

WTHJA Show Packet & WTHJA Rules

- 1. Any WTHJA-affiliated show will be conducted in accordance with USEF rules or where modified by WTHJA rules as listed in this show packet. The WTHJA will honor all suspensions and penalties imposed by the USEF.**
- 2. Negative Coggins tests must be presented before numbers are issued. The test must be valid according to the state in which the competition is held.**
- 3. When one owner brings more than one horse to a show and has paid a stall fee for one horse, the additional horse will be charged a grounds fee in lieu of an additional stall fee when occupying the same stall. All horses must pay either a stall fee or a grounds fee.**
- 4. In WTHJA rated divisions, horses or ponies may not enter the under-saddle class unless they have entered an Over Fences class in that division.**
- 5. In Jumper divisions, tables must be printed in the prize list and posted with the course.**
- 6. Failure to comply with WTHJA rules and/or class specifications may result in disqualification of points and/or fine.**
- 7. For points to count in any WTHJA rated section, there must be at least three horses in the first class. With fewer than three horses, the section can still be held, but no points will be awarded.**
- 8. In the event of a dispute at a WTHJA recognized show, a written protest, accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee, may be filed with the Show Manager. The Show Manager, in turn, must present said protest to the Show Committee who shall rule upon it prior to the conclusion of the show. Unresolved protests may be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration and resolution including any action it deems appropriate.**

9. The WTHJA membership year is December 1 to November 30.

10. WTHJA members are awarded points for placing in WTHJA-produced and WTHJA-affiliated shows. The affiliated show's prize list will indicate its affiliation with WTHJA. WTHJA year end points may be earned at WTHJA-affiliated shows only in divisions where class specifications are identical to those of the WTHJA, as set forth in the following class specifications, with the exception that fence heights may vary as much as, but no more than, three inches (3"). In the event that a horse show has multiple divisions with acceptable specifications, only the closest matching division will count.

11. In order to accrue year end points, the owner/lease of a horse must be a current WTHJA member AND the horse must be recorded with WTHJA.

12. Current WTHJA membership is required for the owner/lessees of all horses that are to be considered for year-end awards, which are presented at the annual awards banquet. Points will accrue from the date a membership application and dues are received, forward. No points will be accrued retroactively. If you join or renew your membership at any point during a show, you will receive all points won at that show. Any exhibitor who wants to receive points in any division must be a WTHJA member, with the exception of professionals.

13. To be considered for year-end awards, the horse must be shown at the competition under the recorded WTHJA owner or lessee, with the exception of professionals showing horses for owners/lessees in professional divisions. (For example, if a horse is owned by a person who is not a current WTHJA member, and is shown in multiple divisions, including a division shown by a person who has a WTHJA-recorded lease, THAT division is the only one that points would accrue for.) This includes but is not limited to individuals, partnerships, LLC, LLP, families and farms. Therefore, if an LLC is the recorded owner of a horse, the LLC must be a current WTHJA member for points to count for year-end awards.

14. Horses owned or leased by WTHJA members will be credited with points if the member is current with their membership dues. Additionally, the horse must be recorded for the year with WTHJA in order to earn year end points. If a member is leasing a horse, it is that member's responsibility to inform the WTHJA statistician of said lease so that points can be credited. Leases expire each year on November 30th. Leased horses must be declared as well, in the lessee's name. All leases must be renewed each show season, even for lessees who are WTHJA life members.

15. If a horse's name changes, it is the owner's responsibility to inform the WTHJA statistician of said name change.

16. In Hunter and Jumper divisions, it is the horse/pony that accumulates points. Membership is required for the owner/lessee of the horse for the horse to earn year end points. Additionally, the horse must be recorded for the year with WTHJA in order to earn year end points. In order for points to count, the horse must appear in the competition's records as exhibited in the name of the WTHJA recorded owner or lessee. In Equitation divisions, it is the rider who accumulates points. Membership is required only for the rider to earn year end points. All shows produced by WTHJA, regardless of their rating will count toward WTHJA year-end awards as with double points.

17. Any horse/pony (or rider in Equitation divisions) must attend at least 2 WTHJA produced shows during the horse show year to be eligible for year-end awards.

18. All questions concerning points will go to the WTHJA statistician. Year-end points will be finalized on December 15th of each year and no disputes will be investigated or resolved after that date.

19. 1st – 6th place year-end awards will be given in all divisions listed below if all specifications are met.

WTHJA YEAR END DIVISION SPECIFICATIONS

USEF RATED HUNTER DIVISIONS

For class specifications, check, USEF.org and USHJA.org

- GREEN HUNTER (3'6" and 3'9" combined for year-end)
- HIGH PERFORMANCE HUNTER
- PERFORMANCE HUNTER (3'3" and 3'6" combined for year-end)
- AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER (Age groups combined for year-end)
- AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'3"
- SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER
- LARGE JUNIOR HUNTER
- JUNIOR HUNTER 3'3"
- SMALL PONY HUNTER
- MEDIUM PONY HUNTER
- LARGE PONY HUNTER
- GREEN PONY HUNTER
- CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTER – RIDERS 14 & UNDER
- CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTER – RIDERS 15–17
- ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER – RIDERS 18–35
- ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER – RIDERS 36–49
- ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER – RIDERS 50+
- GREEN WORKING HUNTER (3'0" and 3'3" combined for year-end)
- CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

WTHJA HUNTER DIVISIONS

- **BABY GREEN WORKING HUNTER** – Open to horses in their first season (Dec. 1 through Nov. 30) of showing at USEF rated shows. May cross enter into any class 2'9" or lower. Fences 2'6".
- **MODIFIED CHILDREN'S /ADULT HUNTER** – Open to any junior or non-professional adult rider. The horse/pony and rider combo may not cross enter into any division with fence height of 3'6" or higher. Fences 2'9".
- **SHORT/LONG STIRRUP HUNTER** – Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by junior or non-professional adult riders. Course to consist of 6–9 fences, 18" to 24" in height. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going, & suitability as a short stirrup mount. Not eligible for any other classes except equitation.
- **PRE-CHILDREN'S HUNTER** – Open to horses and ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor. Horse and/or rider may not cross enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher. Fences 2'3" to 2'6".
- **PRE-ADULT HUNTER** – Open to horses and ponies ridden by a non-professional adult exhibitor. Horse and/or rider may not cross enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher. Fences 2'3" to 2'6".

EQUITATION DIVISIONS

- **SHORT/LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION - ON THE FLAT AND OVER FENCES** Open to juniors or non-professional adult riders. Rider may enter, in the same show, only Short/Long Stirrup Hunter and age appropriate equitation. Fences 18" to 24".
- **EQUITATION – ON THE FLAT AND OVER FENCES – RIDERS 11 AND UNDER** Open to riders 11 years and under. Fences 2'3". Tests 1–8.
- **EQUITATION – ON THE FLAT AND OVER FENCES – RIDERS 12–14** Open to riders 12–14 years. Fences 2'6". Tests 1–8.
- **EQUITATION – ON THE FLAT AND OVER FENCES – RIDERS 15–17** Open to riders 15–17 years. Fences 3'. Tests 1–19.
- **PRE-ADULT/PRE-CHILDREN'S EQUITATION – ON THE FLAT AND OVER FENCES** Open to junior and non-pro adult riders. Horse and/or rider may not cross enter into any class where the fences are 3' or higher. Fences 2'3" to 2'6".

NON-RECOGNIZED DIVISIONS

Some hunter and jumper divisions offered at WTHJA shows are not associated with year-end awards. Limit Rider may be offered at each show produced by WTHJA, but is an example of a division with no year-end award. If an exhibitor notifies the WTHJA banquet organizer that they have won their way out of Limit (won six blue ribbons at USEF rated horse shows), WTHJA will recognize this accomplishment at the year-end banquet.

JUMPER DIVISIONS

For class specifications, go to USEF.org and USHJA.org

- **CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER (low and high sections combined)**
- **JUNIOR/AMATEUR OWNER JUMPER (all height sections combined)**
- **PONY JUMPER**