



**New England Jumpers' Association LLC**

**Rules Book & Class Descriptions**

**2019**

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## **Mission Statement:**

*The New England Jumpers' Association is committed to providing a show circuit in which riders of all ages and abilities are able to experience quality shows, sportsmanship, horsemanship, and friendships associated with the discipline.*

*Real Shows, Real Experiences, Real Results.*

## **About NEJA**

Founded in 2015, NEJA started off as a just jumper association created to offer more quality shows in the state of Maine. After a year, we started offering Hunter/Jumper shows in Maine & NH, also affiliating with local associations. After almost two years we have developed new programs and will be adding hunter divisions and eventing divisions to our year-end awards and expanding into Massachusetts.

NEJA was created to enhance the equestrian experience. We are family owned and operated, we believe that quality leads to life time customers. Equestrian work hard and deserve to enjoy their show experience.

## General Rules

### 1. Memberships:

- Membership is open to all.
- The year is defined as Jan 1st to December 31<sup>th</sup>.
- A junior rider is defined as any rider 17 yrs. or younger. A junior's age is defined as the age of the junior on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the membership year.
- Membership types and fees are defined as Individual 1 year (\$45), 2 years (\$80), and lifetime.

A 1 year or 2-year membership is defined as a junior, amateur, or professional rider. An *Individual* may register up to two horses per competition year, if more horses are to be registered they must fill out another membership for with an additional \$10 per horse after 2 horses.

2. **Members:** will be for NEJA members showing in NEJA affiliated shows. All divisions/ classes listed in this document will be eligible for year-end awards. A rider must earn points in a minimum of 3 affiliated shows to be eligible for year-end awards. **If a rider wishes to earn year-end points toward offered classes you must be an NEJA Member.** If rider does not wish to earn points, they do not have to be an NEJA member.

As of 2019, all NEJA Members will not pay extra fees such as Ground fee and office fee **FOR SCHOOLING SHOWS.** Late Fee will still apply if entries are not received by close dates. Members will have to pay fees for classics and festivals. In 2019 non-members will be subjected to a non-member fee. For affiliated association membership & point rules, visit "Show Affiliations".

3. **Year End Awards:** will be as follows: for lead-line and walk-trot, awards will be given 1st through 6th place. For all other hunter/on the flat/equitation classes awards will be given Champion and Reserve. For all jumper divisions, awards will be given 1st through 6th place. For all 2-phase/3-phase divisions, awards will be given 1st through 3rd place.

For horse and rider points to count, only the rider needs to be an NEJA Member, but the owner's information and consent must be given with membership form.

For a leased horse, the lessee will be considered the owner for point-counting purposes. The lease must be recorded with the NEJA.

**4. Show Affiliations:** NEJA will abide by the laws & rules of the organization(s) affiliated with. This includes Judge, Steward, EMT, veterinarian and Farrier requirements.

**MEHJA Affiliated** shows, if the rider/owner wishing to earn MEHJA points they must comply with MeHJA rules (In order for the horses points to count, the owner of the horse must be a member of MeHJA in performance (hunter and pleasure) and in classes where the rider is judged (equitation), the rider must be a member of MeHJA.)

NEJA will recognize **Downeast Medal** Participants. Points will be based on the Downeast Medals point scoring/record keeping. DMF Classes must have a minimum of 3 riders to earn points. Class can still be ran with less than 3 riders.

**New Hampshire Hunter/Jumper Association (NHHJA)** affiliated shows: Points for NHHJA medal classes may be accumulated only at shows affiliated with NHHJA and in good standing. Points will be finalized two weeks. Riders that wish to earn point for NHHJA Medals **must be a NHHJA Member** & show proof of membership the day of event.

**New England Horse Council (NEHC)** Affiliated shows, if the rider/owner wishing to earn NEHC points they must comply with NEHC rules and **must be an NEHC Member**. Rider must show proof of NEHC membership in order to enter the class.

**USHJA** Affiliated shows, if the rider/owner wishing to earn USHJA points they must comply with USHJA/USEF rules and must be an USHJA/USEF Member.

**Maine Combined Training Association (MECTA)** Affiliated shows, if the rider/owner wishing to earn MECTA points they must comply with MECTA rules and **must be an MECTA Member**. Rider must show proof of MECTA membership in order to enter the class.

**Dressage Association: (MDA, CMDA, EMDA, WMDA) Affiliated** shows, if the rider/owner wishing to earn points they must comply with affiliated association rules and **must be a Member of the particular association they wish to earn points**. Rider must show proof of membership in order to enter the class.

**5. NEJA Affiliation:** Any show in New England may affiliate with the New England Jumpers' Association. Cost to affiliate will be \$35 in the State of Maine. All other bordering states will be \$45. An affiliate show will receive a mailing list of all NEJA members, division specs and a rule book. Classes and divisions recognized by the NEJA will count toward year-end awards in the NEJA.

**AFFILIATION RULES:**

- A. Shows must apply for affiliation and submit payment by March 31st. After submission date, NEJA requires a minimum of 60 days in advance of the show date, plus \$5 late charge. For last minute affiliation please email us directly.
- B. Shows must send a copy of the class list to the NEJA secretary for approval with their affiliation.
- C. Shows affiliated with the MeHJA must supply proof of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 General Liability, which includes spectators on or about the grounds, and must name NEJA as additional insured. This proof of insurance must be received by the NEJA secretary at least 30 days prior to show.
- D. The show must also send a copy of the results to the NEJA secretary within two weeks of the completion of said show. If the show results are not received by three weeks from the completion of the show, a \$25 fine will be assessed. If not received by four weeks from the completion of the show, the fine will be \$50 and the hosting facility will not be allowed to affiliate any other competitions until the results are received and the fine is paid.
- E. It is required that shows hire carded judges, NEHC or USEF carded judges are recommended.
- F. NEJA will offer year-end awards in all divisions offered in rulebook. Riders must be an NEJA member to acquire points.
- G. Facility **MUST** have proper and safe footing for competitors. Facility must also have proper fences with safe courses. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in loss of any other affiliation(s), with no refund.
- H. Facility must have proper and safe parking for competitors.

I. Facility and staff must agree to abide by NEJA strict code of conduct. Any incidents that break the code of conduct will be subject to investigation. Failing to abide by the code of conduct could result in loss of any future or pending affiliation(s), with no refund.

**6. Points:** NEJA will appoint shows either single set of points or will two sets of points for double-pointed shows. However, the show will count as only one show, not as two shows, for the purpose of the minimum number of shows that must be attended for points to count toward year-ends. Shows will be noted if it is single pointed or double pointed.

**\*NEW:** After each event division results for all classes will be posted to the website event page for riders to see official placings.

#### ALL CLASSES

Place	1-6 Horses	7 + Horses
1st	12	16
2nd	10	14
3rd	8	12
4th	6	10
5th	4	8
6th	2	6

*Division Champion*                      *12 points*  
*Reserve Champion*                      *8 points*

**7. Shows:** Shows should have a measuring stick available in case of protest or question regarding the height measurement of ponies. NEJA supports are to be on time and ready riders, shows will not be held if you are late, due to the amount of horses and riders. A rough time estimate schedule will be posted the Wednesday before the following show.



**Pre-Entries:** Hunter/Jumper Show entries can be submitted two ways. One, Online show entries via our website. Two, Paper form printed, filled out and mailed to NEJA. 2-phase & dressage entries must only be printed, filled out and mailed to NEJA WITH form of payment.

If entries are not received on time, rider will be subject to a late fee or entry can be denied from show.

If form of payment is not receiving with entry, rider's entry will not be counted and rider will not receive a ride time.

**Vaccinations:** All horses on or competing in NEJA show/grounds will be required to have an updated Coggins & Rabies vaccination within ONE YEAR. One may NOT show if the show office doesn't have records of these documents.

**Dogs:** Dogs are allowed, all dogs MUST be on a leash. Owner of the dog is responsible for the dog, the owner will be given a \$15 fine for 1st offense, 2nd offense will be \$50, and 3rd offense will be mandatory removal from the property and dog privileges will be lost for the rest of the show year. If caught with a dog after privileges were revoked, removal from property is immediate, membership will be pulled without refund and no longer able to attend NEJA shows.

**Payments:** Accepting Cash, Checks, Debit & Credit cards. All credit card transactions will be assessed a 3% convenience fee. NEJA will charge Members or payers a \$50.00 fee in addition to original amount, for each check found by our bank to be returned for insufficient funds.

2-Phase/3-Phase Events & Dressage Show Entries, must be paid in full before deadline. If payment is not received, rider will not receive ride time.

**Refunds:** Paid in advance fees will be non-refundable after show close date. Only exception is with a note from a veterinarian.

**Prize money:** Prize money can be given to winner in two ways, either mailed check after the show or deduct from rider's balance at the end of the show. Prize money will only be awarded with classes of 6 or more horses. Classes can run with less than 6 but no prize money will be awarded.

**Martingales:** Martingales are not allowed in any flat or under saddle classes. Standing Martingales are allowed in over fences classes but are to only be used in classes that do not exceed the height of 1.20m. Any and all jumper classes are allowed running martingales.

**Helmet Usage:** It is compulsory for all persons at NEJA shows when mounted anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM/SEI standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. A Show Committee must ban riders without protective headgear from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.

Anyone without proper helmet gear will be asked to dismount and not remount till adequate protective gear is fastened.

**Motorized Vehicle Statement:** Anyone operating ANY motorized vehicle (including, but not limited to, 4-wheelers, golf carts, mini bikes, scooters, farm utility vehicles) at any NEJA show must have a valid driver's license.

**8. FREE Events:** NEJA Offers one free event a year. This event is held at Windsor Fair on a Friday. This event is only free to NEJA Members. NEJA Members are allowed to ride in many classes through this show. One Rider is allowed two horses, five free classes per horse. Members are still subject to late fee if entry is not received on time.

NON-MEMBERS will receive one free classes with each additional class being \$10 each. Non-Members are subject to pay fees, including grounds fee, office fee, and late fee if applicable.

**9. Disagreements:** Any individual having problems, concerns, questions, or suggestions about the NEJA organization, its rules or officers, must contact the president of NEJA in writing or via email.

**10. Show Conduct:** NEJA shows will be run under a strict code of conduct. Riders will be found in poor standing if any of the following occur:

- A) Flagrant disregard of the rules and safety.
- B) Failure to make good on insufficient funds within 60 days.
- C) Rude or Disrespectful behavior toward other competitors or event staff (Including Judge & Steward).
- D) The use of abusive or foul language toward anyone or any animal.
- E) Disregard for the well-being of the horse.
- F) Any bullying of any kind

\* If not compliant with show conduct, the show grounds and association have power to ban rider from events for up to a year at a time. We will have a **ZERO TOLERANCE** rule for inappropriate show conduct, these rules apply to all riders, spectators and all show participants.

## **Class Descriptions**

### **Lead-Line Pleasure**

#### *Lead-line Pleasure (7 and under)*

To be judged at the walk and trot as a pleasure class, with manners and suitability of the mount to be emphasized.

### **Walk-Trot Pleasure**

Open to riders 10 years of age and under. Riders in this class are not eligible for classes requiring entries to canter or lope. No child entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope at any previous show. Stallions are prohibited.

#### *Walk-Trot Pleasure (10 and under)*

To be shown both ways of the ring at the walk and trot. To be judged on manners, suitability and performance.

### **NEJA Pleasure Horse**

Open to riders of all ages. Riders in this class are not held to any class restrictions. This class is open to any and all horse and rider combinations.

#### *NEJA Pleasure Horse*

To be shown both ways of the ring at the walk, trot, canter. To be judged on manners, suitability and performance.

### **Hemphill's Horse**

Open to riders of all ages. Riders in this class are not held to any class restrictions. This class is open to any and all horse and rider combinations. Horse must have been purchased from Hemphill's and must have proof of purchase.

#### *Equitation on the Flat*

Riders to show at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked to halt and back. Riders to be judged on hands, seat, and position, and control of their mount.

#### *Hemphill's Hunter Horse*

To be shown over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8 fences with fence heights no greater than 2'. To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized. Combinations and oxers are acceptable. Extreme speed shall be penalized.

#### *Hemphill's Horse Equitation Over Fences*

Riders to be judged on hands, seat, position, and control of mount. To be judged over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8. Fence heights to be no greater than 2'. Combinations and oxers are acceptable.

## **Walk-Trot Hunter**

Open to riders of all ages. Riders in this class are not held to any class restrictions. This class is open to any and all horse and rider combinations.

### *Walk-Trot Hunter on the Flat*

To be shown at the walk and trot in both ways of the ring, maintaining light contact with the horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than 8 horses/ponies may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. Horses/Ponies to be judged on performance and manners.

### *Walk-Trot Hunter Ground Poles*

To be judged on manners, suitability, and performance. Judged over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8. Fence heights to be no greater than ground poles.

## **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 Under Saddle*

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 Pony Hunter Pleasure U/S.

## **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 Under Saddle*

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 Hunter Pleasure U/S.

## Easy Does It Hunter

Open to riders of any age with no restriction as to status. Horse/pony and rider combination may not enter any other class requiring horses to jump over 2'3" at the same show. To be shown over a course of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 fences not to exceed 18" in height. No combinations. May trot or canter over fences.

### *Easy Does It Hunter Over Fences*

To be judged on manners, suitability, and performance. Simple changes of lead through the trot are acceptable.

### *Easy Does It Hunter Stake*

To be judged on manners, suitability, and performance. Simple changes of lead through the trot are acceptable. Horse and rider combination must have competed in the qualifying class.

### *Easy Does It Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive, and move freely. To be judged on manners, performance, and soundness. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. No more than 8 horses will be asked to canter at one time.

## Pre-Green Hopeful Hunter

Open to all riders, regardless of status, on horses/ponies who have not competed in a class with fence heights greater than 2'6". The same horse/pony and rider combinations cannot show in any other rated hunter or jumper division with fence heights greater than 2'6" and cannot be shown in this division for more than 2 years. Fences will be 2-2'3" in height. Horse/Pony to be judged on manners, performance and suitability.

### *Pre-Green Hopeful Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8 fences with fence heights no greater than 2'3". To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized. Combinations and oxers are acceptable. Extreme speed shall be penalized.

### *Pre-Green Hopeful Hunter Stake*

To be shown over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8 fences with fence heights no greater than 2'3". To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized. Combinations and oxers are acceptable. Extreme speed shall be penalized.

### *Pre-Green Hopeful Under Saddle*

To be shown at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring, maintaining light contact with the horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than 8 horses/ponies may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. Horses/Ponies to be judged on performance and manners.

## **Schooling Hunter**

Open to Junior and Amateur Adult riders who have not competed in a class with fence heights greater than 2'6". The same horse/pony and rider combination cannot show in any other rated hunter or jumper division with fence heights greater than 2'6". Open to horses and ponies to show over the same course. Fences will be 2'to 2'3" in height. Horse/Pony to be judged on manner, performance, and suitability.

### *Schooling Hunter Over Fences*

To be shown over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8 fences with fence heights no greater than 2'3". To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized. Combinations and oxers are acceptable. Extreme speed shall be penalized.

### *Schooling Hunter Stake*

To be shown over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8 fences with fence heights no greater than 2'3". To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized. Combinations and oxers are acceptable. Extreme speed shall be penalized.

### *Schooling Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring, maintaining light contact with the horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than 8 horses/ponies may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. Horses/Ponies to be judged on performance and manners.

## **Special Working Hunter**

Open to horses and ponies. Open to all riders, regardless of status. Fences not to exceed 2'6".

### *Special Working Hunter Over Fences*

To be judged on manners, performance, and soundness. To be shown over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8 fences, with at least one change of direction. Fence heights not to exceed 2'6". Combinations and oxers are acceptable and encouraged.

### *Special Working Hunter Stake*

To be judged on manners, suitability, and performance. To be shown over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8 fences, with at least one change of direction. Fence heights not to exceed 2'6". Combinations and oxers are acceptable and encouraged

### *Special Working Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive, and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than 8 horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance and soundness.

## **Children's Hunter**

Open to horses and ponies. To be shown by Junior Exhibitors. Junior Exhibitors 15 – 17 years of age, inclusive, must be eligible for Intermediate equitation over fences as of December 1st of the current show year. The same horse/pony and rider combination cannot show in any other rated hunter or jumper division at the same show with the exceptions of Equitation, Special Hunter, and Low Hunter divisions. Fences no higher than 2'6" for ponies and 3' for horses. Horses and ponies to show over the same course.

### *Children's Hunter Over Fences*

To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

### *Children's Hunter Stake*

To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

### *Children's Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than 8 horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

## **Adult Amateur Hunter**

To be ridden by Amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors. Horse/rider combinations are not eligible for any other NEHC or USEF rated classes. Horses may be shown by a different rider in any other division or class at the same competition. Ponies may be ridden by adults, suitability to count. Fence heights not to exceed 3'. Spreads not to exceed height of fence.

### *Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences*

To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as an Adult Hunter. Horses and ponies may be jogged for soundness at the judge's discretion.

### *Adult Amateur Hunter Stake*

To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as an Adult Hunter. Horses and ponies may be jogged for soundness at the judge's discretion.

### *Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than 8 horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as an Adult Hunter.



### **Low Working Hunter**

Open to horses and riders of any age with no restriction as to status. Conformation not to count. Fences not to exceed 3' in height.

#### *Low Working Hunter Over Fences*

To be judged on performance and soundness.

#### *Low Working Hunter Stake*

To be judged on performance and soundness.

#### *Low Working Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. To be judged on performance and soundness.

### **Performance Working Hunter**

Points will be awarded in the following classes only if the prize list does not specify conformation to count in the judging. The minimum and maximum height of the fences must be specified in each class. Height of the fences at the option of the show management but should be a minimum of 3'3".

#### *Performance Working Hunter Over Fences*

To be judged on performance, manners, and suitability. To be shown over a minimum of 6 fences.

#### *Performance Working Hunter Stake*

To be judged on performance and soundness. Must have competed in the qualifying class.

#### *Performance Working Hunter, Handy Round*

To be shown over a special course, obstacles simulating those found in trappy hunting country. Emphasis on judging to be placed on promptness and manners.

#### *Performance Working Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. To be judged on performance and soundness.

### **Thoroughbred Hunter**

Open to horses registered with the American Jockey Club. Proof of registration either via registration papers or TIP number required. The height of the fences not to exceed 2'6"

#### *Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences*

To be judged on performance and soundness.

*Thoroughbred Hunter Stake*

To be judged on performance and soundness. Must have competed in the qualifying class.

*Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than 8 horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. To be judged on performance and soundness.

### **Green Working Hunter**

A Green Hunter is a horse of any age that is in his first or second year of showing in any class at recognized MeHJA, MHA, NEHC and/or USEF shows requiring entries to jump (including equitation) 3'6" or higher. Horses showing over courses lower than 3'6" will not lose their green status. First year green horses to jump no higher than 3'6". Second year green horses to jump no higher than 3'9". It is recommended that all shows specify no higher than a difference of three inches in the height of jumps for the first and second year horses. Show management may divide into first year and second year on the day of the show if there are sufficient entries. Points will be awarded in the following classes only if the prize list does not specify conformation to count in the judging.

*Green Working Hunter Over Fences*

To be judged on performance and soundness.

*Green Working Hunter Stake*

To be judged on performance and soundness. Must have competed in the qualifying class.

*Green Working Hunter Under Saddle*

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Will not be asked to hand gallop. To be judged on performance and soundness.

### **Hunter Hack**

*Hunter Hack*

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. Horses are required to individually jump two fences 2' to 2'6" in height. To be judged on performance and soundness.

*Hunter Hack Horse Championship*

To be eligible horse must have been entered, shown and judged in Hunter Hack Horse class. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, and responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. Horses are required to individually jump two fences 2' to 2'6" in height. To be judged on performance and soundness.

**HUNTER CLASSICS:**

18" Hunter Classic – Open to horse and rider combinations who have shown in at least 3 NEJA shows in the current year, in *Short Stirrup or Suitable Hunter* divisions. Horse and rider combinations may never have shown over fences higher than 2' at any recognized show.

2'3" Hunter Classic – Open to Horse and rider combinations who have shown in at least 3 NEJA shows in the current year, in *Modified Children's Hunter or Modified Adult Hunter*.

2'6" Hunter Classic – Open to horse and rider combinations who have shown in at least 3 NEJA shows in the current year, in *Baby Green, Open Special, or Special Child/Amateur Adult Hunter*.

Pony Hunter Classic – Open to horse and rider combinations who have shown in at least 3 NEJA shows in the current year, in *Children's Hunter Pony or Working Pony Hunter*.

3' Hunter Classic – Open horse and rider combinations who have shown in at least 3 NEJA shows in the current year, in *Children's Hunter Horse, Amateur Adult Hunter, or Performance Hunter*.

## *Equitation Classes*

### **Lead line Equitation**

#### *Lead line Equitation (7 and under)*

To be shown at a walk and trot on an attached lead, demonstrating the riders control of the horse or pony. Rider may be asked to halt and/or turn to the left or right. Other commands at the discretion of the judge.

### **Walk-Trot Equitation**

Open to riders 10 years of age and under. Riders may not compete in any class at this show in which rider is required to canter or lope. No child entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope at any previous show. Stallions are prohibited.

#### *Walk-Trot Equitation (10 and under)*

To be shown at the walk and trot both ways of the ring and judged on hands, seat, and control.

#### *Walk-Trot Equitation Ground Poles*

Riders to be judged on hands, seat, position, and control of mount. To be judged over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8. Fence heights to be no greater than ground poles.

### **Short Stirrup Equitation**

Open to riders 12 years of age or under. Both classes accrue to one award. Rider may not compete in any other hunter seat equitation class at any show and must not have competed in a jumping class exceeding 18" in height.

#### *Short Stirrup Equitation on the flat*

To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.

#### *Short Stirrup Equitation over fences*

To be shown over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 fences not exceeding 18" in height. Fences may be taken at either a trot or a canter at the option of the rider. No oxers or combinations.

#### *Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences Championship*

To be shown over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 fences not exceeding 18" in height. Fences may be taken at either a trot or a canter at the option of the rider. No oxers or combinations. To be eligible must have shown in qualifying classes.

### **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. Fences may be taken at a trot or canter.

### **Schooling Equitation**

Open to Junior and Amateur Adult exhibitors who have not competed previously in a class with fence heights greater than 2'6". Rider may not compete in any other equitation division at the show. If sufficient entries, class may be split into a junior section and an amateur section. Prize list must state if a class is to be held ON THE FLAT or OVER FENCES.

#### *Schooling Equitation Over Fences*

Riders to be judged on hands, seat, position, and control of mount. To be judged over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8. Fence heights to be no greater than 2'3". Combinations and oxers are acceptable.

#### *Schooling Equitation on the Flat*

Riders to show at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked to halt and back. Riders to be judged on hands, seat, and position, and control of their mount.

*Schooling Equitation Championship*

To be shown over fences. To qualify, riders must have been entered, shown and judged in the required qualifying class. Fence heights shall be no higher than 2'3". To be shown over a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8 fences. Note: For points to count, championship must be held over fences.

**Opportunity Equitation Over Fences**

Open to all riders of any age group. Riders in this class are not held to any class restrictions. This class is open to any and all horse and rider combinations. Class with fence heights no greater than Ground Poles.

*Open Equitation 2'3" Over Fences*

Riders to be judged on hands, seat, position, and control of mount. To be judged over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8. Fence heights to be no greater than 2'3". Combinations and oxers are acceptable.

*Open Equitation 2'6" Over Fences*

Riders to be judged on hands, seat, position, and control of mount. To be judged over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8. Fence heights to be no greater than 2'6". Combinations and oxers are acceptable.

*Open Equitation 2'9" Over Fences*

Riders to be judged on hands, seat, position, and control of mount. To be judged over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8. Fence heights to be no greater than 2'9". Combinations and oxers are acceptable.

*Open Equitation 3' Over Fences*

Riders to be judged on hands, seat, position, and control of mount. To be judged over a course of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 8. Fence heights to be no greater than 3'. Combinations and oxers are acceptable.

**Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation**

Open to junior riders 17 yrs. or younger as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year. Riders are to be judged on seat, hands, position, and control of mount. Shows may hold either the Flat or Over Fences or both. Championship classes may only be held with a qualifying corresponding class. NOTE: for points to count, championship must be held over fences. For year-end award purposes, only those qualifying for the championship in an age group class shall earn championship points.

*Hunter/Jumper Seat Equitation on the Flat*

To be judged at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Judge may require additional tests.

*Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Over Fences*

To be judged on the rider's performance. To be shown over a course of at least 6 fences. Fence height not to exceed 3'. All contestants must jump the same height. Wings are compulsory for

classes under 15 years of age. In open classes and classes for 15-17 years of age, jumps are not to exceed 3'6" and wings are optional.

### **Adult Amateur Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation**

Open to competitors 18 years or older as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year that hold amateur status according to USEF rules. Riders are to be judged on seat, hands, position, and control of mount. Shows may hold either the Flat, Over Fences, or both sections. Championship classes may only be held with a qualifying corresponding class. For points to count, championship class must be held over fences. NOTE: for year-end award purposes, only those qualifying for the championship in a regular (not a Medal class) amateur adult hunt seat equitation class shall earn championship points.

#### *Adult Amateur Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation on the Flat*

To be judged at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Judge may require additional tests.

#### *Adult Amateur Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Over Fences*

Fences not to exceed 3'. Wing standards are optional.

#### *Adult Amateur Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Over Fences Championship*

To be eligible, rider must have been entered, shown and judged in any other Amateur Adult Hunter Seat Equitation class at this show. To be held over a course of fences not to exceed 3'.

### ***Jumper Division & Class Description***

Jumpers may be of any breed or height, stallions, geldings, or mares. The prize list must give a brief summary of the class conditions, the number of jumps, and maximum height for the first

round, and table under which class is to be scored. Must have shown in a regular class in the division to be eligible to compete in the division's stake class.

**18" Puddle Jumpers:** (cross rails- no oxers) All jumper divisions to follow USEF rules. Puddle Jumper division is for classes that are to 0.80m. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year- end award in the puddle jumper category.

**2' Puddle Jumpers:** (no oxers) All jumper divisions to follow USEF rules. Puddle Jumper division is for classes that are to 0.80m. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year- end award in the puddle jumper category.

**.70m Puddle Jumpers:** All jumper divisions to follow USEF rules. Puddle Jumper division is for classes that are to 0.80m. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year- end award in the puddle jumper category.

**.80m Puddle Jumpers:** All jumper divisions to follow USEF rules. Puddle Jumper division is for classes that are to 0.80m. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year- end award in the puddle jumper category.

**.90m Schooling Jumpers:** All jumper classes to follow USEF rules. Schooling Jumper division is for classes that are greater than 0.80m in height, but not exceeding 1.00m in height. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year-end award in the schooling jumper category.

**1.00m Schooling Jumpers:** All jumper classes to follow USEF rules. Schooling Jumper division is for classes that are greater than 0.80m in height, but not exceeding 1.00m in height. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year-end award in the schooling jumper category.

**1.05m Open Jumpers:** All jumper classes to follow USEF rules. Open Jumper division is for classes that are greater than 1.00 m in height. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year-end award in the open jumper category.

**1.10m Open Jumpers:** All jumper classes to follow USEF rules. Open Jumper division is for classes that are greater than 1.00 m in height. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year-end award in the open jumper category.

**1.15m Open Jumpers:** All jumper classes to follow USEF rules. Open Jumper division is for classes that are greater than 1.00 m in height. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year-end award in the open jumper category.

**Children/Adult Amateur Jumper:** Open to exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1st of the current competition year and to Amateur Adult riders. Fences not to exceed 3'3", spreads not to exceed 3'6". Horse/rider combination showing in jumper classes where fences are over 3'6" are not eligible for Children/Adult Amateur classes. May be divided if so stated in the prize list.

**.70m Jumper -- 2'3"**  
**.80m Jumper -- 2'7"**  
**.90m Jumper -- 2'10"**  
**1.00m Jumper -- 3'3"**  
**1.10m Jumper -- 3'7"**  
**1.15m Jumper -- 3'9"**  
**1.20m Jumper -- 3'11"**  
**1.25m Jumper -- 4'1"**  
**1.30m Jumper -- 4'3"**  
**1.35m Jumper -- 4'5"**  
**1.40m Jumper -- 4'7"**  
**1.45m Jumper -- 4'9"**  
**1.50m Jumper -- 4'11"**

**Winner Takes All** -- This Classic's must have at least 6 participants in order to have the class. All participants in classics must wear proper attire. All rider pays entry fee which enters a jackpot. 1st Place winner will get 65% of entry fees paid into jackpot, the other 35% goes to the association for class costs, such as ribbons and judge.

**\$250 Jumper Classic** -- This Classic's must have at least 6 participants in order to have the class. All participants in classics must wear proper attire. Payout through 6th place. 1st Place - \$75, 2nd Place - \$50, 3rd Place - \$35, 4th Place - \$30, 5th Place - \$30, 6th Place - \$30

**\$500 Jumper Classic** -- This Classic's must have at least 6 participants in order to have the class. All participants in classics must wear proper attire. Payout through 6th place. 1st Place - \$165, 2nd Place - \$110, 3rd Place - \$75, 4th Place - \$55, 5th Place - \$50, 6th Place - \$45

**\$1,000 Jumper Classic** -- This Classic's must have at least 8 participants in order to have the class. All participants in classics must wear proper attire. Payout through 6th place. 1st Place - \$385, 2nd Place - \$235, 3rd Place - \$125, 4th Place - \$100, 5th Place - \$80, 6th Place - \$75

**\$1,500 Jumper Classic** -- This Classic's must have at least 8 participants in order to have the class. All participants in classics must wear proper attire. Payout through 6th place. 1st Place - \$550, 2nd Place - \$350, 3rd Place - \$175, 4th Place - \$125, 5th Place - \$100, 6th Place - \$100

**\*\*(Table II, Sec (c)):** SPEED ROUND, one course of 10-15 Jump which the riders are judged on fastest time with fewest faults

**\*\*(Table II, Sec (b)):** JUMP-OFF ROUND, Two rounds. First round of 10-15 jumps which each rider has to jump clear in the first round in order to advance to the Jump Off. If rider is clear, they advance to the jump off which is 4-8 jumps where the riders are judged on fastest time with fewest faults.

### **Other Classes**



**Gambler Choice:** There will be 12-15 jumps in the area dedicated to this class, all the jumps will be set at different heights ranging between 2'3" - 3', every jump will be worth a certain amount of points, riders will NOT be told the amount of points each jump is worth. Riders will get 35 seconds to jump as many jumps as they can. If a rider has a rail within their 35 seconds it will NOT count against them, but they only get points for the jumps they go clear over. After the rider's time is up they will have a choice to jump the "Gamblers Jump" which will be set at an unknown height, the jump is worth 10 points if you go clear, BUT if you have a rail on that jump it counts against you -10 Points.

**Team Challenge:** must be in teams of 2 or 3, each team members will just the set course. (judged: time with faults converted) after every team member jumps once, the clear round rider will come back for a round to the "jump off". Also judged by time & faults converted.

**Bat race:** is when you ride down the other end of the ring, jump off your horse (someone holds it) spin around a bat ten times then try to remount your horse and ride back to the end of the ring. - fastest wins.

**Rider swap race:** need to have a partner, must ride two up on a horse and swap positions while walking.

## *All Medals & Specialty Classes*

### **101. Downeast Walk-Trot Poles Medal**

Open to riders **10 years of age and under**. Must not have shown over fences or cantered at any horse show. Contestants shall be required to show at a trot over a minimum of four rails (poles) on the ground. If a rider wins the medal final, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. 25% of contestants, at least two, may be called back for testing. Testing optional, verbal testing recommended.

### **102. Downeast Short Stirrup Equitation Medal**

Open to riders 12 years of age and under, competing on horses or ponies. Riders must never have shown over fences that exceed 18". Riders shall be required to perform a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. Fence height will be 18". If a rider wins the medal final, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. 25% of contestants, at least 2, may be called back for individual testing. Testing optional, verbal recommended. USEF tests 1-8. All ages (Short and Long Stirrup) compete together at the qualifying shows, but age groups will be divided at the finals into 12 & under, and 13 & over through adults.

### **103. Downeast Long Stirrup Equitation Medal**

**Open to riders 13 of age and older through adults.** Riders 13-17 must be in their first three years of showing over fences and must never have competed in a class or division with fences higher than 2'. Adults may not have shown in a class or division with fences higher than 2' in the previous 7 years. If a rider wins the medal final, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. Riders shall be required to perform a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. Fence height will be 18". 25% of contestants, at least 2, may be called back for

individual testing. Testing optional, verbal recommended. USEF tests 1-8. All ages (Short and Long Stirrup) compete together at the qualifying shows, but age groups will be divided at the finals into 12 & under, and 13 & over through adults.

#### **104. Downeast Modified Junior Medal**

Open to riders 17 years of age and under, competing on horses or ponies. Riders not to have shown over 2'6" at a recognized show. Contestants shall be required to perform over a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights will be 2'3". If a rider wins the medal final, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. 25% of the contestants, a minimum of 2 riders, may be called back for individual testing. Testing optional.

#### **105. Downeast Mini Medal**

Open to riders 17 years of age and under, competing on horses or ponies. Riders not to have shown over 2'6" at a recognized show. Contestants shall be required to perform over a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights shall be 2' for small & medium ponies and 2'6" for large ponies & horses. If a rider wins the medal final, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. 25% of the contestants, at least 2, may be called back for individual testing. Testing is optional. USEF tests 1-8.

#### **106. Downeast Junior Medal**

Open to riders 17 years of age and under, competing on horses or ponies. Riders shall be required to perform over a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights shall be 2'9". If a rider wins the medal final, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. 25% of the contestants, a minimum of 2 riders, may be called back for individual testing. Testing optional. USEF tests 1-19.

#### **107. Downeast Modified Adult Medal**

Open to riders 18 years of age and older, competing on horses or ponies. Riders shall be required to perform over a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights shall be 2'3". If a rider wins the medal final, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. 25% of the contestants, at least 2 riders, may be called back for individual testing. Testing optional. USEF tests 1-8.

#### **108. Downeast Amateur Adult Medal**

Open to amateur riders 18 years of age and older, competing on horses or ponies. Contestants shall be required to perform over a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. **Fence heights shall be 2'6". Amateur Adult Medal Final is open to all adults, even those who have previously won the medal final.** 25% of the contestants, at least 2 riders, may be called back for individual testing. Testing optional. USEF tests 1-19.

### **MeHJA Medal Classes**

These classes will qualify riders to attend a final show held in the fall. Riders must accrue 10 points in their respective class in order to show at the finals. Points will be awarded as

follows: 1st place--8 points; 2nd place--6 points; 3rd place--4 points; 4th place--3 points; 5th place--2 points; 6th place--1 point. In addition, riders are encouraged to continue showing in the classes once they have qualified, and they will continue to accrue points toward a year-end award that will be given to the riders accumulating the most points in each class.

#### ***MeHJA Short Stirrup Equitation Medal***

Open to junior competitors 12 yrs. and under as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year. To be judged on the rider's performance. To be shown over a minimum of 6 obstacles with fences no higher than 18" with at least one change of direction. No oxers or combinations permitted, but single fences and bending lines are encouraged. Course must contain at least one test of a halt or trot fence. May be combined with MeHJA Long Stirrup Medal.

#### ***MeHJA Long Stirrup Equitation Medal***

Open to junior riders 13 yrs. and older as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year and Adult Amateurs. To be judged on the rider's performance. To be shown over a minimum of 6 obstacles with fences no higher than 18" with at least one change of direction. No oxers or combinations permitted, but single fences and bending lines are encouraged. Course must contain at least one test of a halt or trot fence. May be combined with MeHJA Short Stirrup Medal.

#### ***MeHJA Modified Medal***

Open to junior riders 17 yrs. of age or under as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year and adult amateur riders. To be judged on the rider's performance. To be shown over a minimum of 6 obstacles with fences to be no higher than 2'3" with at least two changes of direction. Oxers, combinations, bending lines, and single fences are encouraged, but not required. Course must contain at least one test, such as a halt, trot fence, unrelated distance, or hand gallop.

#### ***MeHJA Junior Medal***

Open to junior riders 17 yrs. of age or under as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year. To be judged on rider's performance. To be shown over a minimum of 6 obstacles with fences no higher than 2'9" with at least two changes of direction. Oxers, combinations, bending lines, and single fences are encouraged, but not required. Course must include one test such as a halt, trot fence, unrelated distance, or hand gallop.

#### ***MeHJA Adult Amateur Medal***

Open to adult amateur riders as defined by USEF rules. To be judged on rider's performance. To be shown over a minimum of 6 obstacles with fence no higher than 2'9" with at least two changes of direction. Oxers, combinations, bending lines, and single fences are encouraged, but not required. Course must include one test such as a halt, trot fence, unrelated distance, or hand

## **Maine Horse Association Classes**

## **121. MHA MEDALLION PLEASURE HORSE/PONY DIVISION**

Entry fees for these classes must be turned over to MHA. Every affiliated show must run this class or pay a triple affiliation fee. The MHA Medallion class shall be scheduled and run before any performance or pleasure championship classes (equitation is excluded). In the case of a multi-day show, the Medallion classes must be scheduled and run before any performance or pleasure championship classes on the final day of the show. In the case of a single day show the Medallion class must be run prior to any type of championship classes (except equitation and or In-Hand championships).

Exhibitor earning the highest number of points receives a gold medallion, the second highest receives a silver medallion and the third highest receives a bronze medallion. The medallion will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. MHA will provide ribbons for the class to be at the show. **Class is open to members and nonmembers with no residency restriction.**

**NOTE:** Two-year end awards to be presented: points are accrued and separated by ring: hunter; pleasure

**MHA MEDALLION PLEASURE HORSE OR PONY, OPEN:** To be shown at a walk, trot or jog and canter or lope on a reasonably loose rein. Must be asked to back. To be judged on manners, performance and conformation.

## **122. MHA PLEASURE HORSE DIVISION**

Open to members and non-members with no residency requirement.

### **MHA PLEASURE HORSE, ENGLISH**

Martingales are prohibited. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter on a reasonably loose rein without loss of contact with horse's mouth. Must be asked to back. To be judged on manners, performance and conformation.

# **New England Horse Console**

## **211. NEHC OPEN PLEASURE**

To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, canter or lope. Loose rein on command of judge only, but without loss of contact. Will be required to back. Shall be judged on manners, performance and quality, in that order. All horses shall be judged on their respective merits regardless of type.

## **212. NEHC AMATEUR ADULT HUNT SEAT MEDAL**

All contestants are required to perform over at least 8 fences not to exceed 3'0" with a combination and two changes of direction after the first obstacle. One or more individual tests (USEF Tests 1-19) of the top four competitors may be requested at the judge's discretion. To fill a class at least four competitors must complete the course.

### **213. NEHC JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS**

Open to Junior members of the NEHC who have not reached their 18th birthday. All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences not to exceed 3'3" with at least change of direction. One or more individual tests of the top four contestants may be requested at the judge's discretion. (USEF Tests 1—19). To fill a class, at least four competitors must complete the course. One win required for the final.

## **Marshall & Sterling Classes**

### **320. MARSHALL & STERLING CHILDREN'S MEDAL**

Open to Junior members of the USEF or CEF who have never competed in a National Equitation Finals with fences at 3'6". All contestants are required to perform over at least 8 fences 2'9" to 3'0", spreads not to exceed fence height, with at least two changes of direction and a combination. The top four riders, or 20% of the first-round competitors, whichever is greater, are required to perform at least two individual tests from USEF Tests 1– 19. An open numerical scoring system will be used in the first round with scores announced at the completion of the round

### **321. MARSHALL & STERLING ADULT MEDAL**

Open to all members of the USEF or CEF who are eligible to compete in the Amateur Adult Hunter section at this show. All competitors are required to perform over at least 8 fences 2'9" to 3'0", spreads not to exceed fence height. The course may be either a jumper or hunter type course and must include at least two changes of direction and a combination. Water obstacles not permitted. The top 4 riders are required to perform at least two individual tests from USEF Tests 1—19. An open numerical scoring system will be used for the first round and scores announced at the completion of their round.

### **322. MARSHALL & STERLING JUNIOR MEDAL**

Open to Junior Riders. To be shown over minimum of 8 fences at 3'6" including a combination and at least two changes of direction after the first fence. Two or more tests of the top four competitors are required. The same horse must be used in all phases. Only one rider per horse. Three riders must complete the course in order for points to count. The rider must be a member in order for points to count toward qualifying for the Finals. May not be combined with any other M&S Medal.