

**BY-LAWS OF THE BLUE RIDGE  
HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION 2024**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this Association shall be the BLUE RIDGE HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Association shall be to create, stimulate and maintain interest in regional horse shows; to promote cooperation between horse shows and exhibitors; to help improve the caliber of regional shows; to maintain proper records in connection with the sport for the use of its members; to arbitrate disputes between management, exhibitors and/or judges; and to assist in the settlement of conflicts of show dates. Regional shall be defined as horse shows held within a 150 road mile radius of Harmon Field. Horse shows outside of this region must apply to the Board of Directors for a waiver of the mileage rule. The decision of the Board shall be final.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 1.* Individual Members. Those persons who have joined this Association as either a Junior or Senior member. They shall be eligible to participate in all appropriate classes at BRHJA recognized shows. The annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors each year and are payable during the show year; however, points earned will not be counted until the member has paid his/her dues. All memberships shall expire on November 30, and all memberships are renewable as of December 1. All individual members shall be entitled to vote. Junior members shall vote only for the Junior Representative for the Board of Directors elections.

- A. Senior members: Those persons who have reached their 18th birthday on December 1 for the show year.
- B. Junior Members: Those persons who have not reached their 18th birthday on December 1 for the show year.

*Section 2.* Show Members. Those corporations, organizations, associations, and others holding horse shows. Each member show shall pay a fee set by the Board of Directors each year to the BRHJA. Show Members shall not be eligible to vote.

**ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Section 1.* The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) members of the Association. At least one member of the Board shall be an Amateur.

*Section 2.* The Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting to serve a term for three (3) years, except for the Junior Representative who shall serve a term for one (1) year, or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected. At the first election following the adoption of this section, one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve for one (1) year, one-third (1/3) for two (2) years, and one-third (1/3) for three (3) years, all such elections excluding the Junior representative who shall be elected annually.

*Section 3.* No member shall hold more than one Executive office at a time, and any member who has served for a full term of three (3) years shall be ineligible for election for a period of one (1) year.

*Section 4.* The Board of Directors shall meet immediately following the Annual Meeting for the purpose of elective Executive officers for the ensuing year. The Executive officers shall include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall then meet the first Monday of each month.

*Section 5.* The Points Secretary shall be either a Board member or a member-at large appointed by the Board or may be anyone who is a member in good standing.

*Section 6.* Board members not attending 50% of the scheduled meetings may be subject to replacement at the discretion of the Board.

*Section 7.* Vacancies on the Board of Directors, except in the offices of the Executive Committee, shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee. Vacancies in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice President. Vacancies in the office of the Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by regular election procedure. The Nominating Committee, with the approval of the Board may fill a vacancy in the officers until an election by the membership can be held. Persons so elected shall serve until the expiration of the original terms of office.

## **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

*Section 1.* The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in January unless otherwise ordered by the Association or by the Executive Committee.

*Section 2.* Special Meetings can be called by the President or by the Executive Committee and shall be called upon by written request of ten (10) members of Association. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least ten (10) days notice shall be given.

## **ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Section 1.* The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

*Section 2.* The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between its annual meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Association, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these By-laws. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the Association, and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the Association.

## **ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES**

*Section 1.* The Nominating Committee will be composed of those members retiring from the Board of Directors. They shall propose a state of candidates to the Board of

Directors at the December meeting. Before the election at the Annual Meeting in January, additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted. Persons nominated from the floor must have previously agreed to serve if elected.

*Section 2.* A Grievance Committee shall be composed of the Executive Committee as appointed by the President or the Executive Committee. All complaints or grievances must be submitted to a member of the Executive Committee in written form. Minutes of a Grievance Committee meeting will be maintained; however, such minutes will remain confidential.

*Section 3.* Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President or the Executive Committee from time to time as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

## **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

These By-laws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two thirds (2/3) vote of those members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the membership one month prior to a meeting and a quorum of ten percent (10%) of the current membership is in attendance.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES**

The Board of Directors may from time to time amend the rules of the BRHJA which shall have the same force and effect as the current Rules. Show managers, secretaries, and stewards will be notified promptly of any changes and will be required to post any rule changes at their shows. Such rules may be amended or rescinded by the membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present at the Annual Meeting provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the membership one month prior to the Annual Meeting and a quorum of ten percent (10%) of the current membership is in attendance. All changes made in the BRHJA Rules and By-laws at an Annual Meeting in January will be retroactive to December 1 of the preceding year without exception.

## **RULES OF THE BLUE RIDGE HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION**

### **I. BRHJA MEMBERSHIP**

- A. The membership year is defined as December 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- B. BRHJA senior members are those 18 years of age or older on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. BRHJA junior members are those under 18 years of age on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- D. Farm Membership includes two members and the farm name. To be used when the farm owns the horse.
- E. Lifetime family membership includes three family members and a horse.
- F. Lifetime memberships will be for the lifetime of the individual.
- G. Lifetime horse recording is for the lifetime of the horse.

- H. Both owner and rider must be BRHJA members in order for points to count.
- I. Points begin from the first show where this form is turned in to the secretary or by postmark on the envelope if mailed.
- J. Rates for membership shall be as follows: 1) Senior \$30.00 2) Junior \$25.00.
- K. Annual Barn Membership \$50.00 4) lifetime individual membership \$175.00 5) lifetime family membership \$350.00.
- L. Each horse show chairman shall be a BRHJA member in good standing. There shall be a fee of \$100.00 the first day and \$25.00 thereafter to hold a BRHJA Rated Horse Show.
- M. For all horse shows held at Harmon Field, Show Managers must refer to their current contract for information regarding fees due

## **II. BRHJA MEMBER SHOWS**

- A. In an effort to prevent conflicts, horse show application forms will be sent to all show managers requesting show dates beginning December 1 for the upcoming year. The Board of Directors will fit the dates on the BRHJA schedule. If there are any conflicts, the Board will contact the respective managers to resolve these problems. If a show date has been cancelled without valid reason, the member show will not be given priority consideration for show dates in the following year. For a show to be BRHJA approved, the Show Manager must be a BRHJA member in good standing. Requests for show dates must be accompanied by a non-refundable show fee and this show fee will not apply for any other date.
- B. The number of BRHJA Member Shows shall not be limited in any calendar year.
- C. Each member show shall provide an insurance binder showing proof of coverage for the days of the horse show. This binder shall be sent to the BRHJA Horse Show Coordinator at least one (1) week prior to the first day of the show.
- D. There shall be a minimum of three (3) classes including the under saddle class per division with the following exceptions of the equitation divisions. Two classes are recognized in these divisions including the flat class.
- E. All horses/ponies must be serviceably sound in all hunter classes. Except in Under Saddle classes, all horses/ponies may be jogged for soundness with rider dismounted. Jogging will be at the discretion of the judge. Soundness shall be determined by either the official Show Veterinarian, if available, or the Judge after a second jogging. Prize lists must state the judging criteria, including complete class description, such as performance, manners, suitability and soundness.
- F. Must be a BRHJA member and horse has to be recorded to accrue BRHJA points.
- G. The BRHJA Medal Classes must be offered at each Member Show. It is recommended that all other recognized divisions be included at each Member Show.
- H. There shall be a steward, approved by the USEF, SCHJA, NCHJA or BRHJA, designated on the Prize list, attending each BRHJA recognized show, who is knowledgeable of USEF and BRHJA Rules and By-laws to handle questions and/or conflicts. Any question and/or conflict beyond the scope of the Steward shall be referred to a BRHJA Board Member if possible. If not, the decisions will be referred to the Board of Directors. For non-protestable decisions such as soundness, pony measurement, judge(s)' decisions regarding performance, see current USEF rules for Non-

protestable Decisions. Stewards shall be required to have a measuring stick, BRHJA and USEF Rule Book at each show.

- I. Medical personnel, which shall be an MD, PA, RN, FNP, EMT-P, EMT-I or a First Responder, shall be present from the beginning to the end of each show day. Medical coverage shall be optional for schooling days.
- J. Show results will be sent to Horse Shows Online within four (4) days of the last day of the show. Judges cards shall be kept by the Show Management through December 31 following the show year in question.
- K. If a BRHJA rule is broken by a Member Show, the Show Manager shall receive a letter from the Board stating the infraction. A second offense shall be a letter plus a fine to be set by the Board. A third offense shall require the Show Manager to meet with the Executive Committee prior to receiving BRHJA rating for any future shows. The Board of Directors has the authority to not sanction or to revoke BRHJA status.
- L. In case of questions and/or conflicts, the current By-laws and Rules of the BRHJA and/or USEF shall have effect.
- M. Any rider, handler, exhibitor, owner, agent, trainer, or the parent of a junior exhibitor may file a protest with the show committee alleging a violation of any rule. The protest must be:
  - in writing
  - signed by the protestor
  - addressed to the manager of the competition at which the alleged violation occurred
  - accompanied by a deposit of \$200.00 if made by a member or parent of junior exhibitor of BRHJA or \$300 for non-members.
  - received by the official show steward, technical delegate, a member of the show committee, the competition manager, or the competition secretary within 48 hours of the alleged violation.
- N. BRHJA recognized divisions are as follows:
  - Walk Trot
  - Walk Trot Canter
  - Cross Rails Hunter
  - Cross Rails Equitation
  - Short Stirrup Hunter
  - Short Stirrup Equitation
  - Long Stirrup Hunter
  - Long Stirrup Equitation
  - Schooling ~~Open~~ Hunter
  - Small/Medium Pony Hunter
  - Large Pony Hunter
  - Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Hunter
  - Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Equitation
  - Children's Hunter
  - Equitation 11 & Under
  - Equitation 12-14
  - Equitation 15-17

- BRHJA Junior Medal
- BRHJA Adult Medal
- Adult Amateur Hunter
- Adult Equitation
- Junior Hunter
- Amateur Hunter
- Pre-Green Hunter
- Low Hunter
- Green Hunter (1st & 2nd year combined)
- Performance Hunter
- Children/Adult Jumpers
- Progressive Jumpers
- Low Schooling Jumpers
- High Schooling Jumpers
- Hopeful Jumpers
- Junior/Amateur Jumpers
- BRHJA Derby Series

## **II. COURSES AND FENCES**

- A. There shall be a course designer named in the show prize list.
- B. Courses shall consist of not less than six (6) jumps. In-and-outs to count as one jump
- C. Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup courses will not consist of in-and-outs or oxers.
- D. No course shall begin with an in-and-out or an oxer.
- E. Maximum course heights by division are to be as follows:
  - Cross Rails Hunter – 18"
  - Cross Rails Equitation – 18"
  - Short Stirrup Hunter – 2'-2'3"
  - Short Stirrup Equitation – 2'-2'3"
  - Long Stirrup Hunter – 2'-2'3"
  - Long Stirrup Equitation – 2'-2'3"
  - Schooling ~~Open~~ Hunter – 2' no oxers, open to everyone
  - Small/Medium Pony Hunter – small (2') medium (2'3")
  - Large Pony Hunter – 2'6- 2'9"
  - Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Hunter – 2'6"
  - Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Equitation – 2'6"
  - Children's Hunter – 2'9"
  - Equitation 11 & Under – 2'3"
  - Equitation 12-14 – 2'6"
  - Equitation 15-17 – 3'
  - BRHJA Junior Medal – 2'6" and 3'
  - BRHJA Adult Medal – 2'9"
  - Adult Amateur Hunter – 2'9"
  - Adult Equitation – 2'9"

- Junior Hunter – 3' and 3'3"
  - Amateur Hunter – 3' and 3'3"
  - Pre-Green Hunter – 2'3"
  - Low Hunter – 2'6 and 3'
  - Green Hunter (1st & 2nd year combined) – 1<sup>st</sup> year (2'9") 2<sup>nd</sup> year (3')
  - Performance Hunter – 2'9"-3'6"
  - ~~Puddle Jumpers – .65m no oxers, no combinations~~
  - Hopeful Jumpers – .80m 2'6"
  - Progressive Jumpers – .85m 2'9"
  - Low Schooling Jumpers – .90m 3'
  - Children/Adult Jumpers – 1.0m 3'3"
  - High Schooling Jumpers – 1.10m 3'6"
  - Junior/Amateur Jumpers – 1.15m 3'9"
  - BRHJA Derby Series – 2'6" and 3'
- F. Fifty percent or more of the obstacles must be at least the required height and none to be more than 3" under or over. Exception: Weather or footing conditions.
- G. Fences shall consist of brushes, gates, posts and rails, oxers and so forth. Jumps should appear solid by the use of brush, rails and other fillers and shall be constructed in such a manner as not to endanger horses or riders.
- H. Oxers shall be set in the hunter divisions such that the back element is 3" to 6" higher than the front element. This is not a requirement for the jumper divisions. A single pole shall be used as the second element of the oxer; gates are not to be used.
- I. There shall be a designated schooling area consisting of at least one vertical and one oxer with ground lines.
- J. If a jumping order is established, it must be posted at least 15 minutes before the class in a conspicuous place. The jumping order must be legible to a mounted rider. Management may permit a rider to compete out of order to minimize delays.
- K. Open schooling over fences in the show rings must be available by 10:00AM on the schooling day before the show is to start and prior to the morning sessions, unless weather conditions or other severe conditions restrict ring use. It is also recommended that a 15-minute schooling session be provided for Short Stirrup riders.
- L. Schooling Rules- no offsets allowed. Manual poling is prohibited.
- M. A two (2) minute rule shall be put into effect at the discretion of show management to help minimize delay.

### **III. EQUIPMENT, ATTIRE, AND TACK**

- A. Hunter Division Tack and Equipment- Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles all with nosebands are recommended.
- Martingales of any type are prohibited in under saddle classes. Light pads and bar shoes are permissible. Wraps, boots and bandages are prohibited. Competition management may permit bell boots if weather conditions warrant.



- B. Equitation Division Tack and Equipment- Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles all with nosebands are recommended. Martingales of any type are prohibited in flat classes. Light pads and bar shoes are permissible. Wraps, boots and bandages are permitted.
- C. Jumper Division Tack and Equipment - Riders must wear traditional short or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties and riding jacket when formal attire is required. Otherwise, riders may compete without riding coats. If a riding coat is not worn, riders must wear a polo shirt with a collar, neatly tucked into riding breeches. Management may permit raingear in inclement weather. In all cases, riders must appear neatly attired to appear before the public or be subject to penalty of elimination by the judges.
- D. Show Attire - Riders must wear traditional short or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Management may wave jackets in extreme heat or inclement weather. Boots and / or shoes worn while riding anywhere on the competition rounds must have a distinguishable heel. Riders must display the correct number clearly visible on their back while competing. Management or judge may eliminate an Exhibitor that is inappropriately attired.
- E. Headgear - All riders must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/ SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or the trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with the appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and that it is in good condition and fits properly.

#### **IV. DIVISION DESCRIPTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY**

- A. Junior riders must be 17 years or younger on December 1 of the show year.
- B. Amateur riders must be 18 years or older on December 1 of the show year. Amateur riders are not required to own the horse or pony they show; however, they must meet the amateur requirements as defined by USEF.
- C. Ponies must be 14.2 hands and under and be ridden by a Junior exhibitor (as defined in USEF Rule XII, Part IX, Section 1). A Pony measurement form must be filled out by a veterinarian and the Steward. The pony must be shown in at least one hunter class at that show. A BRHJA measurement card will be issued. If a pony measurement is protested and a current BRHJA, or official USEF Pony Measurement card is unavailable, then the pony measurement shall be determined by the Steward at the show.
  - Walk-Trot - showing at the walk and trot by junior exhibitors that have never cantered at any horse show. Three classes are to be offered: pleasure, equitation and an under saddle. Martingales are permitted. Year-end points awarded to the rider only.
  - Walk-Trot-Canter - showing at the walk, trot, and canter by junior exhibitors in their first year of showing at the canter. Three classes are to be offered. Pleasure, equitation, and an under saddle. Martingales are permitted. Year-end points awarded to the rider only.



- Cross Rails Hunter - Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by a junior or adult amateur exhibitor in their first or second year of showing over crossrails. Amateur riders must meet amateur status requirements. Riders may not cross enter into classes/division where fence heights exceed 18". To be shown over a simplified course of four to eight crossrail jumps. Simple lead changes are permitted. The three-inch rule does not apply to this division. If separate divisions by age (12 & under and 13 & over) are held at a show, the points will count for the year end crossrails award.
- Cross Rails Equitation - Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by a junior or adult amateur exhibitor in their first or second year of showing over crossrails. Riders may participate in this division for no more than two (2) years. May not cross enter into classes/division where fence heights exceed 18". To be shown over a simplified course of four to eight crossrail jumps. Simple lead changes are permitted. The three-inch rule does not apply to this division. If separate divisions by age (12 & under and 13 & over) are held at a show, the points will count for the year end crossrails award.
- Short Stirrup Hunter – may be combined with long stirrup hunters if insufficient entries. Open to riders 12 years of age and under and rider may not show in division for more than 2 years. Rider may not cross enter into class or division where fence heights exceed 2'3". Fence heights 2'-2'3"
- Short Stirrup Equitation – may be combined with long stirrup equitation if insufficient entries. Same qualifications as short stirrup hunters. **Rider may not cross enter into class or division where fence heights exceed 2'3".** Fences 2'- 2'3"
- Long Stirrup Hunter – may be combined with short stirrup hunters if insufficient entries. Riders 13 years of age and over and rider may not show in division for more than 2 years. Rider may not cross enter into class or division where fence heights exceed 2'3". Fence heights 2'- 2'3"
- Long Stirrup Equitation – may be combined with short stirrup equitation if insufficient entries. Same qualification as long stirrup hunter. Riders may not cross enter into age group equitation. Fences may not exceed 2'3"
- Schooling ~~Open~~ Hunter – open to all horses, ponies, and riders. Fences to be 2', no oxers.
- Small/Medium Pony Hunter - This is a combined division including small and medium ponies ridden by junior riders. No rider may ride more than three ponies in a class. Riders under 18 years of age may ride for other exhibitors that have more than one entry in an under saddle class. Small ponies (fences 2') are not to exceed 12.2 hands. No junior over 12 years of age may ride in the small pony hunter section. Medium ponies (fences 2'3") over 12.2 hands but not to exceed 13.2 hands. No junior over 14 years of age may ride in the medium pony hunter section.

- Large Pony Hunter – No rider may ride more than three ponies in a class. Riders under 18 years of age may ride for other exhibitors that have more than one entry in an under saddle class. A large pony is defined as being over 13.2 hands but does not exceed 14.2 hands. Fences 2'6"-2'9"
- Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Hunter - Horse or pony to be shown by a junior or amateur and meets amateur status requirements. Riders who have shown over fences at 3'6" within the previous 12 months are ineligible. Suitability of rider to mount to be stressed. Same horse and rider combination cannot cross enter into any division with heights over 2'6".
- Pre-Children/Pre-Adult Equitation – Horse or pony to be shown by a junior or amateur rider and meets amateur status requirements. Riders who have shown over fences at 3'6" within the previous 12 months are ineligible. Suitability of rider to mount to be stressed. Rider cannot enter any other equitation class with heights over 2'6".
- Children's Hunter – may be combined with adult hunters if insufficient entries. Open to all horses or ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor. Horse/rider combination in the children's division is not eligible to compete in any class at the same show where fence heights exceed 3' with the exception of the children's jumper division. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, another junior from a difference age group is eligible to ride that horse. Fences 2'9".
- Equitation 11 & Under - open to horses and ponies shown by a junior exhibitor age 11 and under as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of show year. Fences 2'3".
- Equitation 12-14 - open to horses and ponies shown by a junior exhibitor age 12-14 as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of show year. Fences 2'6"
- Equitation 15-17 - open to horses and ponies shown by a junior exhibitor age 15-17 as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of show year. Fences 3'.
- BRHJA Junior Medal – Open to all BRHJA junior members. Fences to be set at 2'6" for ponies and riders 12 years and under. Fences for horses and riders 13-17 shall be set at 3'. At minimum, six riders will return to be judged on the flat. Jumping portion to count 70% and flat portion to count 30%. Individual testing is at the discretion of the judge(s). A minimum of 3 entries must complete the course in order for points to count. Once a competitor has won the finals three times, he/she is no longer eligible to compete. The top 10 competitors, based on points, will be invited to compete in the Finals. If a rider within the top 10 chooses to not compete, the next rider in the point standings will become eligible. The Finals shall have the same format as a regular BRHJA Medal class and also may include USEF Test Nos. 1-11, 13, 16 and/or 17 at the judge(s)' discretion. Year-end award ribbons for the BRHJA Medal Division will be based on the points accumulated throughout the year. Medal final winners will also be

recognized at the Classic show and at Year End Banquet with additional awards. The last sanctioned horse show before BRHJA Classic is cut off for qualifying for junior medal.

- BRHJA Adult Medal – Open to all BRHJA adult amateur members. Fences to be set at 2'9". At minimum, six riders will return to be judged on the flat. Jumping portion to count 70% and flat portion to count 30%. Individual testing is at the discretion of the judge(s). A minimum of 3 entries must complete the course in order for points to count. After winning 1 year rider must sit out 1 year before re-entering. Once a competitor has won the finals three times, he/she is no longer eligible to compete. The top 10 competitors, based on points, will be invited to compete in the Finals. If a rider within the top 10 chooses to not compete, the next rider in the point standings will become eligible. The Finals shall have the same format as a regular BRHJA Medal class and also may include USEF Test Nos. 1-11, 13, 16 and/or 17 at the judge(s)' discretion. Year-end award ribbons for the BRHJA Medal Division will be based on the points accumulated throughout the year. Medal final winners will also be recognized at the Classic show and at Year End Banquet with additional awards.
- Adult Amateur Hunter – may be combined with children's hunters if insufficient entries. Open to all horses or ponies ridden by an amateur exhibitor. Amateur riders must meet amateur status requirements. A horse/rider combination in the adult amateur division is not eligible to compete in any class at the same show where fence heights exceed 3' with the exception of the adult jumper division. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, another amateur from a difference age group is eligible to ride that horse. Fences 2'9".
- Adult Equitation - open to horses and ponies shown by an amateur 18 and over. Amateur must meet eligibility requirements. Fences 2'9"
- Junior Hunter- may be combined with amateur hunter if insufficient entries. Open to horses shown by a junior exhibitor. If otherwise eligible, riders may cross-enter into age group equitation. Fences 3' or 3'3".
- Amateur Hunter – may be combined with junior hunter if insufficient entries. Open to horses shown by an amateur exhibitor. Amateur riders must meet eligibility requirements. If otherwise eligible, riders may cross enter into age group equitation. Fences 3' or 3'3".
- Pre-Green Hunter - open to horses and ponies in their first year of showing over fences 2'3" or higher. Exception: horses or ponies showing as a three year old may show pre-green the next year they show. Fences to be 2'3"
- Low Hunter - Open to all riders and horses and/or ponies. Fence heights shall be optional at either a maximum of 2'6" or 3'0". The division may be split at the discretion of show management provided there are a minimum of five (5) entries per section. Sections will be judged separately if the division is split.

- Green Hunter (1st & 2nd year combined) - may be a horse or pony of any age that has not shown over fences exceeding 2'6" at any show, equitation classes included. First year eligibility requires that a horse or pony has not shown over fences exceeding 2'6" prior to December 1 of the preceding year; second year eligibility requires that a horse or pony be in their second year of showing over fences exceeding 2'6". When shown in a Green division, a horse or pony in his first year of showing must show as a first year green horse, and a horse or pony in his second year of showing must be shown as a second year green horse.
- Performance Hunter – open to all horses, juniors, and amateurs.
- ~~Puddle Jumpers 2" (no oxers no combinations) – open to all horses/ponies and riders~~
- Hopeful Jumpers - Open to all horses and ponies regardless of winnings, is eligible to compete.
- Progressive Jumpers - Open to novice riders.
- Children/Adult Jumpers - open to all horses/ponies, juniors, and amateurs.
- Low Schooling Jumpers – open to all horses/ponies and riders
- High Schooling Jumpers – open to all horses/ponies and riders
- Junior/Amateur Jumpers - Open to all horses ridden by either a junior or amateur exhibitor. Amateur riders must meet amateur status requirements. Horse and rider combination may not cross enter into the Children's / Adult Amateur Jumper division at the same show.
- All equitation divisions may be combined as needed to constitute a class.

## **V. YEAR-END POINTS/AWARDS**

- A. All horses and ponies, whether leased by the day, week, month or year are considered to be the property of the lessee, and the lessee must be a member of the BRHJA in order for points to count for year-end awards.
- B. In order for points to count for year-end awards in all hunter divisions, both the owner and rider must be members of the BRHJA.
- C. Year-end awards will be based on points accumulated throughout the show year and will be counted as follows:
  - 1st place – 10
  - 2nd place – 6
  - 3rd place – 4
  - 4th place – 2
  - 5th place – 1
  - 6th place – .5

- Champion – 20 points
  - Reserve Champion – 12 points
- D. Championships will not be awarded in Equitation Divisions. If champion and reserve champion are awarded for equitation divisions having only two classes the award is honorary and no year end points are given.
- E. The Champion and Reserve Champion titles shall be awarded to two of the four horses/ponies which shall have acquired the most points performing over fences. In addition to these points, only these four horses/ponies shall receive points for ribbons won in one under saddle class for the purpose of determining Champion and Reserve Champion titles. In case of a tie score the Championship and/or Reserve shall be awarded to the horse/pony that has accumulated the most points over fences. If horses/ponies have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses/ponies shall either hack or flip a coin to determine Championship and/or Reserve Championship. Six (6) ribbons per class must be awarded in each recognized division.
- F. Champion/Reserve to be awarded over 2 days for Children/Adult, Low and High Jumpers.
- G. A minimum of three (3) entries must compete in a class in order for points to count for year-end awards.
- H. Year-end awards will be given in all BRHJA recognized divisions for first through sixth place.
- I. Scores of all horses/ponies will be kept with the BRHJA Points Secretary. Results from the member shows shall furnish the sole basis upon which the scores are figured and the BRHJA tally thus derived shall be final authority in determining winners. The BRHJA will use every care to achieve accuracy in compiling the scores, but shall not be liable for failure of a show to file results, nor responsible beyond the point of accurately figuring scores as furnished by the proper authorities of each show. The final date to contest points will be published and updated when each show's points are posted/updated.

**The following is a list of trophies to be awarded as Year-end Awards. They shall be presented at the BRHJA Annual Banquet and/or at the Classic Horse Show.**

- Walk Trot: Jewel Box Memorial Trophy
- Walk Trot Canter: Linda McDaniel Annual
- Cross Rails Hunter: Napoleon Memorial Trophy, Waters Family
- Cross Rails Equitation:
- Short Stirrup Hunter: Cover Girl Perpetual Trophy
- Short Stirrup Equitation: Quarter Flash Trophy
- Long Stirrup Hunter: Grand Prix Bunny/Fancy Pants Perpetual Trophy
- Long Stirrup Equitation:
- Schooling ~~Open~~ Hunter:
- Small/Medium Pony Hunter: Wanda Beauchamp Memorial Trophy
- Large Pony Hunter: State of Mind Perpetual Trophy
- Pre-Children's/Adult Hunter: Decisions Decisions Perpetual Trophy
- Pre-Children's/Adult Equitation:
- Children's Hunter: Taylor Made Perpetual Trophy

- 11 and under Equitation: Eden Farms Perpetual Trophy
- 12 – 14 Equitation: Lark Legacy Trophy
- 15 – 17 Equitation: Rasmussen Perpetual Trophy
- Overall Junior Equitation: Mary Sandzen Memorial (awarded to individual with highest total points among age group equitation divisions)
- BRHJA Junior Medal: Gordon Wright Trophy (awarded to winner of Medal Finals)
- BRHJA Adult Medal: Lee Cone Perpetual (awarded to winner of adult medal finals)
- Adult Amateur Hunter: Puttin' on the Blitz Perpetual Trophy
- Adult Equitation: The Schultz Perpetual Trophy
- Junior Hunter: Greg Moore Memorial Trophy
- Amateur Hunter: Humble Pie Perpetual Trophy/Louis Vuitton Perpetual Trophy
- Pre-Green Hunter:
- Low Hunter: Krusher Perpetual Trophy
- Green Working Hunter: Frances Powers Andrews Memorial Trophy
- Performance Hunter:
- Children/Adult Jumper: Diamond Jim Memorial Trophy
- Progressive Jumper: Algebra Memorial Trophy, Linda & Katie McDaniel
- Low Schooling Jumper: Horse Shoe Trophy
- High Schooling Jumper: Ben Wade Memorial Trophy
- Hopeful Jumper: Zeus Memorial Trophy
- Junior/Amateur Jumper:

Awards voted on by the Board:

- BRHJA Horse Person of the Year
- Noreen Feagin Cothran Service Award
- BRHJA Volunteer of the Year Award
- BRHJA Horse Show Parent of the Year
- BRHJA Junior Sportsmanship Award –
- BRHJA Adult Sportsmanship:
- BRHJA Up and Coming Rider Award -
- CJ Memorial 'Spirit of Blue Ridge' Award – (awarded to human or animal that symbolizes the 'Spirit of Blue Ridge')

## **VI. JUDGES and STEWARDS**

- A. Trainers with students who are BRHJA members may not judge or Steward a BRHJA show where their students are exhibitors unless it is an emergency judging request by the show manager. However, in such instances, the substitute judge may not judge a class or division in which any member of his/her family or any of his/her clients are participating. In the event of a conflict or dispute, the Steward shall refer to the USEF Rule Book.
- B. Each judge may not judge more than two (2) BRHJA organized shows per year.
- C. Judges are to sit alone. Show management may provide a ringmaster. Any guest judges must seek approval from the BRHJA Board or Show

Management prior to the show. Show Management should provide a “runner” for the judge. Judges will work independently from the Show Managers and Secretaries.

- D. Exhibitors and trainers may not talk to the judge until after the conclusion of each session (morning/afternoon) and only with the approval of the Steward.
- E. Judges must be either “R”, “r”, BRHJA, and/or SCHJA, or NCHJA approved.
- F. Competitors found to be in violation of animal welfare rules by the Competition Steward or other USEF/BRHJA Official shall be eliminated/disqualified from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period and shall forfeit all entry fees for such competition. In addition, after consultation between Competition Management, the Steward, or other official involved, and a Judge in the division, additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward’s Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, it will be reviewed by the USEF/BRHJA for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

## **VII. CLASSIC**

- A. The BRHJA Classic must be conducted as a two-round class. The top 9-10 horses may be jogged for soundness in front of all the judges officiating in the Classic in order to be eligible for ribbons.
- B. Fences to be the same types allowed in the hunter divisions.
- C. When using an open numerical judging system, one judging position must be appointed as the tie breaker.
- D. BRHJA Classic points will be included for year-end awards as follows:
  - 1st place – 20 points
  - 2nd place – 15 points
  - 3rd place – 12 points
  - 4th place – 8 points • 5th place – 4 points
  - 6th place – 2 points
  - 7th place – 1 point
  - 8th place – .5 point
- E. No unjudged rounds at classic horse show. ~~Unjudged rounds to be at management’s discretion only.~~

## **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. All juniors and adults mounted and/or riding anywhere on the show grounds, must wear protective headgear ASTM approved. Harnesses must be secured.
- B. Horse show report forms will be available at all BRHJA Member Shows for members’ comments, suggestions or complaints and are to be submitted to the BRHJA Secretary. The Steward shall also submit a report form to ensure that all BRHJA standards are met. Report forms must be sent to the BRHJA Board after each show. Rules or By-laws violations shall be reviewed by the Grievance Committee and final decisions shall be presented to the respective Show Managers. The first offence shall be a letter stating changes to be made. The second offence shall be a fine set by the Board of Directors. Each violation sent to the Board shall be reviewed within 30 days. Any horse show found to be not in compliance with the above shall have its BRHJA rating revoked.
- C. Annual membership dues are as follows:



- a. Junior Membership- \$25.00
- b. Senior Membership \$30.00
- D. Any action(s) against a horse by a competitor or an exhibitor, which are deemed excessive by a judge, steward, or veterinarian, in the competition ring or anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning, elimination or other sanctions as deemed appropriate by the show committee in conjunction with the BRHJA Board.
- E. Dogs must be on a leash/restrained at all times.
- F. Do not block driveways or in fire lanes.
- G. Lunging is only allowed in designated areas and never in show rings.
- H. Competitors are prohibited from carrying a whip that is longer than 30" while jumping, schooling over fences, or competing. No whip may exceed 45" while schooling on the flat. A rider may not carry more than one whip and whips may not be weighted at the end.
- I. No horse may be entered in over seven (7) over fences classes per show day. Penalties will be at the discretion of the steward and Board of Directors.
- J. Unjudged rounds to be at management's discretion only.
- K. Riders must be a member of BRHJA to compete in BRHJA hunter derbies. If not a member by time derby is run a \$30 penalty fee will be added to final bill.