

TEXAS HUNTER AND JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Purpose

The Texas Hunter and Jumper Association was formed in 1948 as an association of exhibitors. In 1953, THJA became a Texas nonprofit corporation whose purposes are to support, maintain and encourage the breeding, use, riding, exhibition and showing of jumping horses, both those useful in the hunting field and those known as open jumpers, and to encourage a better understanding among breeders, owners, trainers and exhibitors of such horses and to encourage such persons to accept uniform rules in regard thereto.

This book supersedes all previous editions of THJA Rules and Regulations and Bylaws.

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BYLAWS OF THE THJA

CHAPTER ONE

Section 1: Organization and Membership

A. Organizational Documents of THJA.

The internal affairs of the Association shall be governed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, these bylaws and to the extent not lawfully modified by the foregoing documents, the laws of the State of Texas, as all the foregoing may be modified or amended in the future.

B. Association Mailing Address

The mailing address for all correspondence to this Association shall be the address of its duly qualified and elected Secretary.

C. Application for Membership

Λ A person may become a member of the Association by submitting an application, and paying the dues then applicable to the classification of membership for which the application was made, to Secretary of the Association. Dues must be received by THJA before the start of any show in order for that person to receive points toward Annual Awards of THJA based on the placings of that person at that show; provided, however, applications are considered effective, for points and eligibility to compete only, on the start date of a competition during which a completed application and the appropriate dues are received by the competition's show secretary and the show secretary has acknowledged that receipt by signing the application along with the applying person. The postmark of a mailed application determines the date of filing. The time stamp assigned by the THJA website (www.thja.org) determines the date of filing if it is done online.

D. Classification of Members

1. Charter members – those who attended or were invited to attend the organizational meeting of the Association held in San Antonio, Texas, on the 21st day of February 1948.
2. Senior members – those, who at the time of paying dues, are 18 years and over. Annual dues are \$45.
3. Junior members – those who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. Persons born on December 1 assume the greater age on that date. Annual dues are \$35.
4. Life members – those who pay a single fee of \$500 or by serving as an officer of the THJA for a period of at least ten (10) consecutive years. Life members are exempt from paying annual dues.

E. Membership Meetings

1. At any meeting of the membership of the Association, a quorum shall consist of not less than 15 senior members in good standing.

2. All members may act and vote by proxy on all matters coming before the membership. The form of the proxy to be approved by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.
3. The vote of a junior member shall have the value of one-half of that of a senior member.
4. The annual meeting of the members and Awards Banquet shall be held in January of each year on the date determined by the Executive Committee, taking into account available information on the dates for the annual meeting of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. The location of the annual meeting of the members and of the Awards Banquet shall be decided by the members at the preceding membership meeting. If the location is not decided upon by the members, the Executive Committee shall designate a place within the State of Texas

F. Member/Non-Member Attendance at THJA Recognized Shows

1. To be eligible to participate as rider, owner, lessee, agent or trainer in THJA recognized shows, persons must be members of the Association or must pay a registration fee except those showing only in Leadline, Exhibitions, Games and Races, Beginner, Pre-Beginner, Short Stirrup, and Baby Green. Lessees and agents are considered owners for purposes of this requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a member or pay a registration fee.
2. Except as provided in the following paragraph, a nonmember who wishes to participate in THJA recognized competitions, as defined in the preceding paragraph, must pay a registration fee for each competition in the amount of \$10, which must be collected at the show involved and forwarded to THJA. Non-members are not entitled to any other privileges of membership; however, a person that pays during the same horse show year non-member fees equal to or exceeding the amount of the membership dues that are applicable for that person shall become a member if otherwise qualified and that person submits the properly completed membership application with evidence of payment attached. **It is the responsibility of the person to provide to the Association a copy of a horse show bills showing collection by the shows of the non-member fees paid by that person.**
3. Participants at shows recognized by both THJA and another Texas horse show association are not required to pay a non-member fee unless they enter a THJA recognized class. Non-members of the state of Texas are exempt from the payment of non-member fees.
4. The official horse show managers and the official horse show secretaries of THJA recognized shows must be members of THJA.
5. Each rider, owner, lessee, agent and trainer must make available to the Show Secretary a current THJA membership card, a verifiable membership number, or proper evidence of exemption. If membership cannot be verified by the Show Secretary, a \$10 non-member fee must be paid, or an affidavit signed by the individual stating that he/she is a member accompanied by a \$10 check, which must be sent to the THJA Secretary. The affidavit fee will be refunded by the Treasurer of the Association upon proof of membership.
6. A member failing to settle his/her indebtedness resulting from non-payment of fees, fines, or for services rendered by the Association shall lose all membership privileges until the debt is paid. Payment must be made within 30 days.

Section 2: Directors

A. Powers of Board of Directors.

The affairs of the Association shall be under the general supervision and control of a Board of twenty-four (24) Directors, all of whom shall be senior members of the Association. All members of the THJA Board shall be members of the USEF and the USHJA.

1. Directors holding places 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, and 22 shall be elected in 1952 and every three years thereafter. Directors holding places 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, and 23 shall be elected in 1953 and every three years thereafter. Directors holding places 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, and 24 shall be elected in 1954 and every three years thereafter. Except in the case of a director elected by the Board to fill a vacancy, each director shall take office at the regular annual meeting next following his/her election; he/she shall hold office three years and until his/her successor is duly elected and qualified.
2. By special election held in 1987, three senior members shall be chosen to fill places 22, 23, and 24. These directors shall take office in 1988 and it shall be determined by lot which individual will hold which place. Directors holding places 22, 23, and 24 may not be reelected to these positions.
3. Beginning in 1993, one junior who is 16 years of age or younger shall be elected annually by the junior membership to serve as a Junior Advisory Director. Each Junior Advisory Director shall hold office for two years and until his/her successor shall be duly elected and qualified, shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, shall have no vote at such meetings, and may not be reelected at the expiration of his/her term.

B. Zones of Representation

To better secure proportionate representation on the Board, the State of Texas shall be divided into 3 zones, based on the Fort Worth-Dallas, the San Antonio-Austin, and the Houston centers of hunter jumper horse activity. The Fort Worth-Dallas area, to be known as the Northern Zone, shall include members of this Association and hunter jumper horse activity in and adjacent to the two cities last named and also those located closer to one of said cities than to any other city named in this section. The San Antonio-Austin area, to be known as the Central Zone, shall include members of this Association and hunter jumper horse activity in and adjacent to the two cities last named above, and also those located closer to San Antonio or Austin than to any other city named in this section. The Houston area, to be known as the Southern Zone, shall include members of this Association and hunter jumper horse activity in and adjacent to Houston and also those located closer to Houston than to Fort Worth, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, and Waco.

C. Nomination and Election of Directors

1. By April 1st of each year, the President shall appoint, and submit for publication, a Nominating Committee, composed of three senior members of the Association who, respectively, are current residents of the three above named zones. The Nominating Committee shall select one or more nominees for each of the directorships to be filled for the following year, including vacant positions referred to them by the Board of Directors. Board positions 1 through 9 are designated Zone Directorships, in order that at least one directorship to be filled each year shall be limited to nominees from the Northern Zone, one to nominees from the Central Zone, and one to nominees from the Southern Zone. The Nominating Committee shall also select one or more nominees for the position of Junior Advisory Director.
2. The Nominating Committee shall report its nominations to the President no later than August 27th and thereupon the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees shall be sent to each member of the Association. Members of the Association may designate one or more additional nominees, either for a Zone Directorship or a Directorship at Large, by obtaining signatures representing twenty (20) full votes for any such nomination. Junior members of the Association may designate one or more

additional nominees for Junior Advisory Director by obtaining signatures representing 20 junior votes for such nomination. Only individuals who are current members shall be eligible to sign any such nomination. All such nominations from the members must designate the position for which the nominee is proposed, shall be mailed to the Secretary, and must be received on or before November 1st.

3. Immediately after November 1st, ballots shall be made up by the Secretary and sent to each member of the Association, together with notice of the time and place of the election. All such ballots shall be sent to members of the Association at least two weeks prior to the announced election date. Such ballots shall be signed and only those who have paid dues for the current year will be permitted to vote; however, a check for such dues may accompany the ballot. Each member may vote for one nominee for each place, i.e., for one of the nominees for each of the Zone Directorships and for one of the nominees for each of the Directorships at Large places. Only junior members may vote for one nominee for Junior Advisory Director.
4. The election of Directors shall be completed and a Directors' meeting, including the newly elected Directors, shall be held at the same time as Texas Hunter and Jumper Association Annual Awards Banquet.

D. Meetings of Directors

1. Annual Meeting – the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held without special notice on the same date as the Texas Hunter and Jumper Association Annual Banquet. At such time, the Board of Directors shall elect officers of the Association for the ensuing year, transact other necessary and proper business of the Association, consider and act upon amendments to the Bylaws, consider and act upon amendments to the Rules necessary in order to clarify existing rules, remedy existing inequities in the rules, and conform THJA rules to newly enacted or explained rules of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Except under extraordinary circumstances, new divisions, sections, specifications, and awards shall not be instituted at this meeting, although committee reports and discussion of such proposals are in order.
2. Rules Meeting – the regular rules meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held, after a minimum of fifteen days written notice, at a time between April 1st and October 1st of each year and in a location selected by the Executive Committee. If the rules meeting is to be held in conjunction with a horse show, a private meeting room shall be obtained for the meeting. At such meetings, the Board of Directors shall consider and act upon rule changes proposed to become effective for the following show year and other matters placed on the agenda by order of the President.
3. Special Meetings- special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or Vice President and shall be called at the written request of any five Directors. Special meetings shall be called by giving at least twenty-four hours notice by mail or email addressed to the residence or place of business of each Director as shown by the Association's records. Such a notice will be sufficient whether or not actually received. Notice of a special meeting may also be given by the Secretary, or anyone designated by him or her, by personal delivery of the notice to the Directors not less than 24 hours prior to the time of the meeting.
4. The editor of the newsletter shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors as a nonvoting observer.

E. Maintenance of Director's Eligibility

In order to maintain his/her eligibility to serve on the Board of Directors, each member must attend a reasonable portion of five THJA recognized horse shows during each year of his/her term as a Director. Evidence of attendance at the required number of shows will be a letter, signed by the Director, and delivered to the President prior to the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors. An exception to this requirement may be granted by the Board of Directors. A Director who fails to notify the President in writing of attendance shall be considered to have resigned from the Board. Vacancies thus created will be filled by special election or in accordance with Chapter 1, Section 2C&F.

F. Vacancies

Vacancies on the Board of Directors, except in the position of Junior Advisory Director, shall be filled by the remaining Directors choosing from among the senior members a Director to fill the unexpired term; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may at its option defer the selection of a new Director until the next regular election and refer the choice of candidates to the Nominating Committee. A Director who does not pay his/her dues to THJA by the time of the annual Directors' meeting shall be considered to have resigned from the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may declare vacant the place of a Director who misses two consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without an excuse acceptable to the Directors.

G. Quorum

Eleven (11) Directors shall constitute a quorum, EXCEPT that at the regular annual Directors' meeting, due notice thereof having been given, the Directors attending shall constitute a quorum regardless of number.

H. Duties

1. The Board of Directors shall exercise all such powers and do all such lawful acts and things that are not directed by these Bylaws or required to be exercised or done by the members.
2. The Board of Directors shall make, publish, and enforce rules and regulations governing recognized Shows, Association members, and all other persons subject to Association regulation.
3. Subject to the requirements of THJA Rules concerning retroactivity, provided all Directors unanimously consent to a vote by written ballot, the Directors may act upon an issue by simple majority via a mailed written ballot without a formal meeting.

I. By-Laws

The bylaws of the Association may be repealed or amended or new Bylaws adopted by a vote of the majority of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided written notice thereof has been given to each member of the Board at least fifteen days in advance of such meeting. Unless otherwise specified at the time an amendment is adopted, all amendments to the Bylaws shall become effective immediately.

J. Liability

To the extent permitted by applicable law, no present or future Director of the Association shall be personally liable to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for conduct as a Director, and the Association shall indemnify and defend any and all present and future Directors, to the fullest degree permitted under the laws of Texas, to the extent of all amounts in excess of amounts paid by any insurance

Section 3: Director Emeritus

A. Authorization of Class.

In addition to the Directors defined in these Bylaws, the Association shall have a class of Directors known as "Director Emeritus." The permissible number of Directors Emeritus (counting only those who have been elected by the Board and Directors Emeritus who have been deceased for less than five years) shall not exceed fifteen.

B. Eligibility

There shall be two eligibility standards for Directors Emeritus:

1. Election by the Board. The Board of Directors, after notice as required for Special Meetings, may elect any person as a Director Emeritus who, prior to Election, has served a full one year term as an officer or Executive Committee member, or was an original Director, and served as a Director for fifteen (15) full years, except that a person who has served as President for one or more years is eligible after serving as Director for ten (10) full years.
2. Optional. Any person shall at his option become a Director Emeritus upon notice by him/her in writing to the President to that effect who meets the requirements of B(1) above enlarged by an

additional five (5) years as a Director. The limit as to number of Directors Emeritus shall not prevent an eligible person from exercising this option.

C. Nominating Committee Functions

The Nominating Committee appointed each year by the President to nominate Directors shall ascertain whether any Director whose term is expiring in the subject year is eligible to become a Director Emeritus automatically. The Committee shall inquire of such Director whether he/she prefers to become a Director Emeritus or to be nominated as a regular Director, if the Committee's nominating choice is in accord.

D. Duties and Privileges

A Director Emeritus shall possess all of the duties and privileges of a Texas Hunter and Jumper Association member and Director except only as follows:

1. As a Director, he/she shall have no vote, nor shall he/she make motions or nominations or second the same. He/She shall not be required to attend meetings, nor be counted in determining a quorum.
2. As a member, he/she shall not pay dues.

E. Tenure, Letterhead, etc.

A Director Emeritus shall be entitled to serve as such for life, but may resign by written notice to the President or Board of Directors. Any Texas Hunter and Jumper Association printed matter, which reflects the names of Directors, shall also reflect the names of Directors Emeritus and indicate them as such in a suitable manner. A suitable plaque shall be presented to a Director Emeritus at the Annual Awards Banquet occurring next after he/she becomes a Director Emeritus.

F. Posthumous Considerations

For five years following the death of a Director Emeritus his/her name shall continue to be printed as provided in D above, except that the years of his/her life span shall be shown next to his/her name so as to indicate that he/she is deceased. The Board at any time may designate any deceased Director or former Director as though he/she had been a Director Emeritus at the time of death, so that printed material will reflect that status accordingly.

Section 4: Officers

A. Authorized Officers.

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

B. General Powers and Duties

1. The officers of the Association shall have all of the official powers and perform all of the usual duties incident to their respective offices and shall in addition perform such other duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Board.
2. In the absence or disability of the President or if authorized by the Board of Directors, the First Vice President shall be vested with all the powers of the President.

3. In the absence or disability of any officer of the Association, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may delegate his/her powers and duties to any other executive officer or to any Director during the period of disability.

C. President

1. The President shall have the power to appoint such committees as he/she deems expedient.
2. The following standing committees shall be appointed each year by the President:
 - a. A **Rule Book Committee**, whose function shall be to keep the rulebook up-to-date, and to advise concerning the requirements, meaning, and interpretation of Bylaws and Rules.
 - b. A **Prize List Review Committee**, whose function shall be to review prize lists in writing prior to publication. The Committee shall be chaired by one (1) Director and shall be composed of senior members who may or may not be Directors.
 - c. An **Exhibitors Show Standards Committee**, whose functions shall be to assist the Association in being responsive to the needs and desires of its membership, to encourage better sportsmanship among the participants in the sport, and to create appropriate motivation for the improvement of horse shows in the state. The following provisions shall be mandatory with respect to this Committee:
 - (1) The committee shall establish its own meeting and evaluation procedures.
 - (2) There shall be a least 5 members, one of whom must be a member of the Board of Directors and one of whom shall be appointed by the President to serve as Chairman. Three (3) members will constitute a quorum.
 - (3) The majority decisions of the committee shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee for formal action, if any.
 - (4) No complaint by an exhibitor concerning a THJA recognized show shall be considered by the committee unless made in writing, giving the name and THJA number of the complainant, and transmitted to the committee within 7 days of the last day of the involved show.
 - (5) Within 15 days after receipt of an exhibitor complaint, the committee shall forward its decision in writing to the Executive Committee if formal action is recommended.
 - (6) Within 15 days after its receipt of the committee's recommendation, the Executive Committee may take any action permitted under these Bylaws to be taken by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors or authorized by THJA Rules and Regulations.
 - d. A **Finance Committee**, whose functions shall be:
 - (1) To review all receipts and expenditures of THJA funds,
 - (2) To prepare, and present when requested by the President, an annual budget for consideration and adoption by the Executive Committee, and
 - (3) To present to the Board of Directors its recommendations on such other financial matters as may be directed to it by the President of the Board. The First Vice President shall serve as a

member and chairman of the committee, which shall be composed of senior members, a majority of whom shall be current Directors

- e. A **Hunter Breeding Committee**, whose function shall be to develop additional participation and interest in this area of the sport.

D. Vice Presidents

1. First Vice President

- a. In the absence or disability of the President, if authorized by the Board of Directors, he/she shall be vested with all the powers of the President.
- b. In the absence or disability of any officer of the Association the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may delegate his/her powers and duties to any other executive officer or to any Director during the period of disability.
- c. Shall serve as a member and chairman of the Finance Committee.

2. Second Vice President

The Second Vice President shall assume the duties of the First Vice President when the First Vice President is unavailable.

E. Secretary

1. Receives membership fees and horse registration fees.
2. Sends out horse registration forms and membership application forms.
3. Issues membership cards and horse registration certificates upon receipt of appropriate dues or fees.
4. Provides written notification to shows requesting a THJA rating of the status of their recognition.
5. In addition to point tabulations, the Secretary will send out to the membership, at least quarterly, newsletters covering rule changes, policies, recommendations of the Board, etc.
6. The secretary may have an assistant(s) of his or her choice.

F. Treasurer

1. Maintains the bank account for the Association.
2. Gives a financial report at the Board and membership meetings as necessary.
3. Writes and issues checks as required.

Section 5: Executive Committee

A. Executive Committee Authorized.

The Board of Directors shall elect annually an Executive Committee consisting of the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association and three Directors or Directors Emeritus.

B. Powers of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have and carry out such functions, powers, and duties of the Board of Directors, between meetings of such Board, as are not by these Bylaws directed or required to be exercised or done by the Board of Directors.

C. Meeting Quorum.

Five (5) members of said Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

D. Limit on Tenure.

No non-officer member of the Executive Committee elected after January 30, 1993 may serve on the Executive Committee in excess of three (3) consecutive years, unless that person was President in the immediately preceding year.

E. Meetings

1. At least 15 days prior to the annual meeting, the officers shall present to the Board of Directors a slate of nominees for officers and non-officer members of the Executive Committee. Nominations from the floor shall be in order at the time set for the election.
2. The Executive Committee may fix by resolution the dates and times of its regular meetings and further notice of such meetings need not be given to the members of the Committee.
3. Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held whenever called by an officer of the Association or by any two members of the Executive Committee on twenty-four (24) hours written or telephone notice.

Section 6: Amendments to Bylaws.

The Bylaws of the Association may be repealed or amended or new Bylaws adopted by a vote of the majority of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided written notice thereof has been given to each member of the Board at least fifteen days in advance of such meeting. Unless otherwise specified at the time an amendment is adopted, all amendments to the Bylaws shall become effective immediately.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

CHAPTER TWO

RECOGNIZED SHOWS

Section 1: Approval and Ratings of Shows

A. Applicability of USEF Rules

1. The Association and its members shall generally be governed in respect to classification and judging of hunters and jumpers by the current rules of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) unless the same are in conflict with the current rules and regulations of the Texas Hunter and Jumper Association. The term “show” as used herein includes any organized competitive equestrian activity, for which THJA offers annual awards and prescribes rules.
2. The rules applicable to all shows recognized by the Texas Hunter and Jumper Association shall be the current rules of the USEF.
3. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS SHALL BE RULES KNOWINGLY ADOPTED BY THJA, WHICH ARE INTENDED TO BE AND ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE PREVAILING USEF RULES. THE CREDITING OF POINTS OR MONEY TOWARD THJA ANNUAL AWARDS SHALL IN ALL CASES BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT RULES OF THJA.

B. Recognition of Shows

1. APPLICATION. Any show wishing to be recognized by the Texas Hunter and Jumper Association must make a written application, by Registered or Certified mail, to the Association Secretary.
2. The minimum number of classes required for a show to be recognized by the Texas Hunter and Jumper Association are:
 - a. A show may be recognized if it offers at least four (4) unlimited classes in any one division in which an annual THJA championship is offered.
 - b. A show may be recognized if it offers at least six unlimited classes in two divisions of three classes each.

C. Applications for Shows.

1. The following shall apply to applications for shows requesting recognition by THJA.
2. Applications must be postmarked at least 60 days prior to the show date. Any applications not postmarked at least 60 days prior to the show date shall be required to pay an additional \$150 late fee in addition to the required one show day’s recognition fee.
3. The holding of a THJA recognized show in a previous year at which THJA “A” rated divisions were offered does not guarantee that the show’s application will be accepted for THJA “A” rated divisions in the next or any subsequent year.

4. The Board of Directors shall determine which applications are accepted from among the applications received based on the following criteria:
 - a. geographic diversity within the state of Texas
 - b. number of horses at the show when it was previously held
 - c. number of THJA “A” rated divisions proposed
 - d. judges under contract to officiate at the proposed show
 - e. accuracy of prize list for previous shows held
 - f. most recent comments from exhibitors to Show Standards Committee concerning previous years’ shows held, including compliance with THJA Rules, class scheduling and competence of show management, and
 - g. venue criteria, such as the number and condition of rings proposed to be used, show length proposed, rideability and safety of courses used at previous shows held, and attention to footing at prior shows held.
5. Applications which are timely postmarked shall be considered and acted upon by the Board of Directors at either the Rules Meeting or at the Annual meeting of the Directors.
6. If an application for an “A” rated show to be held during the months of December through May has been postmarked by May 15 of the preceding year, the Secretary will notify that show in writing of the status of recognition no later than August 15 of the year in which application was made. If an application for an “A” rated show to be held during the months of June through November has been postmarked by May 15 of the preceding year, the Secretary will notify that show in writing of the status of recognition no later than January 30 of the year in which the show will be held.
7. If said show does not wish to have THJA recognition, it must give the Secretary 90 days prior written notice of cancellation in order to be entitled to 100% of its submitted recognition fees.

D. “B” or “C”-Rated Shows

1. The following shall apply **only** to applications for shows proposing to offer only “B” or “C” rated divisions.
2. The application must be received by the Secretary at least 60 days prior to the planned event. If two or more applications are made for the same dates, the application received first will be considered first. Next, the weekend corresponding to the last recognized date of an older established show will not be awarded to another show without prior notice to the senior show.
3. In the event of conflicting applications, the Executive Committee shall decide the awarding of show dates.

E. Distance Requirements Between Shows (see USEF Rule GR308)

THJA adopts the minimum distances between recognized shows applicable to USEF recognized shows under USEF Rule GR308.

F. Recognition Fees

1. Fees

A-rated shows- \$100 per show day

B-rated shows- \$75 per show day

C-rated shows- \$50 per show day

- 2. Each show must submit the amount of one show day’s recognition fee with its application for THJA recognition. The balance of the recognition fees must be paid by the tenth day following the last day of the show. THJA will not send a bill or other notice of obligation for the remainder of the show fees.
- 3. Every show must state the THJA ratings of each division offered in its application for a THJA rating.
- 4. A fine of \$250 will be assessed any show which, without a reason acceptable to the Executive Committee, fails to give 90 days prior written notice of cancellation, and further show dates will not be awarded until the fine has been paid.
- 5. The Secretary will notify in writing, within 15 days of an inquiry, the status of recognition of all show applications.
- 6. All approved shows and their ratings will be posted on the THJA website and published in the “**IN AND OUT.**”

Section 2: Rating of Division or Section.

A. Minimum Requirements

- 1. Unless the Executive Committee permits a lower USEF rating under the conditions stated below in this rule, to qualify for a THJA “A” rating, a division or section must also be recognized and rated “A” by USEF and to qualify for a THJA “B” rating, a division or section must also be recognized and rated “B” by USEF. For the purpose of this rule, USEF recognition and rating is determined at the time the show’s prize list is published. The Executive Committee may also grant THJA “A” or “B” recognition and rating to a show under the following circumstances: (a) the sole reason the show cannot obtain the USEF recognition and rating is because of its proximity to an existing USEF recognized show; (b) the existing USEF show is not recognized and rated by THJA; (c) the show obtains the highest USEF recognition and rating possible under USEF rules, but as a minimum, the show must be recognized and rated “C” by USEF; (d) the show management certifies to THJA that no one has or will be permitted to have any financial interest in, or any responsibility for, both shows; (e) the show agrees with THJA in writing to comply with any special rules or limitations that the Executive Committee may impose as a condition to granting such recognition and rating; and (f) the Executive Committee finds that the recognition and rating of the show will be in the best interests of THJA members in general.
- 2. Ratings for Children’s and Adult Amateur Hunter divisions, for Children’s Pony Division and for Children’s and Adult Amateur Jumper divisions will be determined under the provisions found on page 25. The Children’s Hunter will be rated like the Junior Hunter division; the Adult Amateur Hunter like the A/O Hunter; the Children’s Pony Hunter like the Pony Hunter; the Children’s Jumper like the Jr. Jumper; and the Adult Amateur Jumper like the A/O Jumper. Shows may qualify for different ratings in different divisions or sections.

B. THJA SHOW RATING SYSTEM

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| “B” & “C” rating | “A” rating | Prize |
| Minimum | Minimum | Money |

| Division | Requirements Number Classes | Prize Money | Requirements Number Classes | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| HUNTER | | | | |
| Regular Conformation | 3 | \$ 50 | 4 | \$400 |
| Regular Working | 3 | \$100 | 4 | \$500 |
| Green Conformation | 3 | \$ 50 | 4 | \$500 |
| Green Working | 3 | \$100 | 4 | \$500 |
| Amateur Owner | 3 | \$100 | 4 | \$500 |
| Junior | 3 | \$100 | 4 | \$500 |
| Pony | 3 | \$100 | 4 | \$400 |
| Green Pony Hunter | 3 | \$ 50 | 4 | \$250 |
| JUMPER | | | | |
| Amateur Owner (Low & High) | 3 | \$200 | 3 | \$400 |
| Junior (Low & High) | 3 | \$200 | 3 | \$400 |
| Junior/Amateur | 3 | \$300 | 3 | \$600 |

Section 3: Prize List

A. Submission of Prize Lists.

Each show must submit a complete draft of its prize list to the Prize List Review Committee of THJA at least **8 weeks** prior to the date or dates reserved.

1. Submission may be made by facsimile or email transmission if the actual receipt of the transmission is confirmed by the Prize List Review Committee, or by private courier or delivery service if a return receipt is requested and obtained from the courier or delivery service, or by Registered or Certified Mail, return receipt requested.
2. If the submission is made by private courier or delivery Service or by Registered or Certified Mail, the show must send three (3) copies of the draft.
3. Within 2 weeks following receipt of the draft prize list, the Prize List Review Committee appointed by the President shall review and notify the show in writing either of its approval of the draft for publication or of the revisions required by THJA rules to be made before publication.
4. If the revisions are not made before publication, then a fine of \$100 per uncorrected item may be levied by the Executive Committee.
5. If the draft prize list is late, the show will incur a fine of \$50 per day that the draft is late, not to exceed \$500.
6. Mailing, delivery and email addresses and the facsimile number for the Prize List Review Committee may be obtained from the Secretary.

B. Additional Submission Required by New Show.

A show, which has not previously been granted recognition by THJA, must submit its draft prize list at the same time that it applies for recognition.

C. Submission upon Publication Required.

EVERY show is required to file a copy of its completed prize list with THJA, by Registered or Certified Mail, immediately upon publication.

D. Required Publication of Recognition.

After recognition is approved, the show must print in its prize list the words "T.H.J.A. Recognized Show," an unaltered copy of the THJA membership and horse registration forms as supplied by THJA in a size that is useable and proportionate to the page size of the prize list, and in bold type the following statement:

THJA MEMBERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL CLASSES AT COMPETITIONS RECOGNIZED BY THJA. A NON-MEMBER MAY PARTICIPATE AS RIDER, OWNER, LESSEE, AGENT, OR TRAINER IN THJA RECOGNIZED SHOWS UPON PAYMENT OF A \$10 REGISTRATION FEE. PARTICIPANTS IN THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS RULE: LEADLINE, EXHIBITIONS, GAMES AND RACES, BEGINNER, PRE-BEGINNER, SHORT STIRRUP, AND BABY GREEN. (SEE ALSO THJA BYLAWS, SEC. 1, F1).

E. Deadline for Publication of Prize List.

The prize list and description of courses must go out to the exhibitors at least **3 weeks** in advance of the dates of the show if sent by First Class Mail or **4 weeks** if sent in any other way. Exceptions may be granted by the Executive Committee only.

F. Executive Committee may Refuse Recognition.

Recognition of a show may be refused when in the opinion of a majority of the Executive Committee such refusal would be in the best interest of the Association, the sport in general or fair competition. In the event of conflict, this sub-section shall prevail over all other provisions of this section.

G. Open Show Required.

Entry must be open to all and not limited to any particular group, and the show must, by sending out a prize list or by other effective means, make known to prospective exhibitors that it is an open show. The term “open show” excludes intractable, invitational, and other limited and handicapped competitions.

H. Offering of Extra Classes in Divisions.

Except in Junior and Pony Hunter divisions, shows may offer one or two classes more than the number required for a rating, PROVIDED, the additional class is offered in the prize list. In Junior, Pony Hunter, Children’s Pony Hunter and Green Pony Hunter divisions, shows may offer one more class than the number required for a rating, provided the additional class is offered in the prize list.

I. Offering Additional Prize Money.

Shows may offer more than the minimum required prize money, but the prize money offered in any rated division or section may not equal or exceed the minimum amount required for the next higher rating unless the condition described in the next sentence is applicable. If a show is accorded a THJA “B” rating under the circumstances stated in Sec.2, A1, p.24 and if the show has a USEF “A” rating at the time it publishes its prize list, then that show may offer as prize money any amount: (1) permitted under USEF Rules for “A” ratings of classes in the hunter divisions or section, and (2) any amount in jumper divisions or sections.

J. When Split Sections are not Required.

Amateur-Owner, Junior, Pony Hunter, Children’s Pony Hunter and Green Pony Hunter divisions are not required to be offered as split sections in the prize list.

K. When Split Divisions are Permitted or Required.

If there are fewer than 40 entries for the first class, a division may be split by age or size in conformity with THJA Annual Awards, provided there are at least eight (8) entries in each resulting section, or may be split in conformity with USEF requirements. If there are 40 or more entries but fewer than 50, a division or section may be split. If there are more than 49 entries, the division or section must be split.

L. Elimination Trials Permitted.

When the number of entries in any class warrants, elimination trials may be held.

M. Effect of Split Sections on Prize Money Required.

If a division or section is split, prize money must be doubled. If three height sections are offered or held for Pony Hunters, prize money must be tripled. A separate Championship must be offered for each split section.

N. Certain Classes not to Count to Required Number or Prize Money.

Model classes, Classics, and Grand Prix do not count toward the required number of classes or amount of prize money.

O. Limit on Concentration of Classes in Certain Divisions/Sections.

With the exception of Pony Hunter, Children's Pony Hunter and Green Pony Hunter, an "A" division or section may not be held on one day, and no more than 60% of the prize money in the required "A" classes may be offered on any one day.

Section 4: Show Personnel

A. Judges

1. Every judge employed in a THJA recognized show must be in possession of a valid USEF judge's license for the division(s) to be judged. Guest judges are not considered licensed judges for any purpose. An unlicensed judge is not permitted to officiate in any class conducted under specifications contained in the THJA Rule Book.
2. In a show recognized both by THJA and by a Texas regional hunter and jumper association, an unlicensed judge is permitted to officiate, if allow by rules of the regional association, only in classes recognized by and/or conducted under written specifications contained in the current rules of the regional association; all such classes must be clearly identified in the prize list.
3. No judge may officiate more than 3 times during the show year in hunter and/or equitation classes at shows offering "A" rated divisions. No judge may officiate more than three (3) times during the show year in hunter and/or equitation classes at shows offering "B" rated divisions. A minimum of 30 days must elapse between judging assignments. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by the Executive Committee in cases of emergency.
4. No judge may officiate more than twice during the show year in hunter and/or equitation classes at shows which offer "C" rated divisions and are held within a 50 mile radius of one another.

B. Show Manager

1. At shows offering any "A" rated divisions, the Show Manager or a designated management representative named in the Prize List, must function as Operations Supervisor, remain easily accessible to the ring(s) and warm-up area(s) during competition hours, have no duties which would interfere with the efficient supervision of show operations, and be authorized to make promptly any decision necessary to the safe, fair, and efficient conduct of the show.
2. Shows offering "B" rated divisions are strongly urged, though not required, to comply with this rule.

C. Show Secretary

1. The Show Secretary's responsibilities include receiving the show's entry forms, mailing out additional prize lists when requested, and any other duties as negotiated with the show manager.
2. At the show, receive and assure the completion of entry forms, issue numbers, compile appropriate show results, act as the stable manager, when requested, maintain lists for feed and bedding, etc.
3. Within 10 days following the completion of a horse show, the Show Secretary shall forward by Registered or Certified mail to the THJA Secretary, the complete results of the show as certified correct by two (2) officials at the show. Show results must be typewritten or computer-printed and contain the following information:
 - a. A list by entry number of all horses, owners, and riders participating at each show, including THJA registration and membership numbers and the exhibitors that paid a THJA non-member fee;
 - b. The names and THJA registration or membership numbers of all horses, owners, and riders placing in each class of every division eligible for THJA Annual Awards;
 - c. The places won in each hunter, hunter breeding, and hunt seat equitation class;
 - d. The places won and money awards given in each jumper class;
 - e. All championship and reserve championship awards;
 - f. The show year of each of the top six (6) horses placing in any Green Hunter class;
 - g. The size of each of the top six (6) horses placing in any Junior Hunter class;
 - h. The status (Junior, Amateur-Owner, or Adult Amateur) of each of the top six (6) riders placing in any combined Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper or Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper class;
 - i. The age of each of the top six (6) riders placing in any combined Amateur-Owner Hunter, Children's Hunter, or Adult Amateur Hunter class; and
 - j. If any hunter division has been split using the method described in Rule GR 921.7 of the USEF Rule Book, then such results shall be submitted as two (2) separate sections denoting a champion and reserve champion for each section and if such results are not submitted in such manner, they will be returned to show management for correction.
4. Collect and send to the THJA Secretary, the correct number of non-member registration fees. A fine of \$250 will be assessed any show which fails to forward the correct amount of non-member fees within 10 days after the show is completed and recognition will be withheld until the fine as well as the correct fees have been paid.
5. A fine of \$100 will be assessed any show which fails to forward official results, by Registered or Certified Mail, within 10 days after the show, and dates for the following year shall not be awarded until the penalty has been paid. Incorrectly filed or illegible show results will not be posted to THJA records, but will be returned to the show for proper filing. A list of shows submitting results incorrectly will be published to the membership.

D. Course Designer

1. The Course Designer's responsibilities include directing and supervising the ring or jump crew, and must be able to communicate promptly with them at all times during competition hours.
2. At shows offering "A" rated divisions, the Course Designer may not have any conflicting responsibilities. He may **not** also serve as Announcer, Paddock Master, Operations Supervisor, or in any capacity in the show office.
3. At shows offering only "B" or "C" rated divisions, the Course Designer may also serve as Operations Supervisor.
4. A Course Designer may not officiate as a judge unless his judging and course design responsibilities are limited to the same ring at all times.

E. Jump Crew

1. At shows offering "A" rated divisions, the ring or jump crew must be composed of at least 6 persons, if three rings are used. If 2 rings are used, it must be composed of at least 5 persons. At shows using two rings and with fewer than 125 horses entered, the ring or jump crew must be composed of at least 4 persons.
2. Each member of the crew must be physically able to perform the work required and capable of communicating with and understanding the directions of the Course Designer. Members of the ring or jump crew cannot also serve as Paddock Masters or Announcers.

F. Paddock Master

1. Every show must have at least one Paddock Master for each ring in which classes are held.
2. A Paddock Master's duties include keeping exhibitors in the paddock and warm-up areas advised of the jump order by making regular calls of the next 5 to 8 entries scheduled to compete and informing the Announcer of the progress and approaching conclusion of each class.
3. At shows offering "A" or "B" rated divisions, each Paddock Master must have no conflicting responsibilities during competition hours while serving as Paddock Master and must be available at least 30 minutes before the first scheduled class of the day to confer with other Paddock Masters, exhibitors, and trainers in order to resolve scheduling conflicts.
4. A Paddock Master may not also serve as a member of the jump crew or as an award presenter.

G. Stable Manager

1. Any show which offer overnight stabling must appoint a Stable Manager whose responsibilities include assigning stalls and providing information on the manner of obtaining bedding and feed at the show grounds.
2. The name, address, and telephone number of the Stable Manager must be printed in the prize list and posted at the show office.
3. The Stable Manager must be readily available during periods of time when significant numbers of horses may reasonably be expected to arrive.

H. Steward/Ring Committee

1. Show management shall appoint a qualified Steward and/or a Ring Committee composed of three (3) senior members of THJA who have been members of THJA for at least one year immediately prior to the date of the show.
2. The duties of the Ring Committee and/or USEF Steward shall be the receiving of complaints, and any other duties required of a Ring (Show) Committee and/or Stewards under USEF and THJA.
3. Members of the THJA Executive Committee, persons with a primary financial interest in the show, show management or family members of show management may not serve either as Stewards or as members of the Ring Committee.
4. The Ring Committee or Steward's decision may be appealed to the THJA Executive Committee.

Section 5: Conduct of Recognized Shows

A. Multiple Ring Operation.

A show, which operates more than one ring, must:

1. designate a Priority Ring
2. post the jumping order for the class at least 30 minutes prior to each class
3. notify exhibitors that the one minute rule will be enforced in the Priority Ring. Riders may be permitted to compete out of order in accordance with USEF Hunter and Jumper rules.

B. Requirements for “A” and “B” Shows

1. Shows offering “A” or “B” rated divisions must offer a trophy and at least 8 ribbons for each class, rated or unrated in the hunter and equitation divisions.
2. At shows offering “A” or “B” rated divisions, awards for each class in each rated hunter division must be presented in the ring by someone other than the Paddock Master, and the names of the horses, owners, and riders shall be announced.

C. Maximum Show Length; Penalty for Violation

A penalty of \$500 per hour, or part thereof, shall be assessed against the management of any show which is not concluded by 6:30 p.m. on Sunday; exceptions granted only in cases in which the Executive Committee determines that the timely conclusion of the show was prevented by *force majeure*, recovery from which was not reasonably possible.

D. School Rule

No Junior shall be required to perform before 6:00 p.m. on a school day in classes where year-end points are tabulated by THJA for Junior exhibitors only.

E. Publication of Infractions.

All infractions of the Rules and Bylaws of the Association by members and recognized shows, and the results of any enforcement action with respect thereto, shall be published to the membership in the In and Out and on the THJA website.

F. Special Regulations/Definitions.

1. **Age.** For horse show purposes, the age of an individual on December 1 shall be maintained throughout the ensuing show year. Persons born on December 1st shall assume the greater age on that date.
2. **Non-Professional.** A non-professional rider is one whose primary source of income is unrelated to hunter/jumper riding, sales of horses, training, stable ownership, or management or the like.
3. **Complaints.** In shows recognized by both USEF and THJA, the USEF complaint procedure shall govern except in matters involving THJA rules and points, which shall be referred to the THJA Executive Committee.

CHAPTER THREE

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HUNTERS

Section 1: Junior Hunter Division

A. Age Sections:

THJA recognizes two separate age sections for the Junior Equitation Divisions:

1. 14-17 Junior Equitation, which is open to riders who have reached their 14th, but not their 18th birthdays, determined under THJA Chapter 2, Section 5F.
2. 13 and Under Equitation, which is open to riders who have not reached their 14th birthdays as determined under THJA Chapter 2, Section 5F.
3. All junior equitation over fences classes will be held at a maximum height of 3'6" and a minimum height of 3'3".

B. Height Sections:

1. THJA recognizes two separate height sections for the Junior Hunter Division: A large Junior Hunter is a horse 16 hands and over. A small Junior Hunter is under 16 hands. Each of these sections is open to riders who have not reached their 18th birthdays.
2. The height sections may be further divided by age of the Junior rider. Some suggested age limits (USEF GR 332) are:
 - a. Juniors who have not reached their 11th birthday.
 - b. Juniors who have reached their 11th but not their 14th birthday.
 - c. Juniors who have reached their 14th but not their 18th birthday.

Section 2: Amateur-Owner Hunter Division.

A. Adoption of USEF Rules.

THJA adopts in their entirety the current USEF rules defining an Amateur-Owner Hunter entry, and its specifications for the Amateur-Owner 3'6" section and the Amateur-Owner 3'3" section (see USEF Rule HU 114).

B. Cross Entry.

- ^ Since Zone 7 Specifications do not permit, riders may not cross enter between the Adult Amateur division and the Amateur-Owner Division. Horses may not cross enter between Adult Amateur, Amateur Owner 3'3" and/or Amateur-Owner 3'6" divisions.

Section 3: Children's and Adult Amateur Divisions.

A. Specifications

The Children's Hunter and Adult Amateur Hunter divisions recognized by THJA are subject to the following rules:

1. Maximum fence height: Children's 3'0", Adult 3'3".
Maximum spread: Children's 3'0", Adult 3'3".
2. Must be shown over a minimum of eight fences, the required height.
3. THJA and USEF rules concerning Hunter fence types and construction shall apply.
4. At least two different courses are required.
5. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed penalized.
6. A minimum of three full point classes, of which two shall be over fences, must be offered.
 - a. The Under Saddle class may not be offered as the first performance class in a division or section. A Handy class may be offered but is not required.
 - b. A show offering a THJA-rated Junior Hunter division must offer the same number of classes for the Children's Hunter division as required for the Junior Hunter rating.
 - c. A show offering a THJA-rated Amateur Owner Hunter Division must offer for Adult Amateur Hunter the same number of classes required for the Amateur Owner Hunter Rating.
7. A division with more than 40 entries must be split by any method permitted under USEF rules
8. Annual Awards.
 - a. For annual awards, THJA recognizes two separate age sections for the Children's Hunter Division: 15 through 17, and 14 and under.
 - b. For annual awards, THJA recognizes three separate age sections for the Adult Hunter Division: 18 through 35, 36-49, and 50 and over.
9. Points toward THJA annual awards shall be scored in accordance with THJA Point Table, p. 66 and the following rating classifications.
 - a. Children's Hunter – Same classification as Junior Hunter.
 - b. Adult Amateur Hunter – Same classification as Amateur Owner Hunter.
 - c. If either Junior or Amateur Owner Hunter is not offered, points for the corresponding division will be scored as though the division held a "C" rating.

(See Section 2.C. below for Children's Hunter Pony Specifications.)

B. Children's Hunter

1. Eligibility. Open to non-professional Junior riders mounted on horses (see Chapter 2, Section 5F).

2. Cross Entry.
 - a. The same rider/horse combination may not compete at the same show in any class (equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'3".
 - b. The rider may compete on a difference horse at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/mount are eligible.
 - c. The horse may be shown by another exhibitor in any other division at the same show other than a different age group in Children's Hunter at the same show; however, if the show is also recognized by USEF, in compliance with USEF Zone 7 specifications, the horse may not be shown in the Junior Hunter Division at that show.

C. Children's Hunter Pony

1. Eligibility. Open to ponies ridden by non-professional Junior riders (no other age restriction is applicable).
2. Cross Entry
 - a. 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 is eligible.
 - b. The pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except THJA rated Pony Hunter classes.
 - c. The rider and/or pony may enter any Equitation Classes.
3. Judging Criteria. Entries are to be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, suitability of size of rider to mount, and suitability as a Children's Hunter. Ponies may be jogged for soundness at management's discretion.
4. Fences/Spreads. Small ponies are to be shown at 2', medium ponies are to be shown at 2'3" and large ponies are to be shown at 2'6". Spreads shall not exceed the height of the fence.
5. Prize Money. No minimum prize money is required.

D. Adult Amateur Hunter

1. Eligibility. Open to Amateur riders 18 years of age and older mounted on horses.
2. Cross Entry
 - a. The same rider/horse combination may not compete at the same show in any class (equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'3".
 - b. The rider may compete on a different horse at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/mount are eligible.
 - c. The horse may be shown by another exhibitor in any other division at the same show; however, if the show is also recognized by USEF, in compliance with USEF Zone 7 specifications, the horse may not be shown in the Amateur Owner Hunter Division at that show.

Section 4: Green Hunter

THJA adopts in their entirety the current USEF rules defining Green Hunters with the addition that participation and money won in shows recognized by THJA or other USEF affiliated organizations shall have the same effect on a horse's green status as USEF or Canadian recognized shows.

Section 5: Hunter Breeding

THJA recognizes a single Hunter Breeding division, which is open to horses only.

A. Recognition of Classes.

Breeding classes for Yearlings, Two-Year-Olds, Three-Year-Olds, and Best Young Horse will be recognized.

B. Specifications of Classes.

Hunter Breeding classes must be offered as printed in the prize list. Classes may not be combined; however, if the number of entries warrant, they may be split in either or both of the following ways:

1. By breed: thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred;
2. By sex: colts, geldings, (colts and geldings), and fillies.

C. Selection of Judges.

A different judge must be used for each section. A Guest Judge may not officiate in any Hunter Breeding section.

D. Judging Of Entries.

Classes are to be judged on conformation, quality, substance, soundness, and suitability to become hunters. Entries are to be moved on the line and jogged.

E. Qualification for Best Young Horse Class.

Horses placing first or second in their respective classes will be eligible to compete in the Best Young Horse class, which shall be held and judged as a separate class. Should any first or second place winner in a qualifying class not compete in the Best Young Horse class or be disqualified, the horse receiving the next highest place in the qualifying class shall become eligible to compete.

F. Number of Classes.

No more than two Hunter Breeding sections may be offered at a single show; however, only one of those sections may count toward annual awards. A Hunter Breeding section includes all mutually exclusive classes offered for a single age group. The prize list must clearly state which Hunter Breeding section will count for THJA annual awards and which for USEF awards (which may be the same section).

G. Recognition of Performance at Show.

Ribbons in all Hunter Breeding classes must be presented to the winners while in the ring. Horse show management shall announce the results of all Hunter Breeding classes and divisions publicly at the

show. The public announcement shall include the dam and sire of each entry placing in a class or receiving a championship award at the show. The prize list for shows offering Hunter Breeding classes shall prominently draw attention to the need for this information.

Section 6: Medal Classes

A. THJA Limit Medal Class

1. The THJA Limit Medal Class is open to all Junior and Adult riders who have not won six first place ribbons over fences in Equitation classes at THJA, USEF, or USEF affiliate recognized shows. Riders who are not members of THJA may participate in the qualifying classes, but may not participate in the final ride-off. Riders otherwise eligible may participate in this class all year long even if they have qualified for the final ride-off. At the end of the season at a show designated by the Executive Committee, a final ride-off class will be held in which THJA members who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in a qualifying class during the year may enter.
2. To be shown over a simple figure eight course of not less than 6 obstacles at 2'6" which must include two changes of direction and may or may not include a combination. All fences to be winged. Three riders must complete the course in order for the class to constitute a qualifying class for the final ride-off. The winner of the final ride-off may never enter again. The winner of the final ride-off shall receive a suitable trophy at the Annual Awards dinner.
3. Shows wishing to hold this class must make application at least six weeks prior to the first show day. Class specifications must be printed in the prize list under Equitation Division. A fee of \$5 for each entry in the THJA Limit Medal Class must be submitted to the THJA at the conclusion of the show
4. No other judge's card for any classes may be open in the ring while the judge's card for either the final ride-off class or any qualifying class is open.

B. THJA Junior Medalist Final

1. The THJA Junior Medalist Final is open to Junior riders who are members of THJA and who have placed first, second, or third in a USEF Hunter Seat Medal, USET Equitation, or ASPCA Horsemanship class held at THJA recognized shows. Qualifying classes held after October 1 will count toward the following year's Final.
2. The Final will be held at the end of the season at a show designated by the Executive Committee. Site selection shall be made each year by August 1. The winner will receive a suitable trophy or medal at the Annual Awards dinner.
3. To be shown over a course of not less than 8 obstacles at 3'6" height which must include one combination including an oxer and two changes of direction (lead change). Obstacles to have both painted and natural rails of the type used in USET competitions. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse. Judges shall require two or more tests (USEF tests 1-17) of the top four contestants. Only one rider per horse. No points toward THJA annual awards.

Section 7: Limit Rider, Low Rider, Pre-Green Hunter, Adult Amateur and Children's Equitation

A. Limit Rider, Low Hunter, Pre-Green Hunter, Adult Amateur and Children's Equitation Classes.

All Limit Rider, Low Hunter, Pre-Green Hunter, Adult and Children's Equitation classes offered in THJA recognized shows, whether under these names or similar ones, are subject to the following rules:

1. Classes may be split by any method permitted under USEF rules, provided there are at least eight (8) entries in each resulting class or section, and must be split if there are more than 40 entries. If a section of two or more classes is offered for Limit Rider Hunter, Low Hunter, or Pre-Green Hunter, all classes in the section must be split, if at all, in the same manner.
2. THJA and USEF rules concerning Junior Hunter fence numbers, types, and construction will apply.
3. THJA recognizes for Annual Awards a single Children's Equitation Division and a single Adult Equitation Division. Points shall be scored according to THJA Point Table, page 66.

B. Limit Rider Classes.

1. Limit Rider Equitation. Open to riders of all ages who have not won six blue ribbons over fences in any equitation class at a THJA, USEF, or USEF affiliate recognized show.
2. Limit Rider Hunter. Open to riders of all ages who have not won six blue ribbons in any classes over fences (equitation included) at a THJA, USEF, or USEF affiliate recognized show.
3. Specifications for Limit Rider Classes.
 - a. Maximum fence height is 3'. However, if split by age and a class or section for riders 11 and under is offered, maximum fence height for that class or section only is 2'6".
 - b. Cross entry rules are left to the show management's discretion with the exception that cross-entry into equitation classes for which the rider is otherwise qualified must be permitted.

C. Low Hunter Classes.

1. Low Hunter classes are open to all horses or ponies.
2. Maximum fence height is 3'3".
3. Cross entry rules are left to show management's discretion with the exception that cross entry into all equitation classes for which the rider is otherwise qualified must be permitted.

D. Pre-Green Classes.

1. A Pre-Green horse is a horse of any age that has never shown in a recognized THJA show or a USEF Regular Member or Local Member show over fences 3'6" or higher. A horse may show in the Pre-Green Hunter Section of a THJA recognized show or of an USEF Zone VII Recognized Competition for no more than two years.
2. Show management may offer two sections of Pre-Green Hunter (Fence Heights 3' and 3'3") or only one section at either height.
3. Horses may only be entered in one section. Exhibitors may enter one section only.

E. Adult Amateur and Children's Equitation

1. Adult Amateur Equitation. Open to non-professional riders 18 years of age and older. The same horse/rider combination may not enter any other class (Equitation excepted) at the same show in which fence heights exceed 3'3".
2. Children's Equitation. Open to non-professional Junior riders. The same horse/rider combination may not enter any other class (Equitation excepted) at the same show in which fence heights exceed 3'0".
3. Specifications. Maximum fence height and maximum spread: Children's - 3'0"; Adult – 3'3".

Section 8: Special Regulations.

A. Minimum Fence Height in Regular Hunter.

In a Regular Hunter course, 50% of the jumps must be at least 3'9".

B. Junior and Green Hunter Division.

Horses in Junior and Green Hunter Divisions should at all times maintain a safe, controlled pace, and the management of each show should inform its judges of this policy.

CHAPTER FOUR

JUMPERS

Section 1: Classification of Jumpers.

A. General Adoption of USEF Rules.

THJA adopts in their entirety the current USEF rules classifying jumpers with the addition that participation and money won in shows recognized by THJA or other USEF affiliated organizations shall have the same effect on a horse's jumper classification as USEF or Canadian recognized shows.

B. Minimum Weight Requirement Waived.

Classes using FEI rules may be held with the minimum weight requirement waived.

Section 2: Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper

A. Entries Permitted.

1. Adult Amateur Jumper classes are open to all adult Amateurs. Cash winnings do not influence this classification.
2. Children's Jumper classes are open to all non-professional Junior riders. Cash winnings do not influence this classification.
3. Adult Amateur Jumper and Children's Jumper each may be offered as separate Low and High Sections.
4. A combined Adult/Children's Jumper section may be offered, and if entries warrant, may thereafter be split into separate sections.

B. Cross Entries.

Cross entry into Junior Jumper or Amateur Owner Jumper or any class with fence heights 4' and above is not permitted for the same horse/rider combination at the same show. Competition management may restrict cross entries between High and Low sections at the same show if stated in the prize list.

C. Fence Heights and Spreads.

1. Fence heights and spreads in Low Adult Amateur Jumper and Low Children's Jumper shall be conducted with fence heights at 3'3" and 3'6" as follows:

- a. The first two classes in Low Adult Amateur and/or Low Children’s Jumper section must be conducted with fence heights at 3’3”.
 - b. The third and any subsequent classes in the Low Adult Amateur and/or Low Children’s Jumper section, including a classic, must be conducted with fence heights at 3’6”.
2. Fence heights and spreads in High Adult Amateur Jumper and High Children’s Jumper shall be conducted with fence heights at 3’6” and 3’9” as follows:
 - a. The first two classes in High Adult Amateur and/or High Children’s Jumper section must be conducted with fence heights of 3’6”.
 - b. The third and any subsequent classes in the High Adult Amateur and/or High Children’s Jumper section, including a classic, must be conducted with fence heights of 3’9”.
 3. If only one section of Adult Amateur Jumper or Children’s Jumper is offered, fence heights and spreads for all classes in the section shall be conducted at fence heights of 3’6”.

D. Courses.

- ^ Classes shall be scored under Table 1; Table II, Section 1, Section 2(a), Section 2(b), Section 2(c), or Section 3; or Table IV; or Table V (Optimum Time) of USEF Rules, JP 143 – JP 149. Courses must be set, and/or adjusted, if necessary, to provide safe and suitable distances between jumps in relation to fence heights.

E. Annual Awards.

1. THJA recognizes separate High and Low sections for Annual Awards in each of Children’s Jumper and Adult Amateur Jumper.
2. Points earned in a combined Adult Amateur/Children’s section are credited according to the rider’s classification. Points earned in a combined Adult Amateur Jumper section or a combined Children’s Jumper section are credited as garnered in a Low section.
3. Points toward THJA Annual Awards shall be scored in accordance with THJA Point Table, Chapter 7, Section 3 (page 66), and the following rating classifications:
 - a. Children’s Jumper – same classification as Junior Jumper.
 - b. Adult Amateur Jumper – same classification as Amateur Owner Jumper.
 - c. Children’s/Adult Jumper – same classification as Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper.
 - d. If Junior, Amateur Owner, or Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper is not offered, points for the corresponding section will be scored as though it held a “C” rating.

Section 3: Modified Amateur Jumper Division

A. Exhibitor Qualifications.

Open to all adult Amateur riders mounted on horses.

B. Class Specifications.

USEF specifications for Amateur Owner Jumper classes shall apply with the following exceptions:

1. The rider is not required to be an Amateur Owner under USEF Rules, but must be an Amateur under USEF Rules, holding a current Amateur certification.
2. First round fence height not to exceed 4' with spreads to 4'. Fences may not be raised to more than 4'3" nor spread to more than 4'3".

C. Annual Award.

THJA recognizes for Annual Awards, a single Modified Amateur Jumper Division. Points toward THJA Annual Awards shall be scored in accordance with THJA Point Table, page 66 and shall have the same rating classification as the Amateur Owner Jumper Division. If Amateur Owner Jumper is not offered, points for the Modified Amateur Jumper Division will be scored as a "C" rated division.

Section 4: Modified Junior Jumper Division

A. Exhibitor Qualifications.

Open to all Junior riders mounted on horses.

B. Class Specifications.

USEF specifications for Junior Jumper classes shall apply, with the exception that first round fence heights are not to exceed 4' with spreads to 4'. Fences may not be raised to more than 4'3" nor spread to more than 4'3".

C. Annual Award.

THJA recognizes for Annual Awards a single Modified Junior Jumper Division. Points toward THJA Annual Awards shall be scored in accordance with THJA Point Table, page 66 and shall have the same rating classification as the Junior Jumper Division. If Junior Jumper is not offered, points for the Modified Junior Jumper Division will be scored as a "C" rated division.

Section 5: Junior & Amateur-Owner Jumper Divisions

A. Exhibitor Qualifications.

1. THJA recognizes for Annual Awards two sections in the Amateur-Owner Jumper Division: Low and High. Classes in the Division are open to all Amateur-Owner jumper entries as determined by USEF rules.
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2. THJA recognizes for Annual Awards two sections in the Junior Jumper Division: Low and High.
^ Classes in the Division are open to all non-professional Junior riders.

B. Cross Entry.

If a horse is shown in the Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper Division, it may not cross enter into any Junior/Amateur- Owner Jumper classes at the same show. Otherwise, cross entry into other divisions or classes is permitted except to the extent the prize list further prohibits cross entry.

C. Fence Heights and Spreads.

1. Fence heights and spreads shall be in accordance with USEF Rule JP-117.

Λ 2. Classes may be conducted under any Table permitted by USEF rules JP 143 – JP149.

D. Combining/Splitting Sections.

1. A combined High Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper section may be offered, and if entries warrant, may thereafter be split into separate High Junior and High Amateur-Owner sections.

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2. A combined Low Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper section may be offered, and if entries warrant, may thereafter be split into separate Low Junior and Low Amateur-Owner sections.

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3. Monies earned in a combined section are credited according to the rider's classification.

Section 6: Pony Jumpers (USEF rule JP 118)

A. Eligibility.

A pony, 14.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. Stallions are prohibited in pony jumpers.

B. Cross Entry.

1. Pony jumpers may not be ridden by an adult in any section at the same competition.
2. Riders competing in any Pony Jumper section cannot compete in any other sections at the same competition in which they are required to jump fences higher than 3'6" (Exception: Children's Jumpers).

C. Style Award.

A Rider Style Award must be given at any competition offering three or more classes. The Style Award is to be decided by the Pony Jumper Judge(s) based on the following criteria: To be presented to the Pony Jumper Rider who exhibits the best classical jumper style of riding throughout the Pony Jumper classes. This award will not necessarily be given to the rider accumulating the most points in the Pony Jumper division.

D. Pony Jumper Fence Heights.

Fences to be 3' to 4'. In any Pony Jumper section offered with fences above 3', the first class in the section must be 3" lower than any subsequent class or classes in the same section.

CHAPTER FIVE

PONY HUNTER & EQUITATION

Section 1: Pony Hunter Division

A. Eligibility.

The THJA Pony Hunter Division is open to all junior riders mounted on ponies. Stallions may not be shown in the Pony Hunter Division.

B. Annual Awards.

THJA recognizes for Annual Awards three sections of the Pony Hunter Division: small, medium and large.

C. Points Toward Annual Awards.

Points shall be scored according to THJA Point Table (See Chapter 7, Section 3, page 66). If a recognized show offers a Pony Hunter division or section combining ponies of different sizes, ribbon winners will receive THJA points in the section in which they normally compete according to the size of the pony.

D. Pony Hunter Fence Heights

THJA follows the USEF fence heights for Pony Hunter (USEF Rule HP 108); provided that in a “C” rated Pony Hunter Division or section, not rated by USEF, the fence height and spreads for large ponies shall be 2’9” to 3’.

E. Pony Hunter Distances

The National Hunter & Jumper Association (USHJA) Guidelines for Pony Hunter Distances are set forth in Paragraph G as a guide.

F. Factors to consider in using shorter or longer distances:

1. Footing – Deep turf shortens the stride.
2. All weather and good footing lengthens it.
3. Terrain – Uphill shortens and downhill lengthens the stride.
4. Rings – Shade toward the shorter distance for small outdoor and indoor rings. Lengthen for large outdoor rings.
5. Weather – Rain, cold and mud, etc. shortens the stride.
6. Direction – Going away from the in-gate shortens the stride and coming “home” lengthens it.
7. Jumps – Well- built, well filled-in fences encourage ponies to jump up and round over obstacles. Sparsely built “airy” jumps result in a longer stride and “flattening” over the fences.

G. Suggested Pony Hunter Distances Chart (USHJA)

| Strides | Small Ponies | Medium Ponies | Large Ponies |
|---------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | 20' | 22' | 24' |
| 2 | 30' | 31'-32' | 34' |
| 3 | 38'-40' | 42'-43' | 45'-46' |
| 4 | 46'-48' | 48'-50' | 57'-58' |
| 5 | 58'-60' | 60'-62' | 69'-70' |
| 6 | 70'-72' | 72'-74' | 80'-81' |
| 7 | 82'-83' | 84'-86' | 91'-92' |
| 8 | 94'-96' | 96'-98' | 103'-104' |

REMEMBER: This distance chart is only a guide.

Section 2: Green Pony Hunter (USEF rule HP 102)

A. Eligibility.

THJA adopts in their entirety the current USEF rules defining Green Pony Hunters with the addition that participation and money won in shows recognized by THJA or other USEF affiliated organizations shall have the same effect on a pony's green status as USEF or Canadian recognized shows.

B. Annual Award.

THJA recognizes for Annual Awards a single Green Pony Hunter Division.

C. Points Toward Annual Awards.

Points shall be scored according to THJA Point Table (See Chapter 7, Section 3, page 66).

Section 3: Pony Equitation

THJA recognizes a separate equitation division, open to riders who have not reached their 18th birthday mounted on ponies 14.2 hands and under. In shows, which divide Pony Equitation classes by size of pony, riders may not cross enter among Pony Equitation classes.

CHAPTER SIX

REGISTRATION OF HORSES

Section 1: Application Procedure.

A. THJA Horse Registration Application.

Registration is made by completing a “THJA Horse Registration Application” form and submitting it with the appropriate registration fee to the Secretary of the Association. Registration of a horse or pony is a registration of the horse or pony for its life; however, a change in name or in ownership of a horse or pony requires compliance with Section 2 below.

B. THJA Horse Registration Fee.

The fee to register a horse or pony with the Association is \$40.

C. Sources for a Horse Registration Application Form.

The application form to register a horse or pony with the Association may be obtained from:

1. the Secretary of the Association;
2. a current prize list published by a THJA recognized show;
3. at a THJA recognized show; and
4. on the THJA website at www.thja.org.

D. Effective Time of Registration

In order to receive points for a horse or pony, the horse or pony must be registered and the appropriate fees must be paid prior to the start of the horse show. The postmark determines the date of registration, if mailed. The time stamp assigned by the website determines the date of registration if it is done online.

Section 2: Change of Name and Ownership

A. Change of Ownership or Name of Registered Horse or Pony.

The Secretary of the Association must be notified in writing of any change in the ownership of the horse or if the owner decides to change the horse's name. A horse registration application must be filed with, and the appropriate fee paid to, THJA. The fee for recording a name change is \$15.00 and the fee for recording a change in ownership of a registered horse or pony is \$25.00.

B. Leased Horses and Ponies.

A THJA recorded horse or pony that is leased to a member of THJA must be registered under the name of the lessee and a fee of \$25.00 paid to the Association in order for points awarded in classes that differentiate among horse/rider combinations to be counted toward an Annual Award for the lessee. If registration of the horse or pony by the lessee has not occurred at the time of the performance, no THJA points for placings in classes will count for that horse/rider combination. For Annual Awards based on the horse/rider combination, the lessee is deemed to be the owner of the horse for the period of the lease. A copy of the lease signed by the owner and the lessee which contains a start and an ending date of the lease must be provided to the Secretary of THJA when registration with THJA is requested. The fee is \$25.00.

Section 3: Points for Annual Awards

A. Benefit of Registering Horse or Pony.

No points will be credited to a horse toward THJA Annual Awards unless the horse is registered. An unregistered horse may be shown in any show, but the points won by the horse will not be counted toward THJA annual awards. **Points are recorded by the horse's THJA Registration Number.**

B. Owner's Obligations Regarding THJA Registration and USEF Recording of Horses and Ponies.

In order to garner points toward THJA Annual Awards, a horse or pony must be registered with THJA with the same name/owner combination as recorded with the USEF, if the horse is recorded with USEF. It is the responsibility of the owner to ascertain whether the horse or pony is registered with THJA and/or recorded by USEF.

CHAPTER SEVEN

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ANNUAL AWARDS

Section 1: Awards Offered

THJA offers annual championship and reserve championship trophies in the following divisions and sections:

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Regular Conformation Hunter | Junior Hunter 16 Hands | Open Jumper |
| Regular Working Hunter | Junior Hunter Under 16 H | Am. Owner Jumper High |
| Green Conformation Hunter | Junior Equit. 13 & Under | Am. Owner Jumper Low |
| Green Working Hunter | Junior Equitation 14-17 | Mod. Amateur Jumper |
| 1 st year | Children's Hunter 15-17 | Junior Jumper |
| 2 nd year | Children's Hunter 14& Un | Modified Junior Jumper |
| Am. Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35 | Children's Hunter Pony | Children's Jumper High |
| Am Owner Hunter 3'6" 36+ | Children's Equitation | Children's Jumper Low |
| Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'3" | Small Pony Hunter | Adult Am. Jumper High |
| Adult Hunter 18 through 35 | Medium Pony Hunter | Adult Am. Jumper Low |
| Adult Amateur Hunter 36-49 | Large Pony Hunter | Pony Jumper |
| Adult Am. Hunter 50 and over | Green Pony Hunter | Hunter Breeding (by age) |
| Adult Amateur Equitation | Pony Equitation | |

Section 2: Rules for Determining Champions

A. Rules for Annual Awards.

Provided the Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations of the Texas Hunter and Jumper Association are complied with, the rules governing yearly championships and the awarding of championship trophies are:

1. Only points or money won in THJA recognized shows shall count. In the Open Jumper Division, Annual Awards are based upon money winnings during the show year, without regard to place, in classes or divisions (other than Preliminary, Future, Training, and Schooling Jumper classes or divisions) for which THJA ratings and points are not specified.
2. In the Amateur Owner Jumper and Junior Jumper Divisions, Annual Awards are based upon money winnings during the show year, without regard to place, in classes or divisions restricted to such entries. In all other divisions, awards are based upon point determined from the THJA Point Table found in Chapter 7. The THJA point-keeping year coincides with that of USEF.

B. Minimum Classes Required for Annual Awards in Division/Section

In order to qualify for annual championship awards, any division must have at least nine (9) classes offered, held, and judged during the point year.

Section 3: Eligibility for Awards

A. Membership and Horse Registration Required.

To be eligible for annual awards, a horse must be registered with this Association and its registered owner must be a member in good standing. No points will be credited before membership dues and horse registration fees have been received by the THJA Secretary; points are not credited retroactively. For points to be counted, each exhibitor must make available to the Show Secretary the THJA registration and membership numbers of all horses, owners, and riders.

B. Membership Year.

The THJA membership year commences on December 1 of each year, dues become payable on that date, and memberships expire the following November 30.

C. Minimum Performance Required.

To be eligible for an annual award, a horse must compete and place in the same division in at least three THJA recognized shows during the point year.

D. Final Date for Determination of Annual Awards.

The tabulation of points and the qualifications on the basis of which Annual Awards will be made shall be final as to all Divisions and other Annual Awards on December 20th for the show year ending November 30th preceding unless prior written appeal of the tabulation of points or qualifications for a specific Division or other Annual Award that states the specific grounds for the appeal.

| P L A C E | THJA "C" | | | | THJA "B" | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------|-------|-----|----------------------------|------|-------|-----|
| | No. of Entries | | | | No. of Entries | | | |
| | 3-8 | 9-15 | 16-25 | 26+ | 3-8 | 9-15 | 16-25 | 26+ |
| 1st | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 40 |
| 2nd | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 35 |
| 3rd | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 30 |
| 4th | 4 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 25 |
| 5th | 3 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 20 |
| 6th | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 15 |
| Ch. | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 80 |
| Res | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 48 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| P L A C E | THJA "A" Without USEF "AA" | | | | THJA "A" With USEF "AA" | | | |
| | No. of Entries | | | | No. of Entries | | | |
| | 3-8 | 9-15 | 16-25 | 26+ | 3-8 | 9-15 | 16-25 | 26+ |
| 1st | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 |
| 2nd | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 |
| 3rd | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 |
| 4th | 15 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 |
| 5th | 14 | 24 | 34 | 44 | 24 | 34 | 44 | 54 |
| 6th | 13 | 23 | 33 | 43 | 23 | 33 | 43 | 53 |
| Ch. | 60 | 80 | 100 | 120 | 80 | 100 | 120 | 140 |
| Res. | 36 | 48 | 60 | 72 | 48 | 60 | 72 | 84 |

Section 4: Scoring of Points Toward Annual Awards

A. Modified Amateur, Modified Junior, Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper classes.

Annual Awards in Modified Amateur, Modified Junior, Children's and Adult Jumper classes are determined by points for placings in those divisions.

B. Open Amateur Owner and Junior Jumper Divisions.

Annual Awards in Open Amateur Owner and Junior Jumper Divisions are determined by money winnings without regard to place.

C. Equitation points.

Annual Awards in Equitation Classes are determined by points for placings in the first four place ribbons only awarded in the class, regardless of the number of ribbons offered. Points for placings in Junior Equitation, Children’s Equitation, Adult Equitation, Pony Equitation, Washington International Horse Show Equitation, hunter phase-jumper phase overall winner, Washington International Horse Show Pony Equitation, and USEF Pony Medal classes will be credited, in the Equitation section in which the rider normally competes according to age, in accordance with the THJA rating of the show’s Pony, Junior, Children’s or Adult Amateur Hunter division as follows:

| <u>Pony/Jr./Children/Adult Am Hunter Rating</u> | <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>4th</u> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A | 30 | 25 | 20 | 15 |
| B | 20 | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| C | 15 | 10 | 5 | 4 |

D. Performance Classes (excluding equitation classes).

Points for placings in performance classes (excluding equitation classes) will be credited, according to the THJA rating of the division or section, as provided in the THJA Point Table in Chapter 7:

1. The number of entries is determined by the number actually shown in the first performance class of the section or division, or in the bonus point class, as verified by a completed copy of the official THJA Exhibitor Report. For point-keeping purposes, the number of entries is determined after a split.
2. Classes will have the same value (i.e. full and half point) as they have for the Show Championship. Model classes count $\frac{1}{2}$ the point value of the first performance class in the section or division except Regular Conformation Hunter, which will receive full points.
3. To qualify for **money winnings**, a Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper, Grand or Mini Prix or Classic must meet the following conditions:
 - a. The course shall consist of a minimum of 12 obstacles, with two changes of direction, and must include two combinations, a double and a triple, at least one of which must include a spread jump.
 - b. At least 50% of the jumps shall have a minimum fence height of 4'3", and the course shall include one vertical jump 4'6" in height and one spread jump with a width of 5'.
 - c. The class shall be judged under USEF Table II, 2(a) or Table II, Section 2(b).

E. Bonus Points

1. Bonus points are awarded to each placing through twelfth in a USEF Recognized Classic, a Junior/Amateur Owner, Pony, Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, a Modified Jr/Am Jumper Classic, a Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper Mini Prix or Classic.
2. The increment chart contained in GR 921-GR 923 of the USEF Rule Book, or its successor table, determines the number of bonus points awarded for each placing.
3. Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper Mini-Prix or Classic – to qualify for bonus points, these classes must meet the conditions required for Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper with the following exceptions:
 - a. No minimum prize money is required.
 - b. The height of the first obstacle must not exceed 3'3".
 - c. At least 50% of the jumps shall have a minimum fence height of 3'3", and the course shall include one spread jump with a width of 3'3". Maximum fence height is 3'6" and maximum spread, water or ditch is 4'0".
4. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter Classic – to qualify for bonus points must meet the conditions required of a USEF Hunter Classic (USEF Rule HU 136), except as follows:
 - a. No minimum prize money is required.
 - b. The height of the first obstacle not to exceed 3'.
The height of all other obstacles not to exceed 3'3".
Spreads, water or ditches not to exceed 3'3".
5. In these Classics and Prix, only the bonus points listed in that USEF increment chart (GR 921-GR923) are awarded for placings. If a Classic is offered combining divisions and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Classic, the exhibitor must declare to the Show Secretary prior to the Classic to which division the bonus points are to be counted. If no declaration is made, no bonus points will be awarded. No points will be awarded for placings in a Children's/Adult Hunter or Jumper Classic if the cross entry rules of the Classic prohibits the rider from showing in classes for which he/she is otherwise eligible at the same show.
6. A division or section must offer a least three (3) unlimited classes before championship points can be awarded.
7. No points will be counted for ribbons awarded in classes with fewer than three (3) entries having placed.
8. Token ribbons, and ribbons given by the show when the course, in fact, was not completed, will not be counted.
9. Ribbons won in a limited class will not be counted toward any championship unless an offsetting class is offered.
10. No points will be counted for ribbons won in a Championship Equitation class in which entry is limited to winners of ribbons in preliminary equitation classes.

11. Except in sections of the Jumper Division, where a show offers the required classes but does not award a championship on the basis of points won during the entire show, the Association will name a champion and reserve champion for its own records, on the basis of points won during that show, and will credit the winning horses accordingly toward the annual championship awards.
12. A Championship based on points won in a combination of conformation and working hunter classes may be awarded in the following divisions only: Amateur Owner Hunter, Junior Hunter, Pony Hunter, and Green Pony Hunter.
13. If a recognized show offers a Pony Hunter division or section combining ponies of different sizes, a single Junior Hunter Division open to hunters of all heights or Junior Hunter Sections divided by any method, other than size of horse, permitted under USEF rules, ribbon winners will receive THJA points in the section in which they normally compete according to the size of the pony or horse.
14. If a show recognized by THJA offers only a single Junior Equitation Division open to all riders who have not reached their 18th birthday, a single Amateur Owner Hunter Division open to qualified riders no longer eligible to compete as Juniors, a single Children's Hunter Division, or a single Adult Amateur Hunter Division, ribbon winners will receive THJA points in the section in which they normally compete according to the age of the rider.
15. Points toward **Hunter Breeding** awards will be counted as follows:
 - a. Except for the Best Young Horse Class, classes with combined age groups do not count toward an annual award.

- b. Points for placings in each qualifying class will be based upon the number of horses in the class, as follows:

| <u>Number in Class</u> | <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>4th</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1* | 1 | | | |
| 2* | 2 | 1 | | |
| 3 thru 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 11 or more | 10 | 6 | 4 | 2 |

(*) If a horse which competes in a qualifying class with less than three (3) entries becomes Best Young Horse or Reserve Best Young Horse at that competition, it will receive points for the qualifying class as if there were three horses entered in that qualifying class.

- c. Points for Best Young Horse will be counted regardless of the number of entries and based upon the total number of entries in the Hunter Breeding Section, as follows:

| <u>Total Number</u> | <u>Champion</u> | <u>Reserve</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 thru 14 | 5 | 3 |
| 15 or more | 10 | 6 |

- d. THJA annual championship and reserve championship awards and awards for the places three through six shall be awarded to the two horses accumulating the greatest number of points in Yearling, Two Year Old and Three Year Old classes held during the show year.

16. The calculation for Reserve and Champion shall be made in the same manner used by USEF except as modified by rules specified elsewhere in the THJA Rule Book.

Section 5: Point Standings

A. Secretary to Maintain Records of Placings and Money Won.

Certified papers shall be kept by the Secretary and shall constitute the sole basis for computing scores. The score of each member and registered horse shall be figured from these papers and shall be tabulated by an individual or firm knowledgeable in the current THJA computer program and Rule Book. The Secretary of the THJA shall then verify these results as correct. Exhibitors are responsible for contacting the Secretary in the event of disagreement as to the points.

B. Publication of Standings.

To the extent feasible, running scores will be kept and the trophies will be awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet each year. Point and money standings are to be published in each issue of the ***In and Out*** and on the THJA web site www.thja.org. Final standings are to be published by the Secretary, as promptly as feasible following the end of the show year.

CHAPTER EIGHT

AMENDMENTS

A. Amendment Process.

These rules and regulations may be added to, altered, or amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present, provided written notice has been given to each Director at least 15 days in advance of such meeting. No amendment shall be made retroactive unless a specific motion to give the amendment such effect shall receive the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Directors.

B. Effective Date of Amendments.

Unless otherwise specified at the time an amendment is adopted, all amendments to the rules shall become effective December 1 of the current calendar year.

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