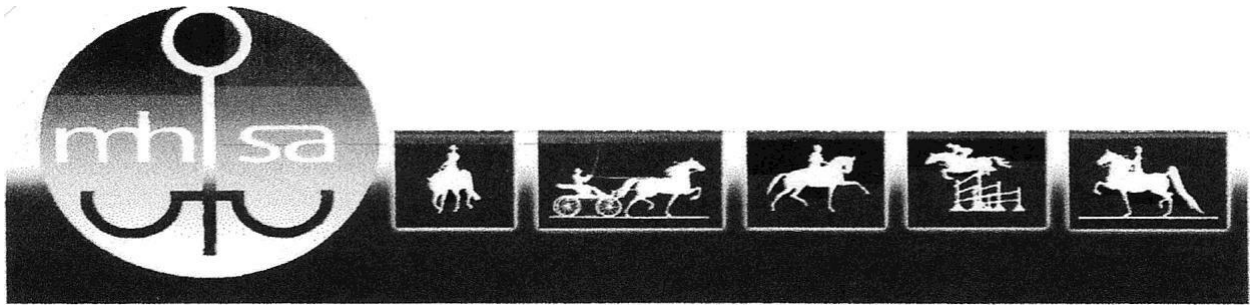


MISSOURI HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION
2015 – 2017 Rulebook



2015-2017 MHSA RULES

Introduction

Each member of the Missouri Horse Shows Association and all show managers and secretaries should read and become well acquainted with the information contained in the following pages.

These rules and all revisions thereto are available at the MHSA website:

www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org

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Part I: Bylaws and Constitution

The MHSA Constitution and Bylaws are on file with the Missouri State Secretary of State's Office. They can be accessed through that office and are available upon written request to the MHSA Executive Secretary.

Part II: Membership

Section 1. The following memberships are available in the Missouri Horse Shows Association.

Life Membership, one-time payment

Family Membership*

Individual Membership

Junior Membership

College Student Membership **

Horse Nomination (per Horse)

Equitation Nomination (per Rider)

Junior/Young Rider Nomination (Dressage Division)

Amateur Adult Nomination (Dressage Division)

*A Family is defined as no more than two adults and all children living in the same household.

**A College Student is defined as a student who is enrolled full time in a college or university.

Section 2. The above dues are payable upon application for membership in the MHSA.

Missouri Horse Shows Association members are strongly encouraged to become members of the USEF. USEF membership applications may be obtained by applying directly to the United States Equestrian Federation, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, Ky. 40511-8483, or by applying online at <http://www.usef.org>.

Part III: MHSA Councils

Section 1. There are four MHSA Councils: Hunter/Jumper Council, Show Horse and Pony Council, Dressage/Eventing Council and Youth Council.

Section 2. The purpose of the Councils is to foster and promote the best interests of all members and competitions within the named division.

Section 3. To adopt regulations and policies, subject to approval of the MHSA executive board, for the benefit of the disciplines, regarding MHSA rules, for implementing year-end awards and for the governance of the council.

Section 4. Officers and members of the MHSA Councils: The chair and co-chair of the MHSA Councils must be current MHSA board members and will be responsible for the oversight of the council. Members of the council will consist of other members of the MHSA board and regional representatives appointed by the chair. The regional representatives will serve as liaisons between exhibitors in their area and the council.

Section 5. The MHSA Councils will promote the holding of meetings/forums or canvas its members to review, propose and submit recommended rule changes. If ratified by the Council, these recommended rule changes will be presented to the MHSA board for review and approval.

Section 6. Each council will recommend to the MHSA nomination committee representatives for the board of directors.

Part IV: Nomination of Horses and Equitation Riders

Section 1. A horse is eligible for the annual point system awards upon payment of the nomination fee by a member of MHSA for the division in which the horse is going to compete. Riders wishing to be considered for an annual equitation award must be members of the MHSA and must pay the equitation nomination fee. Horses utilized only in equitation classes do not have to be nominated.

Section 2. In order to receive full points for all member shows during the competition season, horses and equitation riders must be nominated and dues paid by March 1st of the current show season. Horses and riders nominated after March 1st will receive points from the date of nomination only. Horses and riders nominated at a horse show are eligible for the points earned at that horse show.

Section 3. Applications from exhibitors who nominate at horse shows should be received by the MHSA Membership Secretary within two weeks following that show. Exhibitors are encouraged to check the MHSA website (www.missourihorseshowsassociation.org) to be sure their nominations are posted. If they see that their nominations are not posted, they are encouraged to contact the MHSA Membership Secretary at membershipsecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org.

Section 3. In the event a horse changes ownership after the start of the current competition season, the horse's accumulated points will be credited to the new owner, provided the new owner is a member in good standing of the MHSA, or joins the organization within ten days after the purchase of said horse. If the new owner is not a member or does not join within ten days, the points will remain with the seller. Any owner change or name change of the horse must be submitted in writing to the membership secretary and the division point secretary. Horse nominations are not transferable from one horse to another.

Section 4. Maiden, Novice and Limit classes are open to horses or riders which have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively at MHSA recognized competitions. Ribbons won in one-horse classes do not count in reckoning the maiden, novice or limit status of either horse and/or rider/driver in any division.

Part V: Member Shows

Section 1. Competition memberships are open to competitions held in Missouri, and states contiguous to Missouri. Shows held in Indiana are eligible for competition membership for Hunter/Jumper points.

Section 2. Competition membership fees are as follows:

One-Day Horse Show	\$25
Two-Day Horse Show	\$50
Three-Day or More Horse Show	\$75
All Eventing Competitions	\$25

Subsequent horse shows in a series are allowed a \$10 discount per show for Two-Day and Three-Day or More Horse Shows only. There is no discount for One-Day Horse Shows. A 'series' is defined as shows held on different dates that are under the same horse show management and bear the same horse show name. Each show will be considered a separate entity for purposes of point calculation and award eligibility.

Double point show fees are double the membership fee for that show. Dressage and Eventing shows are not eligible for Double Points.

Show memberships are not transferrable. *There is no refund of the fee for a canceled horse show membership.* The prizelist of the competition may be posted on the MHSA website, (send the prize list in digital format to showmembership@missourihorseshowsassociation.org).

Fees are payable to the show member secretary at least thirty days prior to the date of the show. Shows nominated less than 30 days prior to the show date must pay double the show nomination fee. To reserve a show date from a previous year, the show management must register the show with the Show Membership Secretary by January 15th. Under no circumstance will shows be granted recognition after the competition has been held.

Section 3. MHSA must be named on the horse show's Liability Insurance Policy. A current copy of the Certificate of Insurance must be sent to the Show Membership secretary before the beginning of the show.

Section 4. Competition management is advised to pay show membership fees as early as possible to secure show dates and to benefit from publication in the MHSA's show calendar which is published on the MHSA website.

Section 5. Two shows occurring on the same day(s) may not both be recognized by MHSA unless they are more than 100 miles apart. In case of conflict, the competition that first requested the date will be given priority. If both competitions requested the date at the same time, the show that has used the date previously will be given priority.

Section 6. USEF rules have precedence and any classes not covered by MHSA rules shall be governed by USEF rules.

Section 7. Competitions may have "local" or "closed" classes. These classes are designated by the show management to be open to horses owned, trained and maintained within a certain locality within a particular time frame. These classes DO NOT receive MHSA points.

Section 8. Competition management should provide space on entry blanks for horse's identity, name, sex, color, height, age, eligibility for the class, registered or recorded number, exhibitor's name and address and owner's name and address. The entry blank should show a statement to the effect that any misrepresentation about an entry shall result in the exhibitor's forfeiture of any ribbon, trophy, cash prize or other award won by such misrepresented or substituted animal and shall render the exhibitor liable for further penalty.

Section 9. It is recommended that each member show appoint a Competition Committee which will be present during the competition and which will be responsible for the enforcement of the rules. All controversial matters shall be referred to the MHSA Rules Committee whose decision shall be final. Each member competition should have a Competition Manager, at least one Secretary, qualified judges, and other necessary personnel such as a ring steward, a gate person and an announcer as applicable. A farrier, medical personnel, and a veterinarian should be present or on call.

Section 10. The names and addresses of the judge(s) shall be declared in advance, and should appear on the prize list.

Section 11. It must be stated on the prize list that the point competition is an MHSA recognized competition. Should a show neglect to state its membership with MHSA, no points will be awarded for this show. Results should be kept for one year.

Section 12. Following the competition, show results must be sent to the appropriate Point Secretary within 10 days of the conclusion of the show. A prize list or premium book should accompany competition results. Hunter/Jumper show results should indicate the number of

entrants in the first over-fences class in each division. Results should include class numbers, horse's name, owner's name, rider's name and age, along with class placing.

Section 13. No points will be awarded for classes added at a horse show. The MHSA Horse Show Membership Secretary (showmembership@missourihorsheshowsassociation.org) must be notified not less than 5 days prior to the show start date if there are classes to be added to the original show bill. This does not pertain to split classes, nor to championship classes offered for those already on the show bill. Notification of added classes will be posted on the MHSA website by the Show Membership Secretary upon receipt of such information from show management.

Part VI: Conduct of Competitions

Section 1. The competition judge is obligated to judge each class in conformity with the rules and specifications for that class as it appears in this rulebook and the USEF rulebook. He/she is expected to be proficient in his/her division and to possess a thorough knowledge of the applicable rules. If a class is not judged according to these rules, the award winners will not receive MHSA points.

Section 2. All entries must be accepted on the same basis in any class. It is not permissible for a show to accord free entries or free transportation or other expenses to one exhibitor and not to another. No undue influence should be used to cause an exhibitor to show at a member competition.

Section 3. There may be no substitution of riders or drivers once exhibitors have entered the show arena except in case of injury or illness to the original rider or driver.

Section 4. An amateur exhibitor, for competition purposes, is one who rides or drives for the love of the sport. A junior exhibitor is an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday as of December 1st of the current competition year. A young rider is an individual 15 to 21 years of age as of December 1st of the previous year. Persons born on that date assume the greater age on that date. The age of the individual on December 1st will be maintained throughout the entire competition year.

Section 5. The competition committee of any show may reserve the right of declining to receive an entry and to return any fee before the opening of the competition. They shall have the right, without being liable for compensation or damages, to prohibit any person from attending or showing a horse in the ring, and to remove any stable employee or horses and tack from the competition grounds.

Section 6. The competition committee of each show may reserve the right to cancel any of the classes which do not fill or have less than the required number of horses entered for a class, as stated on its entry form. The competition committee may also reserve the right to divide or combine any class or classes should the best interests of the show require it. The judge may hold preliminary trials in order to reduce the number of riders for final competition.

Section 7. Offering of prize money in equitation classes is forbidden.

Section 8. Competitors are responsible for full payment of all show fees. If a competitor fails to satisfy his/her debt at the time of the show or has a check returned due to insufficient funds, the MHSA's legal counsel will issue written notice to the competitor of their obligation toward the show. The competitor is then required to submit to the MHSA, within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice, a cashier's check or money order sent by certified mail. Upon failure to remit the required monies, the MHSA will 1) ban the competitor from participation in any MHSA recognized competition until full payment is made; 2) inform all MHSA show managers and

secretaries that, under MHSA rules, they are not to accept the competitor's entries until full payment has been made; and 3) take other actions, including civil remedies, deemed necessary by the MHSA's legal counsel.

Section 9. Any question not covered by the rules of this Corporation or the rules of the USEF shall be decided by the directors of the show at which it arises. Such decisions by a competition committee may be reviewable by the board of directors of the corporation. Competition committees are cautioned not to make use of the authority here granted unless completely certain that the rule book does not cover the points in question.

Part VII: Regulations Governing Judges

Section 1. It is recommended that judges for member shows not reside within a 50-mile radius of the show.

Section 2. It is recommended that a judge not adjudicate at more than one member show within a radius of 100 miles within a 60-day period.

Section 3. A judge may not be an exhibitor, rider, driver, steward or manager at any show at which he/she is officiating.

Section 4. A judge may not adjudicate at any show in which a member of his /her family or clients of a member of his /her family, or any of his /her horses are competing.

Section 5. No horse may be shown before a judge that has been sold or leased by said judge or by his/her employer within a period of 30 days prior to the show.

Section 6. No one may show before a judge who has received or has contracted to receive remuneration for the sale, purchase or lease of any horse to or from, or for the account of said person within a period of 30 days prior to the show unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction.

Section 7. No one may show before a judge who boards, rides, or trains (for competition purposes) any horse under said person's ownership or lease within a period of 90 days prior to the show. Stud fees are excluded.

Section 8. No one may show before a judge who has remunerated said person for the board or training of any horse for competition purposes within a period of 90 days prior to the show. Stud fees are excluded.

Section 9. No rider may compete in an equitation class before a judge with whom his parents, guardian or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the instruction, sale, lease, board or training of a horse within 90 days of the date of the show unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction.

Section 10. At any Missouri Horse Shows Association competition, which is also an USEF competition, USEF rules shall prevail.

Part VIII: Interruption of Procedure

Section 1. In the event that a show is stopped while in progress due to a storm or other emergency, the decision as to its continuance is to rest with the discretion of the Competition Committee.

Section 2. A class in operation at the time of the stopping of a show must cease, and no placements involving point system awards are to be made.

Section 3. If a class in which horses compete together is stopped while in progress due to storm, accident or other emergency, the class, when recommenced shall be held over in its entirety and

no consideration is to be given to the performance during the original session. Dressage classes may recommence at the point that the show was stopped.

Part IX: Drugs and Medications

Section 1. The Missouri Horse Shows Association abides by the Drugs and Medications Rules of the USEF. No horse is to be shown in any class at a competition recognized by the MHSA if it has been administered in any manner any forbidden substance except as provided by the applicable rules of the USEF.

Part X: Cruelty

Section 1. Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse by any person at a member show is forbidden, constitutes a violation, and renders the offender subject to penalty. The competition committee shall bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the show upon finding of cruelty or abuse. It shall be the duty of the show officials and any properly constituted humane organization to report to the corporation any person who indulges in this practice for such further action as may be deemed appropriate.

Part XI: Protests

Section 1. A protest may be made by an exhibitor concerning an alleged violation of a rule or condition of a class.

Section 2. A protest or charge must state the full name and address of the accused and contain a complete and definite statement of the acts that constitute the alleged violation. Precise details must be prepared to substantiate the protest or charge by personal testimony at a hearing of the competition committee or by sworn statements, witnesses, or other evidence.

Section 3. A protest must be in writing, signed and addressed to the secretary of the show, and accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00, made payable to the Missouri Horse Shows Association. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. In case the protest is sustained, if the protested horse was in the ribbons, the entry standing next in award status shall be moved up. The deposit is returned if the protest is sustained.

Section 4. The secretary of the show must immediately refer all protests to the Rules Committee of the Missouri Horse Shows Association.

Section 5. The soundness of a horse, when determined by an official veterinarian of the show or by a judge, is not open to protest.

Section 6. A judge's decision, representing his/her individual preference, is not open to protest unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules.

Section 7. A protest with respect to the height of a horse or the length of a horse's foot may only be made to the competition committee of the show. Re-measurement shall take place immediately so that there will be no change in height by reshoeing. The decision of the show officials is not be revisable by this association.

Part XII: Violations and Penalties

Section 1. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to a judge, or to any official of the corporation, or to the USEF, or to a member show, by an owner, exhibitor, his/her agent, employee, rider, driver, stable manager or groom, or by the husband or wife or other close relative of such competitor or exhibitor, shall be deemed to constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of

the corporation. Upon request of the secretary or any member of the competition committee, the rules committee shall have the power to disbar from showing at any member show any or all horses from the stable concerned, for such period of time as they may determine the offense warrants. The exhibitor shall also lose all points earned for the present show season. All member shows will be immediately notified of such action taken by the rules committee.

Section 2. The MHSA will honor all USEF penalties under the provisions outlined by USEF. Any MHSA member show that fails to honor USEF penalties after being duly notified of same shall be fined the sum of \$100.00 and shall be ineligible for show membership until such time as the fine has been paid.

PART XIII: Year-End Awards

Section 1. The Missouri Horse Shows Association offers yearly awards under the regulations set forth below. The Year-End Awards are presented at the annual Celebration of Champions. The purpose of these awards is to encourage participation at MHSA recognized shows. It certifies that the horses winning the awards, or the equitation riders winning awards, acquired the greatest number of points during the given year at member shows of the association.

Section 2. Awards will be presented to the owners of those horses, and riders in the equitation classes, earning the six highest standings in divisions and classes listed in the current rule book.

Section 3. EXHIBITORS WHOSE POINTS ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SUBMIT A RECORD OF EACH HORSE'S AND RIDER'S WINNINGS TO THE APPROPRIATE POINT SECRETARY BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 FOR COMPARISON TO OFFICIAL SHOW RECORDS.

Section 4. Standings for Year-End Awards will be computed in accordance with the following general regulations:

- A. The point secretary will use every care to achieve accuracy in computing the standings, but neither the secretary nor the association will be liable for the failure of any member show to file the results of their show, nor for errors or omissions in the marking thereof, nor responsible beyond the point of accuracy in computing the final standings from the results submitted by the proper authorities of each show.
- B. Only those points earned at member shows conducted under the rules and regulations of the association will be included in reckoning the standings. Refer to Dressage Division rules for the exception to this section.
- C. The cumulative score earned by any horse or pony shall be retained in case of transfer of ownership, providing the new owner is a member or joins the association within ten (10) days after purchase of said horse. If the new owner is not a member and does not join, the points shall remain with the seller. Any owner change or name change of horse MUST be submitted in writing to the membership secretary and the respective division's point secretary.

Section 5. The owner of any entry, or the rider in equitation classes, shall be a member of the Association and the horse shall be nominated by March 1st in order to receive full points for the show season. When a member joins and a nomination is made after March 1st, points will accrue only from the date of joining and nominating and no points shall be accrued from shows before this date.

Section 6. When determining year-end standings, the horse or equitation rider accruing the highest number of points in its classification at member shows held throughout the calendar year shall be considered the winner; the entry scoring the next highest number of points shall be

awarded second place; next highest, third place; next highest, fourth place; next highest, fifth place; next highest, sixth place. Duplicate awards will be given in case of ties.

Section 7. In order to be eligible for an award, a horse or rider must have placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and/or 8th in an approved point class at two separate member shows, except where division rules specify otherwise.

Section 8. Maiden, Novice and Limit classes are open to horses or riders which have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively at MHSA recognized competitions. Ribbons won in one-horse classes do not count in reckoning the maiden, novice or limit status of either horse and/or rider/driver in any division. Points are not awarded in Maiden, Novice nor Limit classes.

Section 9. Points will not count in classes where the class description is worded improperly on prize lists and/or show bills. If the intent of show management can be construed from the wording of the prize list, points will be awarded. The prize list and/or show bill, which has been mailed to and received by exhibitors prior to the show, shall be the prize list and/or show bill recognized for point tabulation.

Section 10. No points will be awarded for classes added at a horse show. The MHSA Horse Show Membership Secretary (showmembership@missourihorseshowassociation.org) must be notified not less than 5 days prior to the show start date if there are classes to be added to the original show bill. This does not pertain to split classes, nor to championship classes offered for those already on the show bill. Notification of added classes will be posted on the MHSA website by the Show Membership Secretary upon receipt of such information from show management.

Part XIV: Show Awards

Section 1. All member shows shall be eligible to receive recognition for excellence as determined by ballot submitted to the association membership. Shows shall be recognized as: Competition of the Year - the show in each category receiving the highest vote tally; or Star Shows - those shows receiving the next highest number of votes.

Section 2. Categories:

Hunter/Jumper:

- One or Two Day Shows
- Three or Four Day Shows
- Five Day or more Shows

Show Horse/Ponies:

- One Day Shows
- Two and Three Day Shows
- Four Days or More Shows

Dressage:

- USEF/USDF Recognized Shows
- Schooling Shows

Eventing

- Events
- Combined Tests

Part XV: MHSA Website

www.missourihorseshowsassociation.org

The MHSA Website is designed to be a tool to allow the organization to disseminate information to its members and to be a resource for all horse enthusiasts to find any horse-related services within the MHSA area. The Stable Directory provides a listing of the stables that provide training, boarding, breeding, sales and instruction in equine-related disciplines. The Marketplace is designed to match equine-related goods and services with people who need them.

Interactive sections of the website allow query-able searching, providing a more efficient, timely and cost-effective method of sharing information. The website is both a resource and a tool to educate and foster participation in our industry.

HUNTER DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Hunter Year-End Awards

Section 1. Points will be given in the following classes (class titles at horse shows should be identical to the ones listed below) provided that the horse has been nominated for points and that the owner is a member of the MHSA. In order to be eligible for an award, a horse must have placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and/or 8th at least two times in an approved point class offered by a Member show. All divisions under the Hunter/Jumper section will receive points for placing 1st through 8th. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the correct name for the horse as it appears on the nomination form is utilized throughout the show season. The point secretary is not responsible for incorrect information being received from horse shows.

Section 2. Maiden, Novice and Limit classes are open to horses or riders which have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively at MHSA recognized competitions. Ribbons won in one-horse classes do not count in reckoning the maiden, novice or limit status of either horse and/or rider/driver in any division.

Section 3. The point system utilized is as follows:

	USEF Rated Shows	MHSA Rated Shows
1st Place	10 points	6 points
2nd Place	6 points	5 points
3rd Place	4 points	4 points
4th Place	2 points	3 points
5th Place	1 point	2 point
6th Place	1 point	1 point
7th Place	1/2 point	1/2 point
8th Place	1/2 point	1/2 point

Section 3. End of the year awards will be given in the following divisions. If nominations warrant, the divisions will be subdivided into the categories indicated in parentheses.

- Performance Hunter (High, 3'6"-4; Low, 3-3'3")
- Green Working Hunter
- Pre-Green Hunter (3', 3'3")
- Amateur Owner Hunter (age groups 18-35, & 36 & over)
- Adult Amateur Hunter (age groups 18-35, & 36 & over)
- Adult Hunter I & II
- Junior Hunter (Small, Large 3-3'3"; 3'6")
- Pony Hunter (Small, Medium, Large)
- Green Pony Hunter
- Children's Hunter (13 & under, & 14-17)
- Children's Hunter Pony
- MHSA Hunter
- Open Hunter
- Low Hunter
- Schooling Hunter
- Novice Hunter
- Baby Green Hunter

- Cross Rail/Ground Pole Hunter
- Non-Pro Hunter
- Novice Children's Hunter
- Novice Adult Hunter
- Limit Rider Hunter (Adult and Child)
- Beginner Rider Hunter (Adult and Child)
- Short Stirrup Hunter
- Hunter Derby
- Opportunity Equitation
- Opportunity Hunter

Section 4. All questions and inquiries into points and standings should be directed to the MHSAs Hunter Jumper Point Secretary at hunterjumperpointsecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org

Part II: Class Specifications for MHSAs Recognized Hunters

Section 1. GENERAL: USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSAs competitions except as noted below. Fifty percent or more of the obstacles must be at least the required height and none may be more than 2" over, except in Performance Hunter classes where obstacles must be no more than 2" under (exception: brush obstacle, ditch or bank). Entering a class "Hors de Concours" is not allowed. See USEF Rule 1510. If there are not three horses to fill a Performance Hunter class, it should be combined with the Green Hunter. When there are 20 or more entries in the division, it is recommended that show management split the division. Refer to USEF rules for specifications for High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Working Hunter, Green Hunter, Amateur Owner Hunter, Junior Hunter, Pony Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, and Children's Hunter.

Section 2. MHSAs HUNTER DIVISIONS:

Pre-Green Hunter: Is a horse of any age that has never shown in a recognized USEF Regular Member or Local Member show over fences 3'6" or higher. Cross entry: A horse may show in the Pre-Green Hunter Section of an USEF Zone VII Recognized Competition for no more than two years. Management may offer Pre-Green Hunter 3' and/or Pre-Green Hunter 3'3". If management offers both sections of Pre-Green Hunter, exhibitors may enter either section, but not both sections. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence heights 3'0" and/or 3'3"; spreads not to exceed height of fence.

Adult Amateur Hunter: Is a horse or pony; to be ridden by an Amateur no longer eligible to compete as a Junior exhibitor. Fence height 3'-3'3".

Cross Entry: The same rider/horse (pony) combination may not compete at the same show in any class (equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'3". The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/mount are eligible. The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except Amateur Owner Hunter. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3 to 3'3" (see above regarding sections), spread not to exceed fence height. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, and suitability of mount to rider. Entries are required to jog for soundness at the discretion of the judge. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

Children's Hunter I&II: Is a horse or pony; to be ridden and handled in all phases of competition, by Junior exhibitors. Two sections are available; Ch I : fence heights 2'6" – 2'9" and Ch II : fence heights 2'9"- 3'.

Cross entry: The same rider/horse (pony) combination may not compete at the same show in any class (equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'3". The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider and mount are eligible. The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except Junior Hunter. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'9" to 3', spread not to exceed fence height. Courses will not be adjusted for ponies. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, and suitability of mount to rider. Entries are required to jog for soundness at the discretion of the judge.

THE ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER SECTIONS MAY BE COMBINED IF WARRANTED BY LACK OF ENTRIES (i.e. LESS THAN 4 ENTRIES IN EITHER SECTION).

Children's Hunter Pony: Is a pony to be ridden by a Junior exhibitor with no other age restrictions applicable.

Cross entry: Rider and/or pony may enter any equitation classes. The combination pony/rider is not eligible for USEF rated classes at the same show. Either the pony or the rider (separately) may compete in any other USEF rated class. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: Small ponies to be shown at 2', Medium Ponies at 2'3", and Large Ponies at 2'6"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, and suitability as a Children's Hunter. Ponies may be jogged for soundness at management's discretion.

MHSA Hunter: Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience, but only those recorded with the MHSA will receive points in the division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3'3"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

Open Hunter: Is open to all horses regardless of age or winnings. Fence heights are from 2'6" to 3'3". Horses are to be shown at their respective heights. All horses, regardless of height, will be judged together.

Low Hunter: Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2'-2'6", spreads not to exceed height of fence.

Schooling Hunter: Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2'; spreads not to exceed height of fence.

Adult Hunter I&II: Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience ridden by an adult. Course and Judging Specifications: Two sections are available: AAI-fence heights 2'6"-2'9" and AAI-fence heights 2'9"-3'. Spreads not to exceed height of fence.

Novice Hunter: Is a horse or pony of any age that has not won 6 blue ribbons over fences at any MHSA recognized show prior to Dec. 1st of the current showing year. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2'6"-3'; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

Baby Green Hunter: Is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing over fences. Cross entry: Baby Green Hunter section and Green Pony Hunter section may be combined if warranted by lack of entries (i.e. less than 4 entries in either section). Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2'-2'6"; spreads not to exceed height of fence.

Cross Rail/Ground Pole Hunter: Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience. Management may offer Ground Pole and/or Cross Rail divisions. Cross entry: If management

offers both divisions, exhibitors may enter both divisions. No mount/rider combination may cross enter into divisions over 2' at the same show. No mount/rider combination entered into ground poles may cross enter into divisions over 18" at the same show. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: maximum 18", ground poles and cross rails are recommended. Spread fences not allowed. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

Non-Pro Hunter: Is a horse or pony of any age ridden by a Junior or Amateur exhibitor. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'6" to 2'9"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

Novice Children's Hunter: Is any horse or pony shown by a Junior exhibitor who has never competed over fences in any class in which fence heights exceed 3'3". Cross entry: The same horse/rider combination may not cross enter Children's Hunter at the same show. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence Height: 2'9"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

Novice Adult Amateur Hunter: Is any horse or pony shown by an Amateur exhibitor no longer eligible to compete as a Junior who has never competed over fences in any class in which fence heights exceed 3'3". Cross entry: The same horse/rider combination may not cross enter into the Adult Amateur division at the same show. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'9"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

Limit Rider Hunter: Is a horse or pony shown by a rider of any age who has not won 6 blue ribbons over fences, including equitation classes, at any recognized MHSA show prior to December 1st of the current show year. Ribbons won over fences 2'3" or less in height do not affect the rider's status. Cross entry: Riders may cross enter other classes but may not show Limit after competing in classes 3'6" or higher. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'6"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

Beginner Rider Hunter: Is a horse or pony shown by a rider of any age who has not won three blue ribbons over fences at any recognized MHSA show prior to December 1st of the current show year. Equitation classes are included. Ribbons won in the Short Stirrup do not affect the rider's status. Cross entry: Riders may cross enter 2'6" classes but may not show beginner after competing in classes 3' or higher. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

Short Stirrup Hunter: Is a horse or pony of any age or showing experience ridden by a Junior exhibitor who has not reached their 12th birthday by December 1st of the current show year. A rider is only eligible to compete in this division for two years after their 9th birthday. Until then, there are no restrictions on the number of years a rider may compete in this division. Cross entry: The rider may compete in the short stirrup equitation division and any other 2' division. Once a rider has shown in any classes over fences higher than 2', (except 11 and under equitation), they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 18" to 2' Suggested courses consist of 8 fences with no change of direction and no combinations. Courses are not to be adjusted for ponies.

Hunter Derby: In a two-round format, the Classic Hunter Round (first round) will be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality and substance and movement. In addition, the Handy Hunter Round (second round) reflects brilliance of pace and handiness. In each round, after the judges' base score is given, one point will be added for each high-option fence jumped without major fault (i.e. refusal, knockdown), up to a maximum of four. Ribbons must be awarded 1st through 8th place. Formal attire for horse and rider is encouraged.

There is no limit to the number of horses a rider may compete on in this class. Horses competing in this class may cross enter into other divisions at the horse show.

Obstacles are reminiscent of the hunt field and must offer a variety of appearances, such as natural post and rail, stone wall, white board fence or gate, coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, brush, logs and natural foliage. Natural obstacles such as banks and ditches are allowed. The Handy Hunter Round should simulate riding over hunt country and incorporate options such as tight turns, clever options for jump approaches, hand galloping and trotting a fence. For appropriate fences no ground line is required. Flat cups may only be used for log fences. Fences need not be adjusted for ponies.

Fence heights to be offered are 2'6", 3', 3'3" with at least two higher-option fences set at 2'9", 3'3", 3'5" and judged as one class.

The Hunter Classic round must have a minimum of 10 obstacles offered. Bonus points offered in the first round are judged on hunter style, quality of movement and brilliance. A maximum of 10 bonus points may be awarded to each horse/rider combination. This score must be announced separately and added to the first round score.

The Handy Hunter round must have minimum of 8 obstacles offered and include a minimum of 2 of the following options: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, hand gallop a jump, a trot fence, halt and/or back and at least 2 higher option fences. This round judged on hunter style, quality movement and brilliance. A maximum of 10 bonus points may be awarded to each horse/rider combination for handiness of round and brilliance of pace. This score must be announced separately and added to the first round score.

Fence heights to be offered are 2'6", 3', 3'3" with at least two higher-option fences set at 2'9", 3'3", 3'5" and judged as one class.

The 25 highest scoring horse/rider combinations after the first round are eligible to return for the second round. The pair with the highest two-round score is declared the class winner. The top six to 8 horse/rider combinations are expected to ride for ribbons and prize money.

Opportunity Division: The Opportunity Division classes have been developed to create an educational ladder for the beginning competitor. Exhibitors in the Opportunity Division may not cross enter into any MHSA, MOHJO, or USEF rated classes. Opportunity Classes are open to non-professional riders of all ages. Riders who have participated in MHSA, MOHJO or USEF rated divisions/classes and/or Zone Point Classes are ineligible for Opportunity classes. Riders may cross enter into any of the Opportunity Classes.

To be judged on horsemanship, attributes of the rider. These attributes include, but are not limited to: control of mount, appropriate pace, steering, and effective position.

Trotting not penalized in crossrail classes. Manners to be emphasized and extreme speed will be penalized.

All Opportunity classes, both Equitation and Hunter, will be counted equally for Year End Awards. Rider must be a member of MHSA to be eligible for a year end award. Equitation fees will be waived for this division. Horses/ponies participating in Opportunity classes *only* are not required to be nominated.

Part III: Special Annual Hunter Awards

High Point Junior Award will be given at the end of each showing year at the annual awards banquet. The award will be given to the junior rider that has accumulated the most points in all hunter divisions that are open to juniors only. The points will be counted for the rider, not the horse. Divisions, which will count towards this award year-end, include Junior Hunter,

Children's Hunter I&II, Children's Hunter Pony, Novice Children's Hunter, Short Stirrup Hunter and age group equitation.

High Point Adult Hunter Award will be given at the end of each showing year at the annual awards banquet. The award will be given to the adult rider that has accumulated the most points in all hunter divisions that are open to adults only. The points will be counted for the rider, not the horse. Divisions which will count toward this award include Adult Hunter, Amateur Adult Hunter, Amateur Owner Hunter, Novice Adult Amateur Hunter and Adult equitation.

High Point Hunter Award will be given at the end of each showing year at the annual Celebration of Champions. The award will be given to the horse that has accumulated the most points in open MHSAs recognized hunter divisions. The points will be counted for the horse, not the rider. The divisions which will count toward this award include Performance Hunter, Green Working Hunter, Pre-Green Hunter, MHSAs Hunter, Open Hunter, Low Hunter and Hunter Derbies.

JUMPER DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSAs Jumper Year-End Awards

Section 1. End of the year awards will be given in the following divisions. If nominations warrant, the divisions will be divided.

- Novice Rider Jumper
- Novice Jumper
- Low Children's/Adult Jumper (1.05 meter and below)
- High Children's/Adult Jumper (1.05-1.15 meter)
- Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper (1.15+ meter)
- 0.70m and Under (2'3" and below)
- 0.75m to 0.80m (2'5"-2'7")
- 0.85m to 0.95m (2'9"-3'1")
- 1.00m-1.10m (3'3"-3'7")
- 1.15m and Above (3'9" and Above)

Part II: Class Levels and Specifications for MHSAs Recognized Jumpers

Section 1. USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSAs competitions except as noted below. A Jumper is a horse or pony of any breed, height, or sex. Unless otherwise specified, Jumper classes are open to all riders regardless of age or professional status.

Section 2. Class Heights:

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| • 0.60 m = Fences 2' in height | • 1.15 m = Fences 3'9" in height |
| • 0.65 m = Fences 2'1" in height | • 1.20 m = Fences 3'11" in height |
| • 0.70 m = Fences 2'3" in height | • 1.25 m = Fences 4'1" in height |
| • 0.75 m = Fences 2'5" in height | • 1.30 m = Fences 4'3" in height |
| • 0.80 m = Fences 2'7" in height | • 1.35 m = Fences 4'5" in height |
| • 0.85 m = Fences 2'9" in height | • 1.40 m = Fences 4'7" in height |
| • 0.90 m = Fences 2'11" in height | • 1.45 m = Fences 4'9" in height |
| • 0.95 m = Fences 3'1" in height | • 1.50 m = Fences 4'11" in height |
| • 1.00 m = Fences 3'3" in height | • 1.55 m = Fences 5'1" in height |
| • 1.05 m = Fences 3'5" in height | • 1.60 m = Fences 5'3" in height |
| • 1.10 m = Fences 3'7" in height | |

Section 3. GENERAL: Refer to the USEF rulebook for specifications for Open Jumper and Junior/Amateur Owner classes. At all levels, triple bars may be up to 6” wider than maximum spread. A maximum of 2 adjacent heights may be combined.

Section 4. MHSA JUMPER DIVISIONS:

Low Children’s/Adult Jumper: Is a jumper ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor. Cross entry: The same horse/rider combination may not cross enter into Junior or Amateur Owner Jumper at the same show. A combined Adult Amateur/Children’s Jumper section may be offered, and if entries warrant, may thereafter be split into separate sections. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 1.05 meter and below.

High Children’s/Adult Jumper: is a jumper ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor. Cross entry: the same horse/rider combination may not cross enter into Junior or Amateur Owner Jumper at the same show. A combined Adult Amateur/Children’s Jumper section may be offered, and if entries warrant, may thereafter be split into separate sections. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 1.05-1.15 meter. Course must be set and/or adjusted if necessary to provide safe and suitable distances between jumps in relation to fence heights. Classes are to be scored under Table I, Table II, Section 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), Table III; or Table IV, (Optimum Time).

Novice Rider Jumper is a jumper ridden by a Junior or Adult Amateur in their first or second year of showing in jumper classes. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2’-2’6” (0.60 m to 0.75 m).

Novice Jumper: Is a horse or pony in their first or second year of showing in jumper classes. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height 2’-2’6” (0.60 m to 0.75 m).

Part III: Special Annual Jumper Award

High Point Jumper Award will be given at the end of each showing year at the annual awards banquet. The award will be given to the horse that has accumulated the most points in all MHSA recognized jumper divisions. The points will be counted for the horse, not the rider. All divisions in which the horse is eligible will count.

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Year-End Awards in Hunt Seat Equitation

Section 1. End of the year awards will be given in the following divisions.

- 11 years and under
- 12 to 14 years of age
- 15 to 17 years of age
- Short Stirrup
- Beginner
- Limit
- Amateur Adult

Part II: MHSA Hunt Seat Equitation Class Specifications

Section 1. GENERAL: USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted below. Points will be given in the following divisions only (class titles at horse shows must be identical to the ones listed below) provided that the horse is nominated for points and the owner is a member of MHSA.

Section 2. MHSA HUNT SEAT EQUITATION DIVISIONS:

11 Years and Under Equitation is open to Junior exhibitors who have not reached their 12th birthday by December 1st of the current show year. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'6", an "in and out" is not required.

12 to 14 Years Equitation is open to Junior exhibitors who have reached their 12th and have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1st of the current show year. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3'.

15 to 17 Years Equitation is open to Junior exhibitors who have reached their 15th, but not their 18th birthday, by December 1st of the current show year. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3'6".

Short Stirrup Equitation is open to riders 12 years and under as of December 1st of the current show year. A rider is only eligible to compete in this division for two years after their 9th birthday. Until then there are no restrictions on the number of years a rider may compete in this division. The rider may compete in any other 2' division. Once a rider has shown in any other class over fences higher than 2', with the exception of 11 and Under Equitation, they are no longer eligible to compete in this division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 18"-2'.

Beginner Equitation is open to riders of any age who have not won 3 blue ribbons in equitation over fences at USEF or MHSA recognized shows prior to December 1st of the current show year. Ribbons won in the Short Stirrup or Long Stirrup divisions do not affect the rider's status. Once a rider has shown in a 3'6" equitation class, they are no longer eligible for this division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'.

Limit Rider Equitation is open to riders of any age who have not won six blue ribbons in equitation over fences at USEF or MHSA recognized shows prior to December 1st of the current show year. Ribbons won in the Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, or Beginner divisions do not affect the rider's status. Once a rider has shown in a 3'6" equitation class, they are no longer eligible for this division. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 2'6".

Amateur Adult Equitation is open to Amateur riders 18 years or older. Adults may ride suitable ponies in the Adult Hunter Equitation classes; however, these ponies cannot cross enter into the rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections at the same competition. Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: 3'.

MHSA Pony Medallion class is open to Junior members who have not reached their 18th birthday, on ponies 14.2 and under. No junior over 12 years of age may compete on a small pony, and no junior over 14 may compete on a medium pony. No rider may cross enter into another MHSA medallion class at the same show. Only one rider may ride each pony. To fill a class there must be four competitors. This class may run concurrently with small, medium and large pony divisions. Course and Judging: Fence height: 2' for small ponies, 2'6" for medium and large ponies. To be shown over a course of not less than 6 obstacles. If an in and out is used, see USEF rules EQ112, item 10. The workout will be incorporated in the course.

MHSA Junior Hunt Seat Medallion Class is open to Junior members of the MHSA. In order to qualify for the year end award, the rider must be eligible to participate that year. Contestants must be members of the MHSA prior to the class. Only one competitor may ride a horse. In order to consider a class filled, at least 2 competitors must complete the course. Points will be awarded on a 6, 5, 3, 2, 1, ½, ½ basis. All classes are to be judged according to the USEF rulebook Equitation Specifications. Medallions will be presented to the winner of each class that is completed. Course and Judging Specifications: To be shown over a course of not less than 8 obstacles at 2'9" with

spreads not to exceed 3'3". The course must include at least one combination, one oxer, and two changes of direction (changes of lead) after the first fence. A test of the top four competitors, if available, are required and will be assigned at the judge's discretion. Classes are judged on seat and hands, guidance and control throughout. Jumping faults of the mount do not count. A fall of horse or rider or three disobediences shall eliminate a contender.

MHSA Adult Hunt Seat Medallion Class is open to Adult members of the MHSA. Contestants must be members of the MHSA prior to the class. A horse can be ridden only once. In order to consider a class filled, at least 2 competitors must complete the course. Points will be awarded on a 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, ½, ½ basis. All classes are to be judged according to the USEF rulebook Equitation specifications. Medallions will be presented to the winner of each class that is completed. Course and Judging Specifications: To be shown over a course of not less than 8 obstacles at 2'9" with spreads not to exceed 3'3". The course must include at least one combination, one oxer, and two changes of direction (changes of lead) after the first fence. A test of the top four competitors, if available, are required and will be assigned at the judge's discretion. Classes are judged on seat and hands, guidance and control throughout. Jumping faults of the mount do not count. A fall of horse or rider or three disobediences shall eliminate a contender. Show management may combine the Junior and Adult Medallion classes if there are less than 2 riders in each class.

Part III: Special Annual MHSA Hunt Seat Equitation Awards

Section 1. MHSA Medallion Year-End Awards will be presented to the overall high point riders who have accumulated the most points in the Junior, Adult, and Pony Medallion classes throughout the competition year. The perpetual trophies will be kept by the winners of these year-end awards for a one year time period.

Section 2. The MHSA Medallion Scholarship for Junior Medallion winners. The MHSA awards a \$500 college scholarship to the high point winner of the Junior Medallion. The winner will receive a certificate. The scholarship must be used on or before the recipients 21st birthday, excluding military service. Failure to use the certificate in the specified time will result in its forfeiture. When the rider wishes to use the certificate, she or he must notify the MHSA Financial Steering Committee in writing. Upon receipt of notification, the scholarship will be sent to the student's school of choice. The MHSA finances the scholarship from donated proceeds.

Section 3. The MHSA Scott Haines Perpetual Year-End Award is presented to the winner of the Junior Medallion, along with the \$500 college scholarship.

Section 4. The MHSA Otis & Bee Brown Memorial Adult Perpetual Year-End Award is presented to the winner of the Adult Medallion.

DRESSAGE DIVISION

Part I: Participation in Dressage Competitions

Section 1. USEF rules are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted below.

1. Dressage Competitions are open to professional and amateur riders on horses or ponies.
2. No horse may be ridden more than once in any dressage class, except Test of Choice.
3. Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels at any one competition. In shows not recognized by USEF/USDF, horses may enter in musical freestyle one level above the highest level entered at each competition.
4. At MHSA schooling shows, the competition manager is allowed to ride at his/her competition. This does not absolve the manager of his/her duties and responsibilities.
5. Jackets are not required for MHSA schooling shows. However, competitors should be neatly dressed in a long or short sleeve shirt. Turtlenecks and conservative sweaters can be worn in cool weather. Braiding is not required. Boots, breeches, and hard hats are required. In shows not recognized by USEF/USDF, half-chaps and appropriate riding footwear are allowed.

Part II: Requirements for Dressage Competition Management

Section 1. USEF rules are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted below.

1. When local conditions necessitate, use of a modified arena is acceptable as long as its dimensions are clearly stated in the prize list.
2. For the benefit of the competitor, competition management is encouraged to state the construction of the arena (poles on the ground, chains, etc.) and footing of both the competition and warm-up arenas.

Part III: Dressage MHSA Year-End Awards

Section 1. Year end awards will be given in the following categories:

- High Point Horse
- High Percentage Horse
- Amateur Adult Rider
- Junior/Young Rider

Section 2. General Rules pertaining to and methods of computing year-end awards

1. The show year runs from December 1 to November 30. Anyone joining prior to March 1st of the show year will accumulate points won from December 1, anyone joining after March 1st will accumulate points from the date of receipt of membership. The award year ends November 30. If a membership is made at a horse show, the points for that horse show will count towards year end awards.
2. The show in which ribbons are won must be recognized by the MHSA and the dressage point secretary must receive the results. Please see Part IV, Section 3 regarding non-MHSA recognized shows.
3. There will be no minimum number of entries in a class in order for a ride to count toward a year end award.
4. Test of Choice classes will count toward dressage division awards. Points will be awarded based on the placing in the class, not on the test ridden. For example: Competitor A competes in a Test of Choice class in Second Level test 1 and 3. Competitor B competes in Second Level test 3 and Third level test 1. Each competitor will be awarded points based on the ribbon won. If competitor B receives a 4th for his/her Third level test 1, he/she receives 4th place points at Third

level. If a competitor rides a test more than once on the same horse in the same class, the second ride is considered HDC.

Section 3. Rules specific to the MHSA High Percentage Awards.

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded at each level, Intro through Fourth and FEI.
2. The owner of the horse must be a member of the MHSA, and the horse must be nominated with the MHSA.
3. In Intro through Fourth Levels, the horse will need a minimum of six scores earned from three different judges at three MHSA recognized shows. At the FEI level, the horse will need a minimum of four scores earned from three different judges at two MHSA recognized shows. These scores can be earned in open, adult amateur, junior/young rider, AA/Jr-YR, Novice Horse, Novice Rider, Limit Horse, Limit Rider, Maiden Horse, Maiden Rider, Opportunity classes and Regional Championship classes.
4. At Training Level and First Level, the horse must have received at least two scores over 55% at the highest test of the level. At Second through FEI Levels, the horse must have received at least two scores over 50% at the highest test of the level.
5. No more than two recognized competitions held at the same location on consecutive days will be used in fulfilling the minimum competition requirements.
6. It is highly recommended that judges be "L" graduates or USEF licensed judges. Show management must perform due diligence in trying to find an "L" graduate or USEF licensed judge.
7. All eligible scores will be recorded and the top 80% of these will be used in calculating the median. To qualify for an award, the median at Intro-First Levels must be 55% or higher; at Second Level and above, the median must be 50% or higher.

Section 4. Rules specific to the Amateur Adult Rider award

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded.
2. The rider must be a member of the MHSA and the rider must be nominated in the MHSA.
3. The rider must be an Amateur Adult. An Adult Rider is one who has reached his/her 21st birthday by December 1st of the current competition year.
4. Points are accumulated for the rider's winnings in any Open or Amateur Adult classes ridden on any number of horses at Intro C through FEI Level.
5. There is no limit to the number of times a rider can win this award.
6. The rider must have a minimum of five scores from at least two MHSA recognized shows.

Section 5. Rules specific to the Junior/Young Rider award

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded.
2. The rider must be a member of the MHSA and the rider must be nominated in the MHSA.
3. The rider must be a Junior/Young Rider. A Jr/YR is defined as one who has not reached his/her 21st birthday by December 1st of the current competition year.
4. Points are accumulated for the rider's winnings in any Open or Junior/Young Rider classes ridden on any number of horses at Intro C through FEI Level.
5. There is no limit to the number of times a rider can win this award.
6. The rider must have a minimum of five scores from at least two MHSA recognized shows.

Section 6. Rules specific to the High Point Level awards.

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded at Intro through FEI Levels.
2. The owner of the horse must be a member of the MHSA and the horse must be nominated in the MHSA.
3. Points are accumulated for the horse's winnings.

4. The horse must have a minimum average percent of 55% at Intro and Training Levels and 50% at First Level or above. The minimum average is calculated by using all recorded rides with the high and low percentage scores dropped.
 5. The horse must have completed at least one ride at the highest test of the level at an MHSA recognized show.
- EACH COMPETITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE POINT SECRETARY HAS THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DETERMINE HIS/HER PLACING. Be sure to send a copy of the highest test to the point secretary for her records. At Intro Level, horses will not have to compete at the highest test of the level, but all other requirements for the award must still be met.
6. Any horse/rider combination receiving an award at Intro Level will be ineligible to win an award at Intro Level again.
 7. There is no limit to the number of times a horse or rider can win an award at Training through FEI Level.
 8. At Intro through Fourth Levels, the horse must have a minimum of five scores from at least two MHSA recognized competitions for each level in which it is competing. At FEI Level, the horse must have a minimum of four scores from at least two MHSA recognized competitions.
 9. Only Open, Amateur Adult, Junior/Young Rider and AA/Jr/YR classes will count.
 10. Points are awarded as shown in Part IV.

Part IV: Points Awarded for MHSA Dressage Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding Dressage points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Dressage Point Secretary at dressagepointssecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org

Section 2. MHSA Recognized Competitions:

	Number of competitors:		
Place	4 or fewer	5-12	13 or more
1 ST	3 points	5 points	7 points
2 ND	2 points	3 points	5 points
3 RD	1 point	2 points	4 points
4 TH	none	1 point	3 points
5 TH	none	none	2 points
6 TH	none	none	1 point

Section 3. USEF / USDF / MHSA Recognized Competitions:

	Number of competitors:		
Place	4 or fewer	5-12	13-24
1 ST	5 points	8 points	10 points
2 ND	3 points	6 points	8 points
3 RD	2 points	5 points	7 points
4 TH	1 point	4 points	6 points
5 TH	none	2 points	4 points
6 TH	none	1 point	3 points

Numbers of competitors refer to actual competitors, not number of entries (which could change because of scratches) in each class.

Section 4. Points/Scores from Non-MHSA Recognized Shows

1. Shows must be USDF/USEF recognized and held in a state contiguous to Missouri.
2. The member is responsible for submitting all scores and placings from the show to the MHSA dressage point secretary within 30 days of the competition. If the show is held after November 1, results must be received by the point secretary by November 30. Information must include the names of the horse, the horse owner and the rider, date and place of the show; complete description of the classes in which the member competed; score and placing.
3. Results must be verifiable on line.
4. All scores received at that show by the member submitting the results will be recorded.
5. Points will be awarded at the minimum value for an MHSA only recognized show.
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6. All requirements as specified in Parts I, II, and III must be met in order for a horse or rider to be eligible for a year-end award.

EVENTING DIVISION

Part I: Rules and Levels of Competition

Section 1. USEF/USEA rules are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted below. For specifications on Beginner Novice through Advanced levels see USEF/USEA rules. For MHSA specifications on Introductory Novice, and Green as Grass levels see Part III below.

Section 2. An Eventing competition includes two or more tests from the following branches of equitation: dressage, cross-country and stadium jumping. There are different types of Eventing competitions:

Combined Tests

Horse Trials

Section 3. Combined Tests consist of two or more of the following phases: dressage, cross-country or jumping competitions. They are designed to introduce the discipline and to prepare competitors and horses for Horse Trials. A combined test uses any two of the three tests: dressage, cross-country, or stadium jumping. This competition takes place on one day, during which the competitor rides the same horse in both tests. The scores from both tests are added together to determine the result in penalty points. Riders may compete on more than one horse in a combined test competition, but each horse must compete in all phases to get a complete score at the competition.

Section 4. Horse Trials are comprised of three distinct tests, usually taking place on 1-3 days, during which a competitor rides the same horse in all 3 phases. The scores from all phases are added together to determine the result in penalty points.

Section 5. The following levels of competition may be offered:

Advanced

Intermediate

Preliminary

Training

Novice

Beginner Novice

Introductory Eventer

Green as Grass

Section 6. Results are to be sent to the MHSA point secretary within ten days of the event. The following information is required for all competitors: horse's name, owner's name, rider's name, event name and date, whether event is USEF/USEA/MHSA recognized, number of starters in the division, name of division, division specifications, placing, whether competitor has completed all phases of the event without elimination, and signature of organizer or show secretary.

Part II: Eventing MHSA Year-End Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding Eventing points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Eventing Point Secretary at

eventingpointssecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org

Section 2. All categories of competition listed in Part I, Section 4 are eligible for year-end awards. The points for Advanced through Preliminary levels will be combined, if sufficient nominations are received, separate awards will be given.

Section 3. Rider Awards: Rules Specific to the Amateur Adult Rider of the Year Award.

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded
2. The rider must be a member of the MHSA and the rider must be nominated in the MHSA
3. The rider must be an Amateur Adult. An USEF Amateur Card is required. An Adult Rider is one who has reached his/her 21st birthday by December 1st of the current competition year.
4. Points are accumulated for the rider's winnings in any classes ridden on any number of horses at Green as Grass through Advance Level.
5. There is not a limit to the number of times a rider can win this award
6. The rider must have a minimum of three scores from at least one MHSA recognized show and one Horse Trials.

Section 4. Rider Awards: Rules specific to the Junior/Young Rider of the Year Award.

1. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded.
2. The rider must be a member of the MHSA and the rider must be nominated in the MHSA.
3. The rider must be a Junior/Young Rider. A Jr/YR rider is defined as one who has not reached his/her 21st girthday by Dec 1st of the competition year.
4. Points are accumulated for the rider's winnings in any Open or Junior/Young Rider classes ridden on any number of horses at Green as Grass through Advance Level.
5. There is not a limit to the number of times a rider can win this award.
6. The rider must have a minimum of three scores from at least one MHSA recognized show and one Horse Trials.

Section 5. Points:

1. The horse must be nominated in the area of Eventing, the owner must be a current member of the MHSA, and the competition must be MHSA recognized. USEF/USEA recognized Events that are held in Missouri or a state contiguous to Missouri will also be eligible for half points. Competitors are encouraged to join the organization and to encourage the management of competitions they attend to have the event recognized in the future so that the points will count.
2. Competitors must compete and gain scores in one competition for the points to count towards year end awards.

3. Points will be awarded as follows:

Recognized by:	MHSA	USEF/USEA/MHSA
Place:		
1st	6 points	12 points
2nd	5 points	10 points
3rd	4 points	8 points
4th	3 points	6 points
5th	2 points	4 points
6th	2 points	3 points

In shows that are MHSA Recognized and have more than 9 starters in a division--3 additional points will be added. One point is given to riders who complete without placing.

One point will be awarded for completion of an event without elimination, regardless of number of starters. It is recommended that exhibitors wanting this completion point get a signature from the event secretary at the event they participate in and make sure it gets sent with a prize list to the Eventing Point Secretary at the email listed above in Part II, Section 1.

Part III: Eventing Competition Specifications

Section 1. Beginner Novice through Advanced Horse Trials and Combined Tests, refer to USEA for complete specifications. Appendix 1 – “Levels of Horse Trials” and Appendix 2 – “Specifications for Horse Trials” contain information as to the Dressage test dimension of obstacles, the speeds and lengths of the cross country and jumping courses.

Section 2. The Introductory Eventer and Green as Grass Horse Trials and Combined Tests are an introduction to the sport for both horse and rider. The tests will acquaint competitors with the basic gaits, figures and obstacles that are the foundation of all Eventing competitions. The entire experience should be pleasant and encouraging so that it builds confidence. These levels of competition are open to riders of any age, on horses four (4) years of age or older who are classified as Unrated in Beginner Novice and Novice. Horses of any grade may compete in Open Divisions. Horses 3 years and older may compete in Introductory Eventer and Green as Grass divisions.

Section 3. Trials and Tests descriptions:

Dressage Test

The Dressage Test may include the working gaits (walk, trot and canter) with all work done down the long side, across the diagonal, or on a 20 meter circle. For Introductory Eventer, tests are to be walk- trot or walk-trot-canter at management discretion. For competitions that decide to offer two levels of Introductory Eventers, both classes will count towards the year-end awards, but one class must be a walk-trot Dressage test and the other class must be a walk-trot-canter Dressage test. In a Horse Trial format, horse/rider combinations cannot cross enter classes. “Green as Grass” to use USDF Intro Test A or B for walk and trot only.

Cross Country Test

Green as Grass: All obstacles should be simple, solid, and straightforward with true ground lines to provide a positive experience and invite bold forward movement. No drops, water or ditches allowed. Maximum height of jumps is 18” or under at the standard. A true cross rail is allowed on the cross country course. Maximum length of course is 1500 meters. Number of jumping efforts recommended 8-12. The Green as Grass Cross Country Test should not be timed.

Introductory Eventer: All obstacles should be simple, solid, and straightforward with true ground lines to provide a positive experience and invite bold forward movement. No drops, water or ditches allowed. Faux ditches are allowed, but must have a ground line on each side and can be no deeper than 6". Maximum height of solid fences and brush boxes is 2'3". Maximum width at highest point is 2' & at base 3'. Maximum length of course is 1500 meters. Speed optimum: 220-300 mpm. Speed faults: 375mpm. Number of jumping efforts recommended 12-16.

Jumping Test

Green as Grass: All obstacles should be simple cross rails to provide a positive experience and invite bold, forward movement. Maximum height of jumps is 18" or under. Number of jumping efforts, 7-11. The Green as Grass jumping test should not be timed.

Introductory Eventer: May include a variety of straight and spread obstacles. All obstacles should have true ground lines. Combinations, narrow face fences and fences with elements above maximum dimensions and fan fences are not allowed. Maximum fence height: 2'3". Maximum distance: 600 meters. Speed: 200-275 mpm. Number of jumping efforts: 8-11.

SHOW HORSES AND PONIES DIVISION

Part I: Point Scoring System

Section 1. Classes at a Three-Days or Fewer Horse Show

Points will be awarded based on the number of entries in the class. If there is one entry, that entry will receive 1 point. If there are two entries, the winner will receive 2 points, the second place entry will receive 1 point. If there are three entries, the winner will receive 3 points, second place will receive 2 points, and the third place entry will receive 1 point. This pattern will be used through and including eighth place in which case the winner will receive 8 points, in which case the winner will receive 8 points, and the 8th place entry will receive 1 point. Other points distributed according to placings in the class.

Section 2. Classes at a Four-Day or More Horse Show

The same system will be used in awarding points as for a Three-Day or Fewer Horse Show, except the number of points will be double those awarded in the shorter shows.

Section 3. Class points from shows that are designated as 'Double Point' shows will be double the number of points normally awarded for that class based on the formula described above in

Section 4. No points will be awarded for classes added at a horse show. The MHSA Horse Show Membership Secretary (showmembership@missourihorsheshowsassociation.org) must be notified not less than 5 days prior to the show start date if there are classes to be added to the original show bill. This does not pertain to split classes, nor to championship classes offered for those already on the show bill. Notification of added classes will be posted on the MHSA website.

Section 5. Maiden, Novice and Limit classes are open to horses or riders which have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively at MHSA recognized competitions. Ribbons won in one-horse classes do not count in reckoning the maiden, novice or limit status of either horse and/or rider/driver in any division.

NOTE: Restricted classes will not count for points. Restricted classes include but are not limited to MO/KAN classes, Saddle & Bridle Shatner Pleasure, Maiden, Novice, and Limit classes

Part II: Special Annual MHSA Show Horse and Pony Awards

Section 1. Special High Point Awards:

High Point Junior Equitation - Junior exhibitor with the highest number of MHSA points in equitation.

High Point Show Horse/Pony - Horse or pony with the highest number of MHSA points, equitation excepted.

Section 2. There must be at least two entries in each qualifying class in order for the entry to receive points toward one of the above awards. Points earned, even in a one-entry class, would count toward a year-end award, but would not count toward one of these High Point Awards. However, a one-entry class would count toward the necessary two class requirement for a High Point Award.

Part III: American Saddlebred, Arabian, Half Arabian-and Anglo Arabian, OTAB, Saddle Seat and Stock Seat Equitation, Academy, Morgan, National Show Horse, Pony, Roadster, Tennessee Walking Horse, Open Gaited Breed, Spotted Saddle Horse and Missouri Fox Trotter

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Year-End Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding Show Horse & Pony points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at showhorsesponiesecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org.

Section 2. The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it. In Awards with points from classes divided by age, the Point Secretary will determine age of exhibitor for appropriate points. Conversely, if not enough entries warrant, some classes may be combined into a single award.

Section 3. Masters Classes are restricted to amateur rider/drivers age 50 years and older. Classes are to be judged according to amateur class specifications. Master classes are never to be stripped for conformation judging.

ASB Five Gaited Division

ASB Five-Gaited Open Award

Open

Mare Open

Stallion/Gelding Open

Championship/Stake

UPHA Five Gaited Classic

ASB Five-Gaited Junior Horse Award

3 Year Old

3 Year Old UPHA Classic

4 Year Old

ASB Five-Gaited Amateur Award
Amateur
Amateur Stallion/Gelding
Amateur Mare
Five Gaited Master
Amateur Championship/Stake

ASB Five-Gaited Ladies Award
Ladies
Ladies Mare
Ladies Gelding
Ladies Championship/Stake
Ladies Amateur Mare
Ladies Amateur Gelding
Ladies Amateur Stake

ASB Five-Gaited Junior Exhibitor Award
Junior Exhibitor
13 & under
14-17
Junior Exhibitor Championship

ASB Three Gaited Division

ASB Three-Gaited Open Award
Open
Open 15.2 & under
Open Over 15.2
Championship or Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Junior Horse
4 year old
3 year old
3 year old UPHA Classic
2 year old

ASB Three-Gaited Amateur
Amateur
Amateur 15.2 and under
Amateur over 15.2
Three Gaited Master
Amateur Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Ladies Award
Ladies 15.2 and under
Ladies over 15.2
Ladies Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Junior Exhibitor Award
Junior Exhibitor
Junior Exhibitor 13 and under
Junior Exhibitor 14-17
Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake

ASB Three Gaited Park Division

ASB Three-Gaited Park Open Award

Park Open

Park Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Park Amateur Award

Park Amateur

Three Gaited Park Master

Park Amateur Championship Stake

ASB Park Junior Horse Award

Park Three Year Old

Park UPHA Classic

Park Junior

ASB Park Junior Horse Championship/Stake

ASB Park, Junior Exhibitor Award

Junior Exhibitor

Junior Exhibitor, 13 & Under

Junior Exhibitor, 14-17

Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake

ASB Park Pleasure Division

ASB Three-Gaited Park Pleasure Open Award

Park Pleasure Open

Park Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Park Pleasure Amateur Award

Park Pleasure Amateur

Park Pleasure Master

Park Pleasure Amateur Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Park Pleasure Junior Horse Award

Park Pleasure Three Year Old

Park Pleasure UPHA Classic

Park Pleasure Junior

Park Pleasure Junior Championship/Stake

ASB Park Pleasure, Junior Exhibitor Award

Junior Exhibitor

Junior Exhibitor, 13 & Under

Junior Exhibitor, 14-17

Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake

ASB Five Gaited Park Pleasure Open Award

Park Pleasure Open

Park Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Five Gaited Park Pleasure Amateur Award

Park Pleasure Amateur

Five Gaited Park Pleasure Master

Park Pleasure Amateur Championship/Stake

Junior Exhibitor

ASB Park Pleasure Driving Open Award
Park Pleasure Open
Park Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Fine Harness Division

ASB Fine Harness Open Award
Fine Harness Open
Fine Harness Championship/Stake

ASB Fine Harness Amateur Award
Fine Harness Amateur
Fine Harness Masters
Fine Harness Amateur Championship/Stake

ASB Fine Harness Ladies Award
Fine Harness Ladies
Fine Harness Ladies Championship/Stake

ASB Fine Harness Junior Horse Award
Fine Harness 4 year old
Fine Harness 3 year old
Fine Harness 3 year old UPHA Classic
Fine Harness 2 year old

ASB Fine Harness Junior Exhibitor Award
Junior Exhibitor
Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake

ASB In Hand Division

ASB In Hand Award
ASB Model

ASB Show Pleasure Division

ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure (all ages) Award
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure - All Ages
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Championship/Stake - All Ages
Three-Gaited Pleasure Junior Horse

ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult Award
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure All Ages
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult -18 & over
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Master
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult Championship/Stake
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure All Ages
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor -17 & under, 14-17, 13 & under.
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Show Pleasure Driving Adult Award
 Show Pleasure Driving All Ages
 Show Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor
 Show Pleasure Driving, Master
 Show Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor Championship/Stake
 Show Pleasure Driving Championship/Stake

ASB Show Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor Award
 Show Pleasure Driving All Ages
 Show Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor-17 & Under, 14-17, 13 & Under
 ASHAF Show Pleasure Driving Challenge
 Show Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake
 Show Pleasure Driving Championship/Stake

ASB Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult Award
 Five-Gaited Show Pleasure All Ages
 Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult Exhibitor
 Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult Exhibitor Championship/Stake
 Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award
 Five-Gaited Show Pleasure All Ages
 Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor
 Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake
 Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Country Pleasure Division

ASB Country English Pleasure Award
 Country English Pleasure - All Ages
 Country English Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Country English Pleasure Adult Award
 Country English All Ages
 Country English Pleasure 18 & over
 Country English Pleasure Masters
 Country English Pleasure 18 & over Championship/Stake
 Country English Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Country English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award
 Country English Pleasure All Ages
 Country English Pleasure 17 & under, 13 & under, 14-17, etc.
 Country English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake
 Country English Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Five Gaited Country Pleasure Award
 Five-Gaited Country Pleasure All Ages
 Five-Gaited Country Pleasure Championship/Stake

ASB Country Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor Award
 Country Pleasure Driving All Ages
 Country Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor
 Country Pleasure Driving, Master
 Country Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor Championship/Stake
 Country Pleasure Driving Championship/Stake

ASB Country English Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor Award
Country Pleasure Driving All Ages
Country Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor
ASHAF Country Pleasure Driving Challenge
Country Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake
Country Pleasure Driving Championship/Stake
ASB Country Western Pleasure Adult Exhibitor Award
Country Western Pleasure All Ages
Country Western Pleasure Adult Exhibitor
Country Western Pleasure, Master
Country Western Pleasure Adult Exhibitor Championship/Stake
Country Western Pleasure Championship/Stake
ASB Country Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award
Country Western Pleasure All Ages
Country Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor
Country Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Championship/Stake
Country Western Pleasure Championship/Stake
ASB Country Hunter Pleasure Award
ASB Country Hunter Pleasure
Saddle & Bridle Hunter Classic
ASB Hunter Over Fences

ARABIAN, HALF-ARABIAN AND ANGLO-ARABIAN DIVISION

Part I: Rules for MHSA Recognized Arabian Divisions

Section 1. Purebred Arabians shown in this division must have been issued a certificate of registration from the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc., or the Arabian Horse Association as a Purebred Arabian and/or the Canadian Horse Registry (or in the case of a foreign entry, have been issued a Competition Visa by the Arabian Horse Association). All these organizations can be accessed at www.arabianhorses.org

Section 2. Half-Arabians or Anglo-Arabians shown in this section must have been issued a certificate of registration from the International Arabian Horse Association or the Arabian Horse Association or the Canadian Partbred Arabian Register as Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian.

Section 3. USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions with regard to class specifications, appointments, shoeing, etc. with the following exceptions as stated in Section 4 following:

Section 4. It is the intent of the MHSA to provide the MHSA English, Western, Hunter and Native Costume classes to allow purebred Arabians to compete together with Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians at shows which do not have enough entries to warrant having separate classes. Therefore, as an exception to USEF rules, classes designated on the competition show bills as MHSA Arabian English Pleasure, MHSA Arabian Western Pleasure, MHSA Arabian Hunter Pleasure and MHSA Arabian Native Costume permit both Purebred Arabians, Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians to compete together in the same class. Further, classes designated on the competition show bill as MHSA Arabian English Pleasure allow both saddle seat and hunt seat horses to compete together in that class. Points from these classes will NOT therefore count

toward USEF section ratings, Horse of the Year Awards, Legion of Merit, National or Regional eligibility, etc.

Part II. Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Year End Awards in the Arabian Division

All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Arabian Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at showhorsesponiessecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org.

MHSA Arabian English Pleasure Award

Saddle Seat and Hunt Seat equipment allowed. Open to pure and half-bred Arabians.

MHSA Arabian Western Pleasure Award

MHSA Arabian Western Pleasure

Purebred Arabian Western Pleasure

Half-Arabian/Anglo Arabian Western Pleasure

MHSA Arabian Hunter Pleasure Award

MHSA Arabian Hunter Pleasure

Purebred Arabian Hunter Pleasure

Half-Arabian Hunter Pleasure

MHSA Arabian Native Costume Award

MHSA Arabian Costume

Purebred Arabian Native Costume

Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Native Costume

OPEN PLEASURE DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Open Pleasure Division Year-End Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Open Pleasure Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at showhorsesponiessecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org.

Section 2. The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it or to combine awards from more than one class into one award.

MHSA Saddle-Type Model

MHSA Open English Pleasure Adult Exhibitor Award

Open English Pleasure, All Ages

Open English Pleasure, Adult Exhibitor

MHSA Open English Pleasure, Amateur Award

Open English Pleasure, Amateur Exhibitor

MHSA Open English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award
Open English Pleasure, All Ages
Open English Pleasure, Junior Exhibitor
MHSA Open Hunter Pleasure Adult Exhibitor Award
Open Hunter Pleasure, All Ages
Open Hunter Pleasure, Adult Exhibitor
MHSA Open Hunter Pleasure, Amateur Award
Open Hunter Pleasure, Amateur Exhibitor
MHSA Open Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Award
Open Hunter Pleasure, All Ages
Open Hunter Pleasure, Junior Exhibitor
MHSA Open Pleasure Driving Adult Exhibitor Award
Open Pleasure Driving, All Ages
Open Pleasure Driving, Adult Exhibitor
MHSA Open Pleasure Driving, Amateur Award
Open Pleasure Driving, Amateur Exhibitor
MHSA Open Pleasure Driving Junior Exhibitor Award
Open Pleasure Driving, All Ages
Open Pleasure Driving, Junior Exhibitor
MHSA Open Pairs Award

Part II. Rules and Class Specifications for MHSA Recognized Open Pleasure Division

Section 1. USEF rules are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted.

Section 2. This division is open to horses of any breed. To be judged 60% on performance and manners, 30% on conformation, and 10% on appointments. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty.

Section 3. MHSA Open English Pleasure: This class is open to horses of any breed or any combination of breeds, shown by a professional or amateur, with English (hunt or saddle seat) equipment. Snaffle, pelham or double bridles are permitted but should be appropriate for the entry's show attire and seat. Horses to be shown and judged both ways of the ring at the flat walk, trot and canter. Horses may cross-enter into any other class at the same show. USEF Pleasure Horse rules specific for the breed being shown apply except as otherwise stated in this class descriptor. They may be shown under Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat equipment.

Section 4. MHSA Open Hunter Pleasure: Horses are shown at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Regulation snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles, all with cavesson nosebands, are recommended. Martingales are prohibited.

Section 5. MHSA Open Pleasure Driving: Horses are to be shown at the walk, trot and extended trot. Horses must stand quietly and back readily. Light harness with either a snaffle and a separate overcheck or snaffle with side check is permissible. Must be shown with a two-wheeled cart. One attendant without a whip is permitted to head each horse for safety purposes during the lineup only. The header must stand three paces back from the horse.

Section 6. MHSA Open Pairs: Horses to be shown together as a pair. To work at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. May be shown in English or Western equipment.

Section 7. MHSA Saddle-Type Model: Open to American Saddlebreds, Arabians, Morgans, and Ponies.

IF YOUR POINTS ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND YOUR RECORD OF YOUR WINNINGS TO YOUR RESPECTIVE POINT SECRETARY BY NOVEMBER 15th FOR COMPARISON WITH OFFICIAL SHOW RESULTS.

EQUITATION DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for MHSA Equitation Year-End Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Equitation Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at showhorsesponiessecretary@missourihorseshowassociation.org.

Section 2. The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it.

Saddle Seat Equitation, 10 & Under, Walk & Trot Award

Saddle Seat Performance, 10 & Under, Walk & Trot Award

Saddle Seat Equitation, 10 & Under, Walk, Trot & Canter Award

Saddle Seat Equitation 13 & Under Award

Saddle Seat Equitation 14-17 Award

Saddle Seat Pleasure Equitation 13 & Under Award

Saddle Seat Pleasure Equitation 14-17 Award

Saddle Seat Equitation 18 & over Award - Amateur Rider

Stock Seat Equitation 17 & under Award

Stock Seat Equitation 18 & over Award - Amateur Rider

Hunter Seat Equitation, 17 & Under Award

Hunter Seat Equitation, 18 & Over Award

Part II: Rules and Class Specifications for MHSA Saddle Seat, Hunter and Stock Seat Equitation Divisions

Section 1. The Equitation Division is divided into three sections: Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat and Stock Seat. Judges are licensed accordingly. Separate classes can be offered for boys and girls, different age limits, or ribbons won. A single rider is sufficient to 'fill' a class. All Equitation Riders are strongly encouraged to refer to USEF rules regarding appropriate apparel, appointments and judging standards for their respective seat discipline.

Section 2. Junior Equitation riders must declare their age for the competition year to be eligible for awards in equitation. The Junior Saddle Seat Equitation rider's competition age will determine in which category the rider's accrued points will be placed. Accrued points in any non-restricted equitation class will count towards the rider's declared age group.

Classes that will count in the 13 & under and 14-17 awards categories include: 10 & under, 11-13, 13 & under, 14-17, 17 & under, MHSA Saddle Seat Medallion Classes and Championships.

Section 3. Adult and Junior Stock Seat equitation classes are combined into one year-end award. However, if at least three riders have qualified by placing in at least two shows in one of the classes listed, that class will be given a separate year-end award for that year.

Section 4. Adult and Junior Hunter Seat Equitation classes are combined into one year-end award. However, if at least three riders have qualified by placing in at least two shows in one of the classes listed, that class will be given a separate year-end award for that year.

Section 5. Riders in Stock/Hunter Seat Equitation Walk and Trot/Jog may not have shown at the canter/lope. Riders may be of any age.

Section 6. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Medallion Equitation Program should be directed to the MHSA Medallion Secretary at medallionsecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org

Part III: MHSA Junior Stock Seat Equitation Medallion Class

Section 1. The MHSA Junior Stock Seat Medallion Equitation Class is open to all stock seat equitation riders, 17 years and under, who are members of the MHSA and nominated in equitation. Contestants must be members of the MHSA prior to the class.

Section 2. Mares or geldings of any breed may be ridden. The workout must be that chosen by MHSA for this class and is available on the MHSA website:

www.missourihorseshowsassociation.org. The judge must work at least four riders, or may choose to work the entire class. However, if there are less than four riders in the class, all riders must perform the workout.

Section 3. A first place win in an MHSA Medallion qualifying class shall NOT prohibit the rider from competing in the class for the rest of the show season. A single entry is sufficient to fill the class.

Section 4. Junior Stock Seat Equitation riders qualify to ride in the MHSA Junior Stock Seat Medallion Finals by competing in at least one MHSA Stock Seat Medallion qualifying class prior to the Finals. There must be at least three qualified riders in order to hold the Finals. If there aren't enough qualifying riders to hold the Finals, the rider who has accumulated the most points in MHSA Junior Stock Seat Medallion classes will receive a year-end High Point award.

Section 5. The MHSA Junior Stock Seat Medallion Finals are held at a designated show at the end of the competition year. The last show to qualify for the year's final is the show one week prior to the closing date of the competition where the final is to be held. Medallion classes after that date will qualify riders for the following year. To qualify for the Finals, a rider only need to compete in one qualifying class. There must be at least three qualified riders in order to hold a Finals. Points will be given to all ribbon winners in the class. The final workout must be posted at least one hour before the class is scheduled and may be assigned at the judge's discretion. Ribbons through top 10 will be awarded.

Section 6. The MHSA Junior Stock Seat Medallion Scholarship is awarded to the winner of the Junior Stock Seat Medallion Finals. The winner will receive a certificate designating them as the scholarship winner. The scholarship must be used on or before the recipient's 21st birthday, excluding military service. Failure to use the certificate in the specified time will result in its forfeiture. When the rider wishes to use the certificate, s/he must notify the MHSA Financial Steering Committee in writing. Upon receipt of notification, the scholarship will be sent to the designated institution. The MHSA finances the scholarship from proceeds raised at the MHSA Kick-Off show, and from donations.

Section 7. If there is no Finals due to lack of qualified riders, there will be no scholarship awarded for that year.

Part IV: The MHSA Senior Stock Seat Medallion Equitation Class

Section 1. The MHSA Senior Stock Seat Medallion class is open to all stock seat equitation riders, 18 years and over. Contestants must be members of the MHSA prior to the class.

Section 2. They may ride a mare or a gelding of any breed. The workout must be that chosen by MHSA for this class and is available on the MHSA website:

www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org. A minimum of four riders are required in the workout. However, if there are less than four riders in the class, all riders must be worked out. One rider is sufficient to fill a class.

Section 3. The MHSA Senior Stock Seat Medallion award will be given to the rider who has accumulated the most points in the MHSA Stock Seat Medallion qualifying classes during the competition year.

Part V: The MHSA Junior Saddle Seat Medallion Equitation Class

Section 1. The MHSA Junior Saddle Seat Medallion Class is open to all saddle seat equitation riders, 17 years and under, who are members of the MHSA and nominated in equitation.

Contestants must be members of the MHSA prior to the class.

Section 2. They may ride a mare or a gelding of any breed. No preference should be shown between a clipped mane and tail horse or a pleasure horse. Riders will show their horses at walk, trot and canter. The workout must be that chosen by MHSA for this class and is available on the MHSA website: www.missourihorsheshowsassociation.org. The judge must work at least four riders, but may choose to work the entire class. However, if there are less than four riders in the class, all riders must be worked out. One rider is sufficient to fill the class.

Section 3. A first place win in an MHSA Medallion class shall NOT prohibit the rider from competing in the class for the rest of the show season. A single entry is sufficient to fill the class.

Section 4. The MHSA Junior Saddle Seat Medallion Finals are held at a designated show at the end of the competition year. The last show to qualify for the year's final is the show one week prior to the closing date of the competition where the final is to be held. Medallion classes after that date will qualify riders for the following year. To qualify for the Finals, a rider need only compete in one MHSA Medallion Class qualifier. There must be at least three qualified riders in order to hold a Finals. Points will be given to all ribbon winners in the class. The final workout must be posted at least one hour before the class is scheduled and may be assigned at the judge's discretion. Ribbons through top 10 will be awarded.

Section 5. The MHSA Junior Saddle Seat Medallion Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship to the winner of the Medallion Finals. If funds are available, a scholarship award will be provided to the Reserve Champion in memory of Ashley Re' Curl.

Scholarship winners will receive certificates at the Finals or will be mailed to the winners shortly afterwards. The scholarship must be used on or before the recipient's 21st birthday, excluding military service. Failure to use the certificate in the specified time will result in its forfeiture. When the rider wishes to use the certificate, s/he must notify the Financial Steering Committee Chairperson in writing. Upon receipt of notification, the scholarship will be sent to the designated institution. The MHSA finances the scholarship from proceeds raised at the

MHSA Kick-Off Show and from donations. If funds are available, Reserve Champion riders will receive a scholarship.

Part VI: The MHSA Senior Saddle Seat Medallion Equitation Class

Section 1. The MHSA Senior Saddle Seat Medallion Equitation Class is open to all saddle seat equitation riders, 18 years and over. Contestants must be members of the MHSA prior to the class. The top Adults who have earned points and who are nominated in equitation will qualify for the year end award. The year-end award will be given to the overall high point rider who has accumulated the most points throughout the year. All classes are to be judged according to the USEF rulebook Equitation Specifications. Medallions will be presented to the winner of each class that is completed.

Section 2. They may ride a mare or a gelding of any breed. No preference should be shown between a clipped mane and tail horse or a pleasure horse. Riders will show their horses at walk, trot and canter. The workout must be that chosen by MHSA for this class and is available on the MHSA website: www.missourihorseshowsassociation.org. A minimum of four riders must be worked out. However, if there are less than four riders in the class, all riders must be worked out.

Section 3. A first place win in an MHSA Medallion class shall NOT prohibit the rider from competing in the class for the rest of the show season. A single entry is sufficient to fill the class.

Part VII: Special MHSA Equitation Awards

Section 1. The following awards will be presented each year:

MHSA Scott Haines Perpetual Trophy: Junior Saddle Seat Medallion Finals Champion

MHSA Ashley Re' Curl Perpetual Trophy: MHSA Senior Saddle Seat Medallion High Point Champion

MHSA Sir Love A Lot Perpetual Trophy: Junior Stock Seat Medallion High Point Champion

MHSA Janian Midsummer Knight Perpetual Trophy: Senior Stock Seat Medallion High Point Champion

MHSA Ruth Palmer Memorial High Point Junior Equitation Rider Perpetual Trophy: Junior Saddle Seat Equitation High Point Champion

Section 2. There must be at least three riders who have earned points from at least one competition for these awards to be presented.

ACADEMY DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Academy Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at showhorsesponiessecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org.

Section 2. Each division is divided into Adult Rider and Junior Rider. As entries warrant, divisions may be combined or divided for year-end awards.

Section 3. Participation

1. All academy riders must be members of MHSA in order to be eligible for Year End Awards. Junior Academy riders must declare their age for the competition year.

2. The Academy Division is for students in riding lesson programs participating only on horses used regularly in lessons for more than one rider. Lesson horses are only those horses owned or leased by the riding academy. Horses may cross enter into other divisions.

Section 4. The following annual awards will be presented.

Academy Leadline

Academy Leadline, 8 & Under Walk & Trot on Lead Equitation

Academy Leadline, 8 & Under Walk & Trot on Lead Horsemanship

Academy Reinsmanship

Academy Five Gaited Horsemanship

Academy Saddle Seat Walk, Trot Canter Equitation

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 10 & Under

Academy Saddle Seat Walk, Trot, Canter Horsemanship

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 10 & Under

Academy Hunt Seat Walk, Trot, Canter Equitation

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 10 & Under

Academy Hunt Seat Walk, Trot Canter Horsemanship

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 10 & Under

Academy Stock Seat Walk, Jog, Lope Equitation

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 10 & Under

Academy Stock Seat Walk, Jog Lope Horsemanship

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 10 & Under

Academy Saddle Seat Walk & Trot Equitation

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 9 & 10, 8 & Under

Academy Saddle Seat Walk & Trot Horsemanship

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 9 & 10, 8 & Under

Academy Hunt Seat Walk & Trot Equitation

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 9 & 10, 8 & Under

Academy Hunt Seat Walk & Trot Horsemanship

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 9 & 10, 8 & Under

Academy Stock Seat Walk & Jog Equitation

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 9 & 10, 8 & Under

Academy Stock Seat Walk & Jog Horsemanship

Awards given in age groups: Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 9 & 10, 8 & Under

Part II: Academy Achievement Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Academy Achievement Program should be directed to the MHSA Medallion Secretary at

medallionsecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org

Section 2. This program is intended to encourage and recognize participation in academy classes. MHSA membership is required for participation. Points will be tabulated throughout the show year, beginning Dec. 1st and ending Nov 30th.

Section 3. An official point sheet verifying the individual's participation and placing in academy classes must be signed by both the rider and the instructor. To qualify for an award, a total of 15 points must be accumulated during a single show year in either the 17 & under divisions, or the Adult divisions. Points earned in one year may not be carried forward into the next show year.

Section 4. Academy Achievement Awards:

Bronze medallion - awarded for 15 points in the first year
Silver medallion - awarded for 15 points in the second year
Gold medallion - awarded for 15 points in the third year

Points are awarded for the following:

Participation in an academy class.	1 point
Placing 2nd -6th in an academy class.	1 point
Placing 1st in an academy class.	2 points

Part III: General Rules

Section 1. Academy classes must have no more than six entries in the arena at one time for the 8 years & Under classes. The following are recommended methods to be utilized for splitting classes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd year of showing or age division (8 & under, 9-10, 11-13, etc.). It is highly recommended that if entries warrant, Academy classes be divided between junior and adult riders.

Section 2. Equitation classes are to be judged according to current USEF rules governing equitation.

Section 3. Horsemanship classes stress the rider's ability to meet and overcome challenges presented by the horse.

Section 4. An academy rider is not allowed to compete in academy in a seat in which they have competed in open classes. For example, a rider who competes in open western classes may compete in academy in saddle seat classes but not compete in academy in western classes.

Section 5. In all Academy classes, at the discretion of the judge, headers will be allowed into the ring for the lineup. In all Reinsmanship classes headers are allowed in the ring during the lineup. In all driving classes the header must be an adult.

Part IV: Attire

Section 1. Saddle Seat riders to wear jodhpurs, jod boots, and long sleeved shirt with tie. Stock Seat riders are to wear jeans or western show pants, boots and long sleeved western shirt.

Sweaters or vests are optional. Hunt Seat riders to wear breeches or hunt jodhpurs with any type of hunt boot or paddock boot. Long sleeved shirt is required and a choker is recommended. No jackets or chaps are allowed in academy classes. Gloves are optional in any seat.

Section 2. All riders and drivers 17 and under are required to wear ASTM approved protective headgear with chinstrap. The failure to wear such headgear will result in the elimination of the entry. Protective headgear is highly recommended for adult participants. Derbies are prohibited.

Part IV: Equipment

Section 1. In saddle seat classes, flat saddles are to be used with any type bridle. In hunt seat, hunt type saddles are to be used with any type bridle. In stock seat, any type western saddle may be used with any type of bridle.

Section 2. In Reinsmanship Classes the Academy driver must be accompanied in the cart by an adult or competent juvenile with experience in driving. Juvenile academy drivers must wear protective headgear while in the cart. It is strongly recommended that Adult Academy drivers wear protective headgear while in the cart. Academy clothing suitable for any academy class will be appropriate attire for academy reinsmanship classes.

MORGAN DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Morgan Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at showhorsesponiesecretary@missourihorsheshowsassociation.org.

Section 2. The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it.

English Pleasure Award

Open

Amateur

Junior Horse

Junior Exhibitor

Pleasure Driving Award

Open

Amateur

Junior Horse

Junior Exhibitor

Western Pleasure Award

Open

Junior Horse

Amateur

Junior Exhibitor

Hunter Pleasure Award

Open

Junior Horse

Amateur

Junior Exhibitor

Part II: General Rules and Specifications for MHSA Recognized Morgan Classes

Section 1. USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted.

Section 2. Registration with the American Morgan Horse Association or the Canadian Morgan Horse Association is required.

Section 3. The Morgan shall be shown in all of its natural beauty with a full mane, forelock, and tail. Braiding is permitted only in Hunter, Jumper, Dressage, Sport Horse and Carriage Pleasure Driving. Braiding is also permitted in performance and equitation classes when shown under proper hunter, jumper, dressage, sport horse or carriage driving tack and equipment. Addition of supplemental hair in the mane or tail or use of any device in the ring to alter the natural carriage of the tail or ears shall result in disqualification. Rubber bands inconspicuously applied in the forelock are permitted. In harness classes, an inconspicuous braid in the end of the tail is permitted to allow it to be fastened to the driving vehicle.

Section 4. Rubber or elastic (except in boots) attached in any way to the legs or hooves shall not be used on the show grounds at any time. Full blinders of any kind are not allowed. Vertical half-cup blinkers are acceptable on the competition grounds and in the warm up ring.

Section 5. Stallions are prohibited in Ladies, Junior Exhibitor, Walk/Trot and Leadline classes.

Section 6. Horses are required to be entered by the same owner under whom their papers are recorded.

Section 7. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty.

Section 8. An inconspicuous tongue tie is permitted in all Morgan sections with the exception of Carriage Driving, Dressage, and Hunter over Fences, Reining Seat Equitation, Western Seat Equitation, Trail, Reining and Western Pleasure.

Section 9. If shod, the shoe may be of any type and configuration. Exception: in the case of the bar shoe, the bar may not extend below the ground surface of the shoe. If a shoe band is used, it shall be weighed with the shoe. Borium or standard screw-in caulks are allowed. In English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure and Pleasure Driving there are no specific shoe weight limits but length of toe must not exceed 5” including pad and shoe. In Classic Pleasure classes, horses may be shown with or without rim pads. The weight of the shoe, including rim pad, must not exceed 16 oz. and the length of toe including shoe and pad, must not exceed 4 1/2”.

NATIONAL SHOW HORSE DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Arabian Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at showhorsesponiessecretary@missourihorseshowassociation.org.

Section 2. The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it.

National Show Horse English Pleasure Award

National Show Horse English Pleasure Open

National Show Horse English Pleasure Amateur

National Show Horse Country English Pleasure Open

National Show Horse Country English Pleasure Amateur

Part II: General Rules

Section 1. USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions except as noted.

Section 2. Horses must be registered with the National Show Horse Registry at the time of entry.

Section 3. The standard of excellence of the National Show Horse is beauty, symmetry and balance. Balance features coordinated motion, with straight true folding action of the front legs with flexing hocks carried close together, producing a clean, rhythmic and fluid way of going. Additionally, the National Show Horse possesses animation, brilliance and extreme grace of movement.

Section 4. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty.

PONY DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Arabian Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at showhorsesponiessecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org.

Section 2. The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it.

Hackney Pony Division

Hackney Pony Award

Open

Open Championship

Ladies

Amateur

Amateur Championship

Hackney Pony Pleasure Driving Award

Amateur

Junior Exhibitor

AHHS Youth Medallion Pleasure

Championship

Harness Pony Division

Harness Pony Award

Open

Open Championship

Ladies

Amateur

Amateur Championship

Shetland Pony Division

Shetland Harness Pony Award

Open

Open Championship

Amateur

Amateur Championship

Shetland Roadster Pony Award

Open

Open Championship

Amateur

Amateur Championship

Part II: Rules and Class Specifications for MHSA Pony Divisions

USEF rules and class specifications are followed at all MHSA competitions except where noted.

Section 1. Hackney and Harness Pony

A. Entries in Hackney classes must be registered. EXCEPTION: Ponies shown in Hackney Harness Pony division or Roadster Pony Division at regular member show prior to December 31, 1989.

B. The maximum height of Hackney Ponies is 14.2 hands and the maximum height of Harness Ponies is 12.2 hands.

Section 2. Shetland Pony

A. Entries in Shetland pony classes must be registered.

B. There are two divisions for Modern Shetlands:

Over Division: the height for Modern Shetland three years and older, over 43 inches is not exceed 46 inches. The height for ponies two years old, over 42 inches is not to exceed 44.5 inches. The height for yearlings over 41 inches is not to exceed 43 inches.

Under Division: The height for Modern Shetlands three years old and older is 43 inches and under. The height for ponies two years old is 42 inches and under. The height for yearlings is 41 inches and under.

C. Shetland Harness Ponies are to be shown in show type harness including round blinkers, side check and choice of bit. Boots and martingales are prohibited; however, high tail cruppers or other tail appliances are permitted. Ponies are to be shown both ways of the ring to an appropriate 4-wheeled vehicle (vicero). "Park Pace" and "Show Your Pony", which designates a smart trot, will be the commands given: Exception, Amateur and Ladies class show only at Park Pace. Headers will be permitted in all classes but only in Ladies, Amateur, Junior and multiple hitch classes will headers be permitted to stand inside the gate. This attendant must take no action that would affect the performance of any pony. Only one attendant is allowed to head a pony. Ponies may be unchecked while lined up except in Ladies, Junior and Amateur. Attendants may stand an entry on its feet and thereafter shall remain at least two paces distant from the head and will be required to back. Ponies shall not be lined up head to tail. All awards must be made from the lined up position and entries must not be asked to retire to the end of the ring.

D. Shetland Roadster Ponies shall be shown to a roadster cart. A low crupper, overcheck, square blinkers and straight or broken snaffle bit shall be used. Martingales and trotting boots are permitted. Roadsters shall enter the ring clockwise at a jog trot then show at the road gait, turn counterclockwise at the jog trot, show at the road gait and then trot at speed. At all speeds they should work in form; that is their chins set and their legs working beneath them collectedly and in form. Drivers must wear "colors". Protective head gear is required of all Junior Exhibitors.

ROADSTER DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Roadster Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at showhorsesponiesecretary@missourihorseshowassociation.org.

Section 2. Year-end Awards: If entries warrant in a given year, the Board of Directors has the discretion to present awards for roadster horse under saddle and roadster pony under saddle.

Roadster Horse Award

Open Bike

Open Bike Stake

Amateur Bike

Amateur Bike Stake

Roadster Horse Under Saddle

Roadster Pony Award
Open
Open Championship
Amateur
Amateur Championship
Junior Exhibitor
AHHS Youth Medallion Roadster Pony
Roadster Pony Under Saddle Award

Part II: Rules for the MHSA Roadster Division

Section 1. A Roadster Pony in performance classes may be any breed or combination of breeds. For height restriction, please consult the current USEF and AHHS rules.

Section 2. A Roadster Horse must be a Standardbred registered with the United States Trotting Horse Association or the Canadian Trotting Horse Association (exception: horses that have competed in any USEF Roadster Division class prior to Dec 1, 2003).

Section 3. In classes restricted to Junior Exhibitors and Amateurs, one attendant is permitted to head the entry. The attendant must not touch the entry except for safety reasons. During a workout, the attendant may uncheck and hold the entry.

Section 4. Classes for Roadster Ponies to Bike are restricted to ponies 13 hands (52 inches) and under. If entries warrant, two sections may be offered: a) Roadster Ponies to Bike 50 inches and under, b) Roadster Ponies to Bike over 50 inches not to exceed 52 inches.

Section 5. In Under Saddle classes and Roadster Pony to Wagon classes entries may not exceed 54 inches.

Section 6. The Roadster Pony should be of attractive appearance, balanced in conformation and with manners, which make it safe in the ring. Ponies shall be serviceably sound and shown to roadster cart (bike) without artificial appliances. Low crupper, overcheck, square blinkers and a straight or broken snaffle bit shall be used. Martingles and protective boots are permitted.

Section 7. The driver shall wear stable colors, cap (or protective head gear) and jacket to match.

Section 8. Protective head gear is required of Junior Exhibitors.

Section 9. Roadsters shall enter the ring clockwise at the jog trot then show at the road gait. They will then turn counterclockwise at the jog trot, show at the road gait and then trot at speed. They must demonstrate three distinct speeds. They are shown to a 2-wheel bike and are judged on performance, speed, quality and manners.

WESTERN DIVISION

Part I: Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards

Section 1. All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA Western Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at showhorsesponiessecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org.

Section 2. The following awards will be presented each year if sufficient entries have qualified. Due to the fluctuation of entries in divisions each year, the Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional awards within any division if the level of participation warrants it.

Western Pleasure Adult Award
Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor
Western Pleasure Amateur Award

Western Pleasure Open Award
Stock Type Western Pleasure Award
Saddle-Type Western Pleasure Award
Open Trail Award

Part II: Rules for the MHSA Western Division

Section 1. MHSA western classes will follow USEF rules and class specifications for Western Division or the specific breed's western rules.

Section 2. MHSA stock horse classes will follow the American Quarter Horse Association rulebook.

Section 3. Horses shown in western classes may be of any breed or combination of breeds 14.1 hands and over. Horses shown in stock horse classes will be from stock horse breeds. Stock horse breeds are the American Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa and Pinto. No crosses to Arabs, ASB's or Morgans will be considered stock horses. A full mane is not required.

Section 4. Junior Exhibitor classes are open to horses and ponies. Stallions are prohibited in Junior Exhibitor classes.

Section 5. All exhibitors shall remain mounted until they have left the ring.

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE DIVISION

PART I- Divisions and Classes Eligible for Year-End Awards

Pleasure 2 Gait

Pleasure 3 Gait

Trail Pleasure 2 Gait

Trail Pleasure 3 Gait

Country Pleasure 2 Gait

Classes counted toward these divisional high points may be designated as English Pleasure, Western Pleasure or Optional tack and attire, indicating it is open to horses/riders exhibiting in either discipline.

All rules pertinent to the TWH division can be found at
<http://fosh.info/pdf/rles14/2014%20IJA%20Rulebook-edited.pdf>

All questions or inquiries regarding MHSA TWH Division points and end-of-year standings should be directed to the MHSA Show Horse & Pony Point Secretary at
showhorsesponiesecretary@missourihorseshowsassociation.org.

Rules listed below are done so for emphasis only. The aforementioned rulebook will govern this division in all instances and must be referenced by exhibitors, stewards, and judges. If discrepancies between the following and the rulebook occur, the most current rulebook found at WWW.fosh.info will govern in all areas except drugs, which will be governed by the USEF rulebook.

PART II - General Rules for MHSA Recognized TWH Divisions

Section 1. Regardless of the class, the TWH must always retain the characteristics of a pleasure horse. Exaggeration and extremes in style and form, excessive animation and speed, or least animation and speed will not be rewarded. The TWH must be correctly gaited, fluid, natural, smooth and appear a true pleasure to ride.

Section 2. Tennessee Walking Horses must exhibit a style of movement that appears completely natural for the conformation of the horse. Entries that exhibit an artificial way of going, to include “hang time” while in forward motion; crampy movement; twisting or wringing of the hocks; pointing or other characteristics of a horse that would be considered to be laboring rather than forward moving, will be at minimum severely penalized and may be eliminated from consideration. Entries exhibiting any way of going such as described may be excused from the class for “Bad Image”, being an appearance not in keeping with the way of going of a natural, pleasure horse.

Section 3. Horses must be 30 months of age or older (determined by actual date of birth) at the time of the show to be shown under saddle.

Section 4. Forbidden Practices: Any foreign substance found on the leg of any pleasure horse from the knee to the coronary band is prohibited. This includes dyes, French chalk, lubricants, or medications. The use of plastic wrap on legs, and/or tails that are “gingered” or the rectum otherwise interfered with are prohibited. Gaited horses that exhibit bilaterally curly hair anywhere between the knee and the coronet band will not be tied in any class even if such horses pass DQP inspections (the presence of such hair creates a bad public image for pleasure horses).

Section 5. Individuals and horses on the USDA or HIO suspension list for violation of the Horse Protection Act may not compete.

PART III – TWH SHOEING REGULATIONS

Section 1. TWH are evaluated on the basis of what they do (way of going) and how well they fit the description of the ideal horse for the class rather than on the arbitrary distinction of how they are shod. The maximum shoe allowed in all classes is the 3/8 X 3/4 inch Lite Shod shoe, but horses may also compete in keg shoes or barefoot if the way of going is appropriate for the class. Shoes are for the protection of the horse’s foot and structure, rather than a gait enhancer or “action device”. The shoe must fit the horse’s natural foot.

Section 2. Toe Length must not exceed 4.5 inches and must exceed the height of the heel by at least 1 inch. Toe length is measured from the top of the coronary band to the ground and includes the shoe. Weanlings and Yearlings are shown barefoot with a toe that does not exceed 3.5 inches.

PART IV - TWH TACK, EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE

Section 1. General - Exhibitors should be neatly turned out, in tack and attire appropriate for the class. Protective headgear may be worn in any class and will not be penalized for appearance by any judge. Boots or shoes worn while riding must have a distinguishable heel. If required to keep saddle in position, saddle pads including gel pads, cruppers and fore girths are allowed and may be used in all classes.

Section 2. Prohibited Tack, Equipment and Attire:
Shanks on curb bits greater than 8.5 inches

PART V - GAITS OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

Section 1. Working Walk (a.k.a. dog walk) - The working walk is a slow, even four beat walk. The head and neck are lowered as the horse stretches into the rider's hand showing relaxation and acceptance of the bit. At the working walk, the horse is calm and relaxed. There is no need for restraint on the part of the rider, and there is observable slack in the reins.

Section 2. Flat Walk- a bold, ground covering gait that is even and four beat. Each foot must both leave and strike the ground independently and be accompanied by a pronounced vertical head nod that begins in the vicinity of the shoulder and involves the whole neck and head, not just the head alone. In correct timing, a hind foot is always one-half stride ahead of the front foot. The horse appears to pull with his front legs and drive from his rear legs. The rear legs track straight and must appear to move effortlessly with noticeable overstride. A Tennessee Walking Horse nods its head in rhythm with the cadence of its feet. This head motion, along with overstride, are important factors to be considered in judging walking horse classes. The flat walk is not a speed gait and should be much slower than the running walk.

Section 3. Running Walk- a smooth, gliding gait with the same footfall as the flat walk but extended to increased speed and stride. Speed however, must never be tied over form. The gait is natural to the breed and must never appear to be artificial in execution. The running walk is executed freely, showing "looseness". The running walk should appear to be a pleasure for both horse and rider. The horse pulls with its front feet and drives well under itself with his hind-quarters. The horse continues to nod its head while executing the running walk. The head nod must originate in the shoulder and continue up the neck column. A head that merely pecks or a head that remains stationary is incorrect. When relaxed, some Tennessee Walking Horses flop their ears or click their teeth in rhythm with the gait. Unless these actions appear to be the result of discomfort or improper biting, they will not be penalized.

Section 4. Canter and Lope. The canter in English classes or the lope in Western classes is smooth, collected, economical and straight on both leads. The horse is not walking behind but cantering on both ends with a three beat count and a rolling motion. The horse canters or lopes on the correct lead for the direction of the ring unless a counter canter is requested. The horse remains comfortably in hand at the canter or lope. Judges may ask for the canter or lope to be extended. The stride is increased in length rather than speed.

Section 5. Hand Gallop - Judges may request a hand gallop in 3 gait canter/lope classes in the Western Division. The hand gallop is a four beat gait. There is an observable difference in speed and length of stride between the lope and the hand gallop. The hand gallop is maintained on a loose rein with no attempt by the horse to break into a full run.

PART VI – JUDGING CONSIDERATIONS

Section 1. Judging of the flat walk and running walk. Horses displaying lameness will be excused or eliminated. Correct form is stressed and prized. Smoothness and the appearance of a comfortable ride for the rider are essential to the proper demonstration of form. Judging of the flat walk and running walk will not be influenced by either speed or animation unless the class specifically calls for animation as a required element. However, an animated horse is never tied above a horse that exhibits better form and footfall but has less animation. The appearance of laboring at the running walk will be penalized. There must be an observable distinction in speed between the flat and the running walk. Failure to exhibit this distinction of speed will be penalized. Excessive speed in the running walk resulting in a loss of form will be penalized. A

horse that merely pecks its head rather than nods its head will be penalized. A horse whose head remains stationary will be penalized.

Section 2. Judging of the Canter or Lope. Pumping or snatching of the reins will be severely penalized. Four beat canters or lopes will be severely penalized. Cross cantering or cross firing will be severely penalized. A horse that is run into the rail as a means of picking up the correct canter lead or a horse that is kicked in the shoulder or in front of the girth as a canter cue will be severely penalized. Excessive speed at the canter will be penalized. Canter in place will be penalized. The horse must move forward. A mechanical or exaggerated rocking chair appearance will be penalized

Section 3. Judging at all Gaits - Laboring associated with an artificial way of going at any gait will be severely penalized. Horses that display an incorrect gait for the entire class will be severely penalized. Horses that display a tendency at times to rack, pace, fox trot or trot, or otherwise deviate from the correct gaits will be penalized. Tired horses will be penalized.

PART VII – CALL OF CLASSES

Section 1. Horses enter at the flat walk.

Section 2. Two gait classes - flat walk, running walk, flat walk, reverse, flat walk, running walk, flat walk and proceed to the line up.

Section 3. Three gait classes - flat walk, running walk, flat walk, canter or lope, flat walk, reverse, flat walk, running walk, flat walk, canter or lope, flat walk and proceed to the line-up. If the hand gallop is requested by the judge, it will be called after the canter or lope and then followed by the canter or lope.

Section 4. Trail Pleasure Classes - the judge may call for a working walk from any gait. The working walk will be followed by the flat walk.

Section 5. Western Pleasure Classes - the judge may call for a halt on the rail from any gait. After the halt on the rail, the class may be asked to reverse or to continue at the flat walk.

SPOTTED SADDLE HORSE (SSH) DIVISION

PART I - DIVISIONS AND CLASSES ELIGIBLE FOR SSH YEAR-END AWARDS

SSH Open Pleasure* 2 gait * including: Trail Pleasure, Pleasure, and Show Pleasure

SSH Open Pleasure* 3 gait

Classes counted toward these divisional high points may be designated as English Pleasure, Western Pleasure or Optional tack and attire, indicating it is open to horses/riders exhibiting in either discipline.

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PART II - GENERAL RULES FOR MHSA RECOGNIZED SSH DIVISIONS

Section 1. General

- Spotted Saddle Horses must be registered with one of the following breeds: the Spotted Saddle Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association, the National Spotted Saddle Horse Association or the American Spotted Horse Association.
- Spotted Saddle Horses may include a variety of gaited breeds that meet the color requirements of the respective color registries and which perform an intermediate gait other than a trot.
- Individual Spotted Saddle Horses perform gaits that are unique to their breeding, and many different gaits or variations of gaits may be present in the same class.
- Entries will be judged on the performance level of the particular gait that they have chosen to exhibit.
- One type of gait will not receive preference over another.
- The maximum toe length including the shoe will be 4.5 inches for the SSH.
- Horses must be 30 months of age or older (determined by actual date of birth) at the time of the show to be shown under saddle.

Section 2. Double Registered Spotted Saddle Horses

- When a double registered Spotted Saddle Horse is shown in other breed designated classes (TWH, Mountain Horse etc.) for which it may qualify through registration, the Spotted Saddle Horse must be recognized and shown as that designated breed and conform and adhere to the rules of the designated breed.
- When a Spotted Saddle Horse is shown in OGB classes, the rider may elect to show either under Spotted Saddle Horse Rules or another designated breed rules for which it qualifies through Registration. The exhibited horse may not be shown under a combination of rules.
- When a Spotted Saddle Horse is shown in a Spotted Saddle Horse class, it must adhere to the Spotted Saddle Horse Rules.

PART III – GAITS OF THE SPOTTED SADDLE HORSE

Section 1. The Show Walk

- The Show Walk is a four beat flat footed walk to be executed naturally by the horse with the speed determined by both the rhythm and stride appropriate for the particular horse.
- There must be nothing artificial about the walk.
- The four beat gaits such as the flat walk must be consistent and smooth.
- It is forward moving and is generated by impulsion from the hindquarters.
- The horse's position on the rail is straight
- Evidence of jerky or choppy execution will be penalized.

Section 2. The Show Gait

- The Show Gait is the intermediate gait.

- There is a noticeable increase in speed from the Show Walk.
- Any four beat gait is acceptable including the fox trot, the running walk, the Paso Fino, the broken amble, the saddle gait, or single foot, the rack, and the stepping pace.
- The horse exhibits an extremely smooth and consistent gait.
- The rider appears to be motionless in the saddle and aids invisible.
- The hard pace and any tendency to trot is to be eliminated
- The horses are shown with a light rein and a natural head carriage, appropriate to the conformation of the horse. Horses that are shown with a tight rein are to be severely penalized.

Section 3. The Lope or Canter

- The Spotted Saddle Horse is shown Western at the lope, and English at the Canter.
- This is not a speed gait, but collected and three beat.
- The horse is on the bit and under control.
- The horse must be on the correct lead. Horses not on the correct lead will be severely penalized.
- Excessive speed and pumping of the reins at the lope or canter will be severely penalized

PART IV – JUDGING CONSIDERATIONS

Section 1. General

- Spotted Saddle Horses are usually presented in western tack and attire. Classes may be designated either English or Western or combination of English and Western.
- Judges will evaluate the transitions between gaits. Transitions must be gradual and smooth.
- Horses must stand quietly in the lineup.
- The manners of the horse while lined up may be taken into consideration in judging.
- Horses will back several steps while in the lineup. Gaping mouths and a failure to back willingly and on a straight track will be penalized.

Section 2. Use of Rein in Western Classes

- Two hands on the reins will be acceptable in Western Spotted Saddle Horse classes with either a snaffle bit or a curb (leverage) bit.
- In all Trail Pleasure classes (Trail Pleasure, Traditional Trail Pleasure, Country Pleasure) for Spotted Saddle Horses 4 and over, the exhibitor must use one hand on the reins and neck rein the horse.
- In reining classes, the exhibitor must use one hand on the reins and neck rein the horse.

Section 3. Use of Rein in English Classes

- In English classes, ONLY direct reining is permissible.

PART V – CALL OF CLASS

Section 1. Horses enter the ring at the Show Walk and continue at the Show Walk until the gate is closed.

Section 2. After the gait is closed, the call of the class is:

- Two Gait classes - Show Walk, Show Gait, Show Walk, Reverse, Show Walk, Show Gait, and Show Walk and proceed to the line-up at the Show Walk.

- Three Gait classes - Show Walk, Show Gait, Show Walk, Canter and Show Walk, reverse, Show Walk, Show Gait, Show Walk, Canter and Show Walk and proceed to the Line-up at the Show Walk.

OPEN GAITED BREED

PART I - DIVISIONS AND CLASSES ELIGIBLE FOR OGB YEAR-END AWARDS

- OGB Open Pleasure 2 gait which includes: Trail Pleasure, Pleasure, and Country Pleasure
- OGB Open Pleasure 3 gait

Classes counted toward these divisional high points may be designated as English Pleasure, Western Pleasure or Optional tack and attire, indicating it is open to horses/riders exhibiting in either discipline.

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PART II - GENERAL RULES FOR MHSA RECOGNIZED OGB DIVISIONS

Section 1. OGB General

- Any Gaited Breed is eligible to enter as long as they conform to the general shoeing requirements as outlined in the TWH section of this manual.
- Show management may offer a variety of Open Gaited Breed classes including but not limited to In Hand, English, Trail Pleasure, Working Trail Pleasure, English Equitation (Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat) Stock Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Ranch Horse and Country Pleasure. All classes may be further described as 2 gait, 3 gait, youth, adult, novice horse, novice rider, novice horse and rider, open, amateur, amateur owned and trained, amateur owned trained and ridden, age restricted for either horse or rider etc. The call of the gait will vary with the class.
- Three Gait Classes may be with canter or without canter. Some gaited breeds do not canter, but perform three gaits.
- When competing in Open Gaited Breed Classes traditional tack and attire may be used
- Horses registered in more than one registry may compete with tack and attire appropriate for one breed but not a combination of breeds.
- Ring Protocol and Judging Procedures will be as outlined in this section.

- Horses must be 30 months of age or older (determined by actual date of birth) at the time of the show to be shown under saddle.
- Toe length must not exceed 4.5 inches including the shoe

Section 2. Gaits for Open Gaited Breed Classes

- Horses enter the ring at the walk specific to the breed.
- The walk is of the exhibitor's choice, but is the walk specific to the breed.
- The working walk is a slow even four beat walk. The head and neck are lowered as the horse stretches into the rider's hand showing relaxation and acceptance of the bit. At the working walk the horse is calm and relaxed. There is no need for restraint on the part of the rider and there is observable slack in the reins.
- The intermediate gait is of the exhibitor's choice, but is the gait the breed considers the intermediate gait.
- The canter or lope is a three beat gait on the correct lead. The horse is under control.

Section 3. OGB Open Pleasure

- Any Gaited Breed is eligible to enter.
- The maximum shoe size will be as outlined in the TWH section.
- Tack and attire is optional, however English and Western may not be combined. Breed-specific traditional tack and attire may be used.
- Horses registered in more than one breed registry may compete with tack and attire appropriate for one breed but not a combination of breeds.
- A pleasure horse is a using horse used for pleasure riding under a variety of conditions and over a variety of terrain.
- The horse is responsive and surefooted.
- The horse is consistent in all gaits.
- The canter or lope is relaxed and ground covering (if a 3-gait class)

PART III – CALL OF THE CLASS

Part 1. Two Gait classes – walk, intermediate gait, walk, reverse, walk, intermediate gait, walk and proceed to the line-up

Part 2. Three Gait classes – walk, intermediate gait, walk, canter or lope, reverse, walk, intermediate gait, walk, canter or lope, walk and proceed to the lineup.

MISSOURI FOX TROTTER (MFT) DIVISION

PART I - DIVISIONS AND CLASSES ELIGIBLE FOR MFT YEAR-END AWARDS

- MFT Open Pleasure 2 gait
- MFT Open Pleasure 3 gait
- MFT Open Country Pleasure 2 gait
- MFT Open Country Pleasure 3 gait

Classes counted toward these divisional high points may be designated as English Pleasure, Western Pleasure or Optional tack and attire, indicating it is open to horses/riders exhibiting in either discipline.

All rules pertinent to the MFT division can be found at <http://fosh.info/pdf/rles14/2014%20IJA%20Rulebook-edited.pdf>

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PART II - GENERAL RULES FOR MHSA RECOGNIZED MFT DIVISIONS

*All Quotations taken from Official Handbook Rules Standards & Policies of the MFTHBA effective date Aug 1, 2009.

Section 1. General Standards for the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse

- “The Missouri Fox Trotting Horse has three natural gaits – an easy going flat foot walk, the smooth and comfortable fox trot characteristic of its name, and a relaxed and free-flowing canter. No special shoeing or training is required for these horses to perform their gaits, and their good dispositions and willing attitudes are among their many desirable characteristics making them one of the most versatile and loved of horse breeds within the equine registries.
- “The Missouri Fox Trotting Horse is best known for the comfort it affords its rider.”
- “The Fox Trotting Horse is not a high stepping horse, but an extremely sure-footed one, and because of the sliding action of the rear feet rather than the hard step of other breeds, the rider experiences little jarring action and is quite comfortable in the saddle for long periods of time.”
- “The head and tail are slightly elevated, giving the horse a graceful carriage, and the rhythmic beat of the hooves along with the nodding action of the head present an appearance of relaxation and poise. The movement should be smooth and consistent with no noticeable up and down motion.”
- “The ideal characteristics of the fox trotting horse shall be that the animal will travel in a collected manner with animation, rhythm and style. In each of the gaits, remember “Style and Grace, It’s Not a Race!”
- “The Fox Trot is a broken diagonal gait performed by walking in front and trotting behind, with reach in each stride. The front hoof of the diagonal pair strikes the ground just before the rear hoof, and one front hoof is on the ground at all times in a correct foxtrot. “
- “While a degree of latitude may be given in the show arena, the correctness of the gaits and the equitation and comfort of the rider is necessary to showcase our great horse to its best advantage.”
- Horses must be 30 months of age or older (determined by actual date of birth) at the time of the show to be shown under saddle.
- Toe length must not exceed 4.5 inches including the shoe

PART III – THE GAITS OF THE MISSOURI FOX TROTTER

Section 1. Fox Trot

- The fox trot has a motion and rhythm that carries from the nose through the tail.
- The fox trot gait will be performed in a stylish collected manner by walking in front and trotting behind with striding reach, both front and rear.
- There should not be excessive animation, nor should there be climbing or exaggerated knee motion in the front legs.
- The back feet will exhibit a sliding action resulting from the horse breaking at the hocks.
- The horse will disfigure or overstep his track, and shall travel straight on all four legs.
- The head will be carried slightly elevated, with rhythmic motion in time with the movement of the rear feet.
- The tail will be carried naturally, and should emphasize the rhythm of the gait.
- The exceptional rhythm of the fox trotting horse begins at the tip of the nose with the characteristic headshake and continues back through the ripple of the tail.

Section 2. Flat Foot Walk

- A flat, four beat gait performed in a square, stylish manner.
- The gait is to be accomplished with animation and overstriding the front track.
- Reach in each stride, front and rear.
- When correctly performed, you will hear a steady, equal four beat cadence produced by the hooves; the head shake will be more animated than in the fox trot, and the rider will be getting a smooth ride.

Section 3. Canter (may be used for both English and Western)

- A three-beat gait performed in a straight, collected manner with head and tail slightly elevated.
- The horse shall travel with a forward rolling motion on the correct lead.
- The three-beat gait is performed with a rocking motion, starting from the outside rear foot.
- The head should be at the lowest point when the inside front foot is on the ground.
- The canter is not a fast moving gait.
- The horse should appear relaxed and move freely.
- No pumping of the reins or attempts to lift the forehand by the reins.

Section 4. Hand Gallop

- A definite lengthening of the canter/lope stride with a noticeable difference in speed.
- Not a race.
- The horse is under control at all times and able to halt in a smooth, balanced manner.

PART IV – JUDGING CONSIDERATIONS

*To be judged in accordance with MFT Breed Standards.

Section 1. 3 Gait Classes

- 40% Fox Trot
- 20% Flat Foot Walk
- 20% Canter
- 10% Conformation
- 10% Equitation

Section 2. 2 Gait Classes

- 50% Fox Trot
- 25% Flat Foot Walk
- 15% Conformation
- 10% Equitation

Section 3. Youth Performance Classes

- 50% Fox Trot
- 30% Flat Foot Walk
- 10% Conformation
- 10% Equitation

Section 4. The Halt

The halt may be called for from any gait on the rail to test for quietness. The horse must stand quietly and back easily. In Western classes, the judge shall require the horse to back clear of the lineup and execute a 360 degree neck reined turn.

Section 5. Penalties

- In the MFT Western division penalties to be considered according to severity:
- Excessive Speed (any gait), quick, short, pony or vertical stride.
- Wrong lead at the canter
- Excessive pumping of the reins at the canter – severely penalized
- Break in gait
- Excessive slowness in any gait; resulting loss of forward momentum
- Failure to take the appropriate gait when called during transition or excessive delay will be penalized
- Touching horse or saddle with free hand
- Head carried too high
- Head carried too low (such that the poll is below withers)
- Over flexing or straining neck so the nose is carried behind the vertical.
- Excessive nosing out.
- Opening mouth excessively. Failure to maintain light contact with horse's mouth
- Reins draped to the point that light contact is not maintained.
- Stumbling
- Use of spurs forward of the cinch or excessive use of spurs.
- A horse which appears sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired.

Section 6. Faults which will be cause for disqualification

- Changing hand; or two hands on reins unless with a hackamore or snaffle bit while riding a junior horse
- More than 1 finger between split reins.
- Use of romal other than specified in Western Equitation.
- Unsound, lame or unlevelled horses should be dismissed.
- Unruly horses should be dismissed
- Use of prohibited equipment.

PART V – CALL FOR THE CLASS:

Section 1. Horses shall enter the ring and track right at the Fox Trot Gait and halt before a complete circle of the ring. (Note: Halt is required by IJA Rules.)

Section 2. 2 gait After the gate is closed the call is: Flatfoot Walk, Fox Trot, Flatfoot walk, Reverse, Flatfoot Walk, Fox Trot, Flatfoot Walk and lineup.

Section 3. 3 gait After the gate is closed the call is: Flatfoot Walk, Fox Trot, Flatfoot walk, Canter, Flatfoot Walk, Reverse, Flatfoot Walk, Fox Trot, Flatfoot Walk, Canter, Flatfoot Walk and line-up.