

SWVHJA DIVISION SPECIFICATIONS

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

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. 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 15th birthday by December 1st of the calendar year, but not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st 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 15th birthday by December 1st 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.

SWVHJA HUNTER SEAT MEDAL - 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. To qualify for the finals, a rider must accumulate 20 points during the show year. Four entries are required to fill the class with a minimum of three to complete the class. If there are fewer than four 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, with a minimum of 10 points, will be invited to compete in the Hunter Seat Medal Finals.

SWVHJA ADULT MEDAL - 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 four 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, with a minimum of 10 points, will be invited to compete in the Adult Medal Finals.

PONY MEDAL - 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. Four entries are required to fill the class with a minimum of three to 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, with a minimum of 10 points, will be invited to compete in the Pony Medal Finals.

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.

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.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTER - Open to anyone in their first or second year of showing, on horses or ponies, excluding the Beginner Equitation division. Fences 2'3". Once a rider shows over fences 2'6" or higher they are no longer eligible for the Intermediate Hunter division in subsequent years. 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'.

WORKING HUNTER - Open to horses. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences 3'3" to 3'6".

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 only in their first or second year of showing over fences of any height at any show. Fences to be 2'6" and 3'. Both heights must be offered and judged together. To be eligible for green hunter status, horses may not have shown in more than three shows over fences at any show and never at a height greater than 2'3".

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.