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San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association

OFFICIAL RULES

No matter how complete rules may be they never can cover all possible situations. If a matter cannot be resolved by interpreting the rules to the letter, the solution by those responsible should follow as nearly as possible the spirit of the rules.

All matters and terms not otherwise specifically addressed or defined herein shall have the same treatments and meanings ascribed to them in the Official Rule Book of the USEF (United States Equestrian Federation).

PART 1 - SFHJA APPROVED SHOWS

Section 1: FACILITIES

All show grounds must be inspected and approved by the SFHJA Show Committee before approval for a show will be given. Minimum requirements are as follows:

Water for dust control.

Water for exhibitors' horses.

Adequate restrooms.

Adequate jumps.

Warm-up areas exclusively for show exhibitors.

Adequate schooling fences including at least one vertical and one spread fence.

A public address system adequate to cover the entire show grounds including the warm-up areas.

Ample parking for both exhibitors and spectators.

Refreshments provided on the show grounds.

A two-ring format with over fences classes mandatory for each ring. Rings must be at least one hundred feet by two hundred feet (100'X200') in size.

Section 2: SHOW APPROVAL

Each show must conform to the following requirements to achieve sanctioning by the San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association (SFHJA).

a. Location: SFHJA approves shows located within a one hundred mile radius of San Fernando

b. Show Manager: The Horse Show Manager must be a senior member in good standing of the SFHJA.

c. Proposed Prize List Delivery Requirement: It is recommended that the proposed prize list be mailed in duplicate to the SFHJA office forty-five (45) days prior to the show. **All show managers must mail, electronically distribute, or have available on a web site show prize lists.** If the prize list is NOT in compliance with the SFHJA rules and requires changes, the SFHJA membership must be notified at the expense of the show manager. If the prize list is in error and the SFHJA office does not receive its copy fourteen days prior to the show, the Sanctioning fee will be doubled.

d. Sanctioning Fees: The sanctioning fees for a SFHJA approved show will be fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) for one day shows and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for multi day shows. All fees must be forwarded with the application for the proposed show date. At shows with "Medals Only" sanctioning the horse fee will be waived but a \$55.00 Sanctioning Fee and \$5.00 Medal Class Fee per rider will still apply.

e. Horse Fee: In addition to the fees listed above, SFHJA sanctioned shows must collect and forward to the Association three dollars **\$3.00** for each numbered horse that is entered in the show.

f. Medal Class Fee: In addition to the fees listed above, SFHJA sanctioned shows must collect and forward to the Association five dollars (\$5.00) per rider in the Medal classes.

g. Minimum Point Class Requirement: In addition to the six medal classes, at least fifty percent (50%) of the classes at an approved "B" show will be SFHJA point classes.

h. Show Results Delivery Requirement: The sanctioned show must submit with-in a ten-day period after the show is held; a complete list of the results awarded in all SFHJA approved classes, together with a prize list and all appropriate fees. Managers who do not make timely submissions of results will

be assessed a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each ten-day period that such results remain outstanding.

i. Membership Form: The SFHJA membership application must appear in the prize list for all approved shows and must reference the correct address and fees for the SFHJA. A manager who uses an incorrect membership form will be fined twenty-five dollars (25.00) for such error.

j. SFHJA Approval and Mileage: Only one single-day "A" rated; single-day "B" rated; or multi-day "A" rated shows permitted per weekend within 75 miles of each other. Only single-day "B" shows without other conflicts are automatically fully sanctioned. However, multi-day "B" shows offering the same number of classes (not more), & without other date conflicts may be granted approval on a year-to-year basis, with approval of the Board. SFHJA "A" & "B" shows may not be on the same day unless given by the same manager at the same location. If an existing sanctioned show conflicts with a new show, the new show manager must give approval before sanctioning can be given to the new event. A manager may hold SFHJA sanctioned Jumpers on the day before or after their one-day show providing it does not conflict with another SFHJA show. There are no restrictions for shows within our designated area (see section 2a.) but 75 miles or more apart.

k. Show Dates: Show Dates issued to managers with seniority will be comparable to those dates of the previous year provided that the established shows date applications together with the correct fees are received in the SFHJA office by September 1st of each year; provided further that such managers have not voluntarily cancelled a specific show date two years in a row. If a manager cancels a show voluntarily without making timely notification to the SFHJA office, he forfeits the sanctioning fee as well as the seniority for such show date. If a manager voluntarily cancels a show but provides to the SFHJA office written notice of such cancellation at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled show date, he will forfeit sanctioning fee in order to retain seniority for such date. If a manager cancels the same show date two years in a row voluntarily, and not pursuant to acts of god, such manager loses his seniority for the following year and has to reapply for such date equally with new applicants. If a manager wishes to hold a show on a SFHJA date which remains, or becomes open during the year after the September application process described above has been completed, both the written application for such date and the SFHJA approval in connection therewith must be received at least ninety (90) days prior thereto. The SFHJA shall not be obliged to award an available date to anybody, even if no other manager applies for such open date.

l. Show Changes: If a show manager wishes to request a change in venue for an approved show already listed on the SFHJA calendar for the current year, such request must be made in writing and received by the SFHJA at least thirty

(30) days prior to the show date. Requests, which are not made in compliance with these terms, will not be considered.

m. Warm-Up: A warm-up area must be large enough for a number of horses to warm-up at the same time. At least two jumps, a vertical and a spread fence, must be set for schooling.

n. Show Year: No shows will be held before the third week in January. The show year will end the final weekend of November.

o. New Horse Show Applications: A new horse show and/or facility may be granted one date with tentative dates to follow. Permanent dates may be approved only after a new manager has proven he can and will conduct such show in full compliance with SFHJA show standards.

p. Insurance Coverage: All show managers must provide the SFHJA office with a copy of the show insurance and must indicate the SFHJA as an additional insured prior to the commencement of the show.

q. Inactive Status: A show may declare inactive status at the time of application for the following year. This will allow the show manager to "bank" a date and still retain the rights to that date. A show may be banked for one year only. A show may not be banked if it was canceled the previous year. Approval fees shall still apply to the banked show.

r. Medal Finals Events: All medal finals will be approved independently of any show. The medal finals approval is given at the discretion of the board. By granting a show the medal finals one year does not imply or suggest the medal finals will be awarded again in the future. The Board may enter into a multi-year contract at its discretion. The show awarded the medal finals may at the discretion of the board of directors be given an A, B, or A/B sanctioning without the permission of any show manager with a conflicting date. The non-medal finals show manager will retain their date and the right to put on the show. SFHJA will not financially compensate the show manager.

s. Jumper Classes: "A" rated show may hold SFHJA pointed Jumper Classes on an adjoining day that is not SFHJA rated. (i.e. – if a show is rated on Saturday, the show may hold rated Jumper Classes on Friday or Sunday with correct application process and approval).

t. Medals "Only" Sanctioning: Medals "Only" sanctioning, for shows outside a 50 mile radius of any regular sanctioned SFHJA show will be approved without additional restrictions.

Section 3 - CONDUCT OF SHOWS

a. Rules: All shows shall follow the rules of the USEF unless otherwise specifically superseded by a SFHJA rule, in which case the SFHJA rule shall apply.

b. Rule Books: Rule Books for the USEF and SFHJA shall be made available in the horse show office for exhibitors' reference.

c. Protests: Protests must be made in writing and may be submitted online at the SFHJA website, www.sfhja.com or by fax, 805. 306.1884 or by mail to SFHJA, 5089 Flagstone Lane, Simi Valley, CA 93063.

d. Class Specifications: Show managers must follow class specifications exactly for SFHJA approved classes.

e. Unpaid Entries: If an individual's payment for entry fees, etc., is returned as non-negotiable by their financial institution, the secretary of the sanctioned show shall report in writing to the SFHJA within twenty-one (21) days (1) the name and address of the exhibitor from whom the payment was issued, (2) the names of the horses entered, (3) the names and complete address of the owners, (4) a copy of the entry blank, and (5) a copy of the bank notification. Upon receipt of such notice, the Secretary of the SFHJA shall notify said person by certified mail of his indebtedness and warn him that unless settlement is made within two weeks, he will automatically lose all points that he and/or any of his horses has accumulated during the show year. He will remain a "Member Not-In Good Standing" until all debts are paid in full. When proof of payment has been received by SFHJA from the manager the member will pay a fee of \$50.00 to SFHJA to reinstate points.

f. Points: At least three (3) exhibitors must compete, complete, and receive a ribbon in order for the points to count. Classes may be combined at management's discretion.

g. Split classes: Classes must be split if there are forty (40) or more horses entered, with a trophy and ribbons awarded to each section.

h. Ground Lines: Ground Lines shall be provided for all Hunter classes.

i. Warm-up classes cut off time: For any show at which there is a Warm Up Hunter class, the cut off time must be listed in the prize list.

j. Time limits: In the interest of the exhibitor, no horse show will start before 7:30 a.m. or run longer than fourteen hours. Show management may be penalized fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour or any part thereof for any violation of this time limit. Shows with sixteen or fewer classes per ring are exempt from being fined for exceeding the time limit.

k. Non-Compliance: Upon receipt of evidence that any show was not conducted in full compliance with the requisite SFHJA standards, the Board of Directors may place that show on probation for the following year, with such show bound by the following restrictions: (1) A show on probation will have no seniority or automatic rights to its date for the ensuing year. (2) A show on probation must pay the SFHJA a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per show in addition to its regular fees for show approval. This fee will be used by the SFHJA to hire a qualified person to attend the show and deliver a report to the Board of Directors with regard thereto. (3) After the show, the Board of Directors will determine whether or not the show shall be removed from probation, continue on probation, or dropped from the roster of approved shows.

Section 4 - JUDGES

The following Judges are qualified to preside at any SFHJA approved shows.

a. USEF Judges: USEF licensed Judges in the appropriate division.

b. Guest Judges: Guest judges are permitted one time only, with approval of the Executive Committee.

c. Limitations on Judges: No person may judge more than five SFHJA shows in one calendar year.

Section 5 - COURSE DESIGNERS

All course designers at SFHJA approved show must be recognized equestrian professionals twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

PART 2 - GENERAL RULES GOVERNING OPERATION OF SHOWS

a. Schooling: Schooling may be allowed in classes where rider is eligible to ride and at manager's discretion.

b. Horse Ineligibility: If a horse is schooled in the Green Rider Division by a rider who is ineligible to compete in such division, the horse shall be ineligible to show in any remaining Green Rider classes at that show.

c. Combination Restrictions: No two fences will be set fewer than three strides (approximately forty-eight feet) apart in the 11 and Under Division, Green Rider Division, Futures Medal, 13 and Over Medal or 12 and Under Medal.

d. Classes Counting for High Point Awards: (1) At shows offering an “A/B” rating on the same day; all age break classes counting toward year-end high point awards must be held independently of any higher rated classes, Additionally equitation classes MUST be held as separate classes, and not in conjunction with hunter rounds. (2) At single day A and single day “B” shows only the first two over fences and first flat class listed in the prize list will count toward high point totals. (3) At multiple day “A” and multiple day “B” shows a maximum of 4 over fences and 1 flat class will count toward high point and division totals. These will be the first 4 over fences and first flat class in the schedule.

e. Fence heights: Fence heights offered at a show will be determined by the height listed in the official prize list. Heights listed in time schedules, course diagrams, trainer sheets, or any other materials will be superseded by the prize list printed by the horse show management.

g. Opportunity Classes: At USEF rated shows where “Opportunity Classes are offered, SFHJA points will be accrued in Walk-Trot and Cross Rail Divisions only.

PART 3 - SFHJA MEDAL CLASSES

Section 1 - MEDAL CLASSES - GENERAL

The SFHJA offers six Medal classes. These classes must be offered in addition to fifty percent (50%) of the classes required, for SFHJA approval. Medal Classes may not be run as an open card with other classes, except 17-Under with 18-Over or 12-Under with 13-Over when it is determined that the required number of exhibitors may not be met for points to count unless classes are combined. In combined Medal Classes, the highest placing rider accruing points, in the alternate age group of the winner, will also qualify for the finals.

a. Eligibility: RIDERS AND TRAINERS MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS BEFORE ENTERING MEDAL CLASSES. It is the responsibility of riders, parents, and trainers to understand eligibility rules for each medal class and to maintain eligibility through the finals.

b. Qualified riders may not show in final qualifying class at show hosting the medal finals.

A non-SFHJA sanctioned show may apply for a “Medals-Only” rating provided that the following conditions are met:

a. The show is recognized by another horseshow association.

b. If the show falls on the same weekend as a SFHJA sanctioned show, and the approval of the show manager with full sanctioning is obtained in writing. Medals Only shows outside of a 50-mile radius of any "A" or "B" sanctioned show will not require the other manager's approval.

c. Managers with medals only sanctioning must offer all six medal classes, unless one would be inappropriate in the context of the show.

Section 2 - SFHJA FUTURES MEDAL

a. This class shall consist of one round over a course of at least 8 fences not to exceed two feet three inches in height (2'3"), there shall be no combinations on course, only one change of direction is required, a work-off must be built into the course.

b. This class is restricted to junior and amateur members who have not competed in a class where fences may be set over two foot six inches (2'6") in height. Exception Hunter Derbies with option fences.

c. At least three exhibitors must complete the course.

d. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1.

e. 10 points qualifies a rider for the finals. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying.

f. Riders must maintain eligibility through the finals.

g. Qualified riders may not ride in final qualifying class at the show hosting the medal finals

Section 3 - SFHJA 17 & UNDER HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

a. This class shall consist of one round over fences counted (60%) and a flat phase (40%).

b. The course will consist of at least eight fences set at three feet (3') in height, with two changes of direction, and at least one combination including an oxer.

c. All riders must ride in both phases.

d. The same horse and equipment must be used in both phases, with the exception of martingales, which may not be used in the flat phase. Three riders must complete both phases for the class to count.

e. 10 points are needed to qualify for the finals. Points are awarded 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1. Riders may continue to compete until they win a class on an A day.

f. In order to compete in a medal class riders and their trainers must be SFHJA members before entering the medal class.

g. To be eligible to compete in the SFHJA 17 & Under Medal class a rider may not have won a medal class with fences exceeding three foot three inches (3'3") in height, as of the date of winning the SFHJA medal class. After qualifying, a rider may compete and/or win classes above the height and still be eligible for that year's finals. However, that rider is not eligible for SFHJA Medal classes the following year. After a period of five years has elapsed since a rider has won a medal class at three foot six inches (3'6") or higher, that rider regains his eligibility to compete in SFHJA 17& Under and/or 18 & Over Medal classes.

h. In order to participate in a medal class, a rider must be eligible by age on the day the rider competes in the medal class, as well as the date on which the Medal Finals are held.

j. One rider per horse.

k. Qualified riders may not ride in the final qualifying class at show hosting the medal finals

May be combined with 18 & Over Medal for points to count when less than 3 entries

Section 4 - SFHJA 18 & OVER HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

Class shall have the same specifications as the SFHJA 17 & Under Medal.

May be combined with 17-Under Medal, for points to count when less than 3 entries

Section 5 – SFHJA 13 & OVER HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL

This class shall have the same specifications as the 17 & Under Medal EXCEPT:

a. Fences shall be set at 2'6"

b. Riders may not have shown in a class where fences are 3' or higher. Exception Hunter Derbies with option fences.

c. Riders must remain eligible through the finals.

May be combined with 12 & Under Medal for points to count when less than 3 entries

Section 6 - SFHJA 12 & UNDER HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

This class shall have the same specification as the SFHJA 17 & Under Medal class except:

a. Fences shall be set at two foot six Inches (2'6") in height.

b. No combinations.

c. Riders may not show in any class where fences may be set at three foot three inches (3'3") or higher. Exception Hunter Derbies with option fences.

d. Riders must remain eligible through the finals.

May be combined with 13 & Over Medal for points to count when less than 3 entries

Section 7 – EQUINE INSURANCE / SFHJA CHALLENGE MEDAL CLASS

Open to Junior and Amateur members who have not won a 3'6" Medal Finals.

b. The course will consist of at least 8 fences, three foot three inches (3'3") in height, with at least two changes of direction.

c. Jumper type fences may be used, however banks and liverpools are not allowed.

d. A minimum of two riders will work off using USEF tests 1-19.

e. Three riders must complete the course for the class to count. Riders must accrue 10 points to qualify for the finals. Points are awarded: 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying for the finals. Riders with the most points (Champion & Reserve) at the end of the qualifying season will receive a special award presented by Equine Insurance at the SFHJA Banquet.. All riders with 20 or more points will also receive a year-end award.

f. Qualified riders may not ride in final qualifying class at the show hosting the medal finals.

Section 8 - COMBINED CLASSES/AGE SPECIFICATIONS

- a. In the event of insufficient entries, the 17 & Under and 18 & Over Medal classes may be combined.
- b. In the event of insufficient entries, the 12 & Under and 13 & Over Horsemanship Medal classes may be combined.
- c. Age of rider is determined according to USEF Rules. Exception: Following a current year Medal Finals, riders must compete in the age division they wish to qualify for the next competition year: i.e. when competing at shows held after the 17-Under Finals, a rider who would become 18 (show age) the following year would compete in 18- Over Medal Classes. (Note: this is for medal classes only not show divisions, such as hunters or equitation.)

PART 4 - MEDAL FINALS

The 12 & Under, 13 & Over Horsemanship, 17 & Under, and 18 & Over Medal Finals will consist of two phases: one round over fences, and one flat phase. The Challenge Medal & Futures Medal Finals have two rounds over fences. All will have mandatory work-offs. No apprentice or learner judges may sit with or participate during SFHJA Medal Finals Classes.

Section 1 - 17 & UNDER AND 18 & OVER MEDAL FINALS

The Medal Finals in each division will consist of two phases: one round over fences, and a flat phase. The same equipment and horse must be used in both phases, except that martingales may not be used in the flat phase. The martingale may be replaced for an over fences work off. Riders must be the correct age for their division as of the date of the medal finals to be eligible to compete. Riders will draw for their order of go. Judges will sit together for the flat phase giving each rider a combined score. The judges will sit together for the over fences phase, but give two scores with their scores being announced after each rider. The point values will be combined in the ratio of sixty percent (60%) for jumping and forty percent (40%) for flat. The judges scores will be averaged and multiplied by 60% for the over fences and 40% for the flat. A minimum of four riders, as well as any rider within in three points of the leader will be called back for a work off and will be judged by both judges sitting together. Scores from the over fences round and the flat phase will be added together and carried over to determine the work-off order, which will be Judges' reverse order of preference. However, final placings will be at the sole discretion of the Judges, and work-off scores will not be announced

Section 2 - 12 & UNDER MEDAL FINALS

The specifications are the same as for 17 & Under and 18 & Over Medal Finals, except fences will be set at 2'6" and there will be no combinations on course.

Section 3 - CHALLENGE MEDAL FINALS

The SFHJA Challenge Medal Finals will consist of two rounds over a three foot three inch (3'3") course of fences. The first round order will be drawn; the second round will be determined by rider score, low score to high. All riders will show in both rounds. The judges will sit separately during the first two rounds. Each round will count fifty percent (50%). The scores from the first two rounds will be averaged. A minimum of four riders plus any rider within three points of the leader will return to work off. The judges will sit together during the work off. The work-off scores will not be announced. The final placings will be at the sole discretion of the Judges.

Section 4 - FUTURES MEDAL FINALS

The Futures Medal Finals will consist of two rounds over fences and a work off of the top four riders plus any rider within 3 points of the leader. Open numerical scoring will be used. Scores from the first two rounds will be averaged. Order will be drawn for the first round, with riders showing in reverse order scores for the second. All riders will show in both rounds. Judges will give separate scores, but may sit together for the first two rounds, and give one score for the work off. Fences will be set at two foot three inches (2'3"). There will be no combinations on course. USEF tests 1-8. Riders will not be asked to ride without stirrups.

Section 5 - 13 & OVER HORSEMANSHIP FINALS

The specifications are the same as for 17 & Under and 18 & Over Medal Finals except fences will be set a 2'6".

Section 6 - TECHNICAL DELEGATE/JUDGES

There must be a Technical Delegate (TD) for all SFHJA Medal Finals. The TD will be appointed by the Board and will be responsible for meeting with the officials, management, and exhibitors. The TD will meet with the judges before the event to make sure they understand the format and scoring of the class. The TD will be present at the drawing of the order of go. The TD will be present during all aspects of the class to answer any questions that arise. The TD is responsible for insuring the technical requirements of the class are met. In case of a dispute the TD's decision is final. Management will be responsible for the fee of \$50.00 per medal final or \$150 per day whichever is greater, as well as lodging and transportation if necessary.

SFHJA Board or Technical Delegate must approve the judges used in the finals from those hired by the show. At least one must be from out of the area. Additionally, SFHJA may pay for the second judge, if requested by show management and determined by SFHJA to be not of great use to the show in another capacity. Payment would include fee and travel, and lodging if negotiated. Agreement will be an addendum to the contract, year-to-year, and must be in writing.

Section 7 - MEDAL FINALS POINT CALCULATIONS

The Board will appoint a person to calculate the scores for the 12 & Under, 13 & Over, 17 & Under, and 18 & Over Medal Finals. That person will be responsible for doing the calculation of percentage scores for the Medal Finals. Horse show management will be responsible for the fee of \$50.00 per medal final or \$150 per day whichever is greater.

PART 5 - MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership \$350.00 Blue Ribbon Business/Farm \$100

Senior Membership \$50.00 Business/Farm \$50

Junior Membership \$40.00

Horse Registration 1 Year - \$20.00; 3Years - \$50.00; Life - \$100.00

Interested persons may join by mail, via the SFHJA web site, or at a horse show. Membership does not become effective until payment is received by the SFHJA office. If a payment for membership is returned by the financial institution as non-negotiable all points, medal qualifications, and benefits of membership are suspended. The member will be notified and give 14 days to replace the non-negotiable payment, reimburse all bank fees charged to the association and pay a minimum \$25.00 administrative fee to reinstate membership status, points, and medal qualifications

PART 6 - POINTS

a. At “A” & “B” shows points are awarded as follows: 1st/7, 2nd/5, 3rd/4, 4th/3, 5th/2, 6th/1.

b. The San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association will award two “Double Point Shows” to each management entity* (see definition below) in a given competition year. Management may select their own dates for “double-point status from any of their eligible applied dates at the beginning of the competition year. Double-

point show requests will be closed on September 5th** of the previous competition year, or the immediate business day following if the fifth should that day fall on a weekend. This is the same date SFHJA Show Applications are due. Eligible SFHJA Shows include, any SFHJA “A”, “B” or “A/B” rated competition of any length, whether or not rated by another association. Exception: Competitions excluded from applying for double-point status are USEF National or Premier rated events. Although additional show dates may be granted during a competition year, per SFHJA Rules, no additional “Double Point Shows” will be awarded after the Board of Directors’ show-date approval meeting in September/October to allow managers and members to plan their upcoming competition year. No entity will be awarded more than two Double Point shows per year. Cancellation of a show or change of show venue or manager will NOT be grounds for change or transfer of point status during the competition year. Additionally, the SFHJA Championship/Benefit Show will always remain double-pointed, regardless of venue or management, and will be the final “Double Point”. Show of each season **No double point show dates will be granted following the SFHJA Championship Show.**

*A management entity is described as a combination of licensee, management, and venue as determined by the SFHJA Board to be the direct beneficiary of show income. Attempts to manipulate the system by changing of show venue or management will not be tolerated. Leased competition dates, will be reviewed for inclusion. A list of the current entities will be published each year, but we welcome NEW participants if applications are received as per our rules as described above.

c. Jumper points are awarded as follows: 1st/7, 2nd/5, 3rd/4, 4th/3, 5th/2, 6th/1

d. Memberships and horse registration must be current for points to accrue.

e. At least three exhibitors must compete and receive a ribbon for a class to count for points.

f. Restricted classes, other than by age or fence height do not receive points.

g. A division must be held at least 5 times for a year-end award to be given.

h. A horse or rider must accrue at least 18 points in a division to eligible to receive a year-end award.

i. A rider must accrue at least 50 points and have points at a minimum of three shows to be eligible to receive a year-end High Point award.

j. All point standings are final the 15th of the month following the date the points are posted to the association web site. Finals point standings for the year end are final on November 30th. Point discrepancy reports must be received before

points become final to be considered. Point discrepancies must be received in writing.

PART 7 - YEAR END AWARDS POINT CALCULATION

In each division an award is given, points are totaled for the 12 best shows plus the points accrued at the SFHJA championship show. If an overall high point award is given it is the total of top 12 in the divisions corresponding to the high point award. In case of a tie the championship will go to the horse/rider with the greatest number of points over fences using the same 12 shows.

PART 8 - YEAR END HIGH POINT AWARDS

Section 1 - SFHJA "A" High Point Awards

AMATEUR OWNER HIGH POINT (May compete at 3'6" or 3'3")

JUNIOR HIGH POINT (May compete at 3'6" or 3'3")

Points calculated from Equitation classes and either Junior/Amateur Owner Hunters or Children's/Adult Amateur Jumpers.

ADULT AMATEUR HIGH POINT

CHILDREN'S HIGH POINT

Points calculated from Equitation and either Children's/Adult Amateur Hunters or Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumpers.

DIVISION NOTES: Equitation riders in the "A" divisions who show in both Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunters or Junior and Children's Hunters must declare into which high point division their equitation points will go. Declarations must be received by July 1st of the current show year or points will go into the last hunter division in which the rider participated. Riders only accruing equitation points toward a high point award must also declare which division or accept the division the office selects

Section 2 - SFHJA "PONY" High Point Awards

PONY RIDER HIGH POINT

Points from Pony Hunters (Small 2'3", Medium 2'6", Large 2'9"-3'0"), and Pony Rider Equitation calculated separately for their respective division and added together for the Pony High Point Rider Award.

Section 3 – “JUMPER” High Point Awards

Jumper Rider High points accrue for a horse/rider combination from the top 12 shows from two divisions. A rider may have multiple horse/rider combinations. Only the two highest scoring divisions per show will be counted. A minimum of 50 points must be accrued for year-end high point.

Section 4 - SFHJA "B" High Point Awards

11 & UNDER HIGH POINT RIDER

12 THROUGH 14 HIGH POINT RIDER

15 THROUGH 17 HIGH POINT RIDER

18 THROUGH 35 HIGH POINT RIDER

36 AND OVER HIGH POINT RIDER

Points accrue in Age Break Hunters, Under Saddle, Equitation Over Fences, and on the Flat. Riders may ride multiple horses but only the highest placing horse's points at each show will count toward the High Point Award.

PART 9 - SFHJA APPROVED DIVISIONS

The following divisions are approved by SFHJA and receive year-end awards.

Section 1 - “A” DIVISIONS

The following divisions are approved by SFHJA and receive year-end awards. A minimum of 3 exhibitors must complete the class, for points to count

JUNIOR/AMATEUR OWNER HUNTERS, (Low) 3'3" or (High) 3'6" (Juniors follow USEF Rules for Small or Large Junior Hunter and age breaks)

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTERS, 3' (may be combined with Children's for points to count if less than 3 entries)

CHILDREN'S HUNTERS, 3' (may be combined with A/A for points to count when less than 3 entries)

AMATEUR EQUITATION, 3'-3'3" (may be combined with JR EQ for points to count when less than 3 entries)

JUNIOR EQUITATION, 3'-3'3" (may be combined with A/O or A/A EQ for points to count if less than 3 entries)

PRE GREEN HUNTERS, 3' and 3'3"

LOW HUNTER DIVISION, 2'9 - 3'. This division has no entry restrictions.

A PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTERS, 3' or higher, and Green Hunter Classes will both count in the Performance Division)

PERFORMANCE HUNTER RIDER DIVISION, *Riders who are current members of SFHJA can accrue points in Pre Green, Green and Performance Hunter Divisions. This division is open but designed to reward our professional riders. Horses must be registered for points to count. A minimum of 50 points must be accrued for year-end championship.*

Section 2 - "B" Divisions

Note: In "B" Division over fences & under saddle classes both count towards hunter points. Over fences and flat equitation classes both count towards equitation points. . *At B Shows only the first three (3) over fences and one (1) under saddle will count for points in hunter divisions and only the first two (2) over fences and one equitation on the flat will count for points in equitation divisions.*

11 & UNDER HUNTERS, 2'6"

11 & UNDER EQUITATION, 2'6"

12 THROUGH 14 HUNTERS, 2'9" - 3'

12 THROUGH 14 EQUITATION, 2.9"-3'

15 THROUGH 17 HUNTERS, 2'9" - 3'

15 THROUGH 17 EQUITATION, 2.9"-3'

18 THROUGH 35 HUNTERS, 2'9" - 3'

18 THROUGH 35 EQUITATION, 2.9"-3'

36 & OVER HUNTERS, 2'9" - 3'

36 & OVER EQUITATION, 2.9"-3'

(Consecutive age breaks with same fence heights, may be combined for points to count when less than 3 entries> Exception, 11 & Under may be combined but jumps at 2'6")

RESTRICTED DIVISION: *Fences 2'6" Restricted Hunters; Restricted Equitation*

To be eligible a rider may not enter or compete in classes where fences are posted to be set higher than 2'9" during the current show year.

JUNIOR GREEN RIDER DIVISION, *Fences 2'3"*

No combinations. Riders may not enter or compete in classes where fence heights are posted to be set higher than 2'9" during the current show year. One championship will be awarded for the combined total of points received in the following classes: Green Rider Hunters, Equitation Over Fences, Horsemanship, Hunters Under Saddle, and Equitation on the Flat. Only the first of each class offered at a show will count towards the high point total. (May be combined with Amateur Green Rider for points to count when less than 3 entries)

AMATEUR GREEN RIDER DIVISION: *2' 3" Same Specifications as Junior Green Rider Division (May be combined with Junior Green Rider for points to count when less than 3 entries)*

CROSS RAIL DIVISION:

Any/all age break splits at shows are eligible for points. Riders may not enter or compete in classes where fence heights are posted to be set higher than 2'3" at any show. One championship will be awarded for the combined total of points received (one class each) in the following classes: Cross Rail Hunters, Equitation Over Fences, Hunters Under Saddle, and Equitation on the Flat.

WALK-TROT DIVISION:

To be eligible for walk trot a rider may not compete in any other classes at that show. Once a rider has competed over fences he may not return to the Walk-Trot division. Classes counting toward Walk-Trot high point are Walk-Trot Equitation, and Walk-Trot Obedience.

PRE GREEN HUNTER DIVISION, 2'6"-2'9" May not have ever jumped 3'6" or higher. Once a horse has won a year-end championship in Pre Green Hunters it is no longer eligible for points in this class. Horses are eligible for Pre Green Hunters for a maximum of two years.

LOW HUNTER DIVISION, 2'6. This division has no entry restrictions.

LOW HUNTER DIVISION, 2'9- 3'. This division has no entry restrictions.

"B" PERFORMANCE HUNTER DIVISION, 3' 3"3" This division has no entry restrictions.

"B" PERFORMANCE HUNTER RIDER DIVISION. Riders who are current members of SFHJA can accrue points in Pre Green, Low and Performance Hunter Divisions. This division is open but designed to reward our professional riders. Horses must be registered for points to count. A minimum of 50 points must be accrued for year end championship.

Section 3 – "A" or "B" Pointed Divisions

SHORT (11& UNDER), LONG (12-17), RUSTY (18 & OVER) STIRRUP DIVISIONS, 2'
(Points count from "A" or "B" Rated Shows)

Riders may not enter or compete in classes where fence heights are posted to be set higher than 2'6. One championship in each division will be awarded for the combined total of points received in the following classes: Short, Long, and/or Rusty Stirrup Hunters, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation Over Fences, and Equitation on the Flat. (Consecutive age breaks with same fence heights, may be combined for points to count when less than 3 entries)

LOW CHILDRENS/ADULT AMATEUR (Previously LOW MODIFIED): Fences 2'6"- 2'9"
Low Modified Hunters; Low Modified Equitation. For 2013 either class name will be accepted for 2014 classes must be renamed Low Children's / AA *To be eligible for the Low Modified Division a rider may not have ever shown in a class where fences may be set at 3'3" or higher. (Points will accrue separately from "A" or "B" Rated Divisions, and there will be two separate Year-End Division Awards)*

PONY DIVISION

PONY HUNTERS: Points count from "A" or "B" Rated Shows)
*Points calculated from Pony Hunters (Small 2'3", Medium 2'6", Large 2'9"-3"0.
Ponies must be registered and their owners must be members of SFHJA*

PONY EQUITATION *(may be combined, but ponies will jump their respective height by size or as combined by show. Ponies do not have to be registered as points are tracked only on the rider.*

Above divisions are combined for Pony High Point.

CHILDRENS PONY DIVISION (points count from "A" or "B" Rated Shows) 2' for sm/med and 2'6" for large. *Points calculated on riders from Children's Pony Hunters and Children's Pony Equitation. Ponies in these divisions do not have to be recorded.*

Section 4 – "Jumper" Divisions

LOW CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS: *Fences .80m - .90m – 1.00m*

CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS: *Fences 1.10m.*

.80M and .90m JUMPERS: *Fences .80m or 90m (No rider restrictions)*

1.00m JUMPERS: *Fences 1.00 m (No rider restrictions)*

1.10 m JUMPERS: *Fences 1.10 m (No rider restrictions)*

PERFORMANCE JUMPER RIDER DIVISION. *Riders who are current members of SFHJA can accrue points in any open Divisions. This division is open but designed to reward our professional riders. A minimum of 50 points must be accrued to receive a year end championship.*

PART 10 – DIVISION LIMITS & RESTRICTIONS

a. If a rider has competed in any class the prize list states is set at three foot six inch (3'6") or higher prior the current show year, he is no longer eligible for a year-end "B" equitation award from SFHJA. (Exception, Hunter Derbies with option fences.)

b. A rider is not eligible for a "B" year-end division or overall high point champion or reserve champion if the rider has won any "A" year-end age break championship in hunters or equitation or overall A high point championship from

SFHJA, LAHJA, PCHA, Zone X, USHJA, or USEF. That same year. However, a rider who has won a B Division or B High-Point may continue in the B Division through the age increases or for a total of no more the three years in the same Division where age is not a factor. Any rider winning the same Division for three consecutive years will be awarded a special prize. Additionally, a rider may request in writing, from the Board a "return to lower division status" Reasons may include, time off for college, child birth or injury.

c. A rider may not win both an "A" and a "B" yearend High Point award. If, at the end of the year, a rider is champion in both the "A" and "B" division or overall high point the championship will automatically be awarded in the A section. In the "B" section the next highest pointed horse or rider will become the champion for that division or high point section.

PART 11 – SPECIAL AWARDS

- a. **SILKS TO SHOW RING:** Founded by Lisa Thorpe, sponsored by Equestrian Concepts and awarded to the Thoroughbred with the highest number of points accrued in any divisions. Including Thoroughbred restricted classes
- b. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Presented by Rainbow Canyon Ranch This award is presented to the person who best exemplifies a true sportsmanship and horseman: Someone who is not there just for the ribbons, but for the challenge of the competition and to better their personal best, someone who not only finds joy in winning, but in helping others to win.
- c. **SHINING STAR AWARD:** Presented by Rainbow Canyon Ranch and selected by the previous year's Sportsmanship winner to someone who rises above adversity or helps others to do so. Open to parents, trainers, show staff, etc. Winner does not have to be an exhibitor of SFHJA member.