

WTHJA Show Packet & WTHJA Rules

1. Any WTHJA-affiliated show will be conducted in accordance with USEF and USHJA zone rules unless modified by WTHJA as listed in this show packet. The WTHJA will honor all suspensions and penalties imposed by the USEF/USHJA.
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. All horses must pay either a stall fee, or a grounds fee and any pertinent office and schooling fees associated...
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. (Subject to change as scheduling and entries warrant)
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. 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 or lessee 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 owners or 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. 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 or 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 compete in at least 2 WTHJA produced shows or WTHJA affiliated 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

RATED HUNTER/EQUITATION DIVISIONS

These divisions are run under rules and regulations governed by USEF and USHJA Zone specifications; please visit USEF.org or USHJA.org

- GREEN HUNTER (3'6" and 3'9" combined for year-end)
- PERFORMANCE HUNTER (3'3", 3'6", 4' combined for year-end)
- AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'6" (Age groups combined for year-end)
- AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'3" (Age groups combined for year-end)
- JUNIOR HUNTER 3'6" younger and older split (if we have more than 4 in each section year-end awards to be split by age and 2 sets awarded)
- JUNIOR HUNTER 3'3" younger and older split (if we have more than 4 in each section year-end awards to be split by age and 2 sets awarded)
- PONY HUNTER (small, medium, large combined) if we have more than 4 at each height, we will split out points for year-end awards
- 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+
- GREEN WORKING HUNTER (3'0" and 3'3" combined for year-end)
- CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY
- LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER (See USHJA zone specs for cross-entry)
- LOW ADULT HUNTER (See USHJA zone specs for cross-entry)
- 15-17 EQUITATION (3' at schooling shows, 3'3" at rated shows)
- 12-14 EQUITATION (2'6" to 2'9" at schooling shows, 3' at rated shows)
12-14 EQUITATION on ponies (offered at the rated shows for riders to jump 2'6" on ponies and still receive WTHJA points, but will not count towards National or Zone points)
- 11/U EQUITATION (2' at schooling shows, 2'3" at rated shows)
- USHJA HUNTER (2'9-3' combined for year-end awards)
- USHJA HUNTER (2', 2'3", 2'6" combined for year-end awards)

WTHJA HUNTER /EQUITATION DIVISIONS

- BABY GREEN WORKING HUNTER – Open to horses in their first season (Dec. 1 through Nov. 30) of showing at USEF rated shows. Horse 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 be 24" in height (no oxers) To be judged on performance, manners, way of going, & suitability as a short stirrup mount. Not eligible for any other classes except equitation.
- OPPORTUNITY CROSS RAILS – 18" –Amateur/ Junior- Open to horses and ponies ridden by an opportunity-level non-professional adult exhibitor. Rider may not cross-enter into any classes at the show (rated or not rated). Flat eq. classes in this section will count for year-end points. If entries warrant, we will split the JR/AM, or a floating age split if more than 4 in each section
- SHORT/LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION - ON THE FLAT AND OVER FENCES -2'- Open to juniors or non-professional adult riders. Rider may not cross enter any division above 2'3"
- LOW-ADULT/LOW-CHILDREN'S EQUITATION – ON THE FLAT AND OVER FENCES Open to junior and non-pro adult riders (2'3" at schooling shows; 2'6" at rated shows)
- WTHJA DERBIES: Derbies will receive bonus points towards your division based off the height you jump in the class (example: if WTHJA holds a 2'6" derby a Ch/Ad rider may elect to have points towards low ch/ad hunter division, if a professional is riding that 2'6" horse bonus points could go towards either USHJA or Baby Green where eligible) Please declare with show office prior to start of class.

Some hunter and jumper divisions offered at WTHJA shows are not associated with year-end awards.

JUMPER DIVISIONS

For Junior/Amateur (various heights, previously named child/adult jumpers) and Pony Jumper class specifications, please go to USEF.org and USHJA.org

- Junior/Amateur Jumper 1.0m to 1.15m (previously known as children's/adult jumpers) sections combined; The board may choose to split heights based on the number of participants in year-end standings.
- Junior/Amateur Jumper 1.2m to 1.4m (all height sections combined)
- 0.85m child/adult jumpers (pre-child/adult jumpers at some shows offered up to 0.90m)

POINTS TABULATION

GENERAL POLICIES

- For All Hunters and Jumpers rated or unrated sections we will follow USEF guidelines based off the number of entries in a class.
- No year end points will be awarded in a class if fewer than 3 complete and place (exception rated divisions where 2/3 of the division have filled and only 2 compete the second day i.e green hunters, pony hunters, etc)
- WTHJA produced horse shows earn 2x the year-end points
- WTHJA produced horse shows in November earn 3x the year-end points

Hunter division point chart: <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/Rmg3Xf7F6mw/gr11-federation-records-awards#page=22> GR11 (usef.org)

Exhibitors	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1 st	15	20	25	30
2 nd	10	15	20	25
3 rd	8	12	16	20
4 th	6	9	12	15
5 th	5	8	11	14
6 th	4	7	10	13
7 th	3	6	9	12
8 th	2	5	8	11

Points are calculated according to the Hunter points chart based on number of horses that compete in the first over fence class of the section.

(exception: where individual classes may be entered (performance hunters, USHJA hunters, etc) in which case the points will be calculated by the number of entries that competed in each individual class). In the under saddle classes points will be calculated on the number of horses entered.

Equitation point chart: [GR11 \(usef.org\)](https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/Rmg3Xf7F6mw/gr11-federation-records-awards#page=27)

1 st	20
2 nd	15
3 rd	10
4 th	6
5 th	5
6 th	4
7 th	3
8 th	2

Jumper division point chart: <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/Rmg3Xf7F6mw/gr11-federation-records-awards#page=27> [GR11 \(usef.org\)](https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/Rmg3Xf7F6mw/gr11-federation-records-awards#page=27)

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6 th	4	7	10	13
7 th	3	6	9	12
8 th	2	5	8	11

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- Hunter and Jumper champions are additionally awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in that section. Reserve champions are additionally awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in that section.

- Equitation championships at WTHJA affiliated shows will not be awarded bonus points.

CLASSICS AND DERBIES:

WTHJA will use the zone HOTY point system to calculate bonus points for classics and WTHJA derbies as defined in the USEF rule book (<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/kW5W4HBsXe4/hu-hunter-division#page=47>)

- a. In a Hunter Classic using a designated class as the first round, the bonus points for Zone HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the first round of a classic to the applicable increment in GR1132.5 (the hunter point chart above) and multiplying the result by 1.25.
- b. In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the bonus points for Zone HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the first round of a classic to the applicable increment in GR1132.5 (the hunter point chart above) and multiplying the result by 1.5.