

## DIVISIONS, HEIGHTS AND DEFINITIONS

- 1. Walk/Trot Hunter** - Horse or pony to be shown only at the walk and trot. Over fence class courses shall be held over a course of four obstacles that consist of three to four poles each spaced four to five feet apart from each other. The course shall be once around. Anyone showing in this class/division is prohibited from showing in any other class, except Walk/Trot Equitation and Future Hunter Divisions. Entering any other class/division other than Walk/Trot Equitation and Future Hunter Divisions at any AHJA recognized show will result in the permanent loss of eligibility for the Walk/Trot Divisions. A rider may compete in this division for no more than two show years.
- 2. Short Stirrup Hunter** - Open to horses or ponies with inexperienced riders, 11 years or under. The rider's age will be determined by that person's age as of December 1, of the current competition year. The competition year begins December 1 and ends November 30, of the following year. The fence height shall be 18" to 24" with the course being either twice around the outside, a figure eight, or an inside/outside-outside/inside, which may be trotted or cantered. Once a rider competes higher than 2' over fences in any other division/class of any AHJA recognized show, except the Starting Hunter Division, he/she may not ever again in the current year or future years compete in the Short Stirrup division/classes. Short Stirrup riders may ride in Hunter under-saddle classes in any other division for which they are eligible.(See comments after Long Stirrup Hunter).
- 3. Long Stirrup Hunter** - open to horses or ponies with inexperienced riders, 12 years or over. The riders age will be determined by that person's age as of December 1, of the current competition year. The competition year begins December 1 and ends November 30, of the following year. The fence height shall be 18" to 24" with the course being twice around the outside, a figure eight, or an inside/outside-outside/inside, which may be trotted or cantered. Once a rider competes higher than 2' over fences in any other division/class of any AHJA recognized show, except the Starting Hunter Division, he/she may not ever again in the current year or future years compete in the Long Stirrup division/classes. Long Stirrup riders may ride in Hunter under-saddle classes in any other divisions for which they are eligible.(See comments below).

A class or division is to be pinned (including Champion and Reserve Champion trophies) even if there are fewer than three competitors in that division. Show management may combine similar divisions, (i.e. Long and Short Stirrup) for the sake of time conservation, though the classes and division will be pinned separately.

- 4. Schooling Pony Hunter** - Small, not exceeding 12.2 hands, fences 2'0", stride distance in combinations to be adjusted to 20'. Medium, over 12.2 but, not exceeding 13.2 hands, fences 2'0", stride distance in combinations to be adjusted to 22'. Large, over 13.2 hands, but not exceeding 14.2 hands, fences 2'3".
- 5. Regular Pony Hunter** - Small, not exceeding 12.2 hands, fences 2'0", stride distance in combinations to be adjusted to 20'. Medium, over 12.2 but, not exceeding 13.2 hands, fences 2'3", stride distance in combinations to be adjusted to 22'. Large, over 13.2 hands, but not exceeding 14.2 hands, fences 2'9".

Ponies: Adults cannot ride in Pony Hunter, Pony Equitation, or Pony Jumper Divisions. For the purpose of showing, the small/medium and large ponies will show as one class with fences and stride distances adjusted for small, medium,

and large. Please remember that the top element of a fence, i.e., pole vs. gate may not be changed for the different heights; however, you may add a rail under the top rail in order to make the fences less airy. A USEF permanent measurement card or an AHJA measurement form must be presented for any pony before being issued an exhibitor's number when showing in Schooling Pony or Pony Hunter Divisions. Any AHJA officer or any two members of the AHJA Board of Directors may request a pony be measured at any AHJA show. Refusal by any exhibitor to present their pony for measurement when requested by an AHJA representative will result in suspension from showing in any AHJA rated show until the pony is submitted for measurement. Only a USEF approved measuring stick will be used to measure ponies. When measuring shod ponies, the height of shoes measured at the heel will be subtracted from the measured height.

6. **Future Hunter** - Open to horse or pony, fences shall be set as cross poles at a height of 12" at the cross and the course will be twice around the outside at the trot or canter, being two lines of at least two fences each line. The horse-pony/rider combination cannot show in any other class or division, except the Walk/Trot Hunter Divisions.
7. **Starting Hunter** - Open to horse or pony, fences shall be set on a regular hunter course at 2' in height. Course shall not include an in and out fence and the horse/rider combination cannot show in any over fence class with fences higher than 2'3" at the same show. Pony/rider combination may show in Schooling Pony Hunter Division, but may not show in Regular Pony Hunter Division at the same show.
8. **Schooling Hunter** - fences 2'3", open to all horses and ponies.
9. **Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Hunter** – Fences 2'3" to 2'6". Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by junior and adult amateur exhibitors. A horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher.
10. **Baby Green Hunter** - fences 2'6", a horse or pony of any age in its first or second year of showing over fences that has not jumped higher than 3' in AHJA recognized shows, excluding equitation. A horse or pony showing over fences higher than 3' is immediately no longer eligible to show pre-green. May cross enter any other division at 3' or lower, except Green Working Hunter. (The two years do not have to be consecutive years so long as the horse or pony is not shown at all over fences in the year(s) following the first Baby Green year.)
11. **Non-Thoroughbred Hunter** - Open to horses or ponies that are not thoroughbreds. Fences shall be set on a regular hunter course and shall be 2'6" in height.
12. **Thoroughbred Hunter** - Open to thoroughbreds only. Fences shall be set on a regular hunter course and shall be 2' 6" in height.
13. **Low Hunter** - fences 2'9", open to all horses and ponies.
14. **Children's Hunter** - fences 3', open to horses and ponies, riders who have not reached their 18th birthday. Cross-entering is not allowed into Junior Division. (See comments after Adult Hunter).

15. **Adult Amateur Hunter** - fences 3', open only to those amateur riders not eligible for the Junior division. Cross-entering where eligible.
16. **Green Working Hunters** - 1st. year fences 2'9", 2nd. year fences 3' to 3'3". A horse of any age in it's first or second year of showing (need not be consecutive years) in any AHJA-recognized classes that require a horse to jump 3'3" or higher, excluding equitation. (If an exhibitor chooses to enter a division requiring his/her horse to jump 3'3" or higher, except equitation, the horse will forfeit one green year.)
17. **Jr/Ao** - fences 3'3", horses, Junior riders who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, may not cross-enter children's hunter. Amateur-Owners, person who is not paid for riding or teaching services, may cross-enter where eligible.
18. **Regular Working Hunter** - fences 3'3", up to 3'6", open to horses and ponies, no age restrictions, cross-entering where eligible.
19. **Hopeful Hunter** - Hopeful Hunter: For the green horse and pony, a horse or pony in its first year of showing in any recognized show by any Association not having ever shown in any class or division with any fences higher than 2'. The horse-pony/rider combination cannot show in any other class or division, except Starting Hunter.

**\*Note for all Equitation Divisions:  
A rider may enter only one Equitation Division at a Show.\***

20. **Walk/trot Equitation On The Flat** - Open to beginners, adult or child. Anyone showing in this class/division is prohibited from showing in any other class or division, except the Walk/Trot Hunter and Future Hunter Divisions. Entering any class/division other than the Walk/Trot Hunter and Future Hunter Divisions at any AHJA recognized show will result in permanent loss of eligibility for the Walk/Trot Divisions. A rider may compete in this division for no more than two show years.
21. **Walk/trot Equitation Over Poles** - Open to beginners, adult or child. Over fence classes will be limited to poles and the course shall be once around the outside. Anyone showing in this class/division is prohibited from showing in any other class or division, except the Walk/Trot Hunter and Future Hunter Divisions. Entering any class/division other than the Walk/Trot Hunter and Future Hunter Divisions at any AHJA recognized show will result in permanent loss of eligibility for the Walk/Trot Divisions. A rider may compete in this division for no more than two show years.
22. **Short Stirrup Equitation Flat** - 11 years and under.  
(See comments after Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences).
23. **Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences** - 11 years and under, fences to be 18" to 24" with the course being either twice around the outside, a figure eight, or an inside/outside-outside/inside, course may be trotted or cantered.  
(See comments after Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences).
24. **Long Stirrup Equitation Flat** - 12 years and over.  
(See comments after Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences).

25. **Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences** - 12 years and over, fences to be 18” to 24” with the course being either twice around the outside, a figure eight, or an inside/outside-outside/inside. Course may be cantered or trotted.
26. **Future Equitation Flat** – The rider cannot show in any other class or division except Walk/Trot Hunter, Future Hunter, and Future Equitation over Fences.
27. **Future Equitation over Fences** – Open to horse or pony, fences shall be set as cross-poles at a height of 12” at the cross and the course will be twice around the outside at the trot or canter, being two lines of at least two fences each line. The rider cannot show in any other class or division except Walk/Trot Hunter, Future Hunter, and Future Equitation Flat.
28. **Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Equitation Flat** – Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by junior or adult amateur exhibitors. A rider may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3’ or higher.
29. **Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Equitation over Fences** – Fences 2’3” to 2’6”. Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by junior or adult amateur exhibitors. A rider may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3’ or higher.
30. **Pony Equitation Division-** Flat and Over Fences Equitation Classes for Ponies shown by riders ages 17 and under. Fence heights shall be limited to those of the Regular Pony Hunter Division. See comments following paragraph 5, Regular Pony Hunter.
31. **Children’s Equitation Flat** – Open to only to Junior exhibitors. This division may be combined with Adult Amateur Equitation Flat if either Division has fewer than three (3) exhibitors, though, they will be pinned separately.
32. **Children’s Equitation Over Fences** - Open to only to Junior exhibitors, fences 3’. This division may be combined with Adult Amateur Equitation over Fences if either Division has fewer than three (3) exhibitors, though they will be pinned separately.
33. **Adult Amateur Equitation Flat** – Open to those competitor’s 18 years or older. This division may be combined with Children’s Equitation Flat if either Division has fewer than three (3) exhibitors, though, they will be pinned separately.
34. **Adult Amateur Equitation Over Fences** – Open to those competitor’s 18 years or older, fences heights are 3’. This division may be combined with Children’s Equitation Flat if either Division has fewer than three (3) exhibitors, though, they will be pinned separately.
35. **Novice Jumper-** Fences to be 2’, cross entering restrictions, (reference the hunter rules on cross entering heights). Where rules are unclear, then the AHJA jumper rules will be enforces according to outlines listed in the USEF Rule Book.
36. **Training Jumper-** Fences to be 2’ 3” open to all horses and ponies, restrictions apply to cross entering in regards to fence heights and limitations.
37. **Beginner Jumper** – fences 2’6”, open to all horses or ponies.  
(See Jumper Rules for judging.)

38. **Pony Jumper** – fences 2’6”, open to all ponies (See Jumper Rules for judging). See comments following paragraph 5, Regular Pony Hunter.
39. **Schooling Jumper** – fences 2’9” up to 3’, open to all horses or ponies. (See Jumper Rules for judging.)
40. **Intermediate Jumper** – fences up to 3’3” open to all horses or ponies. (See Jumper Rules for judging.)
41. **Open Jumper** – fence heights not less than 3’6”; open to all horses or ponies. (See Jumper Rules for judging.)

## JUMPER DIVISIONS

### \*All Jumper Shows will Follow USEF Rules and Guidelines\*

Novice Jumper- Fences 2’ Optimum Time  
 Training Jumper- 2’3” Optimum Time  
 Beginner Jumper – fences 2’6”  
 Pony Jumper – fences 2’6”  
 Schooling Jumper – fences 2’9” to 3’  
 Intermediate Jumper – 3’3” Optimum Time  
 Open Jumper – fences 3’6” Optimum Time

1. Rules governing jumper classes must be stated in prize list.
2. **Start and Finish of Course** – Both a starting line at least 12’ before the first obstacle and a finishing line at least 24’ beyond the last obstacle must be indicated by two markers at least 12’ apart on each end of each line. Horses with riders mounted must cross the starting line between the markers and to complete a course they must cross the finishing line between the markers headed in the proper direction with riders mounted.
3. **Time** – time shall be taken from the instant the horse’s chest reaches the starting line until it reaches the finishing line with a bell or buzzer sounded to tell the rider to start the course.
4. Riders may walk the course (on foot) prior to the first class, but, may not school their horses over the course.
5. **Faults** –
 

Knockdown	4 faults
1 <sup>st</sup> Refusal	4 faults
2 <sup>nd</sup> Refusal	4 faults
3 <sup>rd</sup> Refusal	elimination
Fall of horse or rider	elimination
Knockdown timers	elimination
Off course	elimination
6. **Classes** – Classes will be held and judged in accordance with the current Tables published in the USEF Rule Book. Method of holding and judging of each class will be clearly stated in the description of the class.

- 7. Jump Offs** – To be held over the original course, this may include additional obstacles. In a jump-off the sequence of obstacles may be in any order or direction. Obstacles may be raised, lowered, broadened or narrowed. Course may be shortened.
- 8. Jumper Judge** – Jumpers may be judged by the hunter judge, an AHJA approved judge, or a judge who has received prior approval by the Show Committee Chairperson.
- 9. Jumper Fences** – Fences may be bright colors, and basically anything that is safe to horse and rider. Ground lines are optional.
- 10. Jumper Courses** – Combinations of two or three elements are allowed, as well as angled fences. Please be sure that the course has a smooth flow to it, otherwise, it will be difficult to ride.
- 11. USEF Jumper rules will be followed where the AHJA does not cover.**