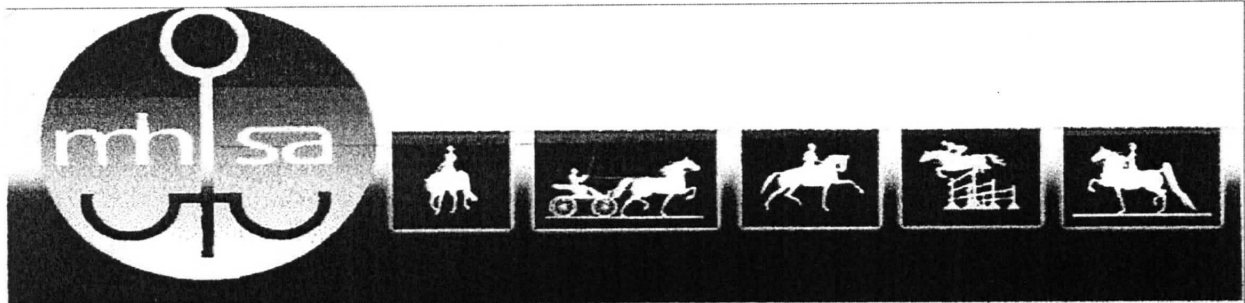


MISSOURI HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION  
2022 – 2024 Rulebook



# 2022-2024 MHSA RULES

## **Introduction**

Each member of the Missouri Horse Shows Association and all show managers and secretaries should read and become well acquainted with the information contained in the following pages. These rules and all revisions thereto are available at the MHSA website: [www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org](http://www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org)

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## **Part I: Bylaws and Constitution**

The MHSA Constitution and Bylaws are on file with the Missouri State Secretary of State's Office. They can be accessed through that office and are available upon written request to the MHSA Executive Secretary.

## **Part II: Membership**

**Section 1.** The following memberships are available in the Missouri Horse Shows Association.

Life Membership, one-time payment      Family Membership\*

Individual Membership

Junior Membership

College Student Membership \*\*

Horse Nomination (per Horse)

Equitation Nomination (per Rider) (Show Horse and Pony, Hunter/Jumper)

Junior/Young Rider Nomination (Dressage/Eventing)

Amateur Adult Nomination (Dressage Division)

\*A Family is defined as no more than two adults and all children living in the same household.

\*\*A College Student is defined as a student who is enrolled full time in a college or university.

**Section 2.** The above dues are payable upon application for membership in the MHSA.

Missouri Horse Shows Association members are strongly encouraged to become members of the USEF. USEF membership applications may be obtained by applying directly to the United States Equestrian Federation, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, Ky. 40511-8483, or by applying online at <http://www.usef.org>.

## **Part III: MHSA Councils**

**Section 1.** There are four MHSA Councils: Hunter/Jumper Council, Show Horse and Pony Council, Dressage/Eventing Council and Youth Council.

**Section 2.** The purpose of the Councils is to foster and promote the best interests of all members and competitions within the named division.

**Section 3.** To adopt regulations and policies, subject to approval of the MHSA executive board, for the benefit of the disciplines, regarding MHSA rules, for implementing year-end awards and for the governance of the council.

**Section 4.** Officers and members of the MHSA Councils: The chair and co-chair of the MHSA Councils must be current MHSA board members and will be responsible for the oversight of the council. Members of the council will consist of other members of the MHSA board and regional representatives appointed by the chair. The regional representatives will serve as liaisons between exhibitors in their area and the council.

**Section 5.** The MHSA Councils will promote the holding of meetings/forums or canvas its members to review, propose and submit recommended rule changes. If ratified by the Council, these recommended rule changes will be presented to the MHSA board for review and approval.

**Section 6.** Each council will recommend to the MHSA nomination committee representatives for the board of directors.

## **Part IV: Nomination of Horses and Equitation Riders**

**Section 1.** A horse is eligible for the annual point system awards upon payment of the nomination fee by a member of MHSA for the division in which the horse is going to compete. Riders wishing to be considered for an annual Equitation or Rider award must be members of the MHSA and must pay the Equitation and/or Rider nomination fee. Horses utilized only in equitation classes do not have to be nominated. An Equitation nomination in the Hunter/Jumper division also nominates the exhibitor in the Show Horse & Pony division, and

vice versa. A Rider nomination in the Dressage division also nominates the exhibitor in Eventing, and vice versa.

IF YOUR POINTS ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND YOUR RECORD OF YOUR WINNINGS TO YOUR RESPECTIVE POINT SECRETARY BY NOVEMBER 15th FOR COMPARISON WITH OFFICIAL SHOW RESULTS.

DUE TO THE FLUCTUATIONS OF ENTRIES IN DIVISIONS EACH YEAR, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL AWARDS WITHIN ANY DIVISIONS IF THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION WARRANTS IT, OR TWO COMBINE AWARDS FROM MORE THAN ONE CLASS INTO ONE AWARD.

**Section 2.** In order to receive full points for all member shows during the competition season, horses and riders must be nominated and dues paid by March 1st of the current show season. Horses and riders nominated after March 1st will receive points from the date of nomination only. Horses and riders nominated at a horse show are eligible for the points earned at that horse show.

**Section 3.** Applications from exhibitors who nominate at horse shows should be received by the MHSA Membership Secretary within two weeks following that show. Exhibitors are encouraged to check the MHSA website ([www.missourihorseshowsassociation.org](http://www.missourihorseshowsassociation.org)) to be sure their nominations are posted. If they see that their nominations are not posted, they are encouraged to contact the MHSA Membership Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

**Section 3.** In the event a horse changes ownership after the start of the current competition season, the horse's accumulated points will be credited to the new owner, provided the new owner is a member in good standing of the MHSA, or joins the organization within ten days after the purchase of said horse. If the new owner is not a member or does not join within ten days, the points will remain with the seller. Any owner change or name change of the horse must be submitted in writing to the membership secretary and the division point secretary. Horse nominations are not transferable from one horse to another.

**Section 4.** Maiden, Novice and Limit classes are open to horses or riders which have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively at MHSA recognized competitions. Ribbons won in one-horse classes do not count in reckoning the maiden, novice or limit status of either horse and/or rider/driver in any division. Points are not awarded in Maiden, Novice or Limit classes.

## **Part V: Member Shows**

**Section 1.** Competition memberships are open to competitions held in Missouri, and states contiguous to Missouri. Shows held in Indiana and Minnesota are eligible for competition membership for Hunter/Jumper points.

**Section 2.** Competition membership fees are as follows:

One-Day Horse Show	\$25
Two-Day Horse Show	\$50
Three-Day or More Horse Show	\$75
All Eventing Competitions	\$25

Subsequent horse shows in a series are allowed a \$10 discount per show for Two-Day and Three-Day or More Horse Shows only. There is no discount for One-Day Horse Shows. A 'series' is defined as shows held on different dates that are under the same horse show management and bear the same horse show name. Each show will be considered a separate entity for purposes of point calculation and award eligibility.

Double point show fees are double the membership fee for that show. Dressage and Eventing shows are not eligible for Double Points.

Show memberships are not transferrable. There is no refund of the fee for a canceled horse show membership.

The prize list of the competition may be posted on the MHSA website, (send the prize list in digital format to [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com). Horse Show prize lists may be sent to the MHSA Horse Show Membership

Secretary in PDF format for email blast to the MHSA membership upon request of show management.

Fees are payable to the show member secretary at least thirty days prior to the date of the show. Shows nominated less than 30 days prior to the show date must pay double the show nomination fee.

To reserve a show date from a previous year, the show management must register the show with the Show Membership Secretary by January 15th. Under no circumstance will shows be granted recognition after the competition has been held.

**Section 3.** MHSA must be named on the horse show's Liability Insurance Policy. A current copy of the Certificate of Insurance must be sent to the Show Membership secretary before the beginning of the show.

**Section 4.** Competition management is advised to pay show membership fees as early as possible to secure show dates and to benefit from publication in the MHSA's show calendar which is published on the MHSA website.

**Section 5.** Two shows within the same discipline division (Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, Eventing, or Show Horses and Ponies), occurring on the same day(s), may not both be recognized by MHSA unless they are more than 100 miles apart. In case of conflict, the competition that first requested the date will be given priority. If both competitions requested the date at the same time, the show that has used the date previously will be given priority.

**Section 6.** USEF rules have precedence and any classes not covered by MHSA rules shall be governed by USEF rules.

**Section 7.** Competitions may have "local" or "closed" classes. These classes are designated by the show management to be open to horses owned, trained and maintained within a certain locality within a particular time frame. These classes DO NOT receive MHSA points.

**Section 8.** Competition management should provide space on entry blanks for horse's identity, name, sex, color, height, age, eligibility for the class, registered or recorded number, exhibitor's name and address and owner's name and address. The entry blank should show a statement to the effect that any misrepresentation about an entry shall result in the exhibitor's forfeiture of any ribbon, trophy, cash prize or other award won by such misrepresented or substituted animal and shall render the exhibitor liable for further penalty.

**Section 9.** It is recommended that each member show appoint a Competition Committee which will be present during the competition and which will be responsible for the enforcement of the rules. All controversial matters shall be referred to the MHSA Rules Committee whose decision shall be final. Each member competition should have a Competition Manager, at least one Secretary, qualified judges, and other necessary personnel such as a ring steward, a gate person and an announcer as applicable. A farrier, medical personnel, and a veterinarian should be present or on call.

**Section 10.** The names and addresses of the judge(s) shall be declared in advance, and should appear on the prize list.

**Section 11.** It must be stated on the prize list that the point competition is an MHSA recognized competition. Should a show neglect to state its membership with MHSA, no points will be awarded for this show. Results should be kept for one year.

**Section 12.** Following the competition, show results must be sent to the appropriate Point Secretary within 10 days of the conclusion of the show. A prize list or premium book should accompany competition results. Hunter/Jumper show results should indicate the number of entrants in the first over-fences class in each division. Results should include class numbers, horse's name, owner's name, rider's name and age, along with class placing.

**Section 13.** No points will be awarded for classes added at a horse show. The MHSA Horse Show Membership Secretary ([mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com)) must be notified not less than 5 days prior to the show start date if there are classes to be added to the original show bill. This does not pertain to split classes, nor to championship classes offered for those already on the show bill. Notification of added classes will be posted on the MHSA website by the Show Membership Secretary upon receipt of such information from show management. Facebook, and other social media are not official means of sharing this type of information.

## **Part VI: Conduct of Competitions**

**Section 1.** The competition judge is obligated to judge each class in conformity with the rules and specifications for that class as it appears in this rulebook and the USEF rulebook. He/she is expected to be proficient in his/her division and to possess a thorough knowledge of the applicable rules. If a class is not judged according to these rules, the award winners will not receive MHSA points.

**Section 2.** All entries must be accepted on the same basis in any class. It is not permissible for a show to accord free entries or free transportation or other expenses to one exhibitor and not to another. No undue influence should be used to cause an exhibitor to show at a member competition.

**Section 3.** There may be no substitution of riders or drivers once exhibitors have entered the show arena except in case of injury or illness to the original rider or driver.

**Section 4.** An amateur exhibitor, for competition purposes, is one who rides or drives for the love of the sport. A Junior Exhibitor is an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year. A Young Rider is an individual 15 to 21 years of age as of December 1st of the previous year. Persons born on that date assume the greater age on that date. The age of the individual on December 1st will be maintained throughout the entire competition year.

**Section 5.** The competition committee of any show may reserve the right of declining to receive an entry and to return any fee before the opening of the competition. They shall have the right, without being liable for compensation or damages, to prohibit any person from attending or showing a horse in the ring, and to remove any stable employee or horses and tack from the competition grounds.

**Section 6.** The competition committee of each show may reserve the right to cancel any of the classes which do not fill or have less than the required number of horses entered for a class, as stated on its entry form. The competition committee may also reserve the right to divide or combine any class or classes should the best interests of the show require it. The judge may hold preliminary trials in order to reduce the number of riders for final competition.

**Section 7.** Offering of prize money in equitation classes is forbidden.

**Section 8.** Competitors are responsible for full payment of all show fees. If a competitor fails to satisfy his/her debt at the time of the show or has a check returned due to insufficient funds, the MHSA's legal counsel will issue written notice to the competitor of their obligation toward the show. The competitor is then required to submit to the MHSA, within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice, a cashier's check or money order sent by certified mail. Upon failure to remit the required monies, the MHSA will 1) ban the competitor from participation in any MHSA recognized competition until full payment is made; 2) inform all MHSA show managers and secretaries that, under MHSA rules, they are not to accept the competitor's entries until full payment has been made; and 3) take other actions, including civil remedies, deemed necessary by the MHSA's legal counsel.

**Section 9.** Any question not covered by the rules of this Corporation or the rules of the USEF shall be decided by the directors of the show at which it arises. Such decisions by a competition committee may be reviewable by the board of directors of the corporation. Competition committees are cautioned not to make use of the authority here granted unless completely certain that the rule book does not cover the points in question.

## **Part VII: Regulations Governing Judges**

**Section 1.** It is recommended that judges for member shows not reside within a 50-mile radius of the show.

**Section 2.** It is recommended that a judge not adjudicate at more than one member show within a radius of 100 miles within a 60-day period.

**Section 3.** A judge may not be an exhibitor, rider, driver, steward or manager at any show at which he/she is officiating.

**Section 4.** A judge may not adjudicate at any show in which a member of his /her family or clients of a member of his /her family, or any of his /her horses are competing.

**Section 5.** No horse may be shown before a judge that has been sold or leased by said judge or by his/her employer within a period of 30 days prior to the show.

**Section 6.** No one may show before a judge who has received or has contracted to receive remuneration for the sale, purchase or lease of any horse to or from, or for the account of said person within a period of 30 days prior to the show unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction.

**Section 7.** No one may show before a judge who boards, rides, or trains (for competition purposes) any horse under said person's ownership or lease within a period of 90 days prior to the show. Stud fees are excluded.

**Section 8.** No one may show before a judge who has remunerated said person for the board or training of any horse for competition purposes within a period of 90 days prior to the show. Stud fees are excluded.

**Section 9.** No rider may compete in an equitation class before a judge with whom his parents, guardian or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the instruction, sale, lease, board or training of a horse within 90 days of the date of the show unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction.

**Section 10.** At any Missouri Horse Shows Association competition, which is also a USEF competition, USEF rules shall prevail.

## **Part VIII: Interruption of Procedure**

**Section 1.** In the event that a show is stopped while in progress due to a storm or other emergency, the decision as to its continuance is to rest with the discretion of the Competition Committee.

**Section 2.** A class in operation at the time of the stopping of a show must cease, and no placements involving point system awards are to be made.

**Section 3.** If a class in which horses compete together is stopped while in progress due to storm, accident or other emergency, the class, when recommenced shall be held over in its entirety and no consideration is to be given to the performance during the original session. Dressage classes may recommence at the point that the show was stopped.

## **Part IX: Drugs and Medications**

**Section 1.** The Missouri Horse Shows Association abides by the Drugs and Medications Rules of the USEF. No horse is to be shown in any class at a competition recognized by the MHSA if it has been administered in any manner any forbidden substance except as provided by the applicable rules of the USEF.

## **Part X: Cruelty**

**Section 1.** Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse by any person at a member show is forbidden, constitutes a violation, and renders the offender subject to penalty. The competition committee shall bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the show upon finding of cruelty or abuse. It shall be the duty of the show officials and any properly constituted humane organization to report to the corporation any person who indulges in this practice for such further action as may be deemed appropriate.

## **Part XI: Protests**

**Section 1.** A protest may be made by an exhibitor concerning an alleged violation of a rule or condition of a class.

**Section 2.** A protest or charge must state the full name and address of the accused and contain a complete and definite statement of the acts that constitute the alleged violation. Precise details must be prepared to substantiate the protest or charge by personal testimony at a hearing of the competition committee or by sworn statements, witnesses, or other evidence.

**Section 3.** A protest must be in writing, signed and addressed to the secretary of the show, and accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00, made payable to the Missouri Horse Shows Association. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. In case the protest is sustained, if the protested horse was in the ribbons, the entry standing next in award status shall be moved up. The deposit is returned if the protest is sustained.

**Section 4.** The secretary of the show must immediately refer all protests to the Rules Committee of the Missouri Horse Shows Association.

**Section 5.** The soundness of a horse, when determined by an official veterinarian of the show or by a judge, is not open to protest.

**Section 6.** A judge's decision, representing his/her individual preference, is not open to protest unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules.

**Section 7.** A protest with respect to the height of a horse or the length of a horse's foot may only be made to the competition committee of the show. Re-measurement shall take place immediately so that there will be no change in height by reshoeing. The decision of the show officials is not revisable by this association.

## **Part XII: Violations and Penalties**

**Section 1.** Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to a judge, or to any official of the corporation, or to the USEF, or to a member show, by an owner, exhibitor, his/her agent, employee, rider, driver, stable manager or groom, or by the husband or wife or other close relative of such competitor or exhibitor, shall be deemed to constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the corporation. Upon request of the secretary or any member of the competition committee, the rules committee shall have the power to disbar from showing at any member show any or all horses from the stable concerned, for such period of time as they may determine the offense warrants. The exhibitor shall also lose all points earned for the present show season. All member shows will be immediately notified of such action taken by the rules committee.

**Section 2.** The MHSA will honor all USEF penalties under the provisions outlined by USEF. Any MHSA member show that fails to honor USEF penalties after being duly notified of same shall be fined the sum of \$100.00 and shall be ineligible for show membership until such time as the fine has been paid.

## **PART XIII: Year-End Awards**

**Section 1.** The Missouri Horse Shows Association offers yearly awards under the regulations set forth below. The Year-End Awards are presented at the annual Celebration of Champions. The purpose of these awards is to encourage participation at MHSA recognized shows. It certifies that the horses and/or riders winning the awards acquired the greatest number of points during the given year at member shows of the association. DUE TO THE FLUCTUATIONS OF ENTRIES IN DIVISIONS EACH YEAR, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL AWARDS WITHIN ANY DIVISIONS IF THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION WARRANTS IT, OR TWO COMBINE AWARDS FROM MORE THAN ONE CLASS INTO ONE AWARD.

**Section 2.** Awards will be presented to the nominators of those horses, and riders in the rider/equitation classes, earning the six highest standings in divisions and classes listed in the current rule book.

**Section 3.** EXHIBITORS WHOSE POINTS ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SUBMIT A RECORD OF EACH HORSE'S AND RIDER'S WINNINGS TO THE APPROPRIATE POINT SECRETARY BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 FOR COMPARISON TO OFFICIAL SHOW RECORDS.

**Section 4.** Standings for Year-End Awards will be computed in accordance with the following general regulations:

- A. The point secretary will use every care to achieve accuracy in computing the standings, but neither the secretary nor the association will be liable for the failure of any member show to file the results of their show, nor for errors or omissions in the marking thereof, nor responsible beyond the point of accuracy in computing the final standings from the results submitted by the proper authorities of each show.
- B. Only those points earned at member shows conducted under the rules and regulations of the association will be included in reckoning the standings. Refer to Dressage Division rules for the exception to this section.
- C. The cumulative score earned by any horse or pony shall be retained in case of transfer of ownership, providing the new owner is a member or joins the association within ten (10) days after purchase of said horse. If the new owner is not a member and does not join, the points shall remain with the seller. Any owner change or name change of horse MUST be submitted in writing to the membership secretary and the respective division's point secretary.

**Section 5.** For MHSA purposes only, the nominator of a horse for points will be considered the 'owner' and the nominator will receive any MHSA year-end award earned by that horse. If the nominator is not the registered owner of record, those individuals may wish to determine the ultimate distribution of any MHSA awards earned by that horse. This distribution will not be the decision of MHSA. The nominator of any entry, or the rider in equitation classes, shall be a member of the Association and the horse shall be nominated by March 1st in order to receive full points for the show season. When a member joins and/or a nomination is made after March 1st, points will accrue only from the date of joining and/or nominating and no points shall be accrued from shows before this date.

**Section 6.** When determining year-end standings, the horse or equitation rider accruing the highest number of points in its classification at member shows held throughout the calendar year shall be considered the winner; the entry scoring the next highest number of points shall be awarded second place; next highest, third place; next highest, fourth place; next highest, fifth place; next highest, sixth place. Duplicate awards will be given in case of ties.

**Section 7.** In order to be eligible for an award, a horse or rider must have received a ribbon indicating 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and/or 8<sup>th</sup> place in an approved point class at two separate member shows, except where division rules specify otherwise.

**Section 8.** Maiden, Novice and Limit classes are open to horses or riders which have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively at MHSA recognized competitions. Ribbons won in one-horse classes do not count in reckoning the maiden, novice or limit status of either horse and/or rider/driver in any division. Points are not awarded in Maiden, Novice nor Limit classes.

**Section 9.** Points will not count in classes where the class description is worded improperly on prize lists and/or show bills. If the intent of show management can be construed from the wording of the prize list, points will be awarded. The prize list and/or show bill, which has been mailed to and received by exhibitors prior to the show, shall be the prize list and/or show bill recognized for point tabulation.

**Section 10.** No points will be awarded for classes added at a horse show. The MHSA Horse Show Membership Secretary ([mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com)) must be notified not less than 5 days prior to the show start date if there are classes to be added to the original show bill. This does not pertain to split classes, nor to championship classes offered for those already on the show bill. Notification of added classes will be posted on the MHSA website by the Show Membership Secretary upon receipt of such information from show management.

## **Part XIV: Horse Show and Special Awards**

**Section 1.** All member shows shall be eligible to receive recognition for excellence as determined by ballot submitted to the association membership. Shows shall be recognized as: Competition of the Year - the show in each category receiving the highest vote tally; or Star Shows - those shows receiving the next highest number of votes.

### **Section 2.** Show Awards:

Hunter/Jumper:	Show Horse/Pony
One or Two Day Shows	One Day Shows
Three or Four Day Shows	Two and Three Day Shows
Five Day or more Shows	Four or More Day Shows
Dressage:	Eventing
USEF/USDF Recognized Shows	Horse Trials
Schooling Shows	Combined Tests

### **Section 3.** Special Awards:

The Jeff Shikles Memorial Distinguished Service Award is presented annually in recognition of a lifetime of distinguished service to the Missouri equine community. This award is dedicated to the memory of Jeff Shikles, DVM. The recipient of this award need not be a current member of MHSA.

Horseperson of the Year Award is presented annually in recognition of one MHSA member who has demonstrated contributions to the growth, knowledge or enjoyment of the equine industry.

School Horse of the Year is presented to the instructor of a riding program utilizing school horses for instructional purposes. The winner of this award is determined by membership votes.

## **Part XV: MHSA Website**

[www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org](http://www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org)

The MHSA Website is designed to be a tool to allow the organization to disseminate information to its members and to be a resource for all horse enthusiasts to find any horse-related services within the MHSA area. Contact information for Point Secretaries and other members of the Board of Directors can be found on the web site. As these positions change over time, their specific contact information is not listed here.

The Stable Directory provides a listing of the stables that provide training, boarding, breeding, sales and instruction in equine-related disciplines. The Marketplace is designed to match equine-related goods and services with people who need them.

Interactive sections of the website allow query-able searching, providing a more efficient, timely and cost-effective method of sharing information. The website is both a resource and a tool to educate and foster participation in our industry.

## **Part XVI: Missouri Horse Shows Association Scholarship Program**

**Section 1.** Purpose: To provide scholarship funds to a young member of MHSA who has demonstrated leadership in both the Equestrian world and in other aspects of life. This award is not solely based on Equestrian ability, but on all aspects of those qualities inherent in a well-rounded individual who has

demonstrated the positive qualities encouraged by MHSA: responsibility, honesty, integrity and interest in all things equine.

**Section 2. Eligibility:**

1. Must be a member of MHSA
2. High School Junior or Senior

Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to participate

**Section 3. Selection Criteria:**

Selection will be based on:

1. Participation in MHSA
2. Demonstration of Leadership
3. Scholastic Achievement

**Section 4. Applicants will be required to provide:**

a.) Three Letters of Recommendation:

1. High school teacher or other school professional
2. Riding instructor or trainer
3. Other of applicants choosing

b.) A list of extra-curricular activities with honors received (high school, civic, church, etc)

c.) A description of past and present involvement with MHSA

d.) An essay on how involvement in MHSA has influenced your life (500 word maximum)

Section 5. Process:  
Applications are available from any member of the Scholarship Committee or on the MHSA website, [www.missourihorseshowsassociation.org](http://www.missourihorseshowsassociation.org).

The completed application must be sent to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson and received no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>. A winner will be chosen by the MHSA \*\*Scholarship Committee\*\* (see below \*\*) and will be awarded at the Annual Celebration of Champions.

\*\* Scholarship Committee to be comprised of the Chairpersons of each MHSA Council and volunteers from the MHSA Board. The Committee Chair will be the Medallion Secretary, and the Co-Chair be the Financial Steering Committee Chair.

**Section 6. Weight of factors listed in Selection Criteria:**

MHSA Participation: 40% Leadership: 30% Scholastic: 30%

**Section 7. Redemption of Scholarship:**

The MHSA Scholarship winner will receive a certificate designating them as the winner. The scholarship must be used on or before the recipient's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, excluding military service. Failure to use the certificate in the specified time will result in its forfeiture. When the rider wishes to use the certificate, s/he must notify the MHSA Financial Steering Committee in writing. Upon receipt of notification, the scholarship will be sent to the designated institution.

## **DRESSAGE DIVISION**

### **Part I: Participation in Dressage Competitions**

**Section 1.** USEF rules are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted below.

1. Dressage Competitions are open to professional, amateur, and junior/young riders on horses or ponies.
2. No horse may be ridden more than once in any dressage class, except Test of Choice.
3. Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels at any one competition. In shows not recognized by USEF/USDF, horses may enter in musical freestyle one level above the highest level entered at each competition.
4. At MHSA schooling shows, the competition manager is allowed to ride at his/her competition. This does not absolve the manager of his/her duties and responsibilities.

5. Jackets are not required for MHSA schooling shows. However, competitors should be neatly dressed in a long or short sleeve shirt. Turtlenecks and conservative sweaters can be worn in cool weather. Braiding is not required. Boots, breeches, and hard hats are required. In shows not recognized by USEF/USDF, half-chaps and appropriate riding footwear are allowed.
6. All classes must be open to all horses and riders. No points will be counted for classes limited to a specific breed or limiting the height of the horse.

## **Part II: Requirements for Dressage Competition Management**

**Section 1.** USEF rules are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted below.

1. When local conditions necessitate, use of a modified arena is acceptable as long as its dimensions are clearly stated in the prize list.
2. For the benefit of the competitor, competition management is encouraged to state the construction of the arena (poles on the ground, chains, etc.) and footing of both the competition and warm-up arenas.

## **Part III: Dressage MHSA Year-End Awards**

**Section 1.** Year-end awards will be given in the following categories: Categories will be combined Professional/Amateur/Junior/Young Rider but can be divided once more than 6 riders compete per level.

Point Awards are earned based on Points for the following Divisions:

- Intro Level
- Training Level
- 1<sup>st</sup> Level
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Level
- 4<sup>th</sup> Level
- Western Dressage
- FEI
- Freestyle- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and FEI Levels

Percentage Awards are earned based on Percentages for the following Divisions:

- Intro Level
- Training Level
- 1<sup>st</sup> Level
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Level
- 4<sup>th</sup> Level
- Western Dressage
- FEI
- Freestyle – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and FEI Levels

Rider Points are awarded in the Following Divisions:

- Open
- Amateur
- Junior/Young Rider

Overall High Point Awards:

- High Point Horse
- High Percentage Horse
- High Point Junior/Young Rider
- High Point Adult Rider

## **Section 2.** General Rules pertaining to and methods of computing year-end Points

1. The show year runs from December 1 to November 30. Anyone joining prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year will accumulate points won from December 1, anyone joining after March 1<sup>st</sup> will accumulate points from the date of receipt of membership. The award year ends November 30. If a membership is made at a horse show, the points for that horse show will count towards year end awards.
2. The show in which ribbons are won must be recognized by the MHSA and the Dressage Point Secretary must receive the results. Please see Part IV, Section 3 regarding non-MHSA recognized shows.
3. There will be no minimum number of entries in a class in order for a ride to count toward a year end award.
4. Test of Choice classes will count toward dressage division awards. Points will be awarded based on the placing in the class, not on the test ridden. For example: Competitor A competes in a Test of Choice class in Second Level test 1 and 3. Competitor B competes in Second Level test 3 and Third level test 1. Each competitor will be awarded points based on the ribbon won. If competitor B receives a 4th for his/her Third level test 1, he/she receives 4th place points at Third level. If a competitor rides the same tests more than once on the same horse in the same class, the second ride is considered HDC.
5. At Intro through Fourth, FEI and Western Levels, if more than 15 winners meet the above requirements, the awards can be split between Open, Amateur Adult and Junior/Young Rider.

## **Section 3.** General rules pertaining to and methods of computing year-end Percentages.

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded at each level, Intro through Fourth and FEI and Western.
2. The owner of the horse must be a member of the MHSA, and the horse must be nominated with the MHSA.
3. In Intro through Fourth Levels, the horse will need a minimum of three scores earned from two different judges at two MHSA recognized shows. At the FEI level, the horse will need a minimum of two scores earned from two different judges at two MHSA recognized shows. These scores can be earned in Open, Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, AA/Jr-YR, Maiden Horse, Maiden Rider, Opportunity classes and Regional Championship classes.
4. At Training Level and First Level, the horse must have received at least two scores over 55% at the highest test of the level. At Second through FEI Levels, the horse must have received at least two scores over 50% at the highest test of the level.
5. No more than two recognized competitions held at the same location on consecutive days will be used in fulfilling the minimum competition requirements.
6. It is highly recommended that judges be "L" graduates or USEF licensed judges. Show management must perform due diligence in trying to find an "L" graduate or USEF licensed judge.
7. All eligible scores will be recorded and the top 80% of these will be used in calculating the average. To qualify for an award, the average at Intro-First Levels must be 55% or higher; at Second Level and above, the average must be 50% or higher.

## **Section 4.** Rider Awards

### **Rules Specific to the Open Rider Award**

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded
2. The rider must be a member of the MHSA and must be nominated as a Rider in the MHSA. A Rider nomination in Dressage also nominates the exhibitor as a Rider in Eventing.
3. Points are accumulated for the rider's winnings in any Open, Amateur Adult or Junior/Young Rider classes ridden on any number of horses at Intro C through FEI Level and Western.
4. There is no limit to the number of times a rider can win this award
5. The rider must have a minimum of five scores from at least two MHSA recognized shows
6. The Open Rider award may include riders in both the Amateur Adult and Junior/Young Rider divisions.

#### Rules specific to the Amateur Adult Rider Award

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded.
2. The rider must be a member of the MHSA and must be nominated as a Rider in the MHSA. A Rider nomination in Dressage also nominates the exhibitor as a Rider in Eventing.
3. The rider must be an Amateur Adult. An Adult Rider is one who has reached his/her 21st birthday by December 1st of the current competition year.
4. Points are accumulated for the rider's winnings in any Open or Amateur Adult classes ridden on any number of horses at Intro C through FEI Level and Western.
5. There is no limit to the number of times a rider can win this award.
6. The rider must have a minimum of five scores from at least two MHSA recognized shows.

#### Rules specific to the Junior/Young Rider Award

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded.
2. The rider must be a member of the MHSA and the rider must be nominated in the MHSA. A Rider nomination in Dressage also nominates the exhibitor as a Rider in Eventing.
3. The rider must be a Junior/Young Rider. A Jr/YR is defined as one who has not reached his/her 21st birthday by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year.
4. Points are accumulated for the rider's winnings in any Open or Junior/Young Rider classes ridden on any number of horses at Intro C through FEI Level and Western.
5. There is no limit to the number of times a rider can win this award.
6. The rider must have a minimum of five scores from at least two MHSA recognized shows.

#### **Section 5.** Rules specific to the Level Point and Level Percentage awards.

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded at Intro through FEI Levels and Western.
2. The owner of the horse must be a member of the MHSA and the horse must be nominated in the MHSA.
3. Points are accumulated for the horse's winnings.
4. The horse must have a minimum average percent of 55% at Intro and Training Levels and Western, and 50% at First Level or above. The minimum average is calculated by using all recorded rides.
5. The horse must have completed at least one ride at the highest test of the level. At Intro Level and Freestyle, horses will not have to compete at the highest test of the level, but all other requirements for the award must still be met.
6. There is no limit to the number of times a horse or rider can win an award.
7. At Intro through Fourth Levels and Western, the horse must have a minimum of three scores from at least two MHSA recognized competitions for each level in which it is competing. At FEI Level, the horse must have a minimum of two scores from at least two MHSA recognized competitions.
8. Only Open, Amateur Adult, Junior/Young Rider and AA/Jr/YR classes will count.
9. Points are awarded as shown in Part IV.

#### **Section 6.** High Point Horse Award

1. All points from all levels will be added to determine the High Point Horse Award.
2. At Intro through FEI Levels, Freestyle, and Western, the horse must have a minimum of three scores from at least two MHSA recognized competitions.
3. There is no limit to the number of times a horse can win this award.
4. The horse must have completed at least one ride at the highest test of the level. At Intro Level, horses will not have to compete at the highest test of the level, but all other requirements for the award must still be met.

### **Section 7. High Percentage Horse Award**

1. This award is presented to the one horse with the highest percentage on a single test.
2. The horse must be judged by a recognized Judge with either the USDF or USEF. (This will include a 'L' rated judge)
3. At Intro through FEI Levels and Western, the horse must have a minimum of three scores from at least two MHSA recognized competitions.
4. There is no limit to the number of times a horse can win this award.
5. The horse must have completed at least one ride at the highest test of the level. At Intro Level and Freestyle, horses will not have to compete at the highest test of the level, but all other requirements for the award must still be met.

### **Section 8. High Point Rider Award**

1. This award is presented to the Rider who has accumulated the highest number of points during the competition year.
2. The Rider must be a member of MHSA and nominated as a Rider.
3. Points may be from any Open, Adult Amateur or Junior/Young Rider class.
4. If there is a tie among more than one Riders, awards will be given to each Rider.
5. There is no limit to the number of times a Rider may win this award.

## **Part IV: Points Awarded for MHSA Dressage Awards**

**Section 1.** All questions or inquiries regarding Dressage points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Dressage Point Secretary.

### **Section 2. MHSA Recognized Competitions and Non-MHSA Recognized USEF/USDF Competitions:**

Number of Competitors	<u>4 or fewer</u>	<u>5-12</u>	<u>13 or more</u>
1 <sup>ST</sup>	3 points	5 points	7 points
2 <sup>ND</sup>	2 points	3 points	5 points
3 <sup>RD</sup>	1 point	2 points	4 points
4 <sup>TH</sup>	none	1 point	3 points
5 <sup>TH</sup>	none	none	2 points
6 <sup>TH</sup>	none	none	1 point

### **Section 3. USEF / USDF / MHSA Recognized Competitions:**

Number of Competitors:	<u>4 or fewer</u>	<u>5-12</u>	<u>13 or More</u>
1 <sup>ST</sup>	5 points	8 points	10 points
2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 points	6 points	8 points
3 <sup>RD</sup>	2 points	5 points	7 points
4 <sup>TH</sup>	1 point	4 points	6 points
5 <sup>TH</sup>	none	2 points	4 points
6 <sup>TH</sup>	none	1 point	3 points

In USEF/USDF Recognized Competitions, one point will be awarded for completion of a test to each rider in classes with more than 24 riders. Numbers of competitors refer to actual competitors, not number of entries (which could change because of scratches) in each class.

### **Section 4. Points/Scores from Non-MHSA Recognized Shows**



1. Shows must be USDF/USEF recognized and held in a state contiguous to Missouri.
2. The member is responsible for submitting all scores and placings from the show to the MHSA dressage point secretary within 30 days of the competition. If the show is held after November 1, results must be received by the point secretary by November 30. Information must include the names of the horse, the horse owner and the rider, date and place of the show; complete description of the classes in which the member competed; score and placing.
3. Results must be verifiable on line.
4. All scores received at that show by the member submitting the results will be recorded.
5. Points will be awarded at the minimum value for an MHSA only recognized show. ENCOURAGE THESE SHOWS TO BECOME RECOGNIZED SO THAT FULL POINTS CAN BE AWARDED! A horse show application is available on the MHSA website at: [www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org](http://www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org)
6. All requirements as specified in Parts I, II, and III must be met in order for a horse or rider to be eligible for a year-end award.

**EACH COMPETITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE POINT SECRETARY HAS THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DETERMINE HIS/HER PLACING.**

Be sure to send a copy of the highest test to the Dressage Point Secretary for his/her records.

## **EVENTING DIVISION**

### **Part I: Rules and Levels of Competition**

**Section 1.** USEF/USEA rules are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted below. For specifications on Beginner Novice through Advanced levels see USEF/USEA rules. For MHSA specifications on Introductory Novice, and Green as Grass levels see Part III below.

**Section 2.** An Eventing competition includes two or more tests from the following branches of equitation: dressage, cross-country and stadium jumping. There are different types of Eventing competitions:

- Combined Tests
- Horse Trials

**Section 3.** Combined Tests consist of two or more of the following phases: dressage, cross-country or jumping competitions. They are designed to introduce the discipline and to prepare competitors and horses for Horse Trials. A combined test uses any two of the three tests: dressage, cross-country, or stadium jumping. This competition takes place on one day, during which the competitor rides the same horse in both tests. The scores from both tests are added together to determine the result in penalty points. Riders may compete on more than one horse in a combined test competition, but each horse must compete in all phases to get a complete score at the competition.

**Section 4.** Horse Trials are comprised of three distinct tests, usually taking place over 1-3 days, during which a competitor rides the same horse in all 3 phases. The scores from all phases are added together to determine the result in penalty points.

**Section 5.** The following levels of competition may be offered:

- Advanced
- Intermediate
- Preliminary
- Modified
- Training
- Novice
- Beginner Novice
- Starter Eventer

- Green as Grass

All categories of competition are eligible for year-end awards. The points for Advanced through Modified levels will be combined. However, if sufficient nominations are received, separate awards will be given.

Section 6. Results are to be sent to the MHSA point secretary within thirty days of the event. The following information is required for all competitors: horse's name, owner's name, rider's name, event name and date, whether event is USEF/USEA/MHSA recognized, number of starters in the division, name of division, division specifications, placing, whether competitor has completed all phases of the event without elimination, and signature of organizer or show secretary.

## **Part II: Eventing MHSA Year-End Awards**

**Section 1.** Year End Awards may be given in the following categories, and are based on cumulative points earned in Horse Trials, Combined Tests and Riders throughout the show season:

- Advanced Level
- Intermediate Level
- Preliminary Level
- Modified Level
- Training Level
- Novice Level
- Beginner Novice Level
- Starter Eventer
- Green As Grass
- Open Rider
- Adult Amateur Rider
- Junior/Young Rider

**Section 2.** High Point Year End Awards are presented to the list below. Horses must have competed at three shows, at least one of which is MHSA recognized.

High Point Horse Trials Horse: The horse that has accumulated the most points in Horse Trials:

High Point Combined Tests Horse: The horse that has accumulated the most points in Combined Tests:

High Point Rider: The Rider who has accumulated the most points:

**Section 3.** All questions or inquiries regarding Eventing points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Eventing Point Secretary at the address or telephone number shown on the MHSA web site:

[www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org](http://www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org) .

## **Section 4. Rider Awards**

Rules Specific to the Open Rider Award

1. A Rider nomination in Eventing also nominates the exhibitor as a Rider in Dressage.
2. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded
3. The rider must be a member of the MHSA and the rider must be nominated as a Rider with MHSA.
4. Points are accumulated for the rider's winnings in any Open, Amateur Adult, Junior/Young Rider classes ridden on any number of horses at Green as Grass through Advance Level.
5. There is no limit to the number of times a rider can win this award
6. The rider must have a minimum of three scores from at least one MHSA recognized show and one Horse Trials.
7. The Open Rider award may include riders in in both the Amateur Adult and Junior/Young Rider divisions.

#### Rules Specific to the Amateur Adult Rider Award.

1. A Rider nomination in Eventing also nominates the exhibitor as a Rider in Dressage.
2. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded
3. The rider must be a member of the MHSA and the rider must be nominated as a Rider with MHSA
4. The rider must be an Amateur Adult. A USEF Amateur Card is required. An Adult Rider is one who has reached his/her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year.
5. Points are accumulated for the rider's winnings in any classes ridden on any number of horses at Green as Grass through Advance Level.
6. There is not a limit to the number of times a rider can win this award
7. The rider must have a minimum of three scores from at least one MHSA recognized show and one Horse Trials.

#### Rules specific to the Junior/Young Rider Award.

1. A Rider nomination in Eventing also nominates the exhibitor as a Rider in Dressage.
2. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded.
3. The rider must be a member of the MHSA and the rider must be nominated in the MHSA.
4. The rider must be a Junior/Young Rider. A Jr/YR rider is defined as one who has not reached his/her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year.
5. Points are accumulated for the rider's winnings in any Open or Junior/Young Rider classes ridden on any number of horses at Green as Grass through Advance Level.
6. There is not a limit to the number of times a rider can win this award.
7. The rider must have a minimum of three scores from at least one MHSA recognized show and one Horse Trials.

#### **Section 5. Points:**

1. The horse must be nominated in Eventing, and the owner must be a current member of the MHSA; the competition must be MHSA recognized. Events that are not MHSA recognized, but are USEF/USEA recognized Events that are held in Missouri or a state contiguous to Missouri will also be eligible for half points.

Competitors are encouraged to join the organization and to encourage the management of competitions they attend to have the event recognized in the future so that the points will count.

2. Competitors must compete and gain scores in one competition for the points to count towards year end awards.

3.

##### **a. Horse Trials Points will be awarded as follows:**

Recognized by:	MHSA	USEF/USEA/MHSA
Place:		
1st	8 points	16 points
2nd	7 points	14 points
3rd	6 points	12 points
4th	5 points	10 points
5th	4 points	8 points
6th	3 points	6 points
7th	2 points	4 points
8th	2 points	4 points

**b. Combined Test Points will be awarded as follows:**

Place:

Number of

Starters:	4 or Fewer	5-12	13 or More
1st	3 points	5 points	7 points
2nd	2 points	4 points	6 points
3rd	1 point	3 points	5 points
4th	1 point	2 points	4 points
5th	0 points	1 point	3 points
6th	0 points	1 point	2 points
7th	0 points	0 points	4 points
8th	0 points	0 points	1 points

In shows that are MHSA Recognized and have more than 9 starters in a division--3 additional points will be added. One point will be awarded for completion of an event without elimination, regardless of number of starters. It is recommended that exhibitors wanting this completion point get a signature from the event secretary at the event they participate in and make sure it gets sent with a prize list to the Eventing Point Secretary at the email listed above in Part II, Section 3.

**Part III: Eventing Competition Specifications**

**Section 1.** Beginner Novice through Advanced Horse Trials and Combined Tests, refer to USEA for complete specifications. Appendix 1 – “Levels of Horse Trials” and Appendix 2 – “Specifications for Horse Trials” contain information as to the Dressage test dimension of obstacles, the speeds and lengths of the cross country and jumping courses.

**Section 2.** The Starter Eventer and Green as Grass Horse Trials and Combined Tests are an introduction to the sport for both horse and rider. The tests will acquaint competitors with the basic gaits, figures and obstacles that are the foundation of all Eventing competitions. The entire experience should be pleasant and encouraging so that it builds confidence. These levels of competition are open to riders of any age, on horses four (4) years of age or older who are classified as Unrated in Beginner Novice and Novice. Horses of any grade may compete in Open Divisions. Horses 4 years and older may compete in Starter Eventer and Green as Grass divisions. In a Horse Trial format, horse/rider combination cannot cross-enter classes.

**Section 3.** Trials and Tests Descriptions:

Dressage Test:

The Dressage Test may include the working gaits (walk, trot and canter) with all work done down the long side, across the diagonal, or on a 20 meter circle.

- For **Starter Eventer**, USEA Starter is required.
- “Green as Grass”** to use USDF Intro Test A or B for walk and trot only.

Cross Country Test:

**Green as Grass:** All obstacles should be simple, solid, and straightforward with true ground lines to provide a positive experience and invite bold forward movement. No drops, water or ditches allowed. Maximum height of jumps is 18” or under at the standard. A true cross rail is allowed on the cross country course. Maximum

length of course is 1500 meters. Number of jumping efforts recommended 8-12. The Green as Grass Cross Country Test should not be timed.

**Starter Eventer:** All obstacles should be simple, solid, and straightforward with true ground lines to provide a positive experience and invite bold forward movement. No drops, water or ditches allowed. Faux ditches are allowed, but must have a ground line on each side and can be no deeper than 6". Maximum height of solid fences and brush boxes is 2'3". Maximum width at highest point is 2' & at base 3'. Maximum length of course is 1500 meters. Speed optimum: 220-300 mpm. Speed faults: 375mpm. Number of jumping efforts recommended 12-16.

#### Stadium Jumping:

**Green as Grass:** All obstacles should be simple cross rails to provide a positive experience and invite bold, forward movement. Maximum height of jumps is 18" or under. Number of jumping efforts, 7-11. The Green as Grass Stadium should not be timed.

**Starter Eventer:** May include a variety of straight and spread obstacles. All obstacles should have true ground lines. Combinations, narrow face fences and fences with elements above maximum dimensions and fan fences are not allowed. Maximum fence height: 2'3". Maximum distance: 600 meters. Speed: 200-275 mpm. Number of jumping efforts: 8-11.

## HUNTER DIVISION

### Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Hunter Year-End Awards

**Section 1.** Points will be given in the following classes (class titles at horse shows should be identical to the ones listed below) provided that the horse has been nominated for points and that the owner is a member of the MHSA. In order to be eligible for an award, a horse must have placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and/or 8<sup>th</sup> at least two times in an approved point class offered by a Member show. All divisions under the Hunter/Jumper section will receive points for placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the correct name for the horse as it appears on the nomination form is utilized throughout the show season. The point secretary is not responsible for incorrect information being received from horse shows.

**Section 2.** Maiden, Novice and Limit classes are open to horses or riders which have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively at MHSA recognized competitions. Ribbons won in one-horse classes do not count in reckoning the maiden, novice or limit status of either horse and/or rider/driver in any division.

**Section 3.** The point system utilized is as follows:

	USEF Rated Shows	MHSA Rated Shows
1st Place	10 points	6 points
2nd Place	6 points	5 points
3rd Place	4 points	4 points
4th Place	2 points	3 points
5th Place	1 point	2 points
6th Place	1 point	1 point
7th Place	1/2 point	1/2 point
8th Place	1/2 point	1/2 point

**Section 4.** End of the year awards will be given in the following divisions. If nominations warrant, the divisions will be subdivided into the categories indicated in parentheses.

- Performance Hunter (High, 3'6"-4; Low, 3-3'3")
- Green Working Hunter (3', 3'3", 3'6")
- Amateur Owner Hunter (age groups 18-35, & 36 & over)
- Adult Amateur Hunter (age groups 18-35, & 36 & over)
- Child/Adult Hunter I & II (Child, Adult, I, II)
- Junior Hunter (Small, Large 3-3'3"; 3'6")
- Pony Hunter (Small, Medium, Large)
- Green Pony Hunter
- Children's Hunter (14 & under, & 15-17)
- Children's Hunter Pony
- MHSA Hunter
- Open Hunter
- Low Hunter
- Schooling Hunter
- Novice Hunter • Baby Green Hunter
- Cross Rail/Ground Pole Hunter
- Non-Pro Hunter
- Novice Children's Hunter
- Novice Adult Hunter
- Limit Rider Hunter (Adult and Child)
- Beginner Rider Hunter (Adult and Child)
- Short Stirrup Hunter
- Long Stirrup Hunter
- Masters Hunter
- Hunter Derby
- Opportunity Equitation
- Opportunity Hunter

**Section 4.** All questions and inquiries into points and standings should be directed to the MHSA Hunter Jumper Point Secretary at the address or telephone number listed on the MHSA website [www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org](http://www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org).

## **Part II: Class Specifications for MHSA Recognized Hunters**

**Section 1. GENERAL:** USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted below. Fifty percent or more of the obstacles must be at least the required height and none may be more than 2" over, except in Performance Hunter classes where obstacles must be no more than 2" under (exception: brush obstacle, ditch or bank). Entering a class "Hors de Concours" is not allowed. See USEF Rule 1510. If there are not three horses to fill a Performance Hunter class, it should be combined with the Green Hunter. When there are 20 or more entries in the division, it is recommended that show management split the division. Refer to USEF rules for specifications for High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Working Hunter, Green Hunter, Amateur Owner Hunter, Junior Hunter, Pony Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, and Children's Hunter.

### **Section 2. MHSA HUNTER DIVISIONS:**

**Green Hunter:** Is a horse of any age that has never shown in a recognized USEF Regular Member or Local Member show over fences 3'6" or higher. Cross entry: A horse may show in the Green Hunter Section of an

USEF Zone VII Recognized Competition for no more than two years. Management may offer Pre-Green Hunter

3' and/or Green Hunter 3'3". If management offers both sections of Green Hunter, exhibitors may enter either section, but not both sections. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence heights 3'0" and/or 3'3"; spreads not to exceed height of fence.

**Adult Amateur Hunter:** Is a horse or pony; to be ridden by an Amateur no longer eligible to compete as a Junior exhibitor. Fence height 3'-3'3".

Cross Entry: The same rider/horse (pony) combination may not compete at the same show in any class (equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'3". The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/mount are eligible. The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except Amateur Owner Hunter. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3 to 3'3" (see above regarding sections), spread not to exceed fence height. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, and suitability of mount to rider. Entries are required to jog for soundness at the discretion of the judge. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

**Children's Hunter:** Is a horse or pony; to be ridden and handled in all phases of competition, by Junior exhibitors. Fence height: 3'.

Cross entry: The same rider/horse (pony) combination may not compete at the same show in any class (equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'3". The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider and mount are eligible. The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except Junior Hunter. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3', spread not to exceed fence height. Courses will not be adjusted for ponies. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, and suitability of mount to rider. Entries are required to jog for soundness at the discretion of the judge.

THE ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER SECTIONS MAY BE COMBINED IF WARRANTED BY LACK OF ENTRIES (i.e. LESS THAN 4 ENTRIES IN EITHER SECTION).

**Children's Hunter Pony:** Is a pony to be ridden by a Junior exhibitor with no other age restrictions applicable.

Cross entry: Rider and/or pony may enter any equitation classes. The combination pony/rider is not eligible for USEF rated classes at the same show. Either the pony or the rider (separately) may compete in any other USEF rated class. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: Small ponies to be shown at 2', Medium Ponies at 2'3", and Large Ponies at 2'6"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, and suitability as a Children's Hunter. Ponies may be jogged for soundness at management's discretion.

**MHSA Hunter:** Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience, but only those recorded with the MHSA will receive points in the division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3'3"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

**Open Hunter:** Is open to all horses regardless of age or winnings. Fence heights are from 2'6" to 3'3". Horses are to be shown at their respective heights. All horses, regardless of height, will be judged together.

**Low Hunter:** Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2'-2'6", spreads not to exceed height of fence.

**Schooling Hunter:** Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2'; spreads not to exceed height of fence.

**Adult Hunter I&II:** Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience ridden by an adult. Course and Judging Specifications: Two sections are available: AAI-fence heights 2'6" and AAI-fence heights 2'9".

Spreads not to exceed height of fence. The same rider/horse combination may not compete at the same show in any class (Equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'.

***Intermediate Hunter:***

\* Intermediate Child/Adult is open to any Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter any division higher than 2'6" at the same show. Competing in this division will cause loss of eligibility in Short Stirrup divisions. Fence height: 2'3"

\* Intermediate Equitation is open to any Junior or Amateur exhibitor. Riders may not enter classes with fences of 2'6" or higher at the same show. Competing in this division will cause loss of eligibility in Short Stirrup divisions. Fence height: 2'3"

***Children's Hunter I & II:*** Is a horse or pony, to be ridden and handled in all phases of competition by Junior exhibitors. Two sections are available:

Ch I: fence heights 2'6"

Ch II: fence heights 2'9".

The same rider/horse (pony) combination may not compete at the same show in any class (Equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'.

***Novice Hunter:*** Is a horse or pony of any age that has not won 6 blue ribbons over fences at any MHSA recognized show prior to Dec. 1st of the current showing year. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2'6"-3'; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

***Baby Green Hunter:*** Is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing over fences. Cross entry: Baby Green Hunter section and Green Pony Hunter section may be combined if warranted by lack of entries (i.e. less than 4 entries in either section). Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2'-2'6"; spreads not to exceed height of fence.

***Cross Rail/Ground Pole Hunter:*** Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience. Management may offer Ground Pole and/or Cross Rail divisions. Cross entry: If management offers both divisions, exhibitors may enter both divisions. No mount/rider combination may cross enter into divisions over 2' at the same show. No mount/rider combination entered into ground poles may cross enter into divisions over 18" at the same show. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: maximum 18", ground poles and cross rails are recommended. Spread fences not allowed. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

***Non-Pro Hunter:*** Is a horse or pony of any age ridden by a Junior or Amateur exhibitor. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'6" to 2'9"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

***Novice Children's Hunter:*** Is any horse or pony shown by a Junior exhibitor who has never competed over fences in any class in which fence heights exceed 3'3". Cross entry: The same horse/rider combination may not cross enter Children's Hunter at the same show. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence Height: 2'9"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

***Novice Adult Amateur Hunter:*** Is any horse or pony shown by an Amateur exhibitor no longer eligible to compete as a Junior who has never competed over fences in any class in which fence heights exceed 3'3". Cross entry: The same horse/rider combination may not cross enter into the Adult Amateur division at the same show. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'9"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

***Limit Rider Hunter:*** Is a horse or pony shown by a rider of any age who has not won 6 blue ribbons over fences, including equitation classes, at any recognized MHSA show prior to December 1st of the current show year. Ribbons won over fences 2'3" or less in height do not affect the rider's status. Cross entry: Riders may cross enter other classes but may not show Limit after competing in classes 3'6" or higher. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'6"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

***Beginner Rider Hunter:*** Is a horse or pony shown by a rider of any age who has not won three blue ribbons over fences at any recognized MHSA show prior to December 1st of the current show year. Equitation classes are included. Ribbons won in the Short Stirrup do not affect the rider's status. Cross entry: Riders may cross

enter 2'6" classes but may not show beginner after competing in classes 3' or higher. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

**Short Stirrup Hunter:** Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience ridden by a Junior exhibitor who has not reached their 12th birthday by December 1st of the current show year. A rider is only eligible to compete in this division for two years after their 9th birthday. Until then, there are no restrictions on the number of years a rider may compete in this division. Cross entry: The rider may compete in the short stirrup equitation division and any other 2' division. Once a rider has shown in any classes over fences higher than 2', (except 11 and under equitation), they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 18" to 2' Suggested courses consist of 8 fences with no change of direction and no combinations. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

**Long Stirrup Hunter:** A horse or pony of any age or showing experience ridden by any age Junior/Amateur exhibitor who has not shown over fences of 2' prior to Dec 1 of the current show year. There are no restrictions on the number of years a rider may compete in this division.

Cross Entry: The rider may compete in any other 2' division. Once a rider has shown in any class over fences higher than 2', they are no longer eligible to compete in this division

Course and Judging Specifications: Fence Height: 18" to 2'. Suggested courses consist of 8 fences with no combinations. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

**Masters Rider Hunter** is open to any horse or pony ridden by an Amateur Adult exhibitor who has reached his or her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday before December 1 of the current show year. Riders may not cross-enter any division with fences higher than 2' at the same show. Fence height: 2'

**Hunter Derby:** In a two-round format, the Classic Hunter Round (first round) will be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance and movement. In addition, the Handy Hunter Round (second round) reflects brilliance of pace and handiness. In each round, after the judges' base score is given, one point will be added for each high-option fence jumped without major fault (i.e. refusal, knockdown), up to a maximum of four.

Ribbons must be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place. Formal attire for horse and rider is encouraged.

There is no limit to the number of horses a rider may compete on in this class. Horses competing in this class may cross enter into other divisions at the horse show.

Obstacles are reminiscent of the hunt field and must offer a variety of appearances, such as natural post and rail, stone wall, white board fence or gate, coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, brush, logs and natural foliage. Natural obstacles such as banks and ditches are allowed. The Handy Hunter Round should simulate riding over hunt country and incorporate options such as tight turns, clever options for jump approaches, hand galloping and trotting a fence. For appropriate fences no ground line is required. Flat cups may only be used for log fences. Fences need not be adjusted for ponies. Fence heights to be offered are 2'6", 3', 3'3" with at least two higher-option fences set at 2'9", 3'3", 3'5" and judged as one class.

The Hunter Classic round must have a minimum of 10 obstacles offered. Bonus points offered in the first round are judged on hunter style, quality of movement and brilliance. A maximum of 10 bonus points may be awarded to each horse/rider combination. This score must be announced separately and added to the first round score. The Handy Hunter round must have minimum of 8 obstacles offered and include a minimum of 2 of the following options: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, hand gallop a jump, a trot fence, halt and/or back and at least 2 higher option fences. This round judged on hunter style, quality movement and brilliance. A maximum of 10 bonus points may be awarded to each horse/rider combination for handiness of round and brilliance of pace. This score must be announced separately and added to the first round score. Fence heights to be offered are 2'6", 3', 3'3" with at least two higher-option fences set at 2'9", 3'3", 3'5" and judged as one class.

The 25 highest scoring horse/rider combinations after the first round are eligible to return for the second round. The pair with the highest two-round score is declared the class winner. The top six to 8 horse/rider combinations are expected to ride for ribbons and prize money.

**Opportunity Division:** The Opportunity Division classes have been developed to create an educational ladder for the beginning competitor. Exhibitors in the Opportunity Division may not cross enter into any MHSA, MOHJO, or USEF rated classes. Opportunity Classes are open to non-professional riders of all ages. Riders who have participated in MHSA, MOHJO or USEF rated divisions/classes and/or Zone Point Classes are ineligible for Opportunity classes. Riders may cross enter into any of the Opportunity Classes.

To be judged on horsemanship, attributes of the rider. These attributes include, but are not limited to: control of mount, appropriate pace, steering, and effective position.

Trotting not penalized in crossrail classes. Manners to be emphasized and extreme speed will be penalized.

All Opportunity classes, both Equitation and Hunter, will be counted equally for Year End Awards. Rider must be a member of MHSA to be eligible for a year end award. Equitation fees will be waived for this division. Horses/ponies participating in Opportunity classes only are not required to be nominated.

### **Part III: Special Annual Hunter Awards**

High Point Junior Hunter Rider Award will be given at the end of each showing year at the annual Celebration of Champions. The award will be given to the junior rider that has accumulated the most points in all hunter divisions that are open to juniors only. The points will be counted for the rider, not the horse. Divisions, which will count towards this award year-end, include Junior Hunter, Children's Hunter I&II, Children's Hunter Pony, Novice Children's Hunter, Short Stirrup Hunter and age group equitation.

High Point Adult Hunter Rider Award will be given at the end of each showing year at the annual Celebration of Champions. The award will be given to the adult rider that has accumulated the most points in all hunter divisions that are open to adults only. The points will be counted for the rider, not the horse. Divisions which will count toward this award include Adult Hunter, Amateur Adult Hunter, Amateur Owner Hunter, Novice Adult Amateur Hunter and Adult Equitation.

High Point Hunter Horse Award will be given at the end of each competition year at the annual Celebration of Champions. The award will be given to the horse that has accumulated the most points in open MHSA recognized hunter divisions. The points will be counted for the horse, not the rider. The divisions which will count toward this award include Performance Hunter, Green Working Hunter, Pre-Green Hunter, MHSA Hunter, Open Hunter, Low Hunter and Hunter Derbies.

## **JUMPER DIVISION**

### **Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Jumper Year-End Awards**

**Section 1.** End of the year awards will be given in the following divisions. If nominations warrant, the divisions will be divided.

- Novice Rider Jumper
- Novice Jumper
- Low Children's/Adult Jumper (1.05 meter and below)
- High Children's/Adult Jumper (1.05-1.15 meter)
- Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper (1.15+ meter)
- 0.70m and Under (2'3" and below)
- 0.75m to 0.80m (2'5"-2'7")
- 0.85m to 0.95m (2'9"-3'1")
- 1.00m-1.10m (3'3"-3'7")

• **1.15m and Above (3'9" and Above)**

**Part II: Class Levels and Specifications for MHSA Recognized Jumpers**

**Section 1.** USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted below.

A Jumper is a horse or pony of any breed, height, or sex. Unless otherwise specified, Jumper classes are open to all riders regardless of age or professional status.

**Section 2.** Class Heights:

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| • 0.60 m = Fences 2' in height    | • 1.15 m = Fences 3'9" in height  |
| • 0.65 m = Fences 2'1" in height  | • 1.20 m = Fences 3'11" in height |
| • 0.70 m = Fences 2'3" in height  | • 1.25 m = Fences 4'1" in height  |
| • 0.75 m = Fences 2'5" in height  | • 1.30 m = Fences 4'3" in height  |
| • 0.80 m = Fences 2'7" in height  | • 1.35 m = Fences 4'5" in height  |
| • 0.85 m = Fences 2'9" in height  | • 1.40 m = Fences 4'7" in height  |
| • 0.90 m = Fences 2'11" in height | • 1.45 m = Fences 4'9" in height  |
| • 0.95 m = Fences 3'1" in height  | • 1.50 m = Fences 4'11" in height |
| • 1.00 m = Fences 3'3" in height  | • 1.55 m = Fences 5'1" in height  |
| • 1.05 m = Fences 3'5" in height  | • 1.60 m = Fences 5'3" in height  |
| • 1.10 m = Fences 3'7" in height  |                                   |

**Section 3. GENERAL:** Refer to the USEF rulebook for specifications for Open Jumper and Junior/Amateur Owner classes. At all levels, triple bars may be up to 6" wider than maximum spread. A maximum of 2 adjacent heights may be combined.

**Section 4. MHSA JUMPER DIVISIONS:**

**Low Children's/Adult Jumper** is a jumper ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor.

Cross entry: The same horse/rider combination may not cross enter into Junior or Amateur Owner Jumper at the same show. A combined Adult Amateur/Children's Jumper section may be offered, and if entries warrant, may thereafter be split into separate sections. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 1.05 meter and below.

**High Children's/Adult Jumper** is a jumper ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor.

Cross entry: the same horse/rider combination may not cross enter into Junior or Amateur Owner Jumper at the same show. A combined Adult Amateur/Children's Jumper section may be offered, and if entries warrant, may thereafter be split into separate sections. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 1.05-1.15 meter.

Course must be set and/or adjusted if necessary to provide safe and suitable distances between jumps in relation to fence heights. Classes are to be scored under Table I, Table II, Section 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), Table III; or Table IV, (Optimum Time).

**Novice Rider Jumper** is a jumper ridden by a Junior or Adult Amateur in their first or second year of showing in jumper classes. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2'-2'6" (0.60 m to 0.75 m).

**Novice Jumper** is a horse or pony in their first or second year of showing in jumper classes. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2'-2'6" (0.60 m to 0.75 m).

**Part III: Special Annual Jumper Award**

High Point Jumper Award will be given at the end of each showing year at the annual awards banquet. The award will be given to the horse that has accumulated the most points in all MHSA recognized jumper divisions. The points will be counted for the horse, not the rider. All divisions in which the horse is eligible will count.

## HUNT SEAT EQUITATION DIVISION

### Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Year-End Awards in Hunt Seat Equitation

**Section 1.** End of the year awards will be given in the following divisions. 11 years and under

12 to 14 years of age

15 to 17 years of age

Short Stirrup

Long Stirrup

Beginner

Limit

Amateur Adult

### Part II: MHSA Hunt Seat Equitation Class Specifications

**Section 1. GENERAL:** USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted below. Points will be given in the following divisions only (class titles at horse shows must be identical to the ones listed below)

Equitation Riders wishing to earn points toward a year-end award must be members of MHSA and nominated in Equitation. An Equitation nomination in the Hunter/Jumper Division also nominates a rider in Equitation in the Show Horse and Pony Division.

#### **Section 2. MHSA HUNT SEAT EQUITATION DIVISIONS:**

**11 Years and Under Equitation** is open to Junior exhibitors who have not reached their 12th birthday by December 1st of the current show year. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'6", an "in and out" is not required.

**12 to 14 Years Equitation** is open to Junior exhibitors who have reached their 12th and have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1st of the current show year. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3'.

**15 to 17 Years Equitation** is open to Junior exhibitors who have reached their 15th, but not their 18th birthday, by December 1st of the current show year. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3'6".

**Short Stirrup Equitation** is open to riders 12 years and under as of December 1st of the current show year. A rider is only eligible to compete in this division for two years after their 9th birthday. Until then there are no restrictions on the number of years a rider may compete in this division. The rider may compete in any other 2' division. Once a rider has shown in any other class over fences higher than 2', with the exception of 11 and Under Equitation, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 18"-2'.

December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. There are no restrictions on the number of years a rider may compete in this division. Cross Entry: The rider may compete in any other 2' fence divisions. Once a rider has shown in any classes over fences higher than 2', they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 18" to 2'. Suggested courses consist of 8 fences with no combinations. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

**Beginner Equitation** is open to riders of any age who have not won 3 blue ribbons in equitation over fences at USEF or MHSA recognized shows prior to December 1st of the current show year. Ribbons won in the Short Stirrup or Long Stirrup divisions do not affect the rider's status. Once a rider has shown in a 3'6" equitation class, they are no longer eligible for this division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'.

**Limit Rider Equitation** is open to riders of any age who have not won six blue ribbons in equitation over fences at USEF or MHSA recognized shows prior to December 1st of the current show year. Ribbons won in the Short

Stirrup, Long Stirrup, or Beginner divisions do not affect the rider's status. Once a rider has shown in a 3'6" equitation class, they are no longer eligible for this division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'6".

**Amateur Adult Equitation** is open to Amateur riders 18 years or older. Adults may ride suitable ponies in the Adult Hunter Equitation classes; however, these ponies cannot cross enter into the rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections at the same competition. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3'.

**MHSA Junior Hunt Seat Medallion Class** is open to Junior members of the MHSA. In order to qualify for the year end award, the rider must be eligible to participate that year. Contestants must be members of the MHSA prior to the class. Only one competitor may ride a horse. In order to consider a class filled, at least 2 competitors must complete the course. Points will be awarded on a 6, 5, 3, 2, 1, ½, ½ basis. All classes are to be judged according to the USEF rulebook Equitation Specifications. Medallions will be presented to the winner of each class that is completed. Course and Judging Specifications: To be shown over a course of not less than 8 obstacles at 2'6" with spreads not to exceed 2'9". The course must include at least one combination, one oxer, and two changes of direction (changes of lead) after the first fence. A test of the top four competitors, if available, are required and will be assigned at the judge's discretion. Classes are judged on seat and hands, guidance and control throughout. Jumping faults of the mount do not count. A fall of horse or rider or three disobediences shall eliminate a contender.

**MHSA Adult Hunt Seat Medallion Class** is open to Adult members of the MHSA. Contestants must be members of the MHSA prior to the class. A horse can be ridden only once. In order to consider a class filled, at least 2 competitors must complete the course. Points will be awarded on a 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, ½, ½ basis. All classes are to be judged according to the USEF rulebook Equitation specifications. Medallions will be presented to the winner of each class that is completed. Course and Judging Specifications: To be shown over a course of not less than 8 obstacles at 2'6" with spreads not to exceed 2'9". The course must include at least one combination, one oxer, and two changes of direction (changes of lead) after the first fence. A test of the top four competitors, if available, are required and will be assigned at the judge's discretion. Classes are judged on seat and hands, guidance and control throughout. Jumping faults of the mount do not count. A fall of horse or rider or three disobediences shall eliminate a contender. Show management may combine the Junior and Adult Medallion classes if there are less than 2 riders in each class.

### **Part III: Special Annual MHSA Hunt Seat Equitation Awards**

**Section 1.** MHSA Medallion Year-End Awards will be presented to the overall high point riders who have accumulated the most points in the Junior, Adult classes throughout the competition year.

**Section 2.** The MHSA Scott Haines Perpetual Year-End Award is presented to the winner of the Junior Medallion.

**Section 3.** The MHSA Otis & Bee Brown Memorial Adult Perpetual Year-End Award is presented to the winner of the Adult Medallion.

**Section 4.** MHSA Trophies will be housed in display at the Boone Historical Society except when being displayed at other MHSA functions and the Annual Awards Banquet.

## SHOW HORSES AND PONIES DIVISION

### Part I: Point Scoring System

#### Section 1. Classes at a Three-Days or Fewer Horse Show

Points will be awarded based on the number of entries in the class. If there is one entry, that entry will receive 1 point. If there are two entries, the winner will receive 2 points, the second place entry will receive 1 point. If there are three entries, the winner will receive 3 points, second place will receive 2 points, and the third place entry will receive 1 point. This pattern will be used through and including the highest number of ribbons offered at that show up to eight places.

#### Section 2. Classes at a Four-Day or More Horse Shows

The same system will be used in awarding points as for a Three-Day or Fewer Horse Show, except the number of points will be double those awarded in the shorter shows.

**Section 3.** Class points from shows that are designated as 'Double Point' shows will be double the number of points normally awarded for that class based on the formula described above.

**Section 4.** No points will be awarded for classes added at a horse show. The MHSA Horse Show Membership Secretary [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com) must be notified not less than 5 days prior to the show start date if there are classes to be added to the original show bill. This does not pertain to split classes, nor to championship classes offered for those already on the show bill. Notification of added classes will be posted on the MHSA website.

**Section 5.** Maiden, Novice and Limit classes are open to horses or riders which have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively at MHSA recognized competitions. Ribbons won in one-horse classes do not count in reckoning the maiden, novice or limit status of either horse and/or rider/driver in any division. Points are not awarded in Maiden, Novice nor Limit classes.

**Section 6. Restricted classes will not count for points.** Restricted classes include but are not limited to MO/KAN classes, Saddle & Bridle Shatner Pleasure, Maiden, Novice, and Limit classes

### Part II: Special Annual MHSA Show Horse and Pony Awards

#### Section 1. Special High Point Awards:

High Point Junior Equitation, the **Ruth Palmer Memorial Trophy** - Junior exhibitor with the highest number of MHSA points in Equitation.

**High Point Show Horse/Pony** - Horse or pony with the highest number of MHSA points, equitation excepted. High Point ASB Adult Amateur, the **Rita Diekroeger Perpetual Trophy** – ASB Adult Amateur rider with the highest number of MHSA points.

**Section 2.** Perpetual trophies provided by private donors will be awarded as Year End Awards at the donor's request. These trophies will be purchased and maintained by the donor, and will be retained by the winner. The winner will return the trophy to the Year End Awards Banquet for presentation to the new winner. The owner will also be responsible for the engraving of the name of the new winner on the trophy, either by having it done themselves, or paying the appropriate fee to MHSA to have the engraving done.

**Section 3.** MHSA Trophies will be housed on display at the Boone County Historical Society, as space allows, except when being displayed at other MHSA functions and the Annual Awards Banquet. Any other locations for display must be approved by a majority vote of the MHSA Board of Directors.

**Part III: American Saddlebred, Arabian, Half Arabian-and Anglo Arabian, OTAB, Saddle Seat and Stock Seat Equitation, Academy, Morgan, National Show Horse, Pony, Roadster, Tennessee Walking Horse, Open Gaited Breed, Spotted Saddle Horse and Missouri Fox Trotter Divisions.**

## AMERICAN SADDLEBRED DIVISION

### Part I: Rules

**Section 1:** All horses shown in this Division must have been issued a registration by the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA). This organization can be accessed at <https://www.asha.net>.

**Section 2:** USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions with regard to class specifications, appointments, shoeing, artificial appliances, etc. For rules governing competition in this Division, refer to [www.usef.org/forms-pubs/MpyUsxb\\_li1/sb-american-half-american](http://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/MpyUsxb_li1/sb-american-half-american)

### Part II: Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Year-End Awards

**Section 1.** All questions or inquiries regarding Show Horse & Pony points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horses & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

**Section 2.** The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division as the level of participation warrants. In Awards with points from classes divided by age, the Point Secretary will determine age of exhibitor for appropriate points. Conversely, if not enough entries warrant, some classes may be combined into a single award.

**Section 3.** Masters Classes are restricted to amateur riders/drivers age 50 years and older. Classes are to be judged according to amateur class specifications. Master classes are never to be stripped for conformation judging.

**Section 4.** As of December 1, 2021, the USEF Rule Book added a Youth Division, described as follows: "YOUTH: The youth classes are to be judged in accordance with Amateur class specifications, open to exhibitors 16-21 years of age. Stallions are prohibited. If no youth championship is offered, horses shown by riders 17 and under will be qualified for the Junior Exhibitor Championship. Horses shown by riders 18 and over will be qualified for the Amateur Championship. At shows where the Junior Exhibitor and Amateur Championships are combined, and there is no Youth Championship, the youth will be included in the combined Championship. BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21". MHSA will begin counting Youth classes at the start of the 2023 competition year (12/1/2023), as follows: points accumulated in Youth classes will be accrued in MHSA to either the corresponding Amateur or Junior Exhibitor class/divisions, depending on the age of the exhibitor at the start of the competition year. Exhibitors 17 years of age and under will accrue Youth class points as Junior Exhibitors and exhibitors 18 years and older will accrue these points in the corresponding Amateur Adult Division class.

### ASB Five Gaited Division

ASB Five-Gaited Open Award- cumulative points from: Five-Gaited Open, Five-Gaited Mare Open, Five-Gaited Stallions/Geldings Open, Championship/Stake, and Five Gaited Classic

ASB Five-Gaited Junior Horse Award – cumulative points from: ASB Five-Gaited 3 Year Old, 3 Year Old Classic, and 4 Year Old

ASB Five-Gaited Amateur Award -cumulative points from: Five-Gaited Amateur, Amateur Stallion/Gelding, Amateur Mare, Five Gaited Master, Amateur Championship/Stake

ASB Five-Gaited Ladies Award – cumulative points from: ASB Five-Gaited Ladies, Ladies Mare, Ladies Gelding, Ladies Championship/Stake, Ladies Amateur Mare, Ladies Amateur Gelding, Ladies Amateur Stake

ASB Five-Gaited Junior Exhibitor Award – cumulative points from: ASB Five-Gaited Junior Exhibitor, 13 & under, 14-17, Junior Exhibitor Championship

### **ASB Three Gaited Division**

ASB Three-Gaited Open Award- cumulative points from: ASB Three-Gaited Open, Open 15.2 & under, Open Over 15.2, Championship or Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Junior Horse – cumulative points from: ASB Three -Gaited 4 year old, 3 year old, 3 year old UPHA Classic, 2 year old

ASB Three-Gaited Amateur – cumulative points from: ASB Three-Gaited Amateur, Amateur 15.2 and under, Amateur over 15.2, Three Gaited Master, Amateur Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Ladies Award – cumulative points from: ASB Three-Gaited Ladies 15.2 and under, Ladies over 15.2, Ladies Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Junior Exhibitor Award – cumulative points from: ASB Three-Gaited Junior Exhibitor, Junior Exhibitor 13 and under, Junior Exhibitor 14-17, Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake

### **ASB Three Gaited Park Division**

ASB Three-Gaited Park Open Award – points accumulated from: ASB Three-Gaited Park Open, Park Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Park Amateur Award – points accumulated from: ASB Three-Gaited Park Amateur, Three Gaited Park Master, Park Amateur Championship Stake

ASB Park Junior Horse Award – points accumulated from: ASB Park Three Year Old, Park UPHA Classic, Park Junior Horse, ASB Park Junior Horse Championship/Stake

ASB Park, Junior Exhibitor Award – points accumulated from: ASB Park Junior Exhibitor, Junior Exhibitor, 13 & Under, Junior Exhibitor 14-17, Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake

### **ASB Park Pleasure Division**

ASB Three-Gaited Park Pleasure Open Award – points accumulated from: ASB Three-Gaited Park Pleasure Open, Park Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Park Pleasure Amateur Award – points accumulated from: ASB Three-Gaited Park Pleasure Amateur, Park Pleasure Master, Park Pleasure Amateur Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Park Pleasure Junior Horse Award – points accumulated from: ASB Three-Gaited Park Pleasure Three Year Old, Park Pleasure UPHA Classic, Park Pleasure Junior Horse, Park Pleasure Junior Championship/Stake

ASB Park Pleasure, Junior Exhibitor Award – points accumulated from: ASB Park Pleasure Junior Exhibitor, Junior Exhibitor 13 & Under, Junior Exhibitor 14-17, Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake

ASB Five Gaited Park Pleasure Open Award – points accumulated from: ASB Five-Gaited Park Pleasure Open, Five Gaited Park Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Five Gaited Park Pleasure Amateur Award – points accumulated from: ASB Five Gaited Park Pleasure Amateur, Five Gaited Park Pleasure Master, Five Gaited Park Pleasure Amateur Championship/Stake, Five Gaited Park Pleasure Junior Exhibitor

ASB Park Pleasure Driving Open Award – points accumulated from: ASB Park Pleasure Driving Open, Park Pleasure Driving Championship/Stake

### **ASB Fine Harness Division**

ASB Fine Harness Open Award – points accumulated from: ASB Fine Harness Open, Fine Harness Championship/Stake

ASB Fine Harness Amateur Award – points accumulated from: ASB Fine Harness Amateur, Fine Harness Masters, Fine Harness Amateur Championship/Stake

ASB Fine Harness Ladies Award – points accumulated from: ASB Fine Harness Ladies, Fine Harness Ladies Championship/Stake

ASB Fine Harness Junior Horse Award – points accumulated from: ASB Fine Harness 4 year old, Fine Harness 3 year old, Fine Harness 3 year old UPHA Classic, Fine Harness 2 year old

ASB Fine Harness Junior Exhibitor Award – points accumulated from: ASB Fine Harness Junior Exhibitor, Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake

### **ASB In Hand Division**

ASB In Hand Award – Points accumulated in ASB Model

### **ASB Show Pleasure Division**

ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure (all ages) Award – points accumulated from: ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure - All Ages, Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Championship/Stake - All Ages, Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Horse

ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult Award – points accumulated from: ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure All Ages, Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult -18 & over, Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Master, Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult Championship/Stake, Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award – points accumulated from: ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure All Ages, Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor -17 & under, 14-17, 13 & under, Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake, Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Show Pleasure Driving Adult Award – points accumulated from: ASB Show Pleasure Driving All Ages, Show Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor, Show Pleasure Driving, Master, Show Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor Championship/Stake, Show Pleasure Driving Championship/Stake

ASB Show Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor Award – points accumulated from: ASB Show Pleasure Driving All Ages, Show Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor-17 & Under, 14-17, 13 & Under, ASHAF Show Pleasure Driving Challenge, Show Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake, Show Pleasure Driving Championship/Stake

ASB Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult Award – points accumulated from: ASB Five-Gaited Show Pleasure All Ages, Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult Exhibitor, Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult Exhibitor Championship/Stake, Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award – points accumulated from: ASB Five-Gaited Show Pleasure All Ages, Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor, Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake, Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Championship/Stake

### **ASB Country Pleasure Division**

ASB Country English Pleasure Award – points accumulated from: ASB Country English Pleasure - All Ages, Country English Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Country English Pleasure Adult Award - points accumulated from: ASB Country English All Ages, Country English Pleasure 18 & over, Country English Pleasure Masters, Country English Pleasure 18 & over Championship/Stake, Country English Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Country English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award – points accumulated from: ASB Country English Pleasure All Ages, Country English Pleasure 17 & under, 13 & under, 14-17, etc., Country English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake, Country English Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Five Gaited Country Pleasure Award – points accumulated from: ASB Five-Gaited Country Pleasure All Ages, Five-Gaited Country Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Country Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor Award – points accumulated from: ASB Country Pleasure Driving All Ages, Country Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor, Country Pleasure Driving, Master, Country Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor Championship/Stake, Country Pleasure Driving Championship/Stake  
ASB Country Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor Award – points accumulated from: ASB Country Pleasure Driving All Ages, Country Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor, ASHAF Country Pleasure Driving Challenge, Country Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake, Country Pleasure Driving Championship/Stake

ASB Country Western Pleasure Adult Exhibitor Award – points accumulated from: ASB Country Western Pleasure All Ages, Country Western Pleasure Adult Exhibitor, Country Western Pleasure, Master, Country Western Pleasure Adult Exhibitor Championship/Stake, Country Western Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Country Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award points accumulated from: ASB Country Western Pleasure All Ages, Country Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor, Country Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake, Country Western Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Country Hunter Pleasure Award – points accumulated from: ASB Country Hunter Pleasure, Saddle & Bridle Hunter Classic, ASB Hunter Over Fences

## **ARABIAN, HALF-ARABIAN AND ANGLO-ARABIAN DIVISION**

### **Part I: Rules for MHSA Recognized Arabian Divisions**

**Section 1.** All horses, Purebred Arabians, Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians, shown in this division must have been issued a certificate of registration from the Arabian Horse Association. This organization can be accessed at [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org)

**Section 2.** USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions with regard to class specifications, appointments, shoeing, etc. with the following exceptions as stated in Section 3, following:

**Section 3.** It is the intent of the MHSA to provide the MHSA English, Western, Hunter and Native Costume classes to allow purebred Arabians to compete together with Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians at shows which do not have enough entries to warrant having separate classes. Therefore, as an exception to USEF rules, classes designated on the competition show bills as MHSA Arabian English Pleasure, MHSA Arabian Western Pleasure, MHSA Arabian Hunter Pleasure and MHSA Arabian Native Costume permit both Purebred Arabians, Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians to compete together in the same class. Further, classes designated on the competition show bill as MHSA Arabian English Pleasure allow both saddle seat and hunt seat horses to compete together in that class. Points from these classes will NOT therefore count toward USEF section ratings, Horse of the Year Awards, Legion of Merit, National or Regional eligibility, etc.

### **Part II. Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Year End Awards in the Arabian Division**

All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Arabian Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

**Section 1.** Year-end awards are given in the following categories:

MHSA Arabian English Pleasure Award: (Saddle Seat and Hunt Seat equipment allowed)

Points accrued in: PB Arabian English Pleasure, HA/AA Arabian English Pleasure, PB Arabian Country English Pleasure, HA/AA Arabian Country English Pleasure

MHSA Arabian Western Pleasure Award – Points accrued in: PB Arabian Western Pleasure, HA/AA Western Pleasure

MHSA Arabian Hunter Pleasure Award – points accrued in: PB Arabian Hunter Pleasure, HA/AA Hunter Pleasure

MHSA Arabian Native Costume Award - Points accrued in: PB Arabian Native Costume, HA/AA Native Costume

**Section 2.** The High Point Arabian Horse Award, the HH Autograph Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the MHSA Arabian horse earning the highest number of points during the show season in all classes for which the horse is qualified to show. This award has been donated by Friends of the Arabian Horse in honor of HH Autograph. This trophy is taken home by the winner each year, to be returned annually in time for the annual Celebration of Champions presentation.

## **OPEN PLEASURE DIVISION**

IF YOUR POINTS ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND YOUR RECORD OF YOUR WINNINGS TO YOUR RESPECTIVE POINT SECRETARY BY NOVEMBER 15th FOR COMPARISON WITH OFFICIAL SHOW RESULTS.

### **Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Open Pleasure Division Year-End Awards**

**Section 1.** All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Open Pleasure Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

**Section 2.** The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it or to combine awards from more than one class into one award.

#### MHSA Saddle-Type Model

MHSA Open English Pleasure Adult Exhibitor Award – points accrued in: Open English Pleasure, All Ages, and Open English Pleasure, Adult Exhibitor

MHSA Open English Pleasure, Amateur Award – Points accrued in: Open English Pleasure, Amateur Exhibitor

MHSA Open English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award – Points accrued in: Open English Pleasure, All Ages, and Open English Pleasure, Junior Exhibitor

MHSA Open Hunter Pleasure Adult Exhibitor Award – points accrued in: Open Hunter Pleasure, All Ages, and Open Hunter Pleasure, Adult Exhibitor

MHSA Open Hunter Pleasure, Amateur Award – points accrued in: Open Hunter Pleasure, Amateur Exhibitor

MHSA Open Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award – points accrued in: Open Hunter Pleasure, All Ages, and Open Hunter Pleasure, Junior Exhibitor

MHSA Open Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor Award – points accrued in: Open Pleasure Driving, All Ages, and Open Pleasure Driving, Adult Exhibitor

MHSA Open Pleasure Driving, Amateur Award – Points accrued in: Open Pleasure Driving, Amateur Exhibitor

MHSA Open Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor Award – points accrued in: Open Pleasure Driving, All Ages, and Open Pleasure Driving, Junior Exhibitor

MHSA Open Pairs Award

## **Part II. Rules and Class Specifications for MHSA Recognized Open Pleasure Division**

**Section 1.** USEF rules are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted.

**Section 2.** This division is open to horses of any breed. To be judged 60% on performance and manners, 30% on conformation, and 10% on appointments. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty.

**Section 3. MHSA Open English Pleasure:** This class is open to horses of any breed or any combination of breeds, shown by a professional or amateur, with English (hunt or saddle seat) equipment. Snaffle, pelham or double bridles are permitted but should be appropriate for the entry's show attire and seat. Horses to be shown and judged both ways of the ring at the flat walk, trot and canter. Horses may cross-enter into any other class at the same show. USEF Pleasure Horse rules specific for the breed being shown apply except as otherwise stated in this class descriptor. They may be shown under Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat equipment.

**Section 4. MHSA Open Hunter Pleasure:** Horses are shown at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Regulation snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles, all with cavesson nosebands, are recommended. Martingales are prohibited.

**Section 5. MHSA Open Pleasure Driving:** Horses are to be shown at the walk, trot and extended trot. Horses must stand quietly and back readily. Light harness with either a snaffle and a separate overcheck or snaffle with side check is permissible. Must be shown with a two-wheeled cart. One attendant without a whip is permitted to head each horse for safety purposes during the lineup only. The header must stand three paces back from the horse.

**Section 6. MHSA Open Pairs:** Horses to be shown together as a pair. To work at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. May be shown in English or Western equipment.

**Section 7. MHSA Saddle-Type Model:** Open to any horse eligible for the Show Horse and Pony Division.

## **EQUITATION DIVISION**

### **Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Equitation Year-End Awards**

**Section 1.** All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Equitation Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com)

**Section 2.** The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it.

Saddle Seat Equitation, 10 & Under, Walk & Trot Award

Saddle Seat Performance, 10 & Under, Walk & Trot Award

Saddle Seat Equitation, 12 & Under, Walk and Trot Award

Saddle Seat Equitation 13 & Under Award

Saddle Seat Equitation 14-17 Award

Saddle Seat Pleasure Equitation 13 & Under Award

Saddle Seat Pleasure Equitation 14-17 Award

Saddle Seat Equitation 18 & over Award

Stock Seat Equitation 17 & under Award

Stock Seat Equitation 18 & over Award

Hunter Seat Equitation, 17 & Under Award

Hunter Seat Equitation, 18 & Over Award

### **Part II: Rules and Class Specifications for MHSA Saddle Seat, Hunt and Stock Seat Equitation**

**Divisions Section 1.** All riders in the Equitation Division wishing to earn points toward a year-end award, or wishing to compete in the Medallion program must be amateur members of MHSA and nominated in

Equitation. An Equitation nomination in the Show Horse and Pony Division also nominates a rider in Equitation in the Hunter/Jumper Division.

**Section 2.** The Equitation Division is divided into three sections: Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat and Stock Seat. Judges are licensed accordingly. Separate classes may be offered for boys and girls, different age limits, or ribbons won. A single rider is sufficient to 'fill' a class. All Equitation Riders are strongly encouraged to refer to USEF rules regarding appropriate apparel, appointments and judging standards for their respective seat discipline.

**Section 3.** Junior Equitation riders must declare their age for the competition year to be eligible for awards in equitation. The Junior Saddle Seat Equitation rider's competition age will determine in which category the rider's accrued points will be placed. Accrued points in any non-restricted equitation class will count towards the rider's declared age group.

Classes that will count in the 13 & under and 14-17 awards categories include: 10 & under, 11-13, 13 & under, 14-17, 17 & under, MHSA Saddle Seat Medallion Classes and Championships.

**Section 4.** Adult and Junior Stock Seat equitation classes are combined into one year-end award. However, if at least three riders have qualified by placing in at least two shows in one of the classes listed, that class will be given a separate year-end award for that year.

**Section 5.** Adult and Junior Hunt Seat Equitation classes are combined into one year-end award. However, if at least three riders have qualified by placing in at least two shows in one of the classes listed, that class will be given a separate year-end award for that year.

**Section 6.** Riders in Equitation Walk and Trot/Jog may not have shown at the canter/lope. Riders may be of any age.

**Section 7.** All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Medallion Equitation Program should be directed to the MHSA Medallion Secretary, contact information located on the MHSA web site:

[www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org](http://www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org).

### **Part III: MHSA Junior Stock Seat Equitation Medallion Class**

**Section 1.** The MHSA Junior Stock Seat Medallion Equitation Class is open to all stock seat equitation riders, 17 years and under, who are members of the MHSA and nominated in equitation. Contestants must be members of the MHSA prior to the class. They may join MHSA at the show by submitting an application and associated fees to the Horse Show Secretary prior to riding in the Medallion class.

**Section 2.** Mares or geldings of any breed may be ridden. The workout must be that chosen by MHSA for this class and is available on the MHSA website: [www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org](http://www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org). The judge must work at least four riders, or may choose to work the entire class. However, if there are less than four riders in the class, all riders must perform the workout.

**Section 3.** A first place win in an MHSA Medallion qualifying class shall NOT prohibit the rider from competing in the class for the rest of the show season. A single entry is sufficient to fill the class.

**Section 4.** The MHSA Junior Stock Seat Medallion Finals are held at a designated show at the end of the competition year. To qualify for the Finals, a rider needs to have earned a ribbon in one qualifying class. There must be at least three qualified riders in order to hold a Finals. The final workout must be posted at least one hour before the class is scheduled and may be assigned at the judge's discretion. Top Ten ribbons will be awarded, and only the Champion and Reserve will receive placing ribbons.

**Section 5.** If no Finals are held due to lack of qualified riders, the points will be combined with Junior Stock Seat Equitation points and will result in a high point class award.

### **Part V: The MHSA Junior Saddle Seat Medallion Equitation Class**

**Section 1.** The MHSA Junior Saddle Seat Medallion Class is open to all saddle seat equitation riders, 17 years and under, who are members of the MHSA and nominated in equitation. Contestants must be members of the MHSA prior to the class.

**Section 2.** They may ride a mare or a gelding of any breed. No preference should be shown between a clipped mane and tail horse or a pleasure horse. Riders will show their horses at walk, trot and canter.

The judge must work at least four riders, but may choose to work the entire class. However, if there are less than four riders in the class, all riders must be worked out. One rider is sufficient to fill the class.

**Section 3.** The workout shall be selected from the UPHA Saddle Seat Equitation Workout Manual and will be posted on the MHSA website at [www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org](http://www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org). Patterns will be used for two consecutive years, then changed.

**Section 4.** A first-place win in an MHSA Medallion class shall NOT prohibit the rider from competing in the class for the rest of the show season. A single entry is sufficient to fill the class.

**Section 5.** The MHSA Junior Saddle Seat Medallion Finals are held at a designated show at the end of the competition year. The last show to qualify for the year's final is the show one week prior to the closing date of the competition where the final is to be held. Medallion classes after that date will qualify riders for the following year. To qualify for the Finals, a rider needs to have earned a ribbon in one MHSA Medallion Class qualifier. There must be at least three qualified riders in order to hold a Finals. Points will be given to all ribbon winners in the class. The final workout must be posted at least one hour before the class is scheduled and may be assigned at the judge's discretion. Top Ten ribbons will be awarded and only the Champion and Reserve will receive placing ribbons. If entries warrant, a 13 and Under Champion Ribbon may be presented.

## **Part VI: Special MHSA Equitation Awards**

**Section 1.** The following awards will be presented each year:

MHSA Scott Haines Perpetual Trophy: Junior Saddle Seat Medallion Finals Champion

MHSA Sir Love A Lot Perpetual Trophy: Junior Stock Seat Medallion Champion

MHSA Ruth Palmer Memorial High Point Junior Equitation Rider Perpetual Trophy: Junior Saddle Seat Equitation High Point Champion

**Section 2.** There must be at least three riders who have earned points from at least one competition for these awards to be presented.

## **ACADEMY DIVISION**

### **Part I: General Rules**

**Section 1.** All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Academy Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

**Section 2.** Each division is divided into Adult Rider and Junior Rider. As entries warrant, divisions may be combined or divided for year-end awards. **All academy riders must be members of MHSA and declare as an Academy Rider on the Membership Application in order to be eligible for Year End Awards. Junior Academy riders must declare their age for the competition year.**

**Section 3.** Academy classes shall follow the Horse Show Academy Division Guidelines outlined by the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association in their Academy Guidelines, which can be found at <https://www.asha.net/media/681403/ashba-academy-guidelines-2021.pdf>.

### **Part II: Competition**

**Section 1.** Academy classes must have no more than six entries in the arena at one time for the 8 years & Under classes. The following are recommended methods to be utilized for splitting classes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd year of showing or age division (8 & under, 9-10, 11-13, etc.). It is highly recommended that if entries warrant, Academy classes be divided between junior and adult riders.

**Section 2.** Equitation classes are to be judged according to current USEF rules governing equitation.

**Section 3.** Horsemanship classes stress the rider's ability to meet and overcome challenges presented by the horse.

**Section 4.** An academy rider is not allowed to compete in academy in a seat in which they have competed in open classes. For example, a rider who competes in open western classes may compete in academy in saddle seat classes but not compete in academy in western classes.

**Section 5.** In all Academy classes, at the discretion of the judge, headers will be allowed into the ring for the lineup. In all Reinsmanship classes headers are allowed in the ring during the lineup. In all driving classes the header must be an adult.

### **Part III: Awards**

**Section 1.** The following annual awards will be presented. As entries warrant, divisions may be combined or divided for year-end awards.:

Academy Leadline

Academy Leadline, 8 & Under Walk & Trot on Lead Equitation

Academy Leadline, 8 & Under Walk & Trot on Lead Horsemanship

Academy Reinsmanship

Academy Five Gaited Horsemanship

**For the following, awards given in age groups Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 9 & 10, 8 & Under:**

Academy Saddle Seat Walk, Trot Canter Equitation

Academy Saddle Seat Walk, Trot, Canter Horsemanship

Academy Hunt Seat Walk, Trot, Canter Equitation

Academy Hunt Seat Walk, Trot Canter Horsemanship

Academy Stock Seat Walk, Jog, Lope Equitation

Academy Stock Seat Walk, Jog Lope Horsemanship

**For the following, awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 9 & 10, 8 & Under**

Academy Saddle Seat Walk & Trot Equitation

Academy Saddle Seat Walk & Trot Horsemanship

Academy Hunt Seat Walk & Trot Equitation

Academy Hunt Seat Walk & Trot Horsemanship

Academy Stock Seat Walk & Jog Equitation

Academy Stock Seat Walk & Jog Horsemanship

## MORGAN DIVISION

### Part I: Rules for MHSA Recognized Morgan Divisions

**Section 1.** All horses shown in this division must have been issued a certificate of registration from the American Morgan Horse Association. This organization can be accessed at <https://www.morganhorse.com/>.

**Section 2.** USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions with regard to class specifications, appointments, shoeing, etc.

### Part II: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards

**Section 1.** All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Morgan Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

**Section 2.** The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division and to add new divisions appropriate to the Morgan breed if the level of participation warrants it.

Morgan English Pleasure Award- points accrued in sub-categories: Open, Amateur, Junior Horse, and Junior Exhibitor

Morgan Classic Pleasure Award - points accrued in sub-categories: Open, Amateur, Junior Horse, and Junior Exhibitor

Morgan Park Saddle Award - points accrued in sub-categories: Open, Junior Exhibitor

Morgan Pleasure Driving Award – points accrued in sub-categories: Open, Amateur, Junior Horse, and Junior Exhibitor

Morgan Classic Pleasure Driving Award – points accrued in sub-categories: Open, Amateur, Junior Horse, and Junior Exhibitor

Morgan Western Pleasure Award - points accrued in sub-categories: Open, Amateur, Junior Horse, and Junior Exhibitor

Morgan Hunter Pleasure Award - points accrued in sub-categories: Open, Amateur, Junior Horse, and Junior Exhibitor

### **Special Awards**

The Most Versatile Morgan Award: The Ron Talburt/Concealed Weapon Perpetual Trophy: presented annually to the Morgan Horse earning the highest number of points accumulated from at least three different Morgan Horse divisions listed below. This award has been donated by W. Ron Talburt in honor of his Morgan Horse, Concealed Weapon. This trophy is taken home by the winner each year, to be returned annually in time for the annual Celebration of Champions presentation.

The Show Me Morgan Award: This award is presented annually by the Show Me Morgan Horse Club of Missouri to the High Point Morgan. The point totals will include points earned in Morgan and Open Divisions, but not in Equitation. This Award will be a cash award of \$100.

## **NATIONAL SHOW HORSE DIVISION**

### **Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards**

**Section 1.** All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA National Show Horse Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

**Section 2.** The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it.

- National Show Horse English Pleasure Award
- National Show Horse English Pleasure Open
- National Show Horse English Pleasure Amateur
- National Show Horse Country English Pleasure Open
- National Show Horse Country English Pleasure Amateur

### **Part II: General Rules**

**Section 1.** USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions.

**Section 2.** Horses must be registered with the National Show Horse Registry at the time of entry.

## **PONY DIVISION**

### **Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards**

**Section 1.** All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Pony Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

**Section 2.** The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it.

#### **Hackney Pony Division**

Hackney Pony Award – accrued points from: Hackney Pony Open, Open Championship, Ladies, Amateur, and Amateur Championship

Hackney Pony Pleasure Driving Award - accrued points from: Hackney Pony Pleasure Driving Amateur, Junior Exhibitor, AHHS Youth Medallion Pleasure, and Championship

Hackney Pony Country Pleasure Driving - points accrued from: Hackney Pony Country Pleasure Driving Amateur, Junior Exhibitor, and Championship

Hackney Pony Under Saddle

#### **Harness Pony Division**

Harness Pony Award – points accrued from: Harness Pony Open, Open Championship, Ladies, Amateur, and Amateur Championship.

#### **Shetland Pony Division**

Shetland Harness Pony Award – points accrued from: Shetland Harness Pony Open, Open Championship, Amateur, and Amateur Championship

Shetland Roadster Pony Award – points accrued from: Shetland Roadster Pony Open, Open Championship, Amateur, and Amateur Championship

### **Part II: Rules and Class Specifications for MHSA Pony Divisions**

USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions

## ROADSTER DIVISION

### Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards

**Section 1.** All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Roadster Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

**Section 2.** Year-end Awards: If entries warrant in a given year, the Board of Directors has the discretion to present awards for roadster horse under saddle and roadster pony under saddle.

Roadster Horse Award – points accrued in Open Bike, Open Bike Stake, Amateur Bike, Amateur Bike Stake, and Roadster Horse Under Saddle.

Roadster Pony Award – Points accrued in Roadster Pony Open, Open Championship, Amateur, Amateur Championship, Junior Exhibitor, AHHS Youth Medallion Roadster Pony

Roadster Pony Under Saddle Award

### Part II: Rules for the MHSA Roadster Division

**Section 1.** USEF Rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions.

## WESTERN DIVISION

### Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards

**Section 1.** All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Western Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

**Section 2.** The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it, or to combine awards as participation wanes.

Western Pleasure Adult Award

Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award

Western Pleasure Amateur Award

Western Pleasure Open Award

Stock Type Western Pleasure Award

Saddle-Type Western Pleasure Award

Open Trail Award

Ranch Riding Award

Ranch Pleasure Award

Ranch Obstacle Award

### Part II: Rules for the MHSA Western Division

**Section 1.** MHSA western classes will follow USEF rules and class specifications for Western Division or the specific breed's western rules.

**Section 2.** MHSA stock horse classes will follow the American Quarter Horse Association rulebook.

**Section 3.** Horses shown in western classes may be of any breed or combination of breeds 14.1 hands and over. Horses shown in stock horse classes will be from stock horse breeds. Stock horse breeds are the American Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa and Pinto. No crosses to Arabs, ASB's or Morgans will be considered stock horses. A full mane is not required.

**Section 4.** Junior Exhibitor classes are open to horses and ponies; exhibitor age 17 & Under. Stallions are prohibited in Junior Exhibitor classes.

## **PARADE HORSE DIVISION**

### **Part I-Classes Eligible for Year End Awards**

**Section** Parade Horse Award – points accrued in  
Parade Horse, Parade Horse Championship

### **Part II-General Rules**

**Section 1.** MHSA Parade Horse classes will follow USEF rules and class specifications.

## **TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE DIVISION**

### **PART I- Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards**

Pleasure 2 Gait Award

Pleasure 3 Gait Award

Trail Pleasure 2 Gait Award

Trail Pleasure 3 Gait Award

Country Pleasure 2 Gait Award

Classes counted toward these divisional high points may be designated as English Pleasure, Western Pleasure or Optional tack and attire, indicating it is open to horses/riders exhibiting in either discipline. Classes designated “UPWHA” (sanctioned by United Pleasure Walking Horse Association) in English, Western, and Country Pleasure will count respectively for English, Western, and Country Pleasure points.

All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA TWH Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com)

### **PART II - General Rules for MHSA Recognized TWH Divisions**

Rules governing the exhibition and judging standards of the Tennessee Walking Horse Division in MHSA are in the Friends of Sound Horses, Independent Judges Association Handbook, which can be found at

**[www.fosh.info/Fosh-rules-by-section.php](http://www.fosh.info/Fosh-rules-by-section.php)**.

In general, the IJA Rule Book requirements are for **natural gaited horses**, with shoeing limited to the 3/8” x 3/4” Trail Pleasure shoe, with toe lengths limited to 4.5 inches, including the shoe, shanks on bits limited to 8 inches, all foreign substances, pads, chains, hoof bands, toe-weighted shoes, and action devices prohibited. Because of the philosophy that a horse’s natural gait tendency dictates its breed, registration papers are not required for exhibition, except in breed-specific Model or Halter classes.

United Pleasure Walking Horse Association classes further restrict shoeing to “keg” shod and barefoot horses, and use the same judging standards as shown in the IJA Rule Book.

## **SPOTTED SADDLE HORSE (SSH) DIVISION**

### **PART I – Divisions and Classes Eligible For SSH Year-End Awards**

SSH Open Pleasure\* 2 gait \* including: Trail Pleasure, Pleasure, and Show Pleasure

SSH Open Pleasure\* 3 gait

Classes counted toward these divisional high points may be designated as English Pleasure, Western Pleasure or Optional tack and attire, indicating it is open to horses/riders exhibiting in either discipline.

All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA SSH Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

## **PART II - General Rules for MHSA Recognized SSH Divisions**

Rules governing the exhibition and judging standards of the Spotted Saddle Horse Division in MHSA are in the Friends of Sound Horses, Independent Judges Association Handbook, which can be found at [www.fosh.info/Fosh-rules-by-section.php](http://www.fosh.info/Fosh-rules-by-section.php)

### **OPEN GAITED BREED**

#### **PART I - DIVISIONS AND CLASSES ELIGIBLE FOR OGB YEAR-END AWARDS**

- OGB Open Pleasure 2 gait which includes: Trail Pleasure, Pleasure, and Country Pleasure
- OGB Open Pleasure 3 gait

Classes counted toward these divisional high points may be designated as English Pleasure, Western Pleasure or Optional tack and attire, indicating it is open to horses/riders exhibiting in either discipline. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA OGB Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

#### **PART II - GENERAL RULES FOR MHSA RECOGNIZED OGB DIVISIONS**

Rules governing the exhibition and judging standards of the Open Gaited Breed Division in MHSA are in the Friends of Sound Horses, Independent Judges Association Handbook, which can be found at [www.fosh.info/Fosh-rules-by-section.php](http://www.fosh.info/Fosh-rules-by-section.php).

In general, the IJA Rule Book requirements are for **natural gaited horses**, with shoeing limited to the 3/8" x 3/4" Trail Pleasure shoe, with toe lengths limited to 4.5 inches, including the shoe, shanks on bits limited to 8 inches, all foreign substances, pads, chains, hoof bands, action devices prohibited.

### **MISSOURI FOX TROTTER (MFT) DIVISION**

#### **PART I - DIVISIONS AND CLASSES ELIGIBLE FOR MFT YEAR-END AWARDS**

- MFT Open Pleasure 2 gait
- MFT Open Pleasure 3 gait
- MFT Open Country Pleasure 2 gait
- MFT Open Country Pleasure 3 gait

Classes counted toward these divisional high points may be designated as English Pleasure, Western Pleasure or Optional tack and attire, indicating it is open to horses/riders exhibiting in either discipline.

All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA MFT Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at [mhsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mhsamembership@gmail.com).

#### **PART II - GENERAL RULES FOR MHSA RECOGNIZED MFT DIVISIONS**

Rules governing the exhibition and judging standards of the Missouri Fox Trotter Division in MHSA are in the Friends of Sound Horses, Independent Judges Association Handbook, which can be found at [www.fosh.info/Fosh-rules-by-section.php](http://www.fosh.info/Fosh-rules-by-section.php)