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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 year end Points/Affiliation secretary...” - on a form supplied by the Council - at least 45 days prior to show date or the request may 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 \$50.00 may be levied for the first offenses, further offenses by the same applicant may 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.
- F. All managers of MHC affiliated Shows must be MHC members.
- G. Any show that fails to furnish to the MHC entry blanks, judge's cards, or any other documents it may request within two weeks of notification will be denied further show applications.
- H. MHC does not support the selling of horse show dates.

## **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.

Note: A fee of one dollar per horse must be collected for each horse exhibited at MHC affiliated shows. Said one dollar to be forwarded to the Year End Points/Affiliations Secretary within 7 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.

### **INSURANCE CERTIFICATE**

All MHC affiliated shows must show proof of one million dollars in general liability for each occurrence. MHC must be named as “additional insured” and certificate must stipulate location and date of each event. Copy of this certificate must be postmarked and mailed, faxed, or emailed **FOURTEEN** calendar days prior to:

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If a Certificate of Insurance (COI) naming MHC as additional insured for specific horse show dates is not received fourteen (14) days prior to the horse show, a fine of \$250 may be applied. If the COI is still not received forty-eight (48) hours before the horse show date, an additional fine of \$500 may be applied.

If horse show management/secretaries cannot produce a COI to MHC 48 hours prior to horse show, any accumulated MHC points related to the horse show may not count toward member year end awards until COI requirements are satisfied.

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 may result in a \$50.00 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, may be fined \$250.00 and further disciplinary action may be taken as voted by the MHC Board of Governors. A show found not having a steward may be fined \$300.00.

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 MHC Stewards report form and return same to MHC within 14 days following the show

- 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. No changes may be made, including class number changing after the prize list has been approved by the prize list editor. Class numbers that have been changed without the prize list editor's approval will not count for points.
- 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 15 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 THE POST COMPETITION REPORT, INCLUDING ALL PARTICIPANTS IN EACH POINT CLASS, on forms supplied by the Council or similar forms acceptable to the Scoring Secretary, within 7 days after the date of the show.**

All Class results must be sent to the MHC Points Secretary within 7 days following the end of the affiliated show. Failure to receive results will result in loss of MHC recognition points. In addition, a fine of \$250 may be assessed for the first offense, second offense fine of \$500 and third offense loss of MHC affiliation for 1 year, and payment of all assessed fines.

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. 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 may be fined \$250 per hour over. In the event a show appears to be running late; it shall be the duty of the Manager and the Steward 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 canceled 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 canceled 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. Canceled 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 AC-

TION 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 should be sent electronically or reports from acceptable computer programs or from any NEHC report forms. Results should be retained by the show until after the MHC Year End Banquet for the current year.

Show results must be submitted to MHC within 7 days as outlined under Show Requirements. 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 3.

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

## **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 Champion-

ship 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 that 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 50 miles unless different disciplines (i.e. breed, open or specialized). ezmiler.com will be the official publication governing distance.
  - 2. In the event that two shows of the same discipline located within 50 miles of each other apply for the same date, priority will be given to the show affiliated with the Council in 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 horse show 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 canceled. Exceptions: Acts of God, a show may apply prepaid fees towards another date(s) that same fiscal year or towards date(s) next fiscal year. Will need to make out a new application if a new date is required.

## 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 as listed in Section 6: 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 and Jumper, all horses shall be shown both ways of the ring at all gaits.

- B. Definition of Horse and Pony

a. The term “horse” as used in these rules denotes either a horse or a pony.

b. When the term “horse” or “pony” is used or intended in prize lists and catalogs or recognized shows where Registered Appaloosa, Arabians, Half-Arabians, Morgans, Palominos, Paso Finos, Pintos and Quarter Horses. A mature horse is one that is over 4 years of age, unless breed specifies otherwise.

c. If an animal 14.2 hands or under is eligible to compete as a horse in any one of the aforementioned divisions, it may also compete as a horse in other appropriate classes. It may not, however, compete as a horse in one class and a pony in another class at the same show. Once an animal is shown in a class restricted to horses, except in the aforementioned Breed Divisions, it can not be shown as a pony in the same year.

### “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 3 MHC affiliated shows. Entries must be made in the same name of

the bona fide 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: Pleasure Classes.

## SECTION 6

### POINT SCORING

**A. Points shall be scored in Class AA, A, B, and C shows as follows:  
Championships (Hunter/Jumper Divisions)**

CLASS AA	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
Champ.....48	Champ.....36	Champ.....24	Champ..... 12
Res.....44	Res.....33	Res.....22	Res ..... 11

#### Championship Classes

First.....40	First.....30	First.....20	First..... 10
Second.....36	Second.....27	Second.....18	Second..... 9
Third.....32	Third.....24	Third.....16	Third..... 8
Fourth.....28	Fourth.....21	Fourth.....14	Fourth..... 7
Fifth.....24	Fifth.....18	Fifth.....12	Fifth..... 6
Sixth.....20	Sixth.....15	Sixth.....10	Sixth..... 5

#### Stake and/or Regular Classes

First.....32	First.....24	First.....16	First..... 8
Second.....28	Second.....21	Second.....14	Second..... 7
Third.....24	Third.....18	Third.....12	Third..... 6
Fourth.....20	Fourth.....15	Fourth.....10	Fourth..... 5
Fifth.....16	Fifth.....12	Fifth.....8	Fifth..... 4
Sixth.....12	Sixth.....9	Sixth.....6	Sixth..... 3

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 points 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 canceled.
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.
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. **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 3 MHC affiliated shows.** Membership must be paid before points will count.
11. Please note that it is the responsibility of each rider to keep track of their individual points throughout the 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 in your Year End points Contact:  
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## 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 acknowledgment 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**

High Point Morgan

### **Marilyn Shea Memorial Trophy**

High Point Pleasure Horse

## **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".

At Open/Breed shows there will be no minimum prize money requirements. The ratings will be based on the number of MHC pointed classes only. As an example: Quarter Horse AA rating would need 4 classes, an A rated show would need 3 classes offered. If a show chooses to offer prize money it will be at the show management's discretion.

Hunter/jumper shows remain unchanged regarding prize money and ratings.

*The Board of Governors reserves the right to divide, combine, add, or delete year end division awards as results warrant.*

*Awards will be determined by participation.*

Division Ratings	AA Division		A Division		B Division		B Rating Combined	
	Min MHC classes	Min prize money	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	3	\$100
Amateur Adult over 35	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100	3	\$100
Amateur Owner 18-35	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100	3	\$100
Amateur Owner over 35	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100	3	\$100
Children's Horses	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100	3	\$100
Children's Ponies	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100	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		
Low Amateur Adult	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100		
Pre-Childrens Hunter	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100		
Junior	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100		
Perf Working	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100		
Green Working	4	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100		
Hunter Derby	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:								
Amateur-Owner/Junior	3	\$500	3	\$300	3	\$100		
Child/Adult Amateur	3	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100		
Puddle	3	\$300	3	\$200	3	\$100		
Hopeful	3	\$150	3	\$100	3	\$50		
Appalosa	6	\$200	4	\$150	3	\$100		
Arabian & Half Arabian	8	\$400	6	\$300	4	\$200		
Am Saddlebred Horse	3	\$200	2	\$150	2	\$100		
Color Breed	3	\$100	3	\$75	3	\$50		
Jr Exhibitor Hack/Western/English	3	\$200	2	\$150	2	\$100		
Morgan	7	\$350	5	\$250	4	\$150		
Pleasure, Ladies	3	\$200	2	\$150	2	\$100		
Pleasure Driving	2	\$150	2	\$100	2	\$75		
Quater Horse	4	\$150	3	\$100	2	\$50		
Road Hack	2	\$100	2	\$75	2	\$50		
Miscellaneous: Horse Colts Palomino, Pet pony, Pinto misc.	4	\$100	3	\$75	3	\$50		
Lead Line, In Hand W/T	ALL CLASSES		RATED C		NO PRIZE \$			
EQUITATION:								
Hunter Seat (at least one class must be over fences)								
Adult/Childrens/	7	NONE	5	NONE	4	NONE		
Short Sturup W/T	4	NONE	3	NONE	2	NONE		
Saddle Seat, Junior/Adult	4	NONE	3	NONE	2	NONE		
Stock Seat, Junior/Adult	4	NONE	3	NONE	2	NONE		

## SECTION 7

### 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. Must be ridden by an Amateur.

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 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 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. 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 qualifying class. 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 over-check 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.

### **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.** 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. Specs same as open class.

### **ARABIAN/ HALF-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.

- 1A. **Arabian 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 head-stall 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 by sex or age.

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

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.

**1B. Half-Arabian Halter Class.** Half-Arabian colts/stallions may compete in weanling and yearling halter classes for geldings, however colts over one year not eligible. Shown at a walk and trot. Handled by one and the same person. Tail carriage is preferably high. Judged on quality, conformation, substance and type.

1. **English Pleasure Horse (Saddle Seat).** 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.
2. **English Pleasure Championship.** Same specs as qualifying class.
3. **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.
4. **Hunter Pleasure Championship.** Same specs as qualifying class.
5. **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.
6. **Western Pleasure Championship.** Same specs as qualifying class.

## COLOR BREED HORSE DIVISION

Open to color breeds such as 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 alternative gait, and canter or lope.
3. **Open Pleasure Championship.** Same specs as qualifying class.

## FRIESIAN DIVISION

Open to registered Friesians. Braiding is optional. Maximum toe length is 4 3/4" including shoes. Maximum shoe weight is 20 ounces, not including nails. The use of weights or any device between hoof and shoe prohibited.

1. **Friesian In-Hand.** Horses are to model with front legs and one rear cannon bone perpendicular to the ground. Front legs 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. 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, trot, and canter. Horses may be asked to extend any gait at the judge's discretion. Horses may be asked to back. To be judged on movement, performance, manners, type, quality, and conformation. Exhibitors may use hunt seat, western, or saddle seat tack and appointments; 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.** Same specs as qualifying class.

## MORGAN DIVISION

Must be registered with the American, Canadian, or British Morgan Horse Association and must be entered under their registered name.

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 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.

1. **English Saddle Seat.** To be shown at a walk, pleasure trot, road trot and canter, with light rein, but still maintaining contact with horse's mouth. quality presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride 60%, type and conformation 40%.To be judged on manners, performance.
2. **English Saddle Seat Championship.** 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.** 50% performance, manners and soundness, 50% type and conformation.
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.** 50% manners and gait, 50% type and conformation.

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.** Percentages are 50%-50%.
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%. Must back.
10. **Western Championship.** Manners and gait 50% and 50% type and conformation.

### **PALOMINO DIVISION**

Shows must offer the Open or both the English and Western Classes. Horses may cross enter.

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. Will be divided if there are sufficient entries of both types. 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. **Pleasure Horse Championship.** Must have shown in an open class to qualify. Same specs as Pleasure Horse, Open.

### **PINTO/PAINT HORSE DIVISION**

Paint horses to be registered with the Paint Horse Association, Inc. Papers to be available.

1. **Halter Class.** May 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 age, sex, or breed, but only if prize list so states. If Show Champion and Reserve are to be offered, only first and second place winners shall return to the ring.

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 on conformation, quality, way of going, type and markings, with attention to the type of confirmation and Association expectations in the case of classes not divided by type.

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.

3. **Open Pleasure Championship.** Must have shown in the Open Pleasure Class to qualify. Same specs as 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.** 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. (May 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.** Must have shown in qualifying class to show. Specs are the same.
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 be asked to extend leads. 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.
5. **Western Pleasure Championship.** Must have shown in qualifying class to show. Specs are the same.

## MHC PLEASURE CLASSIC (Qualifying Classes)

The horse qualifies for the Classic Finals and may be shown by another rider at the finals. Once a horse has won a classic, they may compete in another classic, as long as it is one of the other classics. A different horse/rider combination may

show in other classics. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog, canter/lope both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, presence, and soundness. Judge may ask for an extension of any gate, and may repeat a gait at their discretion. All horses required to back. Will be pinned 1-6 place.

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. Light contact with horse's mouth is required.
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.
3. **Western Pleasure Classic.** Horses/ponies to be shown in proper Western tack with no limitations as to status of rider.
4. **Walk Trot Pleasure Classic (10 & Under).** Open to Hunter, Western, and Saddle Seat. Entries not eligible for a class requiring to canter or lope. Entries may not have previously entered in a class requiring to canter or lope.
5. **Walk Trot Pleasure Classic (11 & Over).** (same specifications as above).

### **MHC CLASSIC FINALS (To be held in September)**

**Rider/Horse must be member to compete at finals.** Anyone having placed 1st thru 6th in any MHC CLASSIC is qualified to compete. You may also qualify placing 1st in corresponding class – example: for the Open Western Classic – pin 1st in Open Western class, Quarter Horse Western class, etc. at any Pleasure Show. Hunters must pin in a Hunter class in the Pleasure Ring not on the Hunt Course The Finals will be double-judged. Finals will be pinned 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 Hunter and saddle-type horse, using an appropriate halter or bridle, Entries shall be judged individually standing, and then at a walk and trot on the line. Emphasis shall be place on type, conformation, substance, quality and manners. If sufficient entries, class may be split, A. Saddle-Type horses. B. Hunter type horses.
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. **Pony In-Hand.** Open to all ponies 14.2 hands and under. To be judged individually, standing, and then at a walk and trot on the line. To be judged on breed type, conformation, quality, substance, way of doing, disposition, and manners.
4. **Western Horse In-Hand.** Entries shall be judged at a walk, jog, and then individually standing on the line. Emphasis shall be placed on type, conformation, substance, quality and manners.
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. Quarter system to be used. If exhibitor or horse goes off pattern, severe penalty will result. Appearance of exhibitor - 10 points (hat, boots, and long sleeve 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). Touching of horse with hands or feet to be severely penalized.

## **HORSE/PONY COLT DIVISION**

Open Colts (see specifications below), Weanlings and Sucklings, Yearlings, 2 Year Olds, Colt Stake (or Championship).

If a class is divided into two divisions, the class must read: (a) Weanlings and Sucklings; (b) Yearlings and 2 Year Olds.

If a class is divided into three divisions, the class must read: (a) Weanlings and Sucklings; (b) Yearlings; (c) 2 Year Olds.

Entries shall be two years old or under and all ages shall be as of the previous January 1.

No more than two attendants per entry are allowed in the ring. The use of any whip over 6' long by a handler or assistant is prohibited.

Dams shall not be allowed in the ring with any colts.

1. **Open Horse Colt and Filly.** Entries to be shown in a suitable bridle or halter. Required to move individually at a trot or alternate gait. To be judged on quality, conformation, way of going and soundness.
2. **Open Horse Colt and Filly Championship.** To be eligible must have been shown and judged in regular class above. Same specifications as above.
3. **Pony Colts & Fillies Division.** Specifications and classes same as for horse colts and fillies division.

## **EQUITATION DIVISION**

The type of seat **MUST** be specified as: Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat or Western/Reining Seat. Age Groups to be divided as outlined in the following:

A) 11 & under; 12 thru 14; 15 thru 17 years of age inclusive; OR B) 14 & under; and 15 thru 17 years of age inclusive; OR C) under 18. No rider may enter classes for more than one age group at any one shows.

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. **Low Adult Amateur Equitation (formerly 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". Riders may not cross enter into any class or section where fences exceed 2'9" at the same competition (Exception 3'0" Equitation).
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. **Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation.** Accrues to one award. Open to Junior Exhibitors and Amateur Adults, however may be divided if sufficient entries. Riders to be judged on the flat with emphasis on position, hand, seat and the rider's horsemanship to execute a pleasure ride. No martingales or tie downs. CAN NOT enter into Hunter Seat Equitation for the entire show year.
8. **Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation Championship.** Specifications to be the same as qualifying class. Judge may require additional test. To be eligible,

must have been entered, shown and judged in qualifying class.

9. **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.

10. **Pre-Childrens Equitation.** Open to junior riders who are eligible for limit equitation as of December of the current year. Horses or Ponies. Fence height 2', no combinations. Same show, same horse/rider or pony/rider may not cross enter into Childrens Hunter or Pony Hunter where fences exceed 2'3".

11. **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.

12. **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.

13. **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.

14. **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 and or at ANY previous show. (Any child entered in these classes will be eligible to enter the Beginner's Walk-Trot Pleasure Division.)

Classes must be held in an enclosed ring. May be run as an Open Division or divided: (Hunter Seat; Saddle Seat; Western Seat & Hunter Pleasure Seat). No cross entering is allowed at any show.

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 and W/T PL page 35.

15. **Walk-Trot EQ. 11 and over.** Same specifications as Walk Trot Pleasure on page 35.

## **MHC MEDAL CLASSES**

No Medal Finals Class 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 before entering first Medal qualifying class. To determine what age group - check page 9 – Section 2 S. Class maybe split at the show managers discretion if more than 12 entries. One or more individual tests of the top 4 contestants may be requested at the judge's discretion. (USEF tests 1-23).

**JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL.** May compete after qualifying. 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.

To fill a class, at least 3 competitors must complete the course. If there is not a minimum of riders of either or both the Junior or Adult Medal qualifying class, the show can combine to meet the rider requirement. Riders will show at their respective heights.

**ADULT/AMATEUR HUNT SEAT MEDAL.** May compete after qualifying. 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. To fill a class at least three competitors must complete the course. If there is not a minimum of riders of either or both the Junior or Adult Medal qualifying class, the show can combine to meet the rider requirement. Riders will show at their respective heights.

**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" for ponies and horses.

May compete after qualifying. Ten points are required to qualify for the finals. A Mini-Medal rider who competes in the Jr. Medal prior to the finals is no longer eligible for the Mini-Medal Final.

To fill a class, at least three competitors must complete the course.

**MHC ADULT HUNT SEAT MINI MEDAL.** Open to adult members of MHC who have not jumped 2'9" or higher in the past 2 years. All contestants are to per-

form over a course not exceeding 8 fences and not less than 6 fences, excluding combinations and a height not to exceed 2'6" for horses and ponies. To fill a class 3 must complete the course. 10 points to qualify. May compete after qualifying.

**Hunt Seat Mini Medal & Hunt Seat Adult Mini Medal** - If there is not a minimum of riders of either or both the Mini or Adult Mini Medal qualifying class, the show can combine to meet the rider requirement.

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

1st = 10 - 2nd = 6 - 3rd = 4 - 4th = 2 - 5th = 1

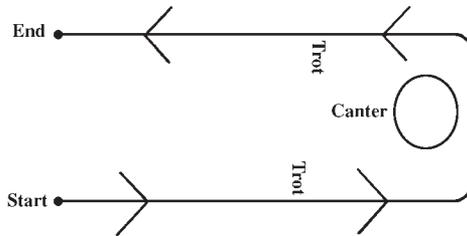
**MHC SADDLE SEAT MEDAL.** Open to Junior members of the MHC who have not reached their 18th birthday. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.

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.

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. 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. To determine what age group – check page 9 – Section 2. S. Riders can compete in only one medal class at the finals. The Board of Governors would determine any questions that may arise.

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 1 individual tests of the top 4 contestants will be required. (USEF Tests 1-23.)
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" for ponies and horses. 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. **MHC ADULT HUNT SEAT MINI MEDAL.** All contestants are to compete over a course not exceeding 8 fences and not less than 6 fences, excluding combinations, at a height not exceed 2' 6", for horses and ponies. 20% of the riders called back for a second round of at least 6 fences. At least one individual test of the top 4 will be required. (USEF Tests 1-23).
4. **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 1 individual tests of the top 4 contestants will be required. (USEF Tests 1-23).
5. **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.)
6. **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. **In order to accrue Year End Points for Hunters, a minimum of two**

**over fence classes must be held in a division and an under saddle class must be offered.**

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 hunter 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. **Low Adult Amateur Hunter (Formerly Modified).** Open to horses and ponies ridden by Amateur Adults. Fences 2'6". Rider may not cross enter into Amateur Adult Hunter Division.
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.
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.
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 Division 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.

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".

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.

8. **Pony Hunter.** A Show Manager may divide on day of Show into Small/Medium pony hunter 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'.

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.

9. **Pre-Children Hunter.** Open to junior riders who are eligible for limit equitation over fences as of December of the current show year. Horses or Ponies. Fence height 2' with no combinations. At the same show, the same horse/ rider or pony/rider may not cross enter into Children's Hunter (horse or pony), Pony Hunters or any class where fences exceed 2'3".
10. **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”.

11. **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”.
12. **MHC 2’6” Hunter Derby. Option A:** This is a two round class open to amateur adults and juniors to be shown over a course of ten fences at 2’6” with the first round judged on performance, hunter pace, and style, quality and substance, and movement, The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line and one unrelated distance. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used. The top 4 or 25% from the first round will return to jump a handy hunter round of eight obstacles which may include at least two of the following: trot jump, light turn option, clever options for jump approach, halt and/or back and walk jump. Judged on style, brilliance, and handiness. To fill a class, at least 4 riders.

Rating \$300 or more - “AA”, \$200 - “A” - \$100 - “B”

13. **MHC 2’9” Hunter Derby. Option A:** This is a two round class open to all riders be shown over a course of ten fences at 2’9” with the first round judged on performance, hunter pace, and style, quality and substance, and movement, The course should include at least one in and out, one bending line and one unrelated distance. The obstacles are to simulate those found in a hunt field. Natural obstacles may be used. The top 4 or 25% from the first round will return to jump a handy hunter round of eight obstacles which may include at least two of the following: trot jump, light turn option, clever options for jump approach, halt and/or back and walk jump. Judged on style, brilliance, and handiness. To fill a class, at least 4 riders. **May combine with 2’6”derby but secretary must indicate on the results which fence height was ridden.**

A new format has been added to the Hunter Derby which will be Option B. Original descriptions will be Option A. Fence heights stay the same.

**Option B** Hunt and Go format consists of both the classic and handy portions of the course as described above. The phases will be jumped consecutively. Riders are not permitted to walk or pause between rounds but will immediately after completion of the classic round will continue on the the Handy round portion. Participants will complete both portions of the course even if penalties (rails, refusals, etc) are incurred. Major penalties (falls, three refusals, off course etc) will result in elimination. Fence heights and courses stay the same.

Each round will be scored separately. Total score announced.

## 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 NEHC tables from the current NEHC Rule Book.

Ties - 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. **Junior / Amateur Adult Jumper.** Open to horses or ponies ridden either by a Junior or Adult Amateur rider. Competitors to jump a course of obstacles 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.
4. **Puddle Jumper.** Open to horses and ponies. To be shown over 8-12 jumps. Fences .74m (2').
5. **Hopeful Jumper.** Open to horses and ponies. To be shown over 8-12 jumps. Fences .85m (2' 3").

## PLEASURE DIVISION

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, the horse 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 Open.** Horses to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. Extended gaits may be called for by judge. 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 Open.** 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 Open.** 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. 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 Open.** Riders to be 18 years of age or over. May be shown En-

glish 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.

## 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. **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 (Hunter Seat; Saddle Seat; Western Seat & Hunter Pleasure Seat). No cross entering is allowed at any show.
- 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.

19. **Walk Trot 11 and Over.** Divisions are based on the Rider Ability only. In the interest of safety is NOT based on the horse's ability (i.e.. Green or Novice Horse). Open riders 11 years of age and older who have not cantered in a show for the past 3 years. No person entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope during the current show year. Once a rider has cantered in a show they are no longer eligible of this division. Open to horses and ponies and may be shown under English or Western Tack. It is recommended that a class having 16 entries or more be divided. No tests will be called. A show may divide the class by age 11-17 and 18 and over OR 11 and over. The horse/pony may only show in one age section. To be shown at a walk, trot, jog or alternate gait, both ways of the ring and will be asked to reverse at the walk.

1: Walk-Trot Pleasure 11 and Over – same as above.

2: Walk-Trot Pleasure 11 and Over Championship – Same as above.

Must have been entered, shown and judged in the qualifying class.

20. **Western Pleasure Horse.** Open to horses ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations as to status of rider. To be shown at a walk, jog 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 Pleasure Horse Championship.** Specifications same as Western Pleasure Horse. To be eligible entries must have been entered, shown and judged in the Western Pleasure Horse Class.

*The Board of Governors reserves the right to divide, combine, add, or delete year end division awards as results warrant.*

*Awards will be determined by participation.*

## **Inactive Divisions**

These divisions can be activated as needed due to interest.

AMERICAN SADDLE-BRED HORSE DIVISION (*Inactive*)

ASB FINE HARNESS

1. Open Fine Harness.

2. Fine Harness Horse Championship.

ASB FIVE-GAITED HORSE

1. Ridden by an Amateur.
2. Amateur Championship.
3. Open.
4. Open Championship.

ASB SHOW PLEASURE

5. Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited English.
6. Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited English Championship.

ASB THREE-GAITED DIVISIONS (*Inactive*)

ASB 3G PARK HORSE

1. Park Horse.
2. Park Horse Championship.

ASB 3G AMATEUR DIVISION

1. To be ridden by an Amateur.
2. Amateur Championship.

ASB 3G OPEN

1. Open.
2. Championship.

ASB 3G JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

1. Junior Exhibitor.
2. Junior Exhibitor Championship.

ARABIAN/ HALF ARABIAN DIVISION (*Inactive*)

5. Mounted Native Costume Class.
6. Mounted Native Costume Championship.

HACKNEY PONY DIVISION (*Inactive*)

SINGLE PONY

1. Open Single.
2. Open Single Championship.

PLEASURE PONY DRIVING DIVISION

1. Single Amateur.
2. Open Pleasure Championship.

HACKNEY HARNESS PONY DIVISION

1. Single Not Exceeding 12.2 Hands.
2. Single Not Exceeding 12.2 Hands Championship.

MINIATURE HORSE DIVISION (*Inactive*)

1. Miniature Horse Halter.
2. Miniature Horse Halter Championship.
3. Miniature Horse Driving.

MORGAN DIVISION (*Inactive*)

MORGAN PARK SADDLE HORSE

1. Park Saddle Horse.
2. Park Saddle Horse Championship.

ROADSTER DIVISION (*Inactive*)

ROADSTER HORSE

1. Single Open.
2. Single Championship.

ROADSTER PONY

1. Open Pony not to exceed 12.2 hands.
2. Pony Championship.

WALKING HORSE DIVISION (*Inactive*)

1. Model.
2. Plantation Pleasure Horse.
3. Plantation Pleasure Horse Championship.
4. Two-Gait Pleasure Horse.
5. Two-Gait Pleasure Horse Championship.

WELSH PLEASURE PONY DIVISION (*Inactive*)

1. Driving.
2. Driving Championship.
3. Under Saddle.
4. Under Saddle Championship.

PLEASURE DIVISION (*Inactive*)

16. Pleasure Driving
- g. Carriage Horse & Pony.
18. Trail Horse.
  - a. English.
  - b. Western.
  - c. Open.

# MHC “Days of Champions”

## Past Medal Winners

### Junior Hunt Seat Medal

2024	Lea Munoz	2002	Kiera S. Piscia
2023	Anna Leighton	2001	Katelyn Denby
2022	Morgan E. McCarthy	2000	Jordan Bate
2021	Eleanor Pieters	1999	Sara Wyrzes
2020	Blake D. Rowan	1998	Sarah B. Willeman
2019	Miles Holman	1997	Jenna Kieley
2018	Sarah E. Hyde	1996	Nin Arieta
2017	Katherine Delagarza	1995	Jaime Waight
2016	Emma Fletcher	1994	Erica Keany
2015	Kika Duffy	1993	Haley Vaughn
2014	Hannah Patten	1992	Jessica Karp
2013	Jordan Stiller	1991	Amanda Steege
2012	Sarah Kieran	1990	Alex Warriner
2011	Haley White	1989	Kristen Bumpus
2010	Danielle Reny	1988	Kathleen Bell
2009	Andrea Robbins	1987	Holly Himstead
2008	Natalie Crane	1986	Julie Chandler
2007	Samantha Smith	1985	Danielle Kesten
2006	Amanda Powers	1984	Kara Flynn
2005	Mathew Metell	1983	Kate Chope
2004	Chelsae Keyes	1982	Nicole Najarian
2003	Audrey Banks		

### Junior Mini-Medal

2024	Leila Alencar	2007	Colby Wood
2023	Finley Matos	2006	Devon Wood
2022	Madison McHugh	2005	Jackie Snyder
2021	Morgan E. McCarthy	2004	Alexa Bayko
2020	Isabel Hunt	2003	Natalee Rolince
2019	Gwendolyn H. Romiza	2002	Victoria C. Birdsall
2018	Anna Leighton	2001	Suzanne Snyder
2017	Amira Kettaneh	2000	Lauren Gibbs
2016	Annalise Manoog	1999	Kendall Bate
2015	Meghan Keliher	1998	Berit Barr
2014	Miles Holman	1997	Dyanna Rucco
2013	Emma Fletcher	1996	Erin Gibbs
2012	Samantha Hamzavi	1995	Erin Barnicle
2011	Kendra Gierkink	1994	Susanna Fogel
2010	Katherine Johnson	1993	Kristen Stanley
2009	Devon MacLeod	1992	Louise Sinkler
2008	Alison Healy		

### **Adult Hunt Seat Medal 18-30**

2024	Izabel Fugman	2007	Amanda Powers
2023	Madeline A. Ahern	2006	Natalie Cooper
2022	Caitlin C. Geary	2005	Dyanna Rucco
2021	Mariel Saccucci	2004	Brooke Markowitz
2020	Jessica Oswald	2003	Nicole Simkins
2019	Casey Zuraitis	2002	Deirdre Catani
2018	Carolyn Lavin	2001	Jean Ladouceur
2017	Allison Healy	2000	Cate Wagner
2016	Hannah Brown	1999	Cynthia Hybels Johnson
2015	Sophie P. Allen	1998	Ermily Unger
2014	Alexandra S. Croteau	1997	Erin Renfroe
2013	Sarah Broadbent	1996	Suzanne Guerette
2012	Alexa Bayko	1995	Tracy Howe
2011	Abby Cook	1994	Erin Renfroe
2010	Devon Poeta	1993	Julia Hardy
2009	Caroline Hughes	1992	Stephanie Kapstein
2008	Karlie Buck		

### **Adult Hunt Seat Medal Over 30**

2024	Joanna Johnson	2007	Mary Davis
2023	Mariela Saccucci	2006	Cynthia Stiglitz
2022	Kaede Nowakowski	2005	Sean Rogers
2021	Carolyn Lavin	2004	Amy Cooper
2020	Julia Gildea	2003	Nancy DiGregorio
2019	Kelsey G Leerkes	2002	Brooke DeAngelis
2018	Melissa B. Welch	2001	Linette Dooley
2017	Robin Harkins	2000	Deirdre DePrisco
2016	Kristina Lyons	1999	Anne Holman
2015	Sarah J. Wyrzes	1998	Marjorie Sidman
2014	Rosalie Giordano	1997	Jill Martin
2013	Cady Z. Bickford	1996	Thomas Andreozzi
2012	Laura Kadane	1995	Sarah Katz
2011	Carolyn Lackey	1994	Cindy Cleaves
2010	Spencer Saltonstall	1993	Jacqueline Strittmatter
2009	Wendy Wood	1992	Noreen Fitzgerald
2008	Kim Bullock		

### **Adult Hunt Seat Mini Medal**

2024	Emily Larson	2021	Erica Monteith
2023	Carrie Bennett	2020	Cheryl Smith
2022	Molly Gordon		

# Special Banquet Awards

## Person of the Year

2008	Felicia Knowles	2014	Susan Couper
2009	Sally Hill	2015	John Dougherty
2010	Carol LaRose	2018	Sandy Crowe
2011	Mike Travers		
2013	Debby Tate		

## Lifetime Achievement

2008	Joe Lombard	2015	Steve Lampson
2009	Cora Snow	2017	Bill Ritchie
2011	Marty Fairbanks	2018	Kathy & Mitch Steege
2013	Fred Hunt	2019	Joan & Tom Hern
2014	Dorothy Potter	2024	Felicia Knowles

## Lifetime Members

Aurelie A Iger  
Jordan Bate  
Carolyn Blaeser  
Elizabeth Blaeser  
Annae Blizniak  
Gerald Briggs  
Lynne Briggs  
Eleanor Bright  
Kim Bruce  
Morgan Budovsky  
Kim Bullock  
Cathy Carlos  
Terese Cefaioli  
Phyllis Cervelli  
Thomas Cervelli  
Mary Chase  
Katie Chester  
Katherine Chope  
Nancy Ciesluk  
Molly Cikacz  
Haley Ciriello  
Rachel Clawson  
Scott Clawson  
Linda Clawson  
Rebecca Clawson  
Joy Collins  
Sophie Coppedge  
Alexandra Cotreau  
Susan Couper  
Sandra Crowe  
Jennifer Cunio  
Brittany Cunnane  
Shannon Cunnane  
Joyce Currie  
Brooke DeAngelis  
Patricia DeLong  
Christine Desimone  
Alicia Donahue  
Emma Dooley  
Johanna Dougherty  
Kara Dougherty  
John Dougherty  
Bridgit Douglas  
Dorothy Douglas  
Elizabeth Ekberg  
Lauren Elliott  
Marty Fairbanks  
Taryn Fall  
Marilyn Feeney  
Janna Flynn  
Kasha Fonzo  
Cynthia Foster  
Tina Geoghegan  
Lauren Gibbs  
Jennifer Gilbert-Duffy  
Sara Gladstone  
Kathy Beck Gobes  
Victoria Goodson  
Ali Goodson  
Amber Goodwin  
Catherine Grady  
Jojo Gutfarb  
Kathleen Haas-Ogonowski  
Jennifer Hannan  
Patricia Harnois  
Megan Hawkes-Romiza  
Geraldine Herman  
Sally Hill  
Lauren Horth  
Pamela Hunt  
Fredrick Hunt  
Monica Hunt  
Cara Incandela  
Danielle Johnson  
Emma Casey Jones  
Meghan Keene  
Laura Kennedy  
Elizabeth Kenny  
Catherine Kenny  
Michael Keough  
Lilias Ketterson  
Felicia Knowles  
Renee Kwok  
Sarah Lambert  
Steven Lampson  
Carol LaRose  
Joseph Lombard  
Heather Ludwig  
Lyla Maguire-Khoei  
Suzanne Mandeville  
Allyson Marrinan  
Douglas Massey  
Lorraine Mavrogeorge  
Philip Mccallion  
Theresa Mcguire  
Julia Mckown  
Marnie Mclagan  
Paula Miloglav-Recco  
Sheila Murphy  
Kimberly Nicholson  
Casey Norton  
Julie O'Donnell  
Patricia O'Neil  
Alexandra Peak  
Faith Perini  
Robin Petersen  
Ashley Peterson  
Melissa Price  
Jeffrey Price  
Jessica Price  
Karen Quirk  
Ruthie Rawding  
Lise Revers  
Annabell Revers  
Lily Ridgley  
Bill Ritchie  
Jessica Roberts  
Jordan Rochna  
Gwendolyn Romiza  
Kenna Rooney  
Danielle Runions  
Lily Ruis  
Judith Ryan  
Jay Sargent  
Rebekah Scharfe  
Gisella Schmidt  
Doris Schmidt  
Anne Sibson  
Marjorie Sidman  
Tattie Singer  
Nancy Smith  
Reeve Sobol  
Louisa Spofford  
Kathy Steege  
Mitch Steege  
Sara Sullivan  
F. Bette Sullivan  
Catherine Sun  
Nicholas Sun  
Taylor Svenconis  
Jenny Swanson  
Lisa Tacconi  
Deborah Tate  
Jenna Kieley Teeson  
Nicole Terry  
Grace Thames  
Julianna Thorpe  
Kim Ann Timmons  
Sandy Timmons  
Stacie Yellen Tobin  
Joan Travers  
Mike Travers  
Tegan E. Treacy  
Lisa Valone  
Pamela Varriale  
Christine Varriale  
Nancy Venezia  
Cate Wagner  
Carolyn Weeks  
Emily White  
Haley White  
Alexandra White  
Caroline Willis  
Sara Wytzres  
Mimi Zahavi

## MHC Scholarship Awards

### Dorothy Potter Scholarship

2019	Morgan Stevens	2011	Christina Couper	2005	Amy LaRose
2018	Alyx Podgurski	2011	Nicole Barberio	2005	Katie Bobola
2017	Sophie Johnston	2010	Kate LaRose	2004	Amy LaRose
2017	Morgan Stevens	2009	Amanda D'Entremont	2003	Chelsea Musto
2015	Danielle Cammarano	2009	Alicia Ahola	2003	Laura B. Nixon
2014	David Wise	2008	Kate LaRose	2001	Rebecca Fish
2013	Christina Couper	2007	Laura Pola	2000	Lindsay George
2013	David Wise	2006	Amy LaRose		
2012	Christina Couper	2006	Jennifer Roberts		

### Dorothy Potter Scholarship Honorable Mention

2012	Nicole Barberio	2012	David Wise
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### Board of Governor's Scholarship

2018	Dominika Silvestry	2009	Phoebe Hersh
2015	Jenna Frasca	2008	Amanda D'Entremont
2015	Chole Howes	2007	Kate LaRose
2013	Caitlin Shea	2006	Stephanie Perry
2012	Alexandra Barros	2005	Jennifer Roberts
2011	David Wise	2004	Julie Letourneau
2010	Nicole Barberio		

### The Sambuca Memorial Scholarship

2019	Morgan Stevens
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## 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.

*Members must be active by May of the year applying.* Scholarship policies and applications are available on-line at [www.mahorsecouncil.com](http://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 who is currently a high school senior, and has been accepted to a college or equine related trade school. Deadline for application is June 1st.

**The Sambuca Memorial Scholarship** - \$500.00 - Are you pursuing a career in a veterinary area? Whether it be small or large animals, vet tech or a certain specialized area. You must be a junior or adult MHC member to qualify. This scholarship is donated by April Bilodeau in memory of her horse Sambuca.

## FINES

Failure to submit proposed prize list 45 days prior to show .....	\$50.00
<i>Judges and Stewards listing fine</i> .....	<i>2nd Offence \$75.00</i>
(page 5 Section 1/E)	
Failure to make corrections to prize list .....	First Offence \$50.00
.....	<i>Seconded Offence \$75.00</i>
(page 5 Section 1/E)	
Failure to show proof of show's insurance .....	\$250.00
(page 6 Section A & B) .....	<i>2nd Offence \$500.00</i>
.....	<i>3rd Offence Loss of Affiliation for 1 year</i>
Failure to supply judges with scorecards with printed specs .....	\$50.00
(page 6 Section A3)	
A judge or steward under contract, not showing up to officiate .....	\$250.00
(page 7 Section B)	
<i>Show found not having a Steward during show</i> .....	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>Steward report late</i> .....	<i>\$50.00</i>
(page 7 Section 2B)	
Failure to submit a prizelist, complete class results with exact number of entries in each class, within 7 days .....	\$250.00
(page 8 Section 2/G)	
Show going over 12 hours .....	\$250.00
(page 8 Section 2/I).....	<i>2nd Offence \$500.00</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
.....	<i>Family \$35.00</i>
.....	<i>Lifetime \$500.00</i>
Horse/Pony Point Registration .....	\$10.00

**THERE WILL BE A SERVICE CHARGE OF \$50.00 ADDED TO THE AMOUNT DUE ON EACH AND EVERY RETURNED CHECK.**



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