHJA Medal Classes

10.A. Specifications: Medal classes are equitation classes to be judged over a course of 8-10 fences not to exceed the appropriate height requirement. **The judge may call back any riders who complete the course for additional flatwork.** Flatwork to count 25%. All of these riders may be asked for additional testing over fences. At least **three** riders must enter the class for placings to count toward the Medal Finals. The AAHJA offers the following medal classes (according to eligibility):

1) The Crossrail Medal 18" is for those riders who are in their first and second year of showing and have not shown over jumps larger than 18". Only Crossrails are to be used in the Crossrail Medal Class. Riders may be asked to perform USEF tests 1-8, excluding #2.

2) The Green Rider Medal 18" is for those riders who are in their first or second year of showing over fences greater than 18" Crossrails. Riders may not cross enter into both the Crossrail Medal and the Green Rider Medal at the same show. Only 18" verticals of no width may be used in the Green Rider Medal Class. Riders may be asked to perform USEF tests 1-8, excluding #2.

3) The Short/Long Stirrup Medal 2' is for those riders (junior and adult) who are in their first or second year of showing over fences higher than 18 inches, and have not competed over fences greater than two feet in height, excluding age-appropriate equitation classes. Oxers may be used. Short/Long Stirrup Medal riders may be asked to perform USEF Tests 1-8.

4) The Pony Medal 2' or 2'6" is for Junior riders. Riders may opt to jump 2' or 2'6". Oxers may be used. Pony Medal riders may be asked to perform USEF Tests 1-11.

5) The Junior/Adult Medal 2', 2'6", or 3' is for Junior or Adult Amateur riders on horses. The Adult Medal is for adult amateur riders. Oxers and in-and-outs may be used. Junior and Adult Riders may be asked to perform USEF Tests 1-19, but will not be asked to change horses (Test 16) due to liability.

10.B. USEF Tests:

- 1) Halt (4 to 6 seconds) and/or back.
- 2) Hand gallop.
- 3) Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals.
- 4) Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead.
- 5) Work collectively at a walk, trot, or canter.
- 6) Pull up and halt (4 to 6 seconds).
- 7) Jump obstacles on a figure eight course.
- 8) Answer question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack and equipment and conformation.
- 9) Ride without stirrups, or drop and pick up stirrups.
- 10) Jump low obstacles at a walk and trot as well as at a canter.

- 11) Dismount and mount. Individually.
- 12) Turn on the forehand.
- 13) Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
- 14) Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead.
- 15) Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead.
- 16) Change horses.
- 17) Canter on counter lead (no more than 12 at a time).
- 18) Turn on the haunches from the walk.
- 19) Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise judge beforehand what ride he plans to demonstrate.

10.C. Medal Finals: The AAHJA Medal Finals will be held at the end of the calendar show year at an AAHJA sponsored show.

1) The AAHJA will have a maximum of six Medal Finals classes (Crossrail Medal Finals, Green Rider Medal Finals, Short/Long Stirrup Medal Finals, Pony Medal Finals, Junior Medal Finals for Riders on Horses, and Adult Medal Finals) to be held at the AAHJA Finals horse show at the end of the show season. These classes will follow the Medal class specifications described in Section 10A, above.

2) Riders must qualify to ride in the Finals. The top 10 riders with points accrued throughout the year in each medal class will qualify for the Medal Finals at the Year End Horse Show. A rider need not use the horse or pony on which he or she qualified.

3) If a rider competes in a Medal Class or a division that disqualifies him or her from eligibility in the Crossrail, Green Rider, or Short/ Long Stirrup division, he or she may not ride in the respective Medal Finals at the end of the year.

4) The course will be posted 1 hour before the start of the class. Riders are then allowed to walk the course.

5) An official order of go will be posted 1 hour before the start of the class.

Rule 11 - The AAHJA Finals Show

AAHJA will hold a year-end finals show each year over a weekend set by the Board and to be managed by the Board or outside show manager hired by the Board.

1) The first day is to be run as a regular AAHJA show. The second day consists of Classics and the Medal Finals classes. Points will count double toward year-end awards for the second day of the Finals Show.

2) In order to compete on the second day (Sunday) of the Finals Show weekend a rider must have competed in at least one AAHJA show during the calendar year. The first day of AAHJA Finals, Saturday, counts as a regular AAHJA show.

Rule 12 - AAHJA Annual Awards

12.A. Minimum Requirements:

1) In order for an annual award to be presented in a division, the division must have been held and judged at a minimum of three different recognized shows throughout the year with a minimum of **two** ribbon winners in each class of the division.

2) If there are less than six horses or ponies with points accrued in any division, the Board reserves the right to combine the division with another like division, or eliminate the division for the purpose of annual awards.

12.B. Divisions: The AAHJA offers annual awards in the following divisions:

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| 1) Pre- Beginner | 12) Schooling Pony Hunter- 2' & 2'6" |
| 2) Junior Beginner I | 13) Junior Eq. (11 & under)- 2' |
| 3) Adult Beginner I | 14) Junior Equitation (12-17)- 2'6" |
| 4) TRM Crossrail Eq.- 18" | 15) Adult Equitation- 2'6" |
| 5) Adult Crossrail Eq.- 18" | 16) Pre-Children's Hunter- 2'6" |
| 6) Jr/Am Crossrail Hunter- 18" | 17) Pre-Adult Hunter- 2'6" |
| 7) Open Crossrail Hunter- 18" | 18) Open Hunter- 2'6" |
| 5) Green Equitation - 18" | 19) Children's/Adult Am Hunter- 3' |
| 6) Green Rider Hunter- 18' | 20) Working Hunter- 3' |
| 7) Open Hopeful Hunter- 18' & 2' | 21) .70m Jumpers |
| 8) Schooling Hunter- 2' | 22) .80m Jumpers |
| 9) Short Stirrup Hunter- 2' | 23) .90m Jumpers |
| 10) Long Stirrup Hunter - 2' | 22) .95m Jumpers |
| 11) Short/Long Stirrup Eq.- 2' | |

12.C. Scoring: Points for year end awards will be accrued according to the following scale:

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| 1st place- 10 points | 2nd place- 6 points |
| 3rd place- 4 points | 4th place- 2 points |
| 5th place- 1 point | 6th place- ½ point |
| Champion- 20 extra points | Reserve Champion- 12 extra points |

If a tie exists for Champion or Reserve Champion of a division at a horse show, the horse and rider with the most points over fences wins the award. In the Pre-Beginner division, the results of the 3rd class will serve as the tie breaker. In the Beginner I division, the results of the 2nd class will serve as the tie breaker. If a tie still exists, the show management shall call for a judged hack-off between the tied entries.

12.D. Benefit horse shows wishing to offer Classics that correspond with AAHJA recognized divisions may offer double points for the Classics. Benefit status for a show must be approved by the Board of Directors when the show's prize list is approved.

12.E. An updated point sheet will be made available monthly by the Point Secretary for riders to check for errors. It is the responsibility of each member to assure that the point standings are correct. Any application for corrections must be submitted to the Board in writing within 60 days of publication of the disputed points. No point changes will be accepted after two weeks subsequent to the Finals Show. The Board shall not be held liable for computing errors.

12.F. The AAHJA encourages individuals to donate perpetual trophies. Any person or group wishing to donate a perpetual trophy must submit a written request to the Board.

12.G. Each year a committee shall be elected to select a recipient of the Good Sportsmanship Award with criteria and regulations to be designated by the committee.

12.H. Year End Awards will be placed 1st-10th place.

Rule 13 - Amendments

The Board reserves the right to alter, amends, or adds to these rules by majority vote if it deems such changes necessary to the advancement of the association. At least 15 days notice must be given to all members of any proposed rule changes.

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