

## SWVHJA DIVISION SPECIFICATIONS 2024

Point accumulation will run from December 1st through the Annual Show/Medal Finals.

**For those divisions with an \* please see Rule IX Chapter VII for reinstatement requirements.**

### EQUITATION

**2024 ONLY PRE-BEGINNER EQUITATION \*** - Open to junior and amateur riders in their first year of showing over fences less than 2' in height. Riders are eligible for one horse show year and may not enter divisions with fence heights of 2' or above. This division will not count against rider's one year eligibility for the Beginner Equitation division. To be judged on rider's position and control. Simple changes are allowed. Division may be combined with the Beginner Equitation division at Management's discretion if warrant. Fence materials limited to: rails, small flower boxes or brush. Ground line material may not make jump wider than it is high. Course to be a minimum of 6 obstacles. Fence height 18". No oxers permitted.

**SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION:** Open to riders 12 years of age and under. To be judged on rider's position and control. Riders may not cross enter into the SWVHJA Beginner Equitation or any division with fences over 2'. The division consists of one walk/trot class, one walk/trot/canter class, and one over fences class with fences not to exceed 18".

~~**BEGINNER EQUITATION \***—Open to junior and amateur riders in their first year of showing over fences 2' in height. No oxers permitted. Riders are eligible for one horse show year and may not enter divisions with fence heights exceeding 2'. This division will not count against rider's 2 year eligibility for the Intermediate Hunter division. To be judged on rider's position and control. Simple changes are allowed. Division may be split between juniors and adults at the discretion of show management. Division may be combined with the Pre-Beginner Equitation division at Management's discretion if entries warrant. If divisions are combined, fence materials and course MUST be limited to the same material as the Pre-Beginner division. Fence height 2'.~~

**BEGINNER EQUITATION:** Open to junior and amateur riders in their first year of showing over fences 18" or 2' in height. No oxers permitted. Riders are eligible for one horse show year and may not enter divisions with fence heights exceeding 2'. This division will not count against rider's 2 year eligibility for the Intermediate Hunter division. To be judged on rider's position and control. Simple changes are allowed. Division may be split between juniors and adults at the discretion of show management.

**JUNIOR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT 15-17** - Open to riders who have reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year, but not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control, and guidance. USEF tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. Riders need not be members of SWVHJA to compete. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the Flat 14 & under and/or the Adult Equitation on the flat.

**JUNIOR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT 14 & Under** - Open to riders who have not reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control, and guidance. USEF tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. Riders need not be members of SWVHJA to compete. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the Flat 15-17 and/or the Adult Equitation on the flat.

**ADULT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT** - Open to amateurs 18 years of age and older. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control, and guidance. USEF tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. Riders need not be members of SWVHJA to compete. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the flat. Riders must stay within their age group if classes are split by age.

## MEDALS

**SWVHJA HUNTER SEAT MEDAL - MUST BE A MEMBER TO COMPETE IN THE CLASS.** Open to riders who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the calendar year. To be shown over a course of fences not to exceed 3' that must include two changes of direction, a combination and at least three oxers. A minimum of six riders, if available, must be called back to work on the flat. Martingales may not be used in the flat phase. Each phase to count 50%. Same horse must be used for both phases. ~~Four~~ **Three** entries are required to fill ~~the class with a minimum of three to~~ and complete the class. If there are fewer than three entries, this class can be combined with the Adult Medal. SWVHJA Hunter Seat Medal contestants may compete throughout the year. The top twenty (20) point earners (including ties), with a minimum of 10 points, will be invited to compete in the Hunter Seat Medal Finals.

**SWVHJA ADULT MEDAL - MUST BE A MEMBER TO COMPETE IN THE CLASS.** Same specs as for the SWVHJA Hunter Seat Medal Class, except open to amateur riders 18 years of age and older. Ponies may be ridden by adults, but may not be shown in the Pony Hunter division at the same horse show. If there are fewer than **three** entries, this class can be combined with the Hunter Seat Medal. SWVHJA Adult Medal contestants may compete throughout the year. The top twenty (20) point earners (including ties), with a minimum of 10 points, will be invited to compete in the Adult Medal Finals.

**PONY MEDAL - MUST BE A MEMBER TO COMPETE IN THE CLASS.** Open to current junior members of SWVHJA mounted on ponies. To be shown over a minimum of 6 jumps at the appropriate heights. A minimum of six riders, if available, must be called back to work on the flat. Martingales may not be used in the flat phase. Each phase to count 50%. The same pony must be used for both phases. **Three** entries are required to fill ~~the class with a minimum of three to~~ and complete the class. If no Pony Medal is offered, a rider may compete on a pony in the Hunter Seat Medal. A rider cannot compete in both the Pony and the Hunter Seat Medals in one show, nor can they participate in both aforementioned finals in one year. SWVHJA Pony Medal contestants may compete throughout the year. The top twenty (20) point earners (including ties), with a minimum of 10 points, will be invited to compete in the Pony Medal Finals.

## HUNTER

~~**SMALL/MEDIUM PONY HUNTER** - Open to ponies ridden by juniors. Ponies shown in this division may not be shown by an adult in any recognized division at the same horse show. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Small ponies (not to exceed 12.2h) to jump 2', medium ponies (over 12.2h - not to exceed 13.2h) to jump 2'3". Divisions must be offered split, but if there are not three ponies in either the Small/Medium or Large Pony divisions, the divisions must be combined. Lines less than 72' must be set on appropriate distances.~~

**SMALL/MEDIUM PONY HUNTER** - Open to Small ponies (not to exceed 12.2h) and Medium ponies (over 12.2h - not to exceed 13.2h) ridden by juniors. Ponies shown in this division may not be shown by an adult in any recognized division at the same horse show. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences 2' or 2'3". Divisions must be offered split, but if there are not three ponies in either the Small/Medium or Large Pony divisions, the divisions must be combined. Lines less than 72' must be set on appropriate distances.

**LARGE PONY HUNTER** - Open to ponies ridden by juniors. Ponies shown in this division may not be shown by an adult in any recognized division at the same horse show. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Large ponies (over 13.2h - not to exceed 14.2h) to jump 2'6". Divisions must be offered split, but if there are not three ponies in either the Small/Medium or Large Pony divisions, the divisions must be combined. Lines less than 72' must be set on appropriate distances.

**SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER:** Open to horses and ponies ridden by children 12 years and under, however, shows may specify a lower age limit, i.e., 10 years and under. The division will consist of three (3) classes, two over fence classes and a walk, trot, canter under saddle class. Short Stirrup riders, ponies and horses may not cross enter into any other division shown over 2' or a SWVHJA recognized Equitation Class with the exception of Junior Equitation On The Flat (14 and Under) and Pleasure Pony or Pleasure Horse at any show in which they exhibit in the Short Stirrup Division. Short Stirrup riders will be limited to no more than two (2) entries in the Short Stirrup Division at

any one horse show. The jump height for this division shall be decided by individual horse shows, but should be no lower than 18" and no higher than 2' with a minimum of four (4) jumps. The Short Stirrup division cannot be combined with any other Division.

**INTERMEDIATE HUNTER \*** - Open to Juniors or Amateurs in their first or second year of showing, on horses or ponies, excluding the Pre-Beginner and Beginner Equitation divisions. Fences 2'3". Riders who show at 2'6" or above in their first year forfeit a second Intermediate year. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. The rider may not jump higher than 2'6" at the same horse show.

**CHILDREN'S HUNTER** - Open to juniors mounted on horses. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences 3'. Management may combine this division with the Adult Amateur Hunter division if there are fewer than 3 entries.

**ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER** - Open to adult amateur riders mounted on horses or ponies. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Ponies shown by an adult may not be shown in the Pony Hunter division at the same horse show. Fences 3'. Management may combine this division with the Children's Hunter division if there are fewer than 3 entries.

**LOW HUNTER** - Open to horses and ponies. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences 3'. If there are fewer than 3 horses in the Low Hunter Division, it may be combined with the Working Hunter Division. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered division. Results MUST notate which division the horse was entered.

**WORKING HUNTER** - Open to horses. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences to be offered at 3'3" and/or 3'6" at the discretion of show management. If there are fewer than 3 horses in the Working Hunter Division, it may be combined with the Low Hunter Division. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered division. Results MUST notate which division the horse was entered.

**SPECIAL ADULT HUNTER** - Open to Adult Amateur riders mounted on horses or ponies. Fences to be 2'6" or 2'9". Both heights must be offered and judged together. Related distances between two jumps should be no less than 60' (4 strides). Judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Horse/rider combination cannot compete over fences higher than 2'9" at the same horse show. Ponies shown by an adult may not be shown in the pony hunter division at the same horse show. The Special Adult Hunter division and the Special Children's Hunter division may be combined if there are fewer than 3 in either section.

**SPECIAL CHILDREN'S HUNTER** - Same specs as the Special Adult Hunter, except open to junior riders.

**GREEN HUNTER \*** - Open to horses in their first or second year of showing over fences at 2'6" or higher. To be eligible for green hunter status, horses may not have shown over fences 2'6" or higher prior to the current competition year. Fences to be 2'6" and 3'. Both heights must be offered and judged together.

**THOROUGHBRED HUNTER** - Limited to horses who are registered or eligible to be registered with the Jockey Club. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. To be shown at 2'6" or 3' in height. Both heights must be offered and judged together.

### PLEASURE

**ADULT HUNTER PLEASURE HORSE** - Open to horses shown with hunter tack on the flat ridden by an Adult. Classes to be offered may include but are not limited to: Walk/Go As You Please, Walk/Trot, and Walk/Trot/Canter. No over fences classes will count toward this division. (Shows offering a Pleasure Hunter division with over fences classes may offer this division as a separate division.) It is acceptable for SWVHJA Horse Shows to combine the Adult Hunter Pleasure and the Junior Pleasure Hunter Divisions, however, it is the show secretary's responsibility to indicate on the results which is the Adult rider and which is the Junior rider. If entries warrant, the Hunter Pleasure Pony division may be combined with the Junior Hunter Pleasure Division and the Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse

division. To be judged on manners, suitability, and way of going. For year end points to accrue, three entries must enter and compete in all three classes of the division.

**JUNIOR HUNTER PLEASURE HORSE** - Same specs as the Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse except open to Junior riders.

**HUNTER PLEASURE PONY** - Open to ponies shown with hunter tack on the flat ridden by a Junior. Classes to be offered may include but are not limited to: Walk/Go As You Please, Walk/Trot, and Walk/Trot/Canter. No over fences classes will count toward this division. (Shows offering a Pleasure Hunter division with over fences classes may offer this division as a separate division.) If entries warrant, the Hunter Pleasure Pony division may be combined with the Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse division and Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse division. A pony can be considered a horse at a show if the pony is not exhibited in a pony restricted division such as pony. Therefore, it is acceptable for an adult to ride a pony in the Adult Pleasure Division as long as the pony is not shown in pony restricted division at the same show.

## **JUMPER**

~~**NOVICE CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER** – Open to children and adult amateurs in their first or second year of showing in jumper classes at 0.75m or higher as of December 1st of the current competition year. Riders in this division may only cross enter into Novice Jumper, if eligible, and Low Jumper at the same show. This division shall be no lower than 0.70m and no higher than 0.75m. USEF Tables I-IV may be used.~~

**0.75 JUMPER** – Fences 0.70-0.75 meters. USEF Tables I-IV may be used.

**LOW JUMPER** – This division shall be offered at no lower than .80 and no higher than .85m but may be only offered at one height at any particular horse show. Spreads shall be no greater than the height of the fence. USEF Tables I-IV may be used.

**CHILDREN'S / ADULT JUMPER** – Open to horses or ponies ridden by a junior or adult amateur exhibitor. Fences .95 to 1.05 meters. USEF Tables I – IV may be used.

**LEVEL 2 JUMPER** – Fences .95 – 1.0 meters. USEF Tables I – IV may be used.

**LEVEL 3 JUMPER** – Fences over 1.0 – 1.10 meters. USEF Tables I – IV may be used.

**LEVEL 4 JUMPER** – Fences over 1.10 – 1.20 meters. USEF Tables I – IV may be used.

**LEVEL 5 JUMPER** – Fences over 1.20 meters. USEF Tables I – IV may be used.