

Hunter Show Series Rules and Division Specifications

General WCHC Event Rules

The following rules apply to all shows and other events.

1. The Washington County Horse Council and its officers, volunteers and other event staff are not responsible for any accident, damage, injury or loss that may occur to any person, animal or property at or in connection with any event.
2. Proof of current (within past 12 months) negative Coggins and "Self-Certification of Equine Health" form is required of all horses on the grounds, whether participating in the event or just on the grounds "for the experience."
3. All event participants must submit an entry form which includes a release of liability before participating. Participants under 18 years of age must have an adult sign.
4. No alcoholic drinks allowed.
5. All decisions of the judge and event management are final.
6. Classes may be split, combined, added or canceled at the discretion of event management. Similarly, management may cancel, add or modify any event, or change any obstacle, course or other pattern. Please see our website or Facebook page for updates and changes.
7. All mounted riders are required to wear ASTM/SEI riding helmet (properly secured at all times) and boots with a heel. Show attire is expected in all classes at shows unless excused by the judge or management.
8. No person is allowed in the ring, in the secretary's stand or near the judge's (or clinician's) stand unless invited by management or the judge/clinician.
9. Management or the judge (or clinician) may decline any entry (whether before or during the event) and otherwise excuse any rider, horse, trainer or other attendee from the grounds at its discretion, whether for soundness, safety, discourtesy or other reason. Participants and other attendees are notified that any act of discourtesy or disobedience or any harsh behavior (in management's or the judge's (or clinician's) sole discretion) on the part of any owner, rider, trainer or other attendee may be excused or disqualified, with entry or similar fees forfeited.
10. Well behaved, leashed dogs are permitted; however, dogs may be excused from an event at management's sole discretion.

11. Cash and personal checks (with proper identification) are the only forms of payment accepted. Checks should be made payable to Washington County Horse Council. There is a \$25 fee for all returned checks. Management may refuse to accept a personal check for a previously unresolved issue.
12. Designated trailer and car parking areas must be used. You will be asked to move your vehicle if parked in an undesignated parking area. See grounds map for details.
13. Questions, comments and concerns should be brought to the attention of the event secretary.

Hunter Show Division Specifications

1. Warm Up Hunter – Open to all riders on horses or ponies. To be shown over a course of 8 fences. Judged on performance, manners, soundness and suitability. Fences set at 2’.
2. Beginner Hunter – Open to riders 14 years and younger as of December 1, 2010 who are in their first or second year of showing. Riders may cross enter into Pleasure classes.
3. Baby Hunter – Open to any age rider or mount in their first or second year of showing except in lead line or pre-short stirrup. Judged on performance, manners, soundness and suitability. Courses will consist of four fences not to exceed 18”. Cross entry is permitted into other divisions where fences do not exceed 18”. Simple changes will not be penalized.
4. Restricted Hunter – Open to all riders on horses or ponies. Judged on performance, manners, soundness and suitability. Courses will consist of fences not to exceed 18”. Second course will have a change of direction. Rider/horse combination may not cross enter into any other classes where jumps exceed 2’. Simple changes will not be penalized.
5. Pony Pleasure – Open to all riders on ponies.
6. Horse Pleasure – Open to all riders on horses.
7. Maiden Equitation – Open to any age riders mounted on horses or ponies. Rider must have never won three blue ribbons in any equitation class over pre short stirrup level. Judged on hands, seat, and control of mount. Fences set at 18”.
8. Leadline – Open to children ages 8 and under. Judged 50 percent on child’s hand and seat and 50 percent on suitability.

9. Pony Hunter – Open to all riders on ponies. Small and Medium ponies to jump 2', Large ponies to jump 2'6". Judged on performance, manners, soundness and suitability.
10. **USHJA Outreach Medal Bronze** – To be shown over a course of fences set at 2'-2'3". Riders may not cross enter into any class with fences exceeding 2'6" at the same competition. Further rules apply. See website for complete description. www.wchorsecouncil.org
11. Low Hunter – Open to all riders on horses and ponies. Judged on performance, manners, soundness, and suitability. Jumps set at 2'.
12. **USHJA Outreach Medal Silver** – To be shown over a course of fences set at 2'6". Riders may not cross enter into any class with fences exceeding 3' at the same competition. Further rules apply. See website for complete description. www.wchorsecouncil.org
13. Open Equitation – Open to any age rider on horses or ponies. Judged on hands, seat, and control of mount. Fences set at 2' and 2'6", rider's choice.
14. Schooling Hunter – Open to all riders on horses/ponies. Judged on performance, manners, soundness, and suitability. Fences set at 2' and 2'6", rider's choice.
15. Children's/Adult Hunter – For junior and adult riders on horses/ponies. Judged on performance, manners, soundness, and suitability. Fences set at 2'6" and 2'9", rider's choice.
16. Low Jumpers – Open to all riders on horses/ponies. Adults may ride ponies. To be shown over a jumper-type course that will be posted no less than 30 minutes prior to the start of the division. Fences will be numbered and the start/finish areas for timing will be marked. In the class riders who are clear at the finish of the course will remain in the ring and complete a jump off course against the clock. Only clear rounds jump off. Ties between riders with faults will be decided by the time of the jump off course.
17. **USHJA Outreach Medal Gold** – To be shown over a course of fences set at 3'. Further rules apply. See website for complete description. www.wchorsecouncil.org
18. **USHJA Outreach Medal Classes** – Riders may only compete in one medal per competition. Three exhibitors must complete the course for the class to count. Classes are open to Junior/Adult riders. To be a competition over a course of not less than 6 obstacles with at least one change of direction. Further testing is at the judge's discretion. Please see section below for specifications and complete set of rules and restrictions.
19. Junior riders must not have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the previous calendar year.

20. Our Hunter Shows will be awarding two High Point/Reserve High Point Sashes at the end of the second hunter show. *Anyone is eligible and there is no cost to enter!* The following is a brief explanation of the parameters.

Points will be accumulated by highest points in any division per rider up to two divisions, total. For example, if you show in three divisions the two divisions you receive the most points in will be the divisions used for year end points. The divisions can vary from show to show. Points will be tallied based on the following system set forth and recognized by USHJA:

Points

Points are tabulated based upon the number of entries in the class plus one. First place will receive points equal to the number of entries in the class plus one additional point. Second through sixth place will receive points equal to the riders placing subtracted from the number of points available for first place. (i.e. Third place entry in a class of ten - Eleven points minus third place = 8 points)

Three people in a class: 4, 2, 1 Seven people in a class: 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
Four people in a class: 5, 3, 2, 1 Eight people in a class: 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3
Five people in a class: 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 Nine people in a class: 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4
Six people in a class: 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

At the completion of the show of our Hunter Series, points will be tabulated to determine high point riders for both High Point Champion Young Rider and Reserve Champion Young Rider as well as High Point Adult Rider and Reserve Champion Adult Rider. In the event of a tie the judge at the second show will be asked to select the winner.

Check our website and Facebook page for updates and last minute changes, and for area maps, directions, grounds map, registration forms, and event-specific rules.

Participation in the USHJA Outreach Medals Classes

To participate in a medals class, you must be a member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association. OUTREACH MEMBERSHIP is only \$15 per year and has many great benefits so check it out today.

USHJA Specifications

To be held at USHJA Outreach Competitions, open to Junior and Adult Amateur riders. To be competition over a course of not less than 6 obstacles and must include at least one change of direction. Further testing is at the judge's discretion. Testing may occur at the completion of all trips or tests may be incorporated into the original course. Riders who have qualified for any National medal at 3'6" or above are ineligible to compete in Outreach Medals.

1. Bronze Medal – May be held at 2' to 2'3" - Riders may not cross enter into any class exceeding 2'6" at the same competition. No combinations are allowed at this height.
2. Silver Medal - 2'6" - Riders may not cross enter into any class exceeding 3' at the same competition. No combinations are allowed at this height. Riders may not have competed in a national medal class at 3' or higher.
3. Gold Medal - 3' - Riders may not cross enter into any class exceeding 3'3" at the same competition. Combinations and further testing are encouraged.
4. Platinum Medal - 3'3" – Combinations and further testing are encouraged.

Requirements for Show Organizers of USHJA Outreach Competitions

- USHJA Outreach Medals may only be offered at USHJA Outreach Competitions.
- A minimum of two medal classes must be offered at each competition.
- Classes can be run in conjunction with other classes and/or medals currently offered that have comparable specifications. However, if classes are run concurrently with another medal class that does not require USHJA membership a second set of placings including only those who are USHJA members are the ones that will be submitted to USHJA for the Outreach Medal Awards Program. Please ask your judge to mark placings through 12 if available to assist you in computing the placings for USHJA members.
- Management may opt to run a Junior and Amateur section for each height level or they may offer a combined Jr./Amateur medal.
- Riders may only compete in one Outreach medal per competition.
- Three USHJA members/exhibitors must complete the course for the class to count.
- Management must submit results to USHJA within 10 days of the completion of the competition.
- \$5 per entry for each USHJA member participating must be submitted to USHJA with results. This money will be designated towards the support of the high point awards for the medals.

USHJA Awards

Riders who are current USHJA members, at any level, will receive points towards a high point award. One high point award will be presented for each medal to the rider (Jr. or Amateur) who accrues the most points annually in each state. State awards are based on the residency of the rider. The qualifying period for the high point award will be from

December 1st to November 30th of the current competition year. The winners from each state will be invited to the USHJA Annual Meeting to receive their awards.

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