



# New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association

- Rulebook -

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# **New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association**

## *General Rules*

1. **All riders who wish to accumulate points must be members of NHHJA in good standing.** Horse owners who wish to have their horse accumulate year end points must be members.
  2. Hunter/Jumper and Equitation points for year-end may be accumulated only at NHHJA run shows (not host shows). Points for NH Medal classes may be accumulated at NHHJA shows and as well as shows hosting NH Medal classes that are in good standing. Points will be finalized two weeks after posting – no exceptions. Any discrepancy must be submitted in writing to point secretary before the deadline.
  3. Prize money will only be awarded in classes of with 3 or more entries. Classes may run with less than 3 entries but no prize money will be awarded.
  4. NHHJA is an affiliate of NEHC, and as such, abides by current NEHC rules and regulations.
  5. The exhibitors' age for competition will follow NEHC rules, age as of December 1. After the completion of NH Medal Finals, riders may compete and accumulate points in the NH Medal classes that they will be eligible for the following year.
  6. An amateur is defined by NHHJA in accordance with USEF rules ([www. https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/rulebook](http://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/rulebook) sections **GR1306** and **GR1307**). NHHJA follows NEHC Rules which follows USEF rule defining professional and amateur.
  7. To vote with NHHJA, an individual member must be eligible to show as an adult the year the vote is taken. An individual is entitled to one (1) vote. A family membership is entitled to two (2) votes. A lifetime individual membership is entitled to one (1) vote. Membership must be paid in full for that year.
  8. Any individual having problems, concerns, questions, or suggestions about the NHHJA organization must contact the president of NHHJA in writing. Letters will be referred to the committee, and if applicable, an individual response will be sent. Any individual having questions about NHHJA and/or horse show RULES, should refer them to his/her trainer. If a trainer is unable to clarify, the TRAINER should contact the president of NHHJA for clarification.
  9. NHHJA shows will be run under a strict code of conduct. Members will be found in poor standing if any of the following occur:
    - A) Flagrant disregard of the rules
    - B) Failure to make good on insufficient funds within 60 days
    - C) Failure to pay any outstanding balance, including show fees and any damage/repair fees that have been incurred
    - D) The use of abusive or foul language or inappropriate behavior
    - E) Disregard for the well-being of the horse, as deemed by show steward(s) and/or hired official(s).
- NOTE: If the association finds a member in poor standing...** A) Points accumulated during the period in question will be revoked until the matter has been rectified. B) The Association will not renew or reinstate memberships until any outstanding funds have been paid.
10. Anyone operating ANY motorized vehicle (including, but not limited to, 4-wheelers, golf carts, mini bikes, scooters, farm utility vehicles) at any NHHJA show must have a valid driver's license.
  11. NHHJA will charge Members or payers a \$100.00 fee in addition to original amount, for each check found by our bank to be returned for insufficient funds.
  12. All credit card transactions will be assessed a 3% convenience fee.
  14. Exhibitors will be financially responsible for any property damages caused by them, or their horse(s). Repair expenses will be billed accordingly, if not during the event, then immediately afterward. Failure to pay will result in suspension of membership until debt is paid in full.

# **New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association**

## *By-laws*

### **Article I – Purpose**

Section 1: To make recommendations for the purpose of improving hunter and jumper show conditions in New Hampshire.

Section 2: To promote hunter and jumper activity in New Hampshire.

### **Article II – Members**

Section 1: Any person may become a member of NHHJA upon application and approval of the officers. The membership fee, as stipulated by the officers, shall accompany the application.

Section 2: The classes of membership shall be Family (2 adults/ children under 18) (renewed annually), Individual – Adult or Junior (renewed annually), and Lifetime.

### **Article III – Officers**

Section 1: The officers of the association shall consist of a president, vice president, point secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer. The officers shall serve for a period of two (2) years. Officers must be members in good standing with NHHJA. Officers may be replaced for the remainder of their term if unable to fulfill their duties of their office, are absent from two (2) or more meetings throughout the year, if they cease to be members, or if they choose not to finish their term. Such replacement is to be by a vote of the officers.

Section 2: President – the president shall have the general charge of the affairs of the association. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the association and to perform such other duties that ordinarily pertain to the office. Duties of the president include but are not limited to 1) must be a signor on the NHHJA account in addition to the treasurer. Bank statements are to be sent to the president to review, the president must then hand over the statement to the treasurer at the next meeting or at an agreed upon time. 2) Have an agenda prepared for all meetings.

Section 3: Vice President – it shall be the duty of the vice president to preside at meetings of the association in absence of the president and to perform such other duties that ordinarily pertain to the office.

Section 4: Recording Secretary – it shall be the duty of the recording secretary to record and preserve meeting minutes, maintain membership applications, and keep membership lists.

Section 5: Treasurer – shall have custody of all funds, accounting for the funds to the association at the annual meetings and to perform such other duties that ordinarily pertain to the office, including but not limited to 1) paying all bills for NHHJA within a timely manner, 2) collect monthly bank statements from the president and keep a balanced check book, 3) collect all monies from the horse shows, finals, banquet and any other NHHJA organized event and deposit said monies within two (2) days' time and 4) keep an accounting of all monies including cash amounts and give a report at each NHHJA meeting. The treasurer must also maintain relationship with lawyer and accountant to compile data for state and federal tax codes.

Section 6: Point Secretary - it shall be the duty of the point secretary to receive show results from the show secretary, record and track points for all members, maintain accurate accounting of points recording, and other association duties that ordinarily pertain to the office. These duties may be assigned to another officer or committee member.

### **Article IV – Meetings**

Section 1: Meetings shall be held at a time and place to be agreed upon by the officers and committee members that have attended the previous meeting. Notification shall be made at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 2: All officers and committee members must attend all meetings. Two (2) unexcused absences may result in loss of committee position.

Section 3: The annual meeting shall be held at a time and place to be agreed upon by the officers. Notification shall be made to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

**Article V – Dues**

**Section 1:** All riders who wish to accumulate points must be members of NHHJA in good standing. Horse owners who wish to have their horse accumulate year end points must be members.

**Section 2:** The annual membership dues are as follows:

Individual - junior or adult \$40, Family - parent(s) and children under 18 \$50, Lifetime- one junior or adult \$300

**Article VI – Funds**

**Section 1:** The funds of the association shall be disbursed by the treasurer under direction and by order of the officers. An accounting of receipts and expenditures shall be made to the officers prior to the meeting.

**Section 2:** At no time will NHHJA funds be used for anything other than NHHJA business.

**Section 3:** Any checks written over \$5,000.00 must be authorized by 2 or more officers.

**Article VII – Committees**

**Section 1:** The president of the association shall, subject to the approval of the remaining officers, appoint such committees as the president deems necessary. The president shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

**Section 2:** The rules and regulations recommended by the committee and/or officers shall be voted on and binding on all members of the association.

**Section 3:** The committee shall consist of up to twelve (12) members to be nominated by and voted on by the membership for a two (2) year term. A total of twelve (12) members will be voted. Failure to attend 2 meetings will result in removal from the committee. Vacancies may be filled by appointment from the officers.

**Article VIII – Amendments**

**Section 1:** Amendments to these by-laws may be made at any regular and/or special meeting of the association by a majority vote of those present.

Visit [www.nhhja.net](http://www.nhhja.net) for more a complete show schedule and membership information.

## New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association

### *Pointed Divisions*

Year-end awards in Hunter, Jumper and Pleasure Divisions will be awarded to the **horse owner/leasee on Record**. Year-end awards in Equitation Divisions will be awarded to the rider.

\*To be eligible you must be a current member in good standing.

Year-end awards are given in the following divisions:

<u><b>Equitation</b></u>	<u><b>Hunters</b></u>
Leadline	Short Stirrup Hunter
Walk Trot Equitation	Suitable Hunter
Short Stirrup Equitation	Baby Green Hunter
Long Stirrup Equitation	Modified Child/Adult Hunter
Modified Children's Equitation	Low Adult Hunter
Low (Modified) Adult Equitation	Low Children's Hunter
Children's Equitation	Open Special Hunter
Hunt Seat Equitation Under 12	Children's Hunter Pony
Hunt Seat Equitation 12-17	Children's Hunter
Amateur Adult Equitation	Amateur Adult Hunter
Pre Child/Adult Equitation	Pre Child/Adult Hunter
	*Performance Hunter
<u><b>Jumpers</b></u>	*Working Hunter Pony
Novice Jumper	<u><b>Pleasures</b></u>
Puddle Jumper	Hunter Pleasure Horse
Schooling Jumper	Pony Hunter Pleasure
Open Jumper	Walk Trot Pleasure

**\* Divisions have been suspended until further notice**

**New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association**  
*Points and Awards*

*High Point Awards*

Junior High Point Rider: Awarded to the junior rider who accumulates the most points in all divisions.

Adult High Point Rider: Awarded to the amateur adult rider who accumulates the most points in all divisions.

High Point Horse – Awarded to the horse who accumulates the most points in Hunter, Jumper and/or Pleasure Divisions

High Point Pony - Awarded to the pony who accumulates the most points in Hunter, Jumper and/or Pleasure Divisions

High Point Trainer - Awarded to the trainer whose horses and/or riders accumulate the most points through out the season.

Scholarships: Two (2) scholarships are awarded yearly to participating current NHHJA members, who are high school seniors or high school graduates, pursuing higher education. To be voted on by committee members and/or appointed panel. Two (2) winners and one (1) alternate will be chosen. Monies are to be distributed from NHHJA directly to the school of choice.

Circulating Trophies: There are a number of challenge/memorial trophies awarded at the year-end banquet. It is the responsibility of the recipient of any NHHJA challenge trophy to return the trophy in its clean and repaired state on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. If trophies are not returned on time, the recipient will be charged a fee of \$25.00.

**Year-End Awards Point System**

<i>All Classes</i>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>1-9 entries</b>	<b>10+ entries</b>
1	16	18
2	14	16
3	12	14
4	10	12
5	8	10
6	6	8

- ❖ Note: Championship points are awarded in Hunter divisions only. At least two over fences classes and the under saddle class must be completed to award championship points.

<i>Hunter Division Championships</i>	
<b>Place</b>	<b>2 or more entries</b>
Champion	<i>12 points</i>
Reserve Champion	<i>10 points</i>

### **NH Medal Point Scoring**

Place	Points
1	10
2	8
3	6
4	4
5	2
6	1

## NH Medal Classes Hosting Requirements

1. Shows wishing to host NH Medal Classes must submit application and proof of insurance a minimum of 10 days prior to the show date and must receive approval prior to running NH Medal Classes.
2. Dates of hosting shows will be posted on the NHHJA website.
3. There is no fee to host NH Medal Classes. Please use the term host/hosting rather than affiliate/affiliated.
4. Each hosting show must submit show results to the medal point secretary within 7 days following the show date. Failure to submit these to the medal point secretary on time will result in a \$25.00 fine and may result in the loss of hosting ability.
5. Only judges rated by NEHC or USEF may judge NH Medal classes. Any exceptions must be approved by the Board prior to competition.
6. Only one class per medal division may be offered per show day, unless special permission by the Board is granted prior to the show.
7. Courses for all Medal classes must consist of at least 6 fences. Combinations may only be used in Junior and Adult medal classes. There must be a safe area for warm-ups. Jumps must be well constructed.
8. At least 3 riders must complete the course in order for points to count.
9. In the event of insufficient entries, NH Medal Classes may be combined as follows. When combined, all riders must show over a common course, with fences set at their respective heights.
  - \*NH Junior Medal & NH Amateur Adult Medal
  - \*NH Mini Medal and/or NH Adult Mini Medal and/or NH Modified Children's Medal
10. Other than as listed above, NH Medal classes may not be combined with any other classes.
11. A horse/pony may only be ridden once, in any qualifying class and at NH Finals.
12. Testing is optional and at the discretion of the judge.
13. Riders do not need to be NHHJA members to show in NH medal classes at Host Shows, however, in order to accumulate points to qualify for the NH Medal Finals, a rider must be a current member of NHHJA. Riders may join the day of show.
14. Riders may ride in more than one NH Medal class, at qualifying shows as long as they are eligible per specs for each class. If a rider **qualifies** for more than one medal class, he/she must choose **ONE** medal class to compete in at NH Finals.

### **Qualifying Medal Classes**

- *must be a member to accrue points for finals* –

-No more than one rider per horse per class (follows USEF EQ 102-10)-

**NH Adult Medal** – fences not to exceed 2’9”. Amateur riders 18 years of age and older must accumulate 10 points in order to qualify for NH Medal Finals. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 6 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. USEF Tests 1-23. *NH Adult Medal and NH Junior Medal may be combined if there are not enough entries to fill them separately. To be shown at respective height.*

Note: When rider wins Adult medal class at year-end finals, he/she must skip one (1) year of competing in the class at the finals, but may return to compete in the class the following year.

**NH Junior Medal** – fences not to exceed 3’. Junior riders must accumulate 10 points in order to qualify for NH Medal Finals. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 6 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. USEF Tests 1-23. *NH Junior Medal and NH Adult Medal may be combined if there are not enough entries to fill them separately. To be shown at respective height.*

Note: When rider wins Junior medal class at year-end finals, the rider no longer eligible to compete in the class again at finals.

**NH Mini Medal** - fence heights not to exceed 2’6”. Open to junior riders who have never shown higher than 3’ at any recognized show. Riders must accumulate 10 points in order to qualify for NH Medal Finals. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 6 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. USEF Tests 1-8. *NH Mini Medal, NH Modified Children’s Medal and/or NH Adult Mini Medal may be combined if there are not enough entries to fill them separately. To be shown at respective height.*

Note: If a rider wins Mini medal class at year-end finals two (2) years consecutively, the rider is no longer eligible to compete in class again at finals.

**NH Modified Children’s Medal** – fence heights not to exceed 2’3”. Open to junior riders who have never shown higher than 2’6” at a recognized show. Must accumulate 10 points to qualify for NH Medal Finals. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 6 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. USEF Tests 1-8. *NH Modified Children’s Medal, NH Adult Mini Medal and/or NH Mini Medal may be combined if there are not enough entries to fill them separately. To be shown at respective height.*

Note: When rider wins Modified Children’s medal class at year-end finals two (2) years consecutively, the rider is no longer eligible to compete in class again at finals.

**NH Adult Mini Medal** – fence heights 2’3"- 2’6”. Open to amateur riders 18 years of age and older who haven’t shown higher than 2’9" at a recognized show in the current show season. Must accumulate 10 points to qualify for NH Medal Finals. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 6 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. USEF Tests 1-8. *NH Adult Mini Medal, NH Modified Children’s Medal and/or NH Mini Medal may be combined if there are not enough entries to fill them separately. To be shown at respective height.*

Note: When rider wins Adult Mini medal class at year-end finals, he/she must skip one (1) year of competing in the class at the finals, but may return to compete in the class the following year.

**NH Novice Medal** – fence heights not to exceed 18”. Open to junior and amateur adult riders who have never shown higher than 2’ at a recognized show. Must accumulate 10 points to qualify for NH Medal Finals. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 6 fences with at least one change of direction. Course may be taken at trot or canter, and simple changes shall not be penalized. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge.

Note: When rider wins Novice medal class at year-end finals 2 years consecutively, he/she is no longer eligible to compete in the class again at finals.

**\*New\* NH Pre Child/Adult Medal** - fence heights not to exceed 2'. Open to junior and amateur adult riders who have not shown higher than 2'3" at a recognized show in the current show season. Must accumulate 10 points to qualify for NH Medal Finals. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 6 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and at the discretion of the judge.

Note: Note: When rider wins Pre Child/Adult medal class at year-end finals 2 years consecutively, he/she is no longer eligible to compete in the class again at finals.

## Class Descriptions/Specifications

No rider may enter classes for more than one age group. The exhibitors' age for competition will follow NEHC rules, age as of December 1. Points can be accumulated only in the age group indicated on the application for membership. No more than one rider per horse per class (follows USEF EQ 102-10). Martingales are prohibited on the flat.

***ALL persons mounted on a horse must wear properly fitted ASTM approved helmet with harness secured.***

**Lead Line Equitation/Lead Line Suitability** – Open to riders 8 years of age and under. To be shown at the walk and trot. Not to show in any other class/division at the same show. Leader and side-walkers must be over the age of 14 and appropriately dressed. Riders may not have competed off the lead.

**Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation** – Open to riders 10 years of age and under. Shall show at a walk and trot only. Reverse at walk. No child entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope. Rider must not have EVER been judged in a class at a ANY show that required a canter on the show grounds or warm-up. No tests will be called.

**Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation Championship** – same specifications as Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation class above. Must have entered, shown, and judged in the Hunt Seat Walk-Trot class in order to show in the Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation Championship class.

**Short Stirrup Equitation** – Open to riders 12 years of age and under. Riders cannot have shown higher than 18" at any recognized show.

**Short Stirrup Equitation Flat** – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter in both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

**Short Stirrup Equitation O/F** – to be shown over a minimum of 4 fences and a maximum of 8 fences, with fences not to exceed 18" in height. Course may be taken at a trot or canter. Simple lead changes shall not be penalized.

**Long Stirrup Equitation** – Open to riders 13 years of age and older. Riders cannot have shown higher than 2' at any recognized show.

**Long Stirrup Equitation Flat** – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter in both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

**Long Stirrup Equitation O/F** – to be shown over a minimum of 4 fences and a maximum of 8 fences, with fences not to exceed 18' in height. Course may be taken at a trot or canter. Simple lead changes shall not be penalized.

**Pre Child/Adult Equitation** - Open to junior or amateur adult riders who have not shown higher than 2'3" at a recognized show in the current show season. Fence heights not to exceed 2'.

**Hunt Seat Equitation Under 12** – fence heights not to exceed 2'.

**Hunt Seat Equitation 12-17** – fence heights not to exceed 3'.

**Amateur Adult Equitation** – fence heights not to exceed 2'9".

**Modified Children's Equitation** – fences not to exceed 2'3". Open to junior riders who have never shown higher than 2'6" at any recognized show.

**Low (Modified) Amateur Adult Equitation** – Fence heights 2'3"- 2'6". Open to amateur riders 18 years of age and older who haven't shown higher than 2'9" at a recognized show in the current show season. Riders in this division cannot show in any other classes at the same show where fences exceed 2'6".

**Children's Equitation** -fence heights not to exceed 2'6 for large ponies/horses, 2' for small/medium ponies. Open to junior riders who have never shown higher than 3' at any recognized show.

## Pleasure Divisions

**Walk-Trot Pleasure** – Open to riders 10 years of age and under. To be shown at a walk, and trot only. To be judged on manners, suitability or a horse/pony to rider and performance. Reverse at walk. No child entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope at the current show. May not have cantered or loped in any class at a previous show.

**Walk-Trot Pleasure Championship** – same specifications as Walk-Trot Pleasure class above. Must have entered, shown, and judged in the Walk-Trot Pleasure class in order to show in the Walk-Trot Pleasure Championship class.

**Pony Hunter Pleasure Division** – open to all ponies of a hunter type ordinarily used for pleasure purposes. Adults are permitted to show ponies with suitability to count; light contact with the pony's mouth is required. To be judged on performance, manners, quality, presence, suitability, substance and soundness. Open to ponies only.

**Pony Hunter Pleasure** – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. May be asked to hand gallop, halt and back.

**Pony Hunter Pleasure Championship** – specifications to be the same as qualifying class. To be eligible, ponies must have been entered, shown and judged in the regular Pony Hunter Pleasure class

**Hunter Pleasure Horse Division** – open to all horses of a hunter type ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations to status of rider. Light contact with horse's mouth is required. To be judged on performance, manners, quality, presence, suitability, substance and soundness. Open to horses only.

**Hunter Pleasure Horse** – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. May be asked to hand gallop, halt and back.

**Hunter Pleasure Horse Championship** - specifications to be the same as qualifying class. To be eligible, horses must have been entered, shown and judged in the regular Hunter Pleasure class.

## Jumper Divisions

Jumpers may be of any breed or height, stallions, geldings, or mares. The prize list must give maximum height for the first round, and table under which class is to be scored. Start and finish of the course: both a start line at least 12' from the first obstacle and a finish line at least 24' beyond the last obstacle must be indicated by two (2) markers at least 12' across.

**Novice Jumper (2')** - Open to any horse or pony with no restrictions.

**Puddle Jumpers (2'6")**– Open to any horse or pony with no restrictions.

**Schooling Jumpers (3')**– Open to any horse or pony with no restrictions.

**Open Jumpers (3'3"-3'6")** – Open to any horse with no restrictions.

## Hunter Divisions

- Horses/ponies must have shown in at least one hunter over fences class to be eligible to compete in that division's stake class.
- At least two over fences classes and the under saddle class must be completed in order to award division championships.
- Fences must simulate obstacles found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, etc... A ground line is recommended for all fences. The top element must be securely placed so that slight rubs will not cause a knockdown. Open jumper fences such as striped rails and bull's eye panels are discouraged. An in-and-out must never be the first fence.

**Short Stirrup Hunter** – Open to riders 12 years of age and under. May not compete in any other hunter divisions in a jumping class where fences are higher than 18". May never have shown over fences higher than 18" at any recognized show. To be shown over 4 to 8 fences not to exceed 18". Course may be taken at trot or canter. Simple changes of lead should not be penalized. No more than 8 to canter at one time in under saddle class.

**Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

**Suitable Hunter** – Horse **and/or** rider may never have competed in a class with fence heights greater than 2' at a recognized show. To be shown over 4 to 8 fences not to exceed 18" with no combinations. Course may be taken at trot or canter. Simple changes of lead shall not be penalized.

**Suitable Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

**Modified Children's/Adult Hunter** – Open to junior/amateur adult riders who have not previously shown over fences exceeding 2'6" in height at a recognized show. Open to horses and ponies to show over the same course. Fences not to exceed 2'3".

**Modified Children's/Adult Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judged on performance and manners.

**Low Adult Amateur Hunter Division** – Open to amateur riders 18 years of age and older. Riders may not cross enter into any class or section where fences exceed 2'9" at the same competition. Fences not to exceed 2'6".

**Low Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, & canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judged on performance and manners.

**Low Children's Hunter** – Open to junior riders. Riders may not cross enter into any class or section where fences exceed 2'9" at the same competition. Fences not to exceed 2'6".

**Low Children's Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judged on performance and manners.

**Open Special Hunter Division** – Open to all riders regardless of status. Open to any horse or pony regardless of status. Fences not to exceed 2'6".

**Open Special Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and manners.

**Baby Green Hunter** – Open to any horse or pony in their first two years of showing over fences. Horses and ponies qualify for the Baby Green division for a maximum of two years only. Horses and ponies cannot cross enter in other divisions with jumps exceeding 2'6". Simple changes of lead should not be penalized. Horses/ponies not to have shown over fences exceeding 2'6" in height at any recognized show. Fences not to exceed 2'6". No combinations.

**Baby Green Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors.

**Adult Amateur Hunter** – To be ridden by amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as juniors. Horse/ rider combinations are not eligible for any other NEHC rated hunter classes. Horses may be shown by a different rider in any other divisions or classes at the same show. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners and way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as an amateur adult hunter. Horses may be jogged for soundness at the judge's discretion. Fence heights not to exceed 3'. Spreads not to exceed height of fence. Ponies may be ridden by adults, suitability to count. May be split 18-35 years of age and 36 years of age & over if entries warrant.

**Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle** – to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and manners.

**Children's Hunter Horse** – To be shown by junior exhibitors, age as of December 1st of the current show year. Junior exhibitors 15-17 years of age must be eligible for intermediate equitation O/F (have not won 12 blue ribbons) as of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Fences not to exceed 3'0, spreads not to exceed fence height. If entries warrant, the division may be split at the discretion of the management. Same horse/rider combinations may not compete in any other NEHC rated division at the same show except equitation, jumpers, and pleasure. Horses may be shown by another rider in any other division at the same show. Jogging for soundness at the discretion of the judge. Shall be judged on performance and soundness.

**Children's Hunter Horse Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and soundness.

**Children's Hunter Pony** – Open to junior riders with same judging specifications as Children's Hunter Horse division. Fence heights not to exceed 2' for small & medium ponies, 2'6" for large ponies. Ponies may not cross enter into the regular pony hunter division.

**Children's Hunter Pony Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and soundness.

**Pre Child/Adult Hunter** – Open to junior or amateur adult exhibitors who have not previously shown over fences exceeding 2'6" in height at a recognized show. Open to horses and ponies to show over the same course. Fence heights not to exceed 2'.

**\*Performance Hunter Division** – Open to any horse with no restrictions. Fence heights not to exceed 3'3".

**Performance Hunter Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and soundness.

**\*(Working Hunter Pony Division** – shown by junior exhibitors. Small ponies not to exceed 12.2 hands, medium ponies not to exceed 13.2 hands and large ponies must exceed 13.2 hands but not exceed 14.2 hands. Fence heights 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium ponies and 2'9" for large ponies. In all classes, manners, suitability of pony to rider shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized. Riders may not cross enter into Children's Hunter Pony at the same show.

**Working Hunter Pony Under Saddle** - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the pony's mouth is required. Ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and manners.)

### ***\*Suspended divisions***