

# INLAND EMPIRE HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL RULES



*Effective November 1, 2011*

## PART 1 - MEMBERSHIP

<b>Junior:</b>	Any person who has not reached their 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday as of the first day of the current show year.	\$25.00
<b>Amateur:</b>	Any person, 18 years of age or older, who is not a professional as defined by USEF.	\$35.00
<b>Trainer/Coach:</b>	Any person 18 years or older, who receives payment for horse related services as defined by USEF.	\$25.00
<b>Horse:</b>	Registration required for points to count toward year end awards.	\$10.00/horse

A. An owner of a horse may request a change to a new horse by providing a written request and a veterinarian's certificate stating why the horse may no longer show. This written request must be submitted to the Chair of the Membership Committee along with the supporting documents.

B. Should an exhibitor riding a horse owned by another person no longer be able to show that horse, due to sale or other reasons, he or she may, with a written notice to the Chair of the Membership Committee, request a change to a new horse for the remainder of the show year in the same division.

C. Regardless of reason (sale, injury, etc.) an exhibitor may substitute a horse registration only once during the show year. There will be no exceptions.

## PART 2 - SHOW YEAR

The Inland Empire Hunter Jumper Association (IEHJA) show year will be from December 1 to October 31, of each year.

### PART 3 - RIDER STATUS

- A. **Junior:** Any person who has not reached their 18th birthday as of the first day of the current show year.
- B. **Amateur:** Any person, 18 years of age or older, who is not a professional as defined by USEF.
- C. **Trainer/Coach:** Any person 18 years of age or older, who receives payment for horse related services as defined by USEF.

### PART 4 - SHOW CONDUCT

- A. **Split Classes:** Flat classes must be split if there are twenty (20) or more horses entered, with ribbons awarded to each section. Flat classes may be split if more than twelve horses are entered, at the show manager's discretion. Points from both sections will count towards daily high points (if offered by the sanctioned show) and year-end high points.
- B. **Equipment:** Rider and horse equipment used during IEHJA sanctioned shows must follow current USEF guidelines.
- C. **Electronic Devices:** No electronic devices including, cell phones, pagers, iPods, or other electronic devices can be used while mounted, whether or not the rider is an exhibitor.
- D. **Request to Leave:** At the judge's or show manager's discretion, any horse and/or rider deemed unsafe or any person deemed abusive, may be asked to leave the arena, or show grounds, for that class, division, and/or the remainder of the day.
- E. **Unpaid Entries:** If an individual's payment for entry fees, etc., is returned as non-negotiable by their financial institution, the secretary of the sanctioned show shall report in writing to the IEHJA within fourteen (14) days (1) the name and address of the exhibitor from whom the payment was issued, (2) the names of the horses entered, (3) the names and complete address of the owners, (4) a copy of the entry blank, and (5) a copy of the bank notification. Upon receipt of such notice, the Secretary of the IEHJA shall notify said person by certified mail of his indebtedness and warn him that unless settlement is made within two weeks, he will automatically lose all points that he and/or any of his horses has accumulated during the show year. He will remain a "Member Not In Good Standing" until all debts are paid in full. When proof of payment has been received by IEHJA from the manager the member will pay a fee of \$50.00 to IEHJA to reinstate points.
- F. **Non-Compliance:** Any concern or complaint must first be brought to the attention of the Show Manager, if possible, for resolution. If the matter is not resolved by the Manager, or it is

not possible to raise the concern at the time of the show, then the issue may be presented in writing to the IEHJA. The complainant has ten days from the date of the show to raise the issue. Issues concerning Official Rules, Policies and By-Laws should be addressed to the Chair of the By-Laws and Rules Committee. Issues concerning membership, rider status or points, should be addressed to the Chair of the Membership Committee.

## **PART 5 - POINTS**

A. Class points are awarded as follows: 1st = 10, 2nd = 8, 3rd = 7, 4th = 6, 5th = 5, and 6th = 4.

B. Membership and horse registration must be current, and in good standing, for points to accrue. Points start to accrue from the day a membership application is submitted and the application fee is paid. Should the application fee be paid by a non-negotiable check and the check be returned, the membership will be cancelled and a new application must be filed. A thirty-five (\$35.00) return check charge will apply and subsequent fees for membership thereafter.

C. At least three (3) officially judged entrants must compete for a class to count for points. In over fences classes, three riders must enter the ring and start the course. Classes may be combined at the Show Manager's discretion. If combined, points will be attributed to the exhibitor's appropriate class/division.

D. A rider or horse/rider combination must earn a minimum of 40 points in a given division and/or compete at three IEHJA sanctioned shows to be eligible for IEHJA Year End Awards.

E. All point standings are final unless a discrepancy report, submitted to the Chair of the Membership Committee, is received in writing within fifteen (15) days of the points being posted on the IEHJA website.

F. For each IEHJA division a year-end Championship and Reserve Championship award is given. Points are totaled for members participating in IEHJA sanctioned shows. In the case of a tie, Championship Awards will be presented to each member however; no Reserve Championship will be awarded. Should there be a tie for Reserve Championship; IEHJA will award two Reserve Championship year end awards.

## **PART 6 - MEDALS**

**Exhibitors and their trainers/coaches must be current IEHJA members in good standing before entering medal classes to earn points and/or qualify for the Year-End Medal Final or Year-End Medal Awards. Non-IEHJA members may enter Medal Classes, but will not be eligible to compete in the Year-End Medal Finals or the Year End Medal Awards.**

## Section 1 - Description and General Information

The IEHJA offers four Medal Classes: IEHJA Flat Medal, IEHJA 2'3" Medal, IEHJA 2'6" Medal, and the IEHJA 2'9" Medal.

Medal classes are open to Juniors and Amateurs.

**A. IEHJA Flat Medal** - flatwork only. Must incorporate at least three of the USEF tests 1-9. Work off at the Judge's discretion.

**B. IEHJA 2'3" Medal** - Riders to jump a course of fences at 2'3" with at least 8 fences. Combinations and oxers are NOT permitted. Open to Junior and Amateur riders who have never won a Medal Final at this height or have never won a class of 2'6" in height or higher. Three riders must enter the ring and start the course. There must be a work off of two or more of the top riders. The judge may select from any of the USEF tests 1-15 (excluding: changing horses and minute ride).

**C. IEHJA 2'6" Medal** – Riders to jump a course of fences at 2'6" with at least 8 fences and at least one change of direction. One bending line is required and oxers are permitted. Open to Junior and Amateur riders who have never won a Medal Final at this height or have never won a class of 2'9" in height or higher. Three riders must enter the ring and start the course. There must be work off of two or more of the top riders. The judge may select from any of the USEF tests 1-15 (excluding: changing horses and minute ride).

**D. IEHJA 2'9" Medal** – Riders to jump a course of fences at 2'9" with at least 8 fences and two changes of direction. At least one bending line is required. Open to Juniors and Amateurs who have never won a Medal Final at this height or have never won a class of 3'3" or higher. There must be a work off of two or more of the top riders. The judge may select from any of the USEF test 1-15 (excluding: changing horses and minute ride).

Riders are not permitted to cross enter between the IEHJA over fences Medal classes.

## Section 2 - Medal Finals

To qualify for the Finals, Medal Class exhibitors and their trainers/coaches must be current IEHJA members in good standing and must earn a minimum cumulative total of 10 points. Exhibitors may continue to compete in any IEHJA Medal class in which they are qualified for, even after receiving the required 10 cumulative points.

The Medal Finals will take place at the IEHJA Year End Show in October of each year. Only exhibitors who have previously qualified for the Medal Finals during that show year may compete in the Medal Finals. Once an exhibitor has won a Medal Finals he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that Medal.

There will be a required work off of at least the top two riders. The judge may select from any of the USEF tests 1-15 (excluding: changing horses and minute ride).

There will be two rounds for each over fences Medal Final, and course design elements will be the same as listed above for each Medal.

### **Section 3 - Medal Awards**

A. The winner of each Medal Final will be presented with a special award at the IEHJA Annual Banquet.

B. The exhibitor who receives the highest number of points in the show year for each Medal Class, regardless of whether that individual wins the Medal Final, will receive a special award at the IEHJA Annual Banquet.

## **PART 7 - IEHJA APPROVED DIVISIONS/CLASSES**

The following divisions and classes are approved by IEHJA. Only divisions comprised of all classes listed in the division will receive point accrual toward year end high point awards. For example, all five classes of the Cross-Rail Division must be offered at an IEHJA approved show for points to accrue toward year end high point awards in the Cross-Rail division.

### **Walk-Trot Division**

- Walk-Trot Pleasure
- Walk-Trot Equitation
- Walk-Trot Hunters Under Saddle
- Walk-Trot Obedience
- Walk-Trot Over Rails

### **Cross-Rail Division (18" at center)**

- Cross-Rail Equitation Over Fences
- Cross-Rail Hunters Over Fences
- Cross-Rail Hunters Twice Around
- Cross-Rail Hunter Under Saddle
- Cross-Rail Pleasure
- Cross-Rail Equitation

### **Green Rider Division (2')**

- Green Rider Hunters
- Green Rider Equitation Over Fences
- Green Rider Hunters Under Saddle
- Green Rider Equitation

**Short Stirrup Division (2'3")**

Short Stirrup Hunters  
Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences  
Short Stirrup Hunters Under Saddle  
Short Stirrup Equitation

**Long Stirrup Division (2'3")**

Long Stirrup Hunters  
Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences  
Long Stirrup Hunters Under Saddle  
Long Stirrup Equitation

**Rusty Stirrup Division (2'3")**

Rusty Stirrup Hunters  
Rusty Stirrup Equitation Over Fences  
Rusty Stirrup Hunters Under Saddle  
Rusty Stirrup Equitation

**Baby Green Hunter Division (2'3)**

Baby Green Hunters  
Baby Green Handy Hunters  
Baby Green Hunters Under Saddle

**Green Hunter Division (2'6")**

Green Hunters  
Green Handy Hunters  
Green Hunters Under Saddle

**Low Hunter Division (2'6")**

Low Hunters  
Low Handy Hunters  
Low Hunters Under Saddle

**Modified Hunter Division (2'9")**

Modified Hunters  
Modified Handy Hunters  
Modified Hunters Under Saddle

**Low Jr. /Amateur Rider Division (2'6")**

Low Jr./Amateur Hunters  
Low Jr./Amateur Equitation Over Fences  
Low Jr./Amateur Hunters Under Saddle  
Low Jr./Amateur Equitation

**Jr. /Amateur Rider Division (2'9")**

Jr. /Amateur Hunters  
Jr. /Amateur Equitation Over Fences  
Jr. /Amateur Hunters Under Saddle  
Jr. /Amateur Equitation

**Jr./Amateur Equitation Division (2'6")**

Equitation Over Fences, Rd 1  
Equitation Over Fences, Rd 2  
Equitation Flat

**Beginner Jumpers Division (0.7m or 2'3")**

Beginner Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2a  
Beginner Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b  
Beginner Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

**Hopeful Jumpers Division (0.8m or 2'6")**

Hopeful Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2a  
Hopeful Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b  
Hopeful Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

**Modified Jumpers Division (0.85m or 2'9")**

Modified Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2a  
Modified Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b  
Modified Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

**Pre Training Jumpers Division (0.9m or 3')**

Pre Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2a  
Pre Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b  
Pre Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

**Training Jumpers Division (1.0m or 3'3")**

Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2a  
Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b  
Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

**Open Jumpers Division (1.10m or 3'6")**

Open Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2a  
Open Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b  
Open Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

## **PART 8 – CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

### **Walk-Trot Division:**

Open to junior and amateur riders. Once a rider competes in any other division, he/she may not return to the Walk-Trot division. Points in this division are based on horse/rider combination.

### **Cross-Rail Division:**

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 18". Riders may enter any flat class. Riders may trot or canter the fences. Points in this division are based on horse/rider combination. Riders who have competed over fence heights of 2' or higher may not compete in this division.

### **Green Rider Division:**

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 2' with no oxers. Riders may not have competed over fences higher than 2'3" in height. Riders may cross enter into any divisions or classes with fence heights of 2'3" in height. Riders may not cross enter into classes with fence heights exceeding 2'3". Points in this Division are based on horse/rider combination.

### **Short Stirrup Division:**

Open to junior riders age twelve and under. Fence height is 2'3" with oxers. Riders may not have competed over fences higher than 2'6" in height. Riders may cross enter into either Green Rider or Low Junior/Amateur Division, but not both. Riders may not cross enter into any classes with fence heights exceeding 2'6" in height. Points in this division are based on horse/rider combination.

### **Long Stirrup Division:**

Open to junior riders age thirteen to seventeen. Fence height is 2'3" with oxers. Riders may not have competed over fences higher than 2'6" in height. Riders may cross enter into either Green Rider or Low Junior/Amateur Division, but not both. Riders may not cross enter into any classes with fence heights exceeding 2'6" in height. Points in this division are based on horse/rider combination.

### **Rusty Stirrup Division:**

Open to amateur riders age eighteen and over. Fence height is 2'3" feet, with oxers. Riders may not have competed over fences higher than 2'6" in height. Riders may cross enter into either Green Rider or Low Junior/Amateur Division, but not both. Riders may not cross enter into any classes with fence heights exceeding 2'6" in height. Points in this division are based on horse/rider combination.

### **Baby Green Hunter Division:**

Open to all riders. Fence height is 2'3" with oxers. Open to horses in their first or second year of showing in hunter divisions. Points in this division follow the horse.

### **Green Hunter Division:**

Open to all riders. Fence height is 2'6", with oxers. Horses may compete in this division for no more than three years. Points in this division follow the horse.

### **Low Hunter Division:**

Open to all horses. Fence height is 2'6", with oxers. Points in this division follow the horse.

### **Modified Hunter Division:**

Open to all horses. Fence height is 2'9", with oxers. Points in this division follow the horse.

### **Jr./Amateur Equitation Division:**

Open to all junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 2'6", with oxers. One round must include a bending line or a trot fence. Points in this division follow the rider.

### **Low Jr./Amateur Division:**

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 2'6" with oxers. Equitation over fences class must have one bending line. Riders may cross enter into either the Stirrup Division or the Junior/Amateur Division, but not both. Riders may not cross enter into Green Rider Division or the IEHJA 2'3" Medal. Points in this division are based on horse/rider combination.

### **Jr./Amateur Division:**

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 2'9" with oxers. Equitation over fences class must have one bending line and a trot fence. Riders may cross enter into Low Junior/Amateur Division. No cross entries into Green Rider Division or Stirrup Divisions. Points in this division are based on horse/rider combination.

## **PART 9 - JUMPER DIVISIONS - DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Section 1 - Tables and Class Descriptions**

USEF rules on Jumper Tables will be followed, unless specifically noted below.

**Table II, Section 2 (a):** The rider will jump the qualifying course and leave the arena. The rider will complete the jump-off, if qualified with a clear round (or an equality of faults), after all first rounds have been completed. The first round and first jump-off, if any are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed (if used in the first round). In the event of equality of faults in the first round, there will be one jump-off round, in which time and faults will decide the placing. There must be a minimum of eight jumping efforts.

**Table II, Section 2 (b):** If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. If

there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults. The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed (if used for the first round). There must be a minimum of eight jumping efforts.

**Table II, Section 2 (c):** Two Phase Competitions: The first phase to consist of 8 to 10 jumping efforts and the second phase (immediate jump-off) of 5 to 7 jumping efforts. Scores are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed, if any. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round he/she will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the designated jump-off course without stopping. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial course. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place there will be one jump-off in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults.

### **Section 2 – Show Management Discretion**

**Timing:** At management's discretion, the first round of any jumper course does not have to have a time allowed. The jump-off round(s) must be timed by electronic or manual means

### **Section 3 – General Rider Rules**

- A. Once you have acknowledged the judge and received an audible approval to begin, you have 45 seconds to begin your course. For the jump-off, once you receive an audible approval, you have 30 seconds to begin your jump-off.
- B. Two refusals results in a no score elimination. The rider may, at the judge's discretion, take one schooling fence in the process of exiting the arena.
- C. A fall of rider and/or the horse's shoulder and hip on the same side touches the ground, results in a no score elimination. No schooling fence may be taken.
- D. Refusing to acknowledge the judge and obtain audible approval to start course results in elimination for that round only.
- E. A knockdown results in four faults.
- F. First refusal of a fence is four faults.
- G. Time faults are one-quarter fault per second over the maximum time allowed.
- H. Crossing your track results in four faults.

### **Section 4 - Fence Heights**

Fence Heights for IEHJA Jumper Divisions will be as follows:

Beginner Jumpers: 0.70m or 2'3", with oxers

Hopeful Jumpers: 0.80m or 2'6", with oxers

Modified Jumpers: 0.85m or 2'9", with oxers

Pre Training Jumpers: 0.90m or 3'0", with oxers and combinations

Training Jumpers: 1.0m or 3'3", with oxers and combinations

Open Jumpers: 1.10m or 3'6", with oxers and combinations