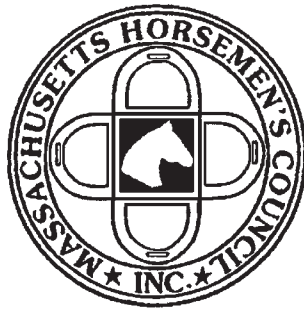


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RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALL HORSES OR PONIES ENTERED IN ANY MASS. HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL AFFILIATED SHOW MUST COMPLY WITH CURRENT REGULATIONS OF THE MASS. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

SECTION 1

Application for Show Affiliation

- A. Applications for affiliation must be filed with the Prize List Editor - on a form supplied by the Council - at least 45 days prior to show date or the request will be denied. Shows having multiple days with multiple entry forms will be considered separate shows.
- B. If a show has the same qualifying and championship classes in division on more than one day, will be considered as two shows requiring two separate show affiliations.
- C. No show with outstanding financial obligations to the MHC will be granted show affiliation until such obligations have been met.
- D. Applications for affiliation must be accompanied by the affiliation fee, made payable to the Massachusetts Horsemen's Council, Inc..
- E. Two tentative Prize lists must be forwarded to the Prize List Editor at least 45 days prior to show date for approval before printing and distribution. In the event that management fails to file the prize list with the prize list editor, or fails to make corrections in the printed prize list, as noted by the prize editor, a fine of \$25.00 will be levied for the first offenses, further offenses by the same applicant will be incurred as follows: second offense, \$75.00; after the second offense the applicant show may be suspended for a period to be determined by the Board of Governors. If the fine is not paid, future show dates shall not be awarded until all fees have been paid. Failure to make corrections to printed prize list will result in a fine of \$25.00.
- F. All managers of MHC affiliated Shows must be MHC members.

SECTION 2

Show Requirements

Failure to comply with any of the following show requirements may render a show liable to disqualification. Exhibitors are encouraged to report on violations to the Council.

INSURANCE CERTIFICATE - Any MHC affiliated show must show proof of one million dollars in general liability for each occurrence. MHC must be named as "additional insured" and certificate must stipulate date of events. A copy of this certificate must be postmarked and mailed to the Administration Office TWO weeks prior to the show.

Note: A fee of one dollar per horse must be collected for each horse exhibited at all Mass. Horsemen's Council affiliated shows. Said one dollar to be forwarded to the MHC Secretary-Treasurer within 10 days of the conclusion of the show to support the High Score Awards program.

- A. Prize lists must contain the name of judges and stewards and these officials must have formally accepted invitations to officiate. When more than one judge is listed, the divisions or ring in which each judge will be officiating must be listed.
 - 1. In the event an announced judge cannot officiate for any reason, a written statement to that effect shall be obtained by the show management and submitted to that Secretary of the Council.

2. All shows must engage USEF registered or recorded judges. Exception: Any show, not affiliated with USEF may use a Judge from the NEHC list of approved Judges provided said Judge is eligible, according to NEHC rules, to officiate at said show. A breed show may engage a Judge from that breed's approved Judge's list. Judges Registered or Recorded only in the Gymkhana Division are not eligible.

3. Shows must supply judges with scoring cards for each class and the class specifications and current judging procedures must be clearly printed thereon. Failure to comply will result in a \$25.00 fine.

4. Any Judge who, having made a contractual agreement in writing to judge any MHC show, fails to meet the terms of said contract without giving show management advance notice, shall be considered unacceptable to judge any MHC show for a period of one year.

- B. All shows must have a Steward in attendance for all classes. The Steward must be selected from the USEF list of recognized Stewards, except any show not affiliated with USEF. A Steward from the NEHC list of approved Stewards may be engaged if said Steward meets the requirements as set forth by NEHC for a like show. The Steward may not be an exhibitor at the show nor hold any active official capacity in connection therewith nor may he officiate in any show in which a member of his family or any of his clients are exhibiting or judging. Any show that has over three areas working simultaneously must have two stewards. A Judge or Steward under contract, not showing up to officiate, will be fined \$150.00 and further disciplinary action may be taken as voted by the MHC Board of Governors. A show found not having a steward will be fined \$250.00.

The name of the Steward must appear on the Prize list. In the event that an announced Steward cannot officiate for any reason, a written statement from the steward to that effect shall be obtained by the management and submitted to the secretary of the council. A qualified replacement must be engaged.

The steward must fill in the regular stewards reports form and return same to MHC within 14 days following the show. If a report is not filed within 14 days, the Steward will be fined \$50.00. Stewards may download reports from the MHC website.

- C. Each affiliated show shall designate in its Prize List the division ratings. Once a prize list has been printed and distributed, classes to count towards year end points may not be added.
- D. Each affiliated show is asked to include a **CURRENT** MHC membership application in its prize list or state in the prize list that applications will be available in the secretary's office.
- E. Each affiliated show should have on its grounds on show day, a Public Address system, a recording secretary and EMT for the duration of the show. A veterinarian and farrier must be on the grounds or agree in writing to be on call for the duration of the show.
- F. All entry fees shall be paid before entering the ring.

ANY INDEBTEDNESS TO A SHOW OFFICIAL OR MHC OWED BY AN EXHIBITOR (OWNER - RIDER - TRAINER - AGENT) MUST BE SETTLED WITHIN 30 DAYS OR NO POINTS TOWARD ANNUAL HIGH SCORE AWARDS WILL BE CREDITED THAT EXHIBITOR FOR THAT SHOW OR ANY SUBSEQUENT SHOWS AND NO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM SAID PERSONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SUCH INDEBTEDNESS IS CLEARED. Except for State, Regional and County fairs, all prize money must be paid before the conclusion of the show.

G. A PRIZE LIST MUST BE FORWARDED, TOGETHER WITH COMPLETE CLASS RESULTS, INCLUDING ALL PARTICIPANTS IN EACH POINT CLASS, on forms supplied by the Council or similar forms acceptable to the Scoring Secretary, within 14 days after the date of the show.

If complete, legible results are not received within 14 days following the affiliated show, the council shall fine the show \$75.00 plus \$5.00 per day until results are received. MHC shall notify both Show Secretary and Manager. If results and fines are not received, future show dates will not be awarded until both the penalty and fees have been paid in full to MHC.

Any person or show official upon whom a fine or other sanction has been levied, may apply to the Board of Governors, in writing, for a hearing. The board shall then hold a hearing at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors. The Board shall hear from only those who they feel are necessary to resolve the issue. The Board of Governors reserves the right to instigate a hearing of anyone involved with shows who violate the rules of the Council. The decision of the Board shall be final.

H. All specifications not covered in these Regulations shall be in accordance with Rules of the USEF, Inc., in which Association MHC is an Affiliated Associate member. USEF, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

At any show affiliate with the USEF the rules of that organization shall prevail over these regulations. No show that is not affiliated with MHC shall state in their prize list or catalogue that they run under the rules of this organization nor make any other statement that could be interpreted to indicted affiliation with this organization.

NOTE: MHC cannot assume responsibility of any party misrepresenting an affiliation.

I. A judge may not officiate more than 16 hours in a 24 hour day. Any show going over will be fined \$250 per hour over.

In the event a show appears to be running late; it shall be the duty of the Steward and the Manager to rearrange the schedule, and all stake or championship classes advertised in the Prize List must be run before the closing time noted above. If any class is cancelled because of the schedule rearrangement and is a qualifying class for a stake or championship, all horses or riders whose entries are on record in these classes at the time of cancellation shall be deemed to have been shown and judged in this class. All entry fees paid for cancelled classes must be refunded. No show holding multiple sessions may start any class after midnight of a night proceeding a day in which other sessions are to be held. Cancelled classes shall be added to the beginning of the program the following day.

J. In classes where prize monies are awarded, it must be paid in at least 4 places in all classes.

K. A minimum of six ribbons must be given in all classes, including performance Championship classes.

L. Stake or Championship classes must be held as specified in the class list if a qualifying class has been held and there are ANY entries in the Stake or Championship class.

M. NO show will be affiliated that has previously failed to fulfill its obligations to the Council as outlined in these rules. Unfavorable steward or exhibitor's reports or failure to abide by any requirement of affiliation covering a previous show run by any organization and/or under related management shall be cause for any new application to be reviewed by the Board of Governors, before approval.

- N. Show rings should have two straight sides, rounds ends, and the minimum dimensions should be approximately 100 x 185 feet
 - O. A judge or steward may not officiate and exhibit at the same show.
 - P Exhibitor's numbers must be visible to the judge and must be unobstructed.
 - Q. STALLIONS BARRED. Stallions shall be barred from any class specifying that lady or child to ride or drive as provided for in USEF division or breed association rules.
 - R. No entry shall be accepted in a class after judging of the class has started.
 - S. FOR HORSE SHOW PURPOSES THE AGE OF AN INDIVIDUAL ON DECEMBER 1st SHALL BE MAINTAINED THROUGH NOVEMBER 30th OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. Persons born on December 1st shall assume the greater age on that date.
 - T. Exhibitors in all classes shall be neatly and cleanly attired in costumes appropriate to the class in which they are exhibiting. It shall be the prerogative of the show manager, the judge, or the steward to exclude from the ring anyone whom they do not consider suitably presented to appear before an audience interested in their class.
 - U. ENTRY BLANK CERTIFICATION: EVERY ENTRY AT A RECOGNIZED SHOW SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT AND AFFIRMATION THAT THE PERSON MAKING IT, ALONG WITH THE OWNER, LESSEE, TRAINER, MANAGER, AGENT, COACH, DRIVER, RIDER AND THE HORSE: (1) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE LOCAL RULES OF THE SHOW: (2) THAT EVERY HORSE, RIDER AND/ OR DRIVER IS ELIGIBLE AS ENTERED: (3) THAT THE OWNER AND ANY OF HIS REPRESENTATIVES ARE BOUND BY THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF MHC, AND THE SHOW AND WILL ACCEPT AS FINAL THE DECISION OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE ON ANY QUESTION ARISING UNDER SAID RULES AND AGREE TO HOLD THE SHOW, THE MHC, THEIR OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES HARMLESS FOR ANY ACTION TAKEN: (4) THAT THE OWNER, RIDER/DRIVER AND ANY OF THEIR AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES AGREE TO HOLD THE MHC, THE SHOW, AND THEIR OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS HARMLESS FOR ANY INJURY OR LOSS SUFFERED DURING OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SHOW, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH INJURY OR LOSS SUFFERED DURING OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SHOW, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH INJURY OR LOSS RESULTED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF SAID OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OF THE MHC, OR SHOW.
- Every exhibitor or his agent and trainer must sign an entry blank. In the event of his failure to do so his first entrance into the ring as an exhibitor shall be construed as his acceptance of the rules of the show involved and of the MHC and shall ipso facto render him subject to said rules.
- V. Any suggested rules changes must be submitted, in writing, to the MHC secretary by August 15, for the following year.

Show Result Reporting

Show report forms will be sent in triplicate by NEHC. Copy No. 1 should be returned to NEHC, Copy No.2 should be returned to MHC and Copy No.3 is to be retained by the show until after the year end awards banquet.

Show results must be submitted to MHC within 10 days as outlined under Show Re-

quirements. A copy of complete results must be retained by the show until after the MHC Year End Banquet for the current year.

Also please see Show Affiliations - Section G.

All sheets of these report forms MUST contain the names of all participants in each POINT CLASS.

THERE WILL BE A SERVICE CHARGE OF \$25.00 ADDED TO THE AMOUNT DUE ON EACH AND EVERY RETURNED CHECK.

SECTION 3

Show Affiliation Fees

- A. To be affiliated with Mass Horseman's Council, a show shall pay an affiliation fee as follows:
One Day Show \$25.00 Two Day Show \$30.00 3 or more Day Show \$35.00
- B. An all Equitation show may be affiliated provided classes are included for all age groups and a Championship or Medal Class or both are included. An Equitation Division shall consist of separate classes for a particular seat, which shall, inclusively, provide competition for all ages under 18 years.
- C. Any show may elect to hold more than one medal class on any given day as long as the placements in the first run class are announced prior to the running of the next medal class.
- D. Class lists shall specify the classes that are to qualify for Stake or Championship classes and the number of these classes that are to be required. Qualifying classes must be selected from the respective divisions as listed in these rules.
- E. To be eligible for entry in a championship performance class a horse or equitation rider shall have been previously entered, shown and judged in at least one other qualifying performance class at that show. Entry in a Model, Halter, In-Hand or breeding class does not qualify for a Performance Stake or Championship Class.
- F. Any show devoted to one breed: i.e. Morgan, Arabian, Hunters, etc. must conform to the foregoing requirements for classification.

SECTION 4

Show Dates

- A. In the event two shows apply for the same date, the dates shall be awarded as follows:
 - 1. Conflicting dates shall not be awarded to any show within 45 miles unless different disciplines (i.e. breed, open or specialized). Map Quest will be the official publication governing distance.
 - 2. In the event that two shows of the same discipline located within 45 miles of each other apply for the same date, priority will be given to the show affiliated with the Council the preceding year on that corresponding date provided all other qualifications are equal. If neither show was affiliated on that date the previous year, that application, with fees, received with the earliest postmark after Nov. 1st of the year in which the show is to be held, will be awarded the date. No dates shall be reserved for shows previously affiliated with the Council unless application, accompanied by fees, has been filed prior to January 1st. Failure to comply with this rule will leave the date open for other applications.
 - 3. A horse show that offers 8 divisions or more in the Hunter/Jumper Category and

wishes to be considered an OPEN show must also offer no less than 30 classes from the Breed/Miscellaneous Categories with a separate Judge, qualified in those divisions.

4. If a change of location or date is necessary after approval has been granted, that show must notify the Council, in writing, 30 days prior to the show date to ensure that the 45 mile rule is adhered to. Exceptions: dates/relocation/cancellation due to acts of God.

5. Refund of prepaid fees will not be made for dates cancelled.

SECTION 5

Class Specifications

- A. For the purpose of MHC high-score awards, points in the following classes only shall be awarded in each Division. Points will not be awarded if the exact titles and class specifications, when used, in the Prize List differ from the exact wording in the following listing. Shows may elect to print Class Titles only in the Prize List.

Judges cards must carry correct full class specifications and judging procedures for all classes.

In all performance classes except in the Hunter, Jumper, Trail Class and Roadster, all horses shall be shown both ways of the ring at all gaits.

“Class to be Divided”

In NO Regular Open Show may any class be divided unless the original prize list so states or carries the statement: “Will be divided if there are sufficient number of entries of each type.” It is suggested that all prize lists be so printed in case a division at a show would be beneficial to all concerned. (Exceptions: Pony, Jr. & Green Hunter Divisions, and Trail classes which may be divided on day of show if there are sufficient entries as per the rules in each division.) For purposes of dividing a class the words “if a sufficient number of each” shall be deemed to mean enough of each type to constitute a class in accordance with the MHC point scoring structure-3 of each type. In Breed Shows, points will be awarded in all classes, which are divided, if there are at least 3 entries in each divided section.

In all pony divisions except pet pony, children under 18 shall ride ponies under saddle. (Exception: Jumper and Welsh Divisions.) All ponies except pet ponies must have a current measurement card issued by USEF, the NEHC, a State Association or any recognized registered pony association. Winners of the Year End High Score Awards shall be horses, or in the case of Equitation, the rider, acquiring the most points in their respective division in a minimum of 2 MHC affiliated shows. Entries must be made in the same name of the bonifide MHC member.

All riders riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear protective head gear passing testing standards while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the show grounds. Harness must be secured. In Junior classes harness must be secured and properly fitted. Brim must be flexible or semi-flexible. Any rider violating this rule must be prohibited from further riding until his headgear is properly in place. Exceptions: Trail & Pleasure Classes.

The Board of Governor’s reserves the right to divide, combine, add, or delete year end division awards as results warrant. Awards will be determined by participation.

SECTION 6

BREEDS

American Saddlebred Horse Division

Open to Registered American Saddlebred, Stallions are prohibited in Ladies and Jr. Exhibitor classes. Must be shown with a full mane and tail.

Horses entered in American Saddlebred Pleasure Horse classes are ineligible to compete in any other classes in the Saddle Horse Division at the same show, but may enter any class in other divisions for which they are qualified.

ASB COUNTRY PLEASURE HORSE

NOTE: Saddlebred Country Pleasure Horses must be plain shod suitable for riding in the country without pads, bands or any device between hoof and shoe. No horse may enter Saddlebred Pleasure class and a Country Pleasure class at the same show.

1. **ASB Three-Gaited English.** To be shown with a full mane and tail at a flat walk, trot, extended trot, extended trot and canter, with emphasis on the walk. Must be asked to halt and stand quietly on the rail. Horses must stand quietly and back readily in the lineup. To be judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality, 25% on conformation and neatness of attire.
2. **ASB Three-Gaited English Championship.** Specification same as Open class. To be eligible, must have been shown and judged in one other class in this division.
3. **ASB Three-Gaited Western.** To be shown at a flat walk, jog/trot, and lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint (one hand on reins.). To be judged 75% on manners, performance and quality, 25% on conformation and neatness of attire.
4. **ASB Three-Gaited Western Championship.** Specifications same as Open class.

ASB FINE HARNESS

1. **Open Fine Harness.** Shall be shown at an animated walk and an animated park trot. At the command "show your horse" the entry shall be shown to its best advantage at the trot but excessive speed will be penalized. Must stand quietly. Awards must be made from the lined up position and entries must not be asked to retire to the end of the ring. To be judged on performance, presence, quality, manners and conformation.
2. **Fine Harness Horse Championship.** Specifications same as for Open Fine Harness Horse. Shall be judged 75% on performance, presence, quality, and manners 25% on total conformation.

ASB FIVE-GAITED HORSE

1. **Ridden by an Amateur.** Shall be shown at an animated walk, trot, slow gait, rack and canter. Shall be judged on manners performance, presence, quality and conformation.
2. **Amateur Championship.** Specifications same as the open class. Shall be judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality, 25% on total conformation.
3. **Open.** Shall be shown at an animated walk, trot, slow gait, rack and canter. Shall be judged on performance, presence, quality, manners and conformation.
4. **Open Championship.** Shall be shown at a walk, trot slow gait, rack and canter. Shall be judged 75% on performance, presence, quality, manners and conformation.

ASB SHOW PLEASURE

Shows must offer an Open ASB 3-Gaited Show Pleasure, or if divided, must be offered for Amateur Adults and Junior Exhibitors. No points will be awarded if only one age division is offered.

1. **Amateur Three-Gaited English.** To be ridden by an amateur who has reached his eighteenth birthday. To be shown at a flat walk, trot and canter. Must stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality; 25% on total conformation.
2. **English Three-Gaited Championship.** To be eligible, must have been entered and judged in the class to be ridden by an amateur who has reached his eighteenth birthday. Specifications same as the regular class. Horses may be stripped.
3. **Driving.** Shown to a two-wheeled jog cart with drive only. Show at a flat walk, trot and extended trot, speed to be penalized. Light harness with snaffle and separate overcheck bit is required. Judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality; 25% on total conformation and neatness of attire.
4. **Driving Championship.** Specifications same as qualifying class. To be eligible horses must have been entered, shown and judged in qualifying class.
5. **Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited English.** To be ridden by a Junior who has not reached his eighteenth birthday. Specs same as above.
6. **Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited English Championship.** To be eligible, must have been entered and judged in Junior Exhibitor class in this division. Specifications same as for the over seventeen years of age class.

ASB THREE-GAITED DIVISIONS

ASB 3G PARK HORSE

1. **Park Horse.** Horses shown in this class are not eligible for Saddlebred 3-Gaited Performance or Pleasure classes at the same show. To be shown at a flat walk, trot and canter. To be judged on performance, manners, presence, quality, and conformation.
2. **Park Horse Championship.** Specifications same as Open Class. To be eligible must have been shown and judged in one other class in this division.

ASB 3G AMATEUR DIVISION

1. **To be ridden by an Amateur.** Shall be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Shall be judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.
2. **Amateur Championship.** Shall be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Shall be judged 75% on manners, performance, presence, and quality, 25% on total conformation.

ASG 3G OPEN

1. **Open.** To be shown at an animated walk, park trot and canter, both ways of the ring. Shall be judged on performance, presence, quality, manners and conformation.
2. **Championship.** Shall be judged 75% on performance, presence, quality and manners, 25% on total conformation.

Shows must offer either the Open class or classes for both heights.

ASB 3G JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

1. **Junior Exhibitor.** Horses may be any age, must exceed 14.2 hands and must be ridden by children under eighteen years of age. Shall be shown at a walk, trot and canter and shall be judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.

Class may be held as an Open Class or divided for Riders Under 14 Years and Riders 14-17 years.

2. **Junior Exhibitor Championship.** Specifications same as above. To be judged 75% on manners, performance, presence, and quality; 25% on total conformation.

APPALOOSA DIVISION

Horse shown in these classes must be registered with the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. and must be entered under their full registered name.

1. **Halter Class Open.** May be divided into stallions, mares and geldings. Classes may be divided further by age and sex but only if the prize list so states.

To be shown in halter or bridle. Exhibitor may show in English or Western attire. Entries shall be judged individually, standing, and then at a walk and trot on the line. Horses should stand squarely and naturally and are not to be stretched. Horses to be handled and shown by one person only. Emphasis shall be placed on type, conformation, action, substance, quality, and manners. To be judged 40% on conformation, 20% on type, 20% on soundness, and 20% on action.

Note: Shows must offer an open class or both English and Western classes.

2. **Pleasure Class Open.** Open to English and Western horses. If shown with a stock saddle, silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. No martingales, tie downs, or draw reins. To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, canter or lope on a reasonably loose rein both ways of the ring. To be judged 60% on performance and manners, 30% on type, conformation, quality, and substance, and 10% on appointments. Prize list must state if this class is to be divided into English and Western.
3. **Pleasure Horse Championship.** Class Specifications same as Open Pleasure Class. To be eligible entries must have been entered, shown and judged in one other class in this division.
4. **Pleasure Horse Junior to Ride.** To be ridden by children under 18 years of age. No stallions allowed. Open to English and Western horses. If shown with a stock saddle, silver will not count over a good working outfit. No martingales, tie downs, or draw reins. To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, canter or lope, on a reasonably loose rein, both ways of the ring. To be judged 60% on performance and manners, 30% on type, conformation, quality, and substance and 10% on appointments.

ARABIAN DIVISION

Horses to be shown in this division must be registered with The Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc., and/or the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry, and must be entered under their full registered name. Entries must be shown in accordance with USEF rules. Entries in this division may be asked to produce evidence of registration.

1. **Halter Class.** Horses to be shown in hand at a walk and trot. Should stand square on all four feet. NOT STRETCHED. Handled and shown throughout the entire class by only one and the same person. A suitable headstall equipped with a throat latch is mandatory. Emphasis shall be placed upon type, conformation, substance and quality. Transmissible weaknesses and/or unsoundness to be counted strongly against breeding stock. May be divided stallions, mares, or geldings.

In English pleasure classes English type saddle. No hunt seat saddles allowed. Informal saddle seat attire is required.

2. **English Pleasure Horse.** To be shown at a walk, normal trot, a strong trot, canter and

hand gallop. To be judged on manners, performance, attitude, quality and conformation.

3. **English Pleasure Championship.** To be eligible, horses must be entered, shown and judged in any other Arabian English Pleasure Class. Specifications same as open class above.
4. **Western Pleasure Horse.** To be shown on a light rein at a walk, jog, lope and hand gallop; extreme speed to be penalized. To be judged on manners, performance, substance, quality and conformation.
5. **Western Pleasure Championship.** To be eligible, horses must be entered, shown and judged in Arabian Western Pleasure Class. Specifications same as open class above

HALF-ARABIAN DIVISION

Half-Arabians must be registered in Half-Arabian Registry and must be entered under full registered name. Stallions may not compete in Half-Arabian Performance classes.

1. **Halter Class.** Half-Arabian colts/stallions may compete in weanling and yearling halter classes for geldings, however colts two years and older not eligible. Shown at a walk and trot. Handled by one and the same person. Tail carriage is preferably high. Long manes and tail are not required. Judged on quality, conformation, substance and type.
2. **Pleasure, Western and English.** Specifications the same as for Purebred Arabians.
3. **Pleasure Championship.** Specifications same as for Purebred Arabians.

ARABIAN/HALF-ARABIAN DIVISION

1. **Hunter Pleasure.** To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop. To back readily and stand quietly. To be judged on manners, performance, suitability as a hunter, quality and conformation. Horses may be braided. Colored browbands and cavesons not permitted.
2. **Hunter Pleasure Championship.** To be eligible must have been entered, shown and judged in the above Open class. Specifications same as Open except: Horses may be asked to halt from the hand gallop and stand quietly on a loosened rein.
3. **Mounted Native Costume Class.** To be shown at a walk, canter, and hand gallop; extreme or reckless speed to be penalized. Horses shall stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 75% on performance and manners, 25% on appointments.
4. **Mounted Native Costume Championship.** Specifications same as above class. To be eligible entries must have been entered, shown and judged in the Open class.

COLOR BREED HORSE DIVISION

Open to Palominos, Buckskins, Appaloosas, Paints, Pintos, etc.

1. **Model Horse.** To wear suitable halter or bridle. Not to be moved. Judged on conformation and characteristics of its color breed.
2. **Open Pleasure.** May be shown under English or Western tack. To be judged on performance and best color example of that breed. To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, or alternate gait, and canter or lope.
3. **Open Pleasure Championship.** Specifications same as open class. To be eligible, must have been judged in the qualifying class.

FRIESIAN DIVISION

All horses must be registered in compliance with USEF and IFSHA regulations by one of the following methods: (1) in one of the Friesian registries; i.e. the FPS (Dutch Registry in Europe), the FPZV (German registry in Europe), the FHANA (Dutch registry in North America), and the FHS (German registry in North America); (2) or hold breed Certificates issued by USEF recognized breed registries that are in good standing; (3) or breed Certificates issued by an IFSHA "Recognized" incorporated breed registry. They must be entered in their full registered names with a copy of registration papers presented to the show secretary.

All horses must be sound and in good condition. Each horse shall be shown in its entire natural splendor with a full mane, tail and feathering. Braiding is optional.

Maximum length of toe is 4 3/4 inches including shoes. Maximum weight of a shoe is 20 ounces, not including nails. The use of weights or any device between hoof and shoe is prohibited.

1. **Friesian In-Hand.** Horses are to model with front legs and one rear cannon bone perpendicular to the ground. Front legs should be square. Entries are to be judged individually, standing then at a walk and trot on the line. Entries will be judged 40% on conformation (presence, quality, type) and 60% on natural movement of the horse. No more than two handlers shall be allowed in the ring. One whip per handler is allowed. Whips are not to exceed 6', including lash.
2. **Friesian Pleasure.** To be shown at a walk, trotting, and canter. Horses may be asked to extend any gait at the judge's discretion (exception a Junior Horse, Jr. Exhibitor or Novice class). Horses may be asked to back. To be judged on movement natural to the horse, performance, manners, type, quality, and conformation. Exhibitors may use hunt seat, western, or Saddle Seat tack and appointments; however, the rider's attire and the mount's tack must be of the same type. A lack of required tack, equipment, or appointments shall result in immediate disqualification.
3. **Friesian Pleasure Championship.** Specifications same as qualifying class. To be eligible must have entered, shown and judged in qualifying class.
4. **Open Friesian Costume.** To be shown on the rail at a walk and trot. Excessive speed is to be penalized. Exhibitors may be asked to halt and stand quietly on the rail. Light hand contact must be maintained. Exhibitors may show individually or in groups up to five. Must be shown in a bridle or bosal. All saddles, sidesaddles, girths are permissible. Entry should display the horse and rider in an authentic costume within time period of choice or in any creative costume of choice. Exhibitors should dress in a manner consistent with their turnout. It will be at the Judges discretion to decide if a costume is unsafe and cause for elimination. No walkers are allowed. Flags, bards and banners are permitted. To be judged on authenticity to period, creativity, suitability of costume to horse and rider and manners.

HACKNEY PONY DIVISION

SINGLE PONY

1. **Open Single.** Shall be worked both ways of the ring at a park trot and a smart trot (show your pony). Shall be judged on performance, quality, and manners.
2. **Open Single Championship.** Specifications same as Open. Shall be judged on performance, presence, quality, conformation and manners.

PLEASURE PONY DRIVING DIVISION

1. **Single Amateur.** Open to registered Hackney Ponies 14.2 hands and under. Junior Exhibitors and Amateurs only. Switches or artificial tails may be added. One attendant without whip is permitted to head each pony only during the line-up. The header must stand three paces back from the pony and is not allowed to touch the pony unless for safety purposes. To be shown at a flat walk, pleasure trot and road trot (showing a distinct difference in gait). Excessive speed to be penalized. To be judged on manners, suitability, performance and conformation. Ponies must stand quietly and are required to back.
2. **Open Pleasure Championship.** Specifications same as for Open class.

HACKNEY HARNESS PONY DIVISION

They must be entered in their full registered names, with registration numbers, and under the names of the owner(s) of record with the AHHS or the CHHS. Exception: Ponies shown in the Hackney Harness Pony division at an USEF regular member show prior to December 31, 1989. Harness Pony shall have long mane and undocked tail.

1. **Single Not Exceeding 12.2 Hands.** Park, trot, and show your pony, shall be the commands given. Excessive speed is undesirable. Shall be judged on performance, quality and manners.
2. **Single Not Exceeding 12.2 Hands Championship.** Specifications same as for Open Harness Pony Not Exceeding 12.2 Hands except shall be judged on performance, presence quality, conformation and manners. To be eligible ponies must have competed in the performance class in this division.

MINIATURE HORSE DIVISION

Horses shown in this class must be registered with one of the following: American Miniature Horse Registry, American Miniature Horse Association, or the World Class Miniature Horse Registry.

May be divided by height into: Division "A": Must not exceed 34": and Division "B": Over 34": but not to exceed 38". Entries are not eligible to compete in Pony classes at the same show.

1. **Miniature Horse Halter.** To be shown in a suitable halter at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on conformation, quality, presence, way of going, and type. Preference in judging shall be given the smaller horse, other characteristics being approximately equal. Stretched horses to be penalized after an initial warning by the judge. It is permissible to hand set the horse. Must be shown unshod. Whips not permitted.
2. **Miniature Horse Halter Championship.** To be eligible, entries must have been entered, shown, and judged in the Open class. Specifications same as Open class.
3. **Miniature Horse Driving.** To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, pleasure trot, and extended trot. Horses required to stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality, and conformation in that order. It is imperative that a horse give the appearance of being a pleasure to drive. Driving whips required.

ALL CLASSES SHALL ACCRUE TO ONE AWARD.

MORGAN DIVISION

At a multiple breed show, stripping of the horses in the championship class is not required provided it is so stated in the prize list.

Must be registered with the American, Canadian, or British Morgan Horse Association.

1. **In Hand Class.** Entries are to be judged individually, standing, and then at a walk and trot on the line. Emphasis shall be on type and conformation, with consideration given to horse's ability to move correctly on the lead.

MORGAN PARK SADDLE HORSE

1. **Park Saddle Horse.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. To be judged on performance, presence, quality and manners 60% type and conformation 40%.
2. **Park Saddle Horse Championship.** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. To be judged on performance, quality, presence and manners 50%, type and conformation 50%.

MORGAN PLEASURE HORSE

Note: In all Pleasure classes, horses may be tested on any obstacle not over 18" in height that is likely to be encountered on the trail. Prize list must specify whether or not horses are to be tested on obstacles.

Classes may be divided: Under 15 Hands, 15 Hands & Over.

1. **English.** To be shown at a walk, pleasure trot, road trot and canter, with light rein, but still maintaining contact with horse's mouth. To be judged on manners, performance, quality presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride 60%, type and conformation 40%.
2. **English Championship.** To be eligible, horse must have been entered and judged in the Morgan Pleasure Horse, English class. To be judged on manners, performance, quality presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride 50%, type and conformation 50%.
3. **Hunter.** To be shown at a walk, trot, extended trot, canter and extended canter with light rein but still maintaining contact with horses mouth. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness, 60% and type and conformation 40%.
4. **Hunter Championship.** To be shown at a walk, trot, extended trot, canter and extended canter with light rein but still maintaining contact with horses mouth. To be judged on performance, manners, and soundness, 50%, and type and conformation 50%.
5. **Jr. Exhibitor.** To be shown at a walk, pleasure trot or jog, road trot and canter or lope, with light rein, but still maintaining contact with the horse's mouth. To be judged on performance, suitability, quality, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, with emphasis on manners and gait 60%, type and conformation 40%. Does not qualify for Championship in any other Morgan division.
6. **Jr. Exhibitor Championship.** To be shown at a walk, pleasure trot or jog, road trot and canter or lope, with light rein, but still maintaining contact with the horse's mouth. To be judged on performance, suitability, performance, quality, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, with emphasis on manners and gait 50%, type and conformation 50%.
7. **Pleasure Driving Horse.** To be shown at a walk, pleasure trot, road trot. To be judged on manners, performance with proper cadence and balance, quality, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure drive 60%; type and conformation 40%.

8. **Pleasure Driving Horse Championship.** The same specifications as the qualifying class except the percentages are 50%-50% instead of 60%-40%. To be eligible, horses must have been entered, shown and judged in the qualifying class.
9. **Western.** To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope, with light rein, but still maintaining contact with horse's mouth. The judge may ask for an extension of any gait. To be judged on manners, performance, quality presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, with emphasis on manners and gait 60%, type and conformation 40%.
10. **Western Championship.** To be eligible, horse must have been entered and judged in the Morgan Pleasure Horse, Western class. The judge may ask for an extension of any gait. To be judged on manners, performance, quality presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, with emphasis on manners and gait 50%, type and conformation 50%.

All western horses being considered for a ribbon must be required to back and be judged on willingness.

PALOMINO DIVISION

Shows must offer the Open or both the English and Western Classes. Horses may cross enter. Horses shown in this division must be registered with the Palomino Horse Breeders of America, The Palomino Horse Association, or the Canadian Palomino Horse Association. If under age, must be eligible for registration and must be entered under their full registered name. Horses must be shown with full mane and tail.

1. **Halter.** To be shown in halter or bridle. Horses shall be led into the ring and lined up at the discretion of the judge. To be judged individually standing, then at a walk and trot. To be judged 65% conformation, 25% color and 10% way of going.
2. **Pleasure Horse, Open.** May be divided English and Western if class list so states. To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, canter or lope. To be judged 25% on conformation and appointments, and 75% on performance and manners.
3. **English Pleasure Horse.** To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged 25% on conformation and appointments, and 75% on performance and manners.
4. **Western Pleasure Horse.** To be shown at a walk, jog and lope. To be judged 25% on conformation and appointments, and 75% on performance and manners.
5. **Pleasure Horse Championship.** Must have been shown and judged in one other class in this division, In hand class not to count. Specifications same as qualifying class.

PINTO HORSE DIVISION

Open only to horses registered with the Pinto Horse Association, Inc.

1. **Halter Class.** Must be divided into Stallions, Mares, and Geldings or a show may prefer to require mares and geldings/or stallion and geldings to show together and classes may be divided further by type (Saddle, Western, Hunter) or by age and sex, but only if prize list so states. If Show Champion and Reserve are to be offered, they shall be selected according to Quarter Horse Regulation.

To be shown in halter or light bridle by one handler only. No specific breed type to be favored. Any animal showing lameness will be disqualified. Entries shall be judged individually, standing, and then at a walk and trot on the line. Saddle type Pintos may be stretched but all others should stand square.

To be judged 75% on conformation and way of going and 25% on color and markings.

2. **Open Pleasure Class.** Horse to be shown under English or Western equipment. Prize list must state if this class to be divided into English and Western if entries warrant.
To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, canter or lope both ways of the ring. Horses will be asked to back. To be judged 75% on performance and manners with emphasis on a light rein 25% on conformation, markings and appointments.
3. **Open Pleasure Championship.** To be judged under the same specifications as the Pinto Open Pleasure Class.

QUARTER HORSE DIVISION

Horses must be registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. Class specifications will be the same as the American Quarter Horse Association Rule Book EXCEPT no horse may enter more than one halter class at any show. Entries may be shown in halter or bridle. Exhibitors may show in English or Western attire. Must be shown under full registered name on papers.

1. **Halter Class.** Horses shall be led into the ring and lined up at the discretion of the judge. To be judged individually, standing, then at a walk and jog. Emphasis shall be on type and conformation with consideration given to way of going. (Must be divided: a. Stallions, b. Mares and c. Geldings, or a show may prefer to require mares and geldings/or stallions and geldings to show together. May be divided by ages at the discretion of the management. May not be divided by ages unless announced in the prize list.) One handler may show only one horse - 1 stallion, 1 mare, and 1 gelding in each section.
2. **Hunter Under Saddle.** Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Horses should back easily and stand quietly. Horses may change gaits at the flatfooted walk or the trot at the judge's discretion. Light contact with the horse's mouth is recommended. At the option of the judge, may be required to hand gallop, one or both ways of the ring. At the hand gallop, the judge may ask the group to halt and stand quietly on a free rein (loosened rein).
3. **Hunter Under Saddle Championship.** Same specs as above. Must have been entered, shown and judged in the qualifying class.
4. **Western Pleasure Horse Class.** Horses to be shown at a walk, jog and lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits to demonstrate their ability with different leads. Horses shall not be asked to extend the lope, but at the discrimination of the judge, they may be asked to extend the jog. Horses are required to back easily and stand quietly. They may be required to reverse at the walk or jog at the discrimination of the judge, but shall not be asked to reverse at the lope. This class will be judged on the performance and conformation at the discretion of the judge. Entries will be penalized for excessive speed or being on wrong leads.

Shows may offer a Senior Pleasure Horse (five years old and older) and a Junior Pleasure Horse (four years old and younger) or an Open Western Pleasure Horse Class.
5. **Western Pleasure Championship.** Same specs as above. Must have been entered, shown and judged in the qualifying class.

ROADSTER DIVISION

ROADSTER HORSE

To be driven to a Bike. Roadsters must enter the ring clockwise at a jog trot then show at a road gait; turn counter clockwise at the jog trot, show at the road gait and then at speed.

1. **Single Open.** To be judged on performance, speed, quality and manners.
2. **Single Championship.** To be eligible horse must be entered, shown and judged in the regular class. To be judged on performance, speed, presence, quality, conformation and manners.

ROADSTER PONY

1. **Open Pony not to exceed 12.2 hands.** To be judged on performance, speed, quality and manners. To be driven to a suitable 2-wheeled bike. Driver shall wear stable colors. Ponies shall enter the ring clockwise at a jog trot, then show at road gait, turn counter clockwise at the jog trot, show at the road gait and then trot at speed.
2. **Pony Championship.** To be eligible pony must be entered, shown and judged in the regular class. To be judged on performance, speed, presence, quality, conformation and manners.

WALKING HORSE DIVISION

Horses must be registered with the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's Association of America and must be entered under their full registered name and registry number.

1. **Model.** Entries shall be led into the ring and parked for judging. To be shown in bridle only. To be judged on conformation and presentation. Entries should stand quietly. Unruly entries shall be dismissed from the ring.
2. **Plantation Pleasure Horse.** English or Western tack permitted. Shows may divide if so specified in the prize list. To be ridden by amateurs and/or professionals. To be shown with a light rein at all gaits. Bumping and pumping of the reins must be penalized. Horses to be shown at a flat walk, running walk, flat walk and canter in that order. To stand quietly and back readily. Backing is mandatory. To be judged as a pleasant riding horse with true road and trail qualities. Manners, performance, substance and conformation to be considered. Set tails, tail braces, hoof bands, boots, action devices and pads are prohibited. Ribbons are optional. Entries shall be plain shod as for trail and pleasure riding. Any horses entered in Pleasure Horse classes must remain in the Pleasure Horse Section for the balance of the calendar year.
3. **Plantation Pleasure Horse Championship.** To be eligible, must have been entered, shown and judged in the Plantation Pleasure Horse class. Specifications same as for the Plantation Walking Horse class.
4. **Two-Gait Pleasure Horse.** To be shown at a flat walk and running walk only. To be judged as a pleasant riding horse with true road and trail qualities. Manners, performance, substance and conformation to be considered. Same horse/rider combination may not show in Plantation Pleasure Horse classes at the same show.
5. **Two-Gait Pleasure Horse Championship.** Specifications same as qualifying class.

WELSH PLEASURE PONY DIVISION

Section "A" ponies, those not exceeding 12.2 hands and Section "B" ponies, those over 12.2 hands but not exceeding 14.2 hands, may not be shown together EXCEPT in performance classes where there are less than 8 of either Section "A" or Section "B" ponies. Ponies to wear unset, ungingered tail. Hunter braiding is optional. Classes open to Stallions, Mares, and/or Geldings.

Ponies may be ridden or driven by adults or junior exhibitors. Stretched ponies must be disqualified.

1. **Driving.** To be shown to a suitable two or four-wheeled vehicle, but not a viceroys,

racing sulky or fine harness rig. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot, and trot on. To stand quietly and to back readily. To be judged 75% on manners, performance and style 25% on breed type and conformation.

2. **Driving Championship.** To be eligible, ponies must have been entered, shown and judged in the Open class. To be judged the same as the Open class.
3. **Under Saddle.** To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, and canter or lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein. No martingales. To be judged 75% on manners, performance and style, 25% on breed type and conformation.
4. **Under Saddle Championship.** Entries must have been entered, shown and judged in Open class to be eligible. To be judged the same as Open class.

MHC PLEASURE CLASSIC (HORSES/PONIES)

To be double-judged if possible. To be the first class after lunch break if possible. Classics can be Western Hunt Seat, or Saddle Seat. Once horse has won a classic, they may compete in another classic, as long as it is a different type of classic. A different horse/rider combination may show in different classics. The winner of each classic to receive a MHC Trophy donated to the show by the MHC. Entrants do not have to be MHC Members to compete.

1. **HUNTER PLEASURE CLASSIC.** Open to horses/ponies of a hunter type ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations as to status of rider. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, presence, substance, and soundness. Judge will walk the line and ask all horses to back. Entrants do not have to be members of MHC to compete in this class. JUDGE(S) WILL PIN EIGHT (8) PLACES.
2. **SADDLE SEAT PLEASURE CLASSIC.** Horses/ponies shall be shown in a full bridle and flat English-type saddle with no limitations as to status of rider. Martingales or tie-downs are prohibited. Horses to be ridden at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Judge may ask for an extension at the trot. To be judged on manners, performance, and substance. Entrants do not have to be members of MHC to compete in this class. Judge will walk the line and ask all horses to back. JUDGE(S) WILL PIN EIGHT (8) PLACES
3. **WESTERN CLASSIC.** Horses/ponies to be shown in proper Western tack with no limitations as to status of rider. To be judged on performance, quality, manners, and suitability. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog or alternative gait, and canter or lope. Judge may ask for an extension of any gait and may repeat a gait at their discretion. Judge will walk the line and ask all horses to back. Entrants do not have to be members of MHC to compete in this class. JUDGE(S) WILL PIN EIGHT (8) PLACES.

MHC SUPREME CLASSIC PLEASURE EVENT

To be held at the last MHC affiliated show of the season or a place to be determined. Anyone having placed 1-8 in any classic are invited to enter this event. To be double-judged if possible. Results to be kept secret and will be announced and presentation to be made at MHC annual banquet. Awards will be presented to placings from 1-10.

IN HAND DIVISION

Established in 2007 to promote the showing of halter horses in the state of Mass.

1. **English Horse in Hand.** Open to all breeds of horses (no ponies or hunter type horses) and to be shown in a suitable bridle. To be shown at a walk and trot/alternate gait both ways of the ring. To be judged on conformation, quality, manners, and suitability.
2. **Hunter Type Horse in Hand.** Open to all breeds of horses (no ponies) and to be shown in a hunter bridle. To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on conformation, quality, manners, and suitability.
3. **Western Horse in Hand.** Open to all breeds of horses (no ponies) and to be shown in western bridle or halter. To be shown at a walk and jog both ways of the ring. To be judged on conformation, quality, manners and suitability.
4. **Open Horse in Hand Championship.** Must have entered one of the qualifying classes (English Horse in Hand, Western Horse in Hand, or Hunter Type Horse in Hand) in order to show in this class. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog/alternate gait both ways of the ring. To be judged on conformation, quality, manners, and suitability. No ponies.
5. **Showmanship.** May be divided into Adult and Junior classes the day of the show if sufficient entries. The exhibitor is being judged. The horse is merely a prop to show the showmanship ability of the exhibitor, but will be considered for appearance of horse. Pattern will be posted before show starts. Judge will discuss the pattern with the contestants prior to the class. Half system to be used. If exhibitor or horse goes off pattern, severe penalty will result. Appearance of exhibitor - 10 points (hat, gloves, boots and long sleeved shirt/blouse or jacket are required; if not exhibitor to be severely penalized) Appearance of horse - 40 points (conditioning - 15 points; grooming - 15 points; trimming - 5 points; and tack - 5 points) Showing Horse in Ring - 50 points (leading - 25 points; posing - 25 points).

HORSE/PONY COLT DIVISION

1. **Open to Horse Colts and Fillies only** - (Pony Colts not Eligible). Open Colts (see specifications below). Weanlings and Sucklings, Yearlings, 2 Year olds.
2. **Open Horse Colts and Fillies Championship.** Colts and fillies shall be two years old or under and all ages shall be as of the previous January 1. If the Open Class is divided it may be done in either of the following manners:
 - a. Weanling & Suckling
 - b. Yearling & 2 Year Old
 - c. Championship class may not be divided. To show in championship class must have shown in qualifying class.
 - d. To be shown in a suitable bridle or halter and required to move at a trot or alternate gait both ways of the ring. To be judged on quality, confirmation, way of going, soundness, and breed characteristics and development with age of entry to be considered.
 - e. No more than two attendants per colt are allowed in the ring. The use of any whip over 6' long by a handler or assistant is prohibited.
 - f. Dams shall not be allowed in the ring with any colts.
3. **Pony Colts & Fillies Division.** Specifications and classes same as for horse colts and fillies division.

EQUITATION DIVISION

Type of seat must be specified as: Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat or Stock Seat. Maiden, Novice and Limit classes or classes offering combined seats, do not count for points toward annual high score awards. Dress and appointments for all seats shall conform to USEF rules. At the judge's discretion appropriate individual performances for the age group may be requested.

Age groups MUST be specified as: 11 years and under, 12 thru 14, or under 15 years of age; 15 thru 17 years of age inclusive, or under 18 years of age. Points can be accumulated only in the age group indicated on the application for membership.

All Equitation Classes must be judged under the USEF judging requirements for that particular seat.

When individual workouts are requested by the judge, the instructions will be publicly announced over the public address system, in all divisions.

1. **Amateur Adult Equitation.** NOTE: Adult Equitation classes open to Amateur riders 18 years of age or older.
 - a. **On the Flat.** To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Martingales prohibited. Judge may require additional tests.
 - b. **Over Fences.** To be judged over fences not to exceed 3'. Wings are optional.
 - c. **Championship.** To be held over a minimum of 6 fences not exceeding 3'. Judge may require additional tests.
2. **Adult (Modified).** Open to Amateur Adult riders who have not won six blue ribbons in recognized Adult Equitation and/or Adult Medal classes. Open to horses or ponies ridden by adults. Fences not to exceed 2'6".
3. **Amateur Adult Saddle Seat Equitation.** Horses to be shown in full bridle and flat English type saddle. Martingales or similar tie-downs are prohibited. Horses to be ridden at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Judge may require additional tests. Championship class may be held. Specifications same as regular class.
4. **Amateur Adult Stock Seat Equitation.** Riders will be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse, appointments of horse and rider and suitability of horse to rider. Horses are to enter the ring at a walk and will be judged at a walk, jog and lope. They shall be worked both ways of the ring and must be on the correct lead. After being worked in a group, the judge may ask for each horse to work individually. Horses are required to back.

Championship class may be held. Specifications same as regular class.
5. **Children's Equitation.** Open to exhibitors who are eligible for Children's Hunter Division and who have not shown over a course where fences exceed 3'. Fences for small/medium ponies - 2', fences for large ponies and horses - 2'6".
6. **Hunter Seat.** Prize list must state whether a class is to be held on the flat or over fences. In ALL classes held over fences ALL contestants must jump the same height. In classes for under 15 years of age, jumps shall not exceed 3' and wings are compulsory. In open classes and classes for 15 through 17 years of age, jumps shall not exceed 3'6" and wings are optional.

Championship Classes to be held over a minimum of 6 jumps, not exceeding 3'6". If wings are used, they shall be no wider than 30". Judges may require additional tests.
7. **Lead Line.** Open to riders 6 years of age and under riding English or Western, who

may not have competed in any other class at any recognized show, except for lead line. Adult (over age 18) required to lead entry. Handlers/riders must be properly attired.

a. **Lead Line Equitation.** Open to riders 6 years of age and under riding English or Western. To be judged at a walk and trot/jog only, both ways of the ring. To be judged on equitation only.

b. **Lead Line Suitability.** Open to riders 6 years of age and under riding English or Western. To be judged at a walk and trot/jog only, both ways of the ring. Suitability of mount to rider to count.

Each class may accrue to it's own award.

8. **Saddle Seat.** Horses shall be shown in a full bridle and flat English-type saddle. Martingales or similar tie-downs are prohibited. To be ridden at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring.

9. **Short Stirrup.** Open to riders 12 years of age or under. Not to compete in any other Equitation class at any show and has not competed in a jumping class over 18" in height.

a. **Over Fences.** To be shown over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 fences not exceeding 18" in height. Fences may be taken at a trot or canter at the option of the rider.

b. **On the Flat.** To be judged at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back. No more than 8 riders to canter at one time.

c. **Championship.** To be held over fences not exceeding 18 inches. Fences may be taken at a trot or canter at the option of the rider.

10. **Stock Seat.** Riders will be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse, appointments of horse and rider and suitability of horse to rider.

Horses are to enter the ring at a walk and will be judged at a walk, jog, and lope. They shall be worked both ways of the ring and must be on the correct lead. After being worked in a group, the judge may ask for each horse to work individually. Horses are required to back. In classes for children under 15, the rider will not be required to dismount and mount.

11. **Walk-Trot.** Open to riders 10 years of age and under. No child may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope at any previous show. (Any child entered in these classes will be eligible to enter the Beginner's Pleasure Division.)

Classes must be held in an enclosed ring. May be run as an Open Division or divided: (Hunter Seat, Saddleseat, Stock Seat).

a. **Walk-Trot Equitation.** Shall show at a walk and trot or jog only both ways of the ring.

b. **Walk-Trot Equitation Championship.** Specifications same as Open.

Walk-Trot will be divided for year end awards between
hunter shows and pleasure shows.

MHC MEDAL CLASSES

No Medal Class finals in any seat will be held unless at least four riders have qualified. Finals will be held in September or October. To ride in a Medal class an exhibitor must be a member of MHC. If an exhibitor does not have a membership card with him/her, affidavits will be available at the show secretary's booth for \$25.00. If it is found that they are a member the \$25.00 will be refunded, if not, it will be applied to an individual membership

for the current year.

JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL. Open to Junior members of the MHC who have not reached their 18th birthday. All contestants are required to perform over at least 8 fences not to exceed 3'. Ten points are required to qualify for the finals. After qualifying, a contestant is no longer eligible to enter this class. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the Finals.

One or more individual tests of the top 4 contestants may be requested at the judge's discretion. (USEF tests 1-19). To fill a class, at least 4 competitors must complete the course.

ADULT/AMATEUR HUNT SEAT MEDAL. Open to adult members of MHC. All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences 2'6" to 2'9", with at least one change of direction. One or more individual tests of the top four contestants may be requested at the judge's discretion. (USEF tests 1-17.) To fill a class at least four competitors must complete the course. After qualifying a contestant is no longer eligible to enter this class. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the Finals.

HUNT SEAT MINI-MEDAL. Open to members of MHC who have not reached their fifteenth birthday and have not competed in classes in which the entry is required to jump higher than three feet. All contestants are to compete over a course not exceeding eight fences and not less than six fences, excluding combination fences, at a height not to exceed 2'6". One or more individual test may be requested at the judge's discretion. (USEF current tests 1-8.) To fill a class at least four competitors must complete the course. After qualifying, contestant is no longer eligible to enter this class. Failure to comply will result in disqualifications from the Finals. A Mini Medal rider who competes in the MHC Jr. Medal prior to the finals is no longer eligible to compete in the Mini Medal Division or Mini Medal Finals.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALL MEDALS. A contestant must accumulate 10 points to qualify for finals.

1st - 10 points 2nd - 6 points 3rd - 4 points 4th - 2 points

MHC SADDLE SEAT MEDAL. Open to Junior members of the MHC who have not reached their 18th birthday. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.

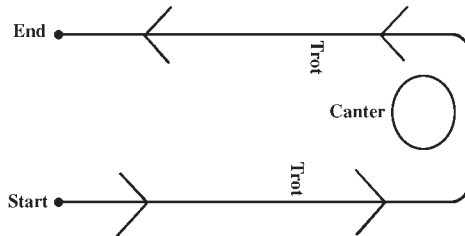
All contestants are required to perform one of the following tests:

Start. _____ > Trot _____ > _____ Canter _____ > _____ Trot incorrect Diagonal _____ > _____ End

On the straightaway of the ring only. At start, trot the first 1/3 on the correct diagonal:

Canter the second 1/3 on the correct lead: Trot the final 1/3 on the incorrect diagonal.

Return to line up at trot down either rail.



At start, trot to center of the far end of the ring demonstrating two changes of diagonal:

Canter a circle: Trot down the other side of ring back to the lineup at a sitting trot.

After the required workout, additional tests (USEF 1-19) may be called for at the judge's choosing. At the finals, the standard test above is not required; all contestants will perform a test(s) chosen by the judge. Three entries to fill a class.

STOCK SEAT MEDAL. Open to Junior members of the MHC who have not reached their 18th birthday. To enter the ring at a walk and will be judged at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring. One or more individual test of the top four contestants may be requested at the judge's discretion, (USEF Tests 1-19). Three entries required to fill a class.

MHC MEDAL CLASS FINALS

The finals offered by MHC will be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors will decide dates, management, and guidelines for the finals. The date of each final will be in September or October of each year. The last day to qualify will be two weeks prior to the start of the show. Members qualifying after the last day to qualify in a given year will be qualified for the following year, provided their membership dues are paid, unless such entry will have lost their status in which case, he/she would be ineligible for any finals. Once a competitor has won any Hunter Seat Medal Finals they are no longer eligible to compete in that division. Riders can compete in only one medal class at the finals. The Board of Governors would determine any questions that may rise.

1. **ADULT/AMATEUR HUNT SEAT MEDAL** - (two classes: under and over 30 years of age) all contestants are required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences 2'6" to 2'9" with at least one change of direction. 20% of the riders will be called back for a second round of at least 8 fences. At least 2 individual tests of the top 4 contestants will be required. (USEF Tests 1-19.)
2. **HUNT SEAT MINI-MEDAL.** All contestants are to compete over a course not exceeding eight fences and not less than six fences, excluding combination fences, at a height not to exceed 2'6". 20% of the riders will be called back for a second round of at least six fences. At least 1 individual test of the top four contestants will be required. (USEF tests 1-8.)
3. **JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL.** All contestants will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences not to exceed 3'. 20% of the riders will be called back for a second round of at least 8 fences. At least 2 individual tests of the top 4 contestants will be required. (USEF Tests 1-19.)
4. **SADDLE SEAT MEDAL.** To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Two or more individual tests of the top four contestants are required. (USEF current tests 1-16.)
5. **STOCK SEAT MEDAL.** To enter the ring at a walk and will be judged at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring. Two or more individual tests of the top 4 contestants are required. (USEF current tests 1-11.)

Saddle Seat and Stock Seat Medal Finals will be held if (3) three exhibitors qualify.

HUNTER DIVISION

Championship and Reserve shall be awarded to two of the four horses that have acquired the most points performing over fences. In addition to these points, only these horses shall receive half points for the ribbons won in Model Class and full points for ribbons won in Under Saddle Class. Model classes to be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness. (1/2 points) All over fence classes will be judged on performance and soundness. Jogging for soundness is at the judge's discretion. Classes to count towards championships; at least 2 over fence classes and 1 under saddle class.

1. **Adult Amateur Hunter.** (18-35 Years) (Over 35 Years). To be ridden by Amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors. Horse/rider combination is not eligible for any other MHC, NEHC or USEF rated classes. Horses may be shown by a different rider in any other division or class at the same competition. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, and suitability as an Adult Amateur Hunter. Height of fences 3' spreads not to exceed height of fence. Ponies may be ridden by Adults, suitability to count Exception: Equitation, Children's/Adult Amateur Jumpers and Pleasure.
2. **Adult (Modified) Hunter.** Open to horses and ponies ridden by Amateur Adults. Fences 2'6". Rider may not cross enter into Amateur Adult Hunter Division.
Classes to count toward championship: Modified Adult Hunter over fences, Modified Adult Hunter Stake, Modified Adult Hunter under saddle.
3. **Amateur-Owner Hunter.** To be ridden by amateur owners or an amateur member of the owners family who is no longer eligible to compete as a Junior Exhibitor. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family. Fences shall be no higher than 3'6". Two sections: 18-35 years and over 35 years.
Classes to count toward championships: Amateur-Owner Hunter, Amateur-Owner Under Saddle, Amateur-Owner Hunter Stake
4. **Children's/Adult Special Hunter.** Open to amateur adult and junior riders. No Professionals. Open to horses and ponies that have not jumped 3' or over in the previous year, OR riders that have not shown at 3' or over in the previous year. Fences not to exceed 2'6". No in and outs.
May be run as two separate divisions, but show must offer both divisions if split.
5. **Children's Hunter.** To be shown by Junior Exhibitors. Junior Exhibitors 15-17 years of age must be eligible for intermediate equitation over fences as of December 1st of the current show year. Fences 2' for small and medium ponies, 2'6" for large ponies, 3' for horses; spreads not to exceed fence height. If entries warrant, the division may be split at the discretion of show management. Same horse/pony rider combination cannot show in any other rated division except equitation at that show. Horses may be shown by another rider in any other division or section at the same show. Ponies may not cross enter into the Regular Pony Hunter Division. Jogging for soundness at the discretion of the judge.
Classes to count toward Championship: Children's Hunter, Children's Hunter Under Saddle, Children's Hunter Stake.
6. **Green Working Hunter.** A Show Manager may divide into 1st year and 2nd year on day of show if there are sufficient entries. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age that is in his first or second year of showing in any classes at recognized USEF, NEHC or MHC shows requiring entries to jump, including equitation. Shows are not required to divide entries in Green Working Hunter classes but are encouraged to do so when entries warrant. Separate championships may be offered only when all classes are divided and each section offers the required number of classes and prize money for an undivided section.
First year green horses to jump no higher than 3'6". Second year green horses to jump no higher than 3'9". It is recommended that all shows specify a difference of three inches in the height of jumps for first and second year horses.
Specifications for all classes shall be the same as the Regular Working Hunter Divi-

sion with the exception that in the Under Saddle Classes green horses are not to gallop.

Points will be awarded in the following classes only if the Prize List does not specify Conformation to count in the judging.

Classes to count toward championship: Green Working Hunter, Green Working Hunter Under Saddle, Green Working Hunter Stake.

7. **Junior Hunter.** Open to horses ridden by a Junior under 18 years. A show manager may divide on day of show, if there are sufficient entries as follows:
 - a. By age of rider (Under 14 years of age and 14-17 years of age.)
 - b. By size of horse (Under 16 hands and 16 hands and over.) Jumps shall be no higher than 3' 6".

Classes to count toward championships: Model, Open, Conformation, Handy, Under Saddle and Stake.

Conformation shall not exceed 25% in any class except a model class. Prize list must state whether a class is to be a working class or a conformation class.

MANNERS SHALL BE EMPHASIZED AND EXTREME SPEED SHALL BE PENALIZED. Shall be judged on performance and soundness.

7. **Pony Hunter.** A Show Manager may divide on day of Show into Small and Large Pony Hunter if there are sufficient entries. To be eligible for a Model Pony Hunter class, the pony must enter and show in one class over fences in the Pony Hunter Division.

Jumps for ponies shall be as follows: Small ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands, fences to be 2'3". Medium ponies over 12.2 but not exceeding 13.2 hands, fences to be 2'6".

Jumps for large ponies, over 13.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands, shall be no higher than 3'.

Classes to count toward championships: Same as those for Junior Hunter Division.

Judging specifications same as for Junior Hunter Division except in conformation classes where conformation may exceed 25%, as outlined in USEF Rule Book. In all classes MANNERS AND SUITABILITY OF A PONY FOR THE RIDER SHALL BE EMPHASIZED AND EXTREME SPEED SHALL BE PENALIZED.

The suggested distance for an In-And-Out when used in a ring for small ponies is 20 feet, medium ponies 22 feet and large ponies 24 feet.

8. **Short Stirrup Hunter.** Open to riders 12 years of age or under. To be shown over a course of a minimum of 4 fences and a maximum of 8 fences at a height of 18". The fences shall be cross rails or verticals with no combinations. The Under Saddle class will be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Only 8 ponies/horses to canter at one time. No hand gallop.

Rider not to compete in any other class that requires jumping fences any higher than 18". Classes to count toward Championship: Short Stirrup Hunter, Short Stirrup Hunter under saddle, Short Stirrup Hunter Stake.

9. **Working Hunter.** Points will be awarded in the following classes only if the prize list does not specify conformation to count in the judging. The minimum and maximum height of jumps for each class must be specified. Height of jumps is at the option of the show management but should be a minimum of 3'6". Class to count toward Cham-

pionship: Open Working Hunter, Working Hunter Under Saddle, Open Working Hunter Stake

JUMPER DIVISION

No Championship or Reserved Points will be awarded unless prize list states that there will be a champion and reserve award at the show. Prize list must stipulate the table under which each class is to be conducted and scored.

All classes must be conducted and scored in accordance with one of the USEF tables from Rule XX VII of the current USEF Rule Book.

Ties involving - All ties, other than first place will be broken by the time taken to complete the course.

1. **Amateur-Owner / Junior Jumper.** Shows may offer a combined Amateur-Owner/ Junior section; points will be awarded to either the Amateur-Owner or the Junior Exhibitor.
2. **Children's / Amateur Adult Jumper.** Open to horses or ponies ridden either by a Junior or Adult Amateur rider. Amateur riders must possess and present current amateur certification. Competitors to jump a course of obstacles about 3' in height with spreads to 3'3".
3. **Junior Jumper.** Entry to be ridden by a Junior under 18 years of age. Junior Jumpers may be of any height. Classes and judging specifications same as for Regular Jumper Division except that: Jumps shall not be raised nor spread more than 5 feet. If a tie for first place has not been broken after jumping at this height, the contenders shall be declared tied. The prize money shall be divided and each horse shall receive equal points toward the championship. Horses that are tied for other than first place shall remain tied and the prize money shall be divided equally among the tied horses. Each horse shall receive the number of points offered for the placement that is tied for. Weight shall be waived.

PLEASURE HORSE DIVISION

No horse will be eligible to show in both English and Western classes and no one horse will be eligible for both year end awards in any one year.

1. **English.** Open to horses ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations as to status of rider. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Loose rein on command of judge only, but without loss of contact. All horses required to back. To be judged on manners, performance and substance.
2. **English Championship.** To be eligible entries must have been entered, shown and judged in the English Pleasure Horse class. Specifications same as English Pleasure Horse Class.
3. **Hunter Pleasure Open.** Open to all horses of the hunter type ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations as to status of rider. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, presence, substance and soundness.
4. **Hunter Pleasure Championship.** To be eligible, must have been entered, shown and judged in the above Open class. Specifications same as Open class.
5. **Hunter Type Pet Pony**
 - a. **Under Saddle.** Riders to be under 14 years of age. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance and suitability to

rider.

b. **Under Saddle Championship.** To be eligible, must have been entered, shown and judged in the above Under Saddle class. Specifications same as above. Entries in this division NOT eligible for the Open Pet Pony division.

6. **Jr. Exhibitor English.** Horses to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. Extended gaits may be called for by judge. Entries shall be penalized for being on the wrong lead. Special emphasis shall be placed on the walk. May be asked to back.
7. **Jr. Exhibitor English Championship.** To be eligible must have been shown and judged in the open class above. Same specifications as above.
8. **Junior Exhibitors Hack**
 - a. **(Horse or Pony) English Tack.** To be ridden by children under eighteen years of age. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter on a reasonably loose rein but without loss of contact. Shall be judged on manners, performance, suitability and quality. Class may be divided into under 14 and 14 thru 17 years if there are sufficient entries and class list so states. If class is divided, horse may show in one section only.
 - b. **(Horse or Pony) Championship.** Specifications same as for Open Jr. Exhibitor Hack. To be eligible, must have been shown and judged in one other class in this division.
9. **Jr. Exhibitor Western.** Horse to be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonable loose rein without restraint. Extending gaits may be called for by the judge. Entries shall be penalized for being on the wrong lead. Special emphasis shall be placed on the walk. Horses may be asked to back at the judge's discretion.
10. **Jr. Exhibitor Western Championship.** To be eligible must have been shown and judged in open class above, same specifications.
11. **Ladies Class.** Riders to be 18 years of age or over. May be shown English or Western. To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, and canter or lope. May be asked to back. To be judged on manners, performance and suitability.
12. **Ladies Championship.** To be eligible must have been shown and judged in the open class above. Same specifications as above.
13. **Open Pony.** Under Saddle, English or Western. To be exhibited by a child under 18 years of age. All ponies must be 14.2 hands or under. To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, and canter or lope with extreme speed to be penalized. To be judged on manners, performance and quality. May cross enter into Pet Pony at the same show, but not Hunter Type Pet Pony.
14. **Open Pony Championship.** Specifications same as open class. To be eligible, must have been judged in the qualifying class.
15. **Pet Type Pony**

NOTE: All ponies must be shown by children under 14 years of age. All ponies must be 14.2 or under. All ponies shown in Hunter classes at a show shall be classified as Hunter Ponies and shall not be eligible to show in this division at same show. May be shown under English or Western tack. Classes may be divided by age of rider if entries warrant into under 11 and 11-13 providing it so states in the prize list.

All classes must be held in an enclosed ring.

a. **Open Type Under Saddle.** Shall be ridden at a walk, trot or jog, and canter or lope with excessive speed to be penalized. Shall be judged on manners, suitability to rider and performance in that order.

b. **Trail Type.** To be shown at a walk, trot or jog and canter or lope both ways of the ring. Shall be asked to pass other tests at the request of the judge. To be judged on manners, suitability to rider, performance and substance, in that order.

c. **Championship.** Shall be shown under saddle at a walk, trot or jog and canter or lope both ways of the ring. Shall be judged on manners, suitability to rider, performance and conformation.

d. **Type in Harness.** To be driven by a child under 14 years. Only 2 persons allowed per buggy. Passenger must be over 14 years of age. Shall be driven at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. Shall be bitted with a snaffle or in the cheek. No martingales permitted. Excessive action not desirable. Shall be judged on manners, suitability and performance in that order.

16. **Pleasure Driving**

a. **Amateur Pony.** Open to all pleasure driving ponies. Martingales permitted. To be shown in a two or four wheeled vehicle appropriate for pleasure driving, at a walk, pleasure trot and extended trot. To be judged on manners, performance and quality.

b. **Amateur Pony Championship.** Specifications same as open. To be eligible must have been shown and judged in the Open class.

c. **Amateur Horse.** Open to all pleasure driving horses. Martingales allowed. To be shown to an appropriate vehicle at a walk, slow trot and extended trot. Must be asked to back. Must stand quietly. To be judged on manners, performance and quality. One attendant without whip may be allowed in the line up. Driver should wear appropriate attire.

d. **Amateur Horse Championship.** To be eligible must have been shown and judged in open class above, same specifications.

e. **Open Horse.** Open to Horses and drivers regardless of status. To be shown to an appropriate two wheeled vehicle and equipment at a walk, pleasure trot, and extended trot. To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability. Must stand quietly and may be asked to back. One attendant, without whip, will be permitted for each entry.

f. **Open Horse Championship.** Specifications same as qualifying class. To be eligible horses must have been entered, shown and judged in qualifying class.

g. **Carriage Horse & Pony.** A pleasure driving class in which entries are shown to a two or four-wheeled vehicle and are judged primarily on the suitability of a horse or pony to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. Must stand quietly and back readily. May be asked to execute a figure eight at the discretion of the judge. To be judged 70% on performance, manners and way of going, 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle, and 10% on neatness of attire. Class may be divided: horse/pony if entries warrant.

17. **Road Hack**

a. **English Horses Only.** Shall be shown on a reasonably loose rein without loss of contact at a flat-footed walk, trot, extended trot, canter and hand gallop under control. Excessive speed to be penalized. Shall stand quietly and back readily. Martingales not allowed. Shall be judged on performance, substance, and manners. No more than eight horses shall be asked to gallop at one time.

b. **Championship.** Specifications same as for Road Hacks. To be eligible horse must have been shown and judged in qualifying class.

18. Trail Horse

Note: All entries in all classes shall be asked to jump or lead (at the judges discretion) over obstacles not to exceed 18" in height and/or to pass other tests that might reasonably be encountered on the trail. Martingales or tie-downs not permitted. Time exceeding 30 seconds in completing any obstacle shall eliminate the score for that obstacle. The gait between obstacles will be at the discretion of the Judge. A Show Manager may divide into English & Western on day of show if there are 3 or more entries of each type.

a. **English.** To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk, trot and canter. Horses must be asked to back. Shall be judged on manners, performance, and substance in that order.

b. **Western.** To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk, jog trot and lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Must be asked to back. To be judged on performance, with emphasis on manners 70% appointments, equipment, neatness (silver not to count) 20%, and conformation 10%.

c. **Open.** If run as an Open class, all horses shall be judged on their respective merits. To be judged same as above two classes.

Any affiliated show may offer any one, or combination of the above classes.

No horses may enter both English and Western classes at any show.

19. **Walk Trot Pleasure.** Open to riders 10 years old and under. Open to horses or ponies. Entries in this division not eligible for any class requiring entries to canter or lope. No child may compete who has previously entered in a class requiring entries to canter or lope. (Restriction applies to the rider, not the mount.) Classes must be held in an enclosed ring. May run as one open division or divided (Hunt Seat, Saddleseat, Stockseat).

a. **Horse or Pony.** To be shown at a walk, trot or jog only. To be judged on manners, suitability of horse to rider and performance. Entries may not canter or lope while on show grounds.

b. **Horse or Pony Championship.** Specifications same as Open class. To be eligible, entries must have been entered, shown and judged in the Open class.

c. **Trail Horse or Pony.** To be shown at a walk, trot, jog only. To be shown over a series of not more than 3 simple obstacles. No jumps to be used. To be scored over obstacles 60% and on the rail 40%. Entries to be sent over obstacles first.

Walk-Trot will be divided for year end awards between
hunter shows and pleasure shows.

20. **Western.** Open to horses ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations as to status of rider. To be shown at a walk, jog trot or lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To be judged on performance 60%, conformation 30% and appointments 10%. Must be asked to back.

21. **Western Championship.** Specifications same as Western Pleasure Horse. To be eligible entries must have been entered, shown and judged in the Western Pleasure Horse Class.

SECTION 7

Point Scoring

A. Points shall be scored in Class AA, A, B, and C shows as follows:

Championships

CLASS AA	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
Champ 48	Champ36	Champ.....24	Champ 12
Res 44	Res.33	Res22	Res.....11

Championship Classes

First..... 40	First.....30	First20	First10
Second..... 36	Second.....27	Second.....18	Second.....9
Third 32	Third.....24	Third.....16	Third.....8
Fourth..... 28	Fourth21	Fourth.....14	Fourth7
Fifth 24	Fifth18	Fifth.....12	Fifth.....6
Sixth..... 20	Sixth15	Sixth10	Sixth5

Stake and/or Regular Classes

First..... 32	First24	First16	First8
Second..... 28	Second21	Second.....14	Second.....7
Third 24	Third.....18	Third.....12	Third.....6
Fourth..... 20	Fourth15	Fourth.....10	Fourth5
Fifth 16	Fifth12	Fifth.....8	Fifth.....4
Sixth..... 12	Sixth9	Sixth6	Sixth3

NOTE: At Class AA Shows, 5th and 6th places will be scored providing the ribbons have been awarded.

1. In addition to the classes listed in Section 5, (A) and (B), points will be awarded in all Division to the show Champion and the Reserve Show Champion as indicated in Section 6, Paragraph A.

In all Hunter and Jumper championships, the titles shall be awarded to two of the four horses which have acquired the most points over fences. In addition to these points, only these four horses shall receive full points for ribbons won in Under Saddle classes and half points for ribbons won in Model classes. Hunter points calculated: 10-6-4-2-1-1/2. Ties in Champion or Reserve Champion shall be determined by a coin flip.

In the Jumper Division, horses that are tied for a Championship shall remain tied.

2. For Point Scoring purposes each sub-division of any class shall count as another class.
3. No MHC point class with 3 or more entries may be cancelled.
4. Championship points shall be awarded only when at least one other class has been held in the same Division. All Stake classes shall be awarded Regular Class Points.
5. No points shall be awarded in any "Special" or "Local" classes where participation is

limited to any area smaller than Massachusetts.

6. No points shall be awarded for classes that are added to any show or changed after the Class List has been published, unless the Secretary of the Council and all affected exhibitors are notified of the addition of these classes at least two weeks prior to the date of the show.
7. All horses entered in a class shall be of the type called for by that class.
8. No points will be awarded in Horse Show classes, the wording of which excludes any exhibitor competing for points in any Division except in Breed Halter Class Championships. In USEF shows the requirement of an USEF registration fee will not be considered an exclusion.
9. No points will be awarded to any horse improperly entered in any show, or entries made in other than the name of the bona fide owner-member which shall agree with the name on membership applications.
10. Points, to count toward Year-End High Score Awards, will begin the first weekend in December and terminate on the last Sunday of November. No corrections will be made after 30 days for each update on the website. Once the corrected - Final Standings are on the website (date to be determined each year) there will be no changes made.
11. Please note that it is the responsibility of each rider to keep track of their individual points throughout the show year - this would include MHC Pointed Medal classes as well as MHC pointed classes for Year-End Awards. While the MHC offers the following means of assistance, the final responsibility is yours!!

If you see a discrepancy contact the office.

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If you see a discrepancy in your Year End points contact Sally E. Hill: at mahorsec@charter.net if it is a medal point question contact: Jennifer Churchill at jenchurchill@verizon.net

MEMORIAL TROPHIES

Challenge trophies, until retired, which are awarded as a result of Annual High Score, remain the property of MHC. The recipient must sign an acknowledgement of receipt at the time of the award and all conditions therein are fulfilled.

The Dot Connors Memorial Trophy

High Point Hunter Rider

Esther Bird Memorial Trophy

For Morgan English Pleasure

The Marilyn Shea Memorial Trophy

High Point Pleasure

Double J Farm Trophy

High Point Morgan Jr. Pleasure to Ride

MHC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The MHC awards two - \$1,000.00 scholarships yearly to an active junior or senior member in good standing for the past two years.

Scholarship policies and applications are available online at www.mahorsecouncil.com.

Dorothy Potter Scholarship - Awarded to a member who has graduated from high school and is currently attending a college or an equine-related trade school. The deadline for application is December 1st.

Board of Governors Scholarship - Awarded to a member currently, a high school senior, and has been accepted to a college or equine related trade school. Deadline for application is June 1st.

Division Ratings

	AA Division		A Division		B Division	
	Min. MHC classes	Min. prize money	Min. MHC classes	Min. prize money	Min. MHC classes	Min. prize money
Hunters:						
Amateur Adult 18-35	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Amateur Adult over 35	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Amateur Owner 18-35	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Amateur Owner over 35	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Children's Horses	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Children's Ponies	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Child/Adult Special	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Pony Small/Medium	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Pony Large	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Modified Adult	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Junior	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Working	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Green Working	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Short Stirrup	3	\$100	3	\$ 75	3	\$ 50
Hunter Type Pet Pony	2	\$100	2	\$ 75	2	\$ 50
Hunter Pleasure	2	\$100	2	\$ 75	2	\$ 50
Jumpers:						
Open	3	\$500	3	\$300	3	\$100
Junior	3	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Amateur-Owner/Junior	3	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100
Child/Adult Amateur	3	\$150	3	\$100	3	\$ 50
Appaloosa	6	\$200	4	\$150	3	\$100
Arabian & Half Arabian	8	\$400	6	\$300	4	\$200
Am Saddlebred Country Pleasure	2	\$150	2	\$100	2	\$ 75
Am Saddlebred Horse	10	\$500	8	\$300	3	\$100
Am Saddlebred & Gaited	3	\$200	2	\$150	2	\$100
Hackney Pony	2	\$150	2	\$100	2	\$ 75
Jr. Exhibitor Hack	2	\$100	2	\$ 75	2	\$ 50
Miniature Horse	3	\$100	2	\$ 75	2	\$ 50
Morgan	7	\$350	5	\$250	4	\$150
Pleasure, Trail	3	\$200	2	\$150	2	\$100
Pleasure Driving, Carriage Driving	2	\$150	2	\$100	2	\$ 75
Quarter Horse	4	\$150	3	\$100	2	\$ 50
Road Hack	2	\$100	2	\$ 75	2	\$ 50
Roadster Horse & Pony	2	\$100	2	\$ 75	2	\$ 50
Walking Horse, Friesian	4	\$200	3	\$150	2	\$100
Miscellaneous: Horse Colts,						
Palomino, Pet Pony, Pinto, Welch,						
Color, Walk, Trot, Pleasure	4	\$100	3	\$ 75	3	\$ 50
Lead Line	All Classes		Rated C		No Prize \$	

Division Ratings**AA Division****A Division****B Division**

	Min. MHC classes	Min. prize money	Min. MHC classes	Min. prize money	Min. MHC classes	Min. prize money
EQUITATION:						
Hunter Seat (at least one class must be over fences)						
Adult/Modified	7	None	5	None	4	None
Short Stirrup	7	None	5	None	4	None
Saddle Seat, Junior/Adult	4	None	3	None	2	None
Stock Seat, Junior/Adult	4	None	3	None	2	None
Children's Equitation	5	None	4	None	3	None

Ratings to be determined by prize list editor

Equitation:

1. A show offering a minimum of \$5000 prize money across the board shall be rated "AA". To the Hunter Seat add; Adult Hunter Seat and Short Stirrup. The required number of classes shall be 7. To Saddle Seat add Adult Saddle Seat. The required number of classes remain at 4. To Stock Seat add Adult Stock Seat. The required number of classes remain at 4.
2. A show offering a minimum of \$1500 prize money across the board shall be rated "A". Hunter Seat 5 Classes, Saddle Seat 3 Classes, Stock Seat 3 Classes. Additions as stated above.
3. A show offering a minimum of \$500 prize money across the board shall be rated "B". Hunter Seat 4 Classes, Saddle Seat 2 Classes, Stock Seat 2 Classes. Additions as stated above.
4. All other shows shall be rated "C", adding adult seats to all 3 types of seat.

Since the MHC Medal classes are non-point classes, they will NOT be considered one of the classes in this division. All classes or divisions not conforming to the above chart would be rated "C".

Walk-Trot Equitation division, because all 3 seats compete in it, would be rated by the highest rated Equitation division at the show, i.e. if there are divisions for all 3 seats with the Hunter Seat rated "AA", Saddle Seat "A", and Stock Seat "B", the Walk-Trot would be rated "AA".

MHC “Days of Champions” Past Medal Winners

Junior Hunt Seat Medal

2008	Natalie Crane
2007	Samantha Smith
2006	Amanda Powers
2005	Mathew Metell
2004	Chelsae Keyes
2003	Audrey Banks
2002	Kiera S. Piscia
2001	Katelyn Denby
2000	Jordan Bate
1999	Sara Wyrztes
1998	Sarah B. Willeman
1997	Jenna Kieley
1996	Nin Arieta
1995	Jaime Weght
1994	Erica Keany
1993	Haley Vaughn
1992	Jessica Karp
1991	Amanda Steege
1990	Alex Warriner
1989	Kristen Bumpus
1988	Kathleen Bell
1987	Holly Himstead
1986	Julie Chandler
1985	Danielle Kesten
1984	Kara Flynn
1983	Kate Choep
1982	Nicole Najarian

Mini-Medal

2008	Alison Healy
2007	Colby Wood
2006	Devon Wood
2005	Jackie Snyder
2004	Alexa Bayko
2003	Natalee Rolince
2002	Victoria C. Birdsall
2001	Suzanne Snyder
2000	Lauren Gibbs
1999	Kendall Bate
1998	Berit Barr

1997	Dyanna Rucco
1996	Erin Gibbs
1995	Erin Barnicle
1994	Susanna Fogel
1993	Kristen Stanley
1992	Louise Sinkler

Adult Hunt Seat Medal 18-30

2008	Karlie Buck
2007	Amanda Powers
2006	Natalie Cooper
2005	Dyanna Rucco
2004	Brooke Markowitz
2003	Nicole Simkins
2002	Deirdre Catani
2001	Jean Ladouceur
2000	Cate Wagner
1999	Cynthia Hybels Johnson
1998	Ermily Unger
1997	Erin Renfroe
1996	Suzanne Guerette
1995	Tracy Howe
1994	Erin Renfroe
1993	Julia Hardy
1992	Stephanie Kapstein

Adult Hunt Seat Medal Over 30

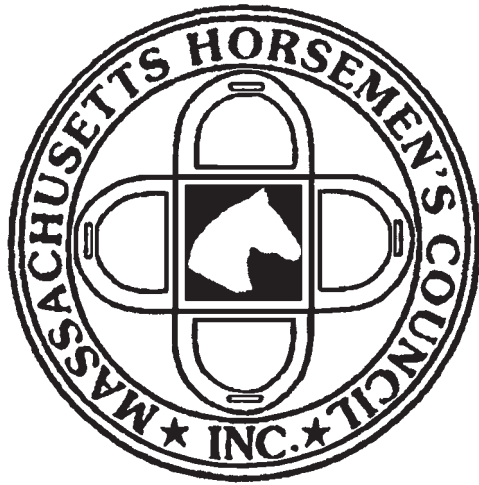
2008	Kim Bullock
2007	Mary Davis
2006	Cynthia Stiglitz
2005	Sean Rogers
2004	Amy Cooper
2003	Nancy DeGregorio
2002	Brooke DeAngelis
2001	Linette Dooley
2000	Deirdre DePrisco
1999	Anne Holman
1998	Marjorie Sidman
1997	Jill Martin
1996	Thomas Andreozzi
1995	Sarah Katz

FINES

Failure to submit proposed prize list 30 days prior to show	\$ 25.00
Judges and Stewards listing fine (page 5 Section 1/E)	
Failure to make corrections to prize list.....	\$ 25.00
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Failure to show proof of show's insurance	\$100.00
(page 5 Section 2)	
Failure to supply judges with scorecards and specs.....	\$ 25.00
(page 6 Section 2/3)	
A judge or steward under contract, not showing up to officiate	\$150.00
(page 6 Section B)	
Show found not having a Steward during show	\$250.00
(page 6 Section 2B)	
Failure to submit a prizelist, complete class results with exact number of entries in each class, within 10 days.	\$ 75.00
(page 7 Section 2/G)	
Show going over 12 hours	\$250.00
(page 7 Section 2/I)	

FEEES

Show Affiliations	One Day \$ 25.00
Two Day	\$30.00
Three or More	\$35.00
MHC Medal Class(es).....	\$15.00 per class run
Membership Fees	Individual \$ 25.00
Family	\$35.00
Lifetime	\$300.00
Horse/Pony Point Registration.....	\$ 10.00



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