

**BATTLEFIELD HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION
2017 SHOW RULES FOR 12/1/16 – 11/30/17 SHOW YEAR**

Sec. 1 Hunter, Pleasure, and Equitation Divisions recognized by the BHS: NOTE: If a rider falls, they must exit the ring unmounted. Under no circumstances are they to remount in the ring.

Divisions must be split if there are over 25 entries in all its classes and held as two separate sections with two sets of ribbons and points. Under saddle classes having 25 or fewer entries may be split and worked in small groups with a final work-off towards a single set of ribbons and points. Splitting the class must be done by size of the animal or by rider category if that is a normal split, i.e., Sm/Med versus Large Ponies or Children's Equitation or Hunter versus Adult Amateur Equitation or Hunter. If these two situations don't apply, then split by random selection. You cannot split and hold separate sections unless all classes of the Division exceed 25.

1. **Working Hunter:** Open to all horses, and ponies not entered in a Pony Division. If a show has an Open Hunter Division but does not have a Working Hunter Division, then we will accept those points towards the Working Hunter Division. Jump heights must be a minimum of 2'9". If less than 3 entries may be combined with the Green Hunter and/or the Schooling Hunter Division. Combined entries must jump the correct height for the Division and it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Working Hunter, which is the Green Hunter, and which is the Schooling Hunter.
2. **Adult Amateur Hunter:** Open to horses and ponies not ridden in a Pony Division ridden by Adult Amateurs. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6". A show may offer two different heights, i.e., 2'6" and 3', in the same class(es) or as two separate sections. If offered as separate sections, horses/ponies may not enter both. Professionals are not allowed to ride in this division. If the Children's and Adult Amateur Divisions are combined, then it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Child and which is the Adult Amateur.
3. **Children's Hunter:** Open to horses ridden by Juniors. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6". A show may offer two different heights, i.e., 2'6" and 3', in the same class(es) or as two separate sections. If offered as separate sections, horses may not enter both. If a show offers more than one division for Juniors/Children's which meet these specifications, then the show must stipulate in the prize list which division is BHS recognized. If the Children's and Adult Amateur Divisions are combined, then it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Child and which is the Adult Amateur.
4. **Low Hunter:** Open to horses and ponies. No restrictions on riders. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2' and not to exceed 2'3". May be combined with the Schooling Hunter Division if either or both do not have 3 entries. If combined, entries must jump the correct height for their Division and it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Low Hunter and which is the Schooling Hunter. **If not combined with Schooling Hunter, may be combined with Maiden Hunter and/or Limit Rider Hunter. If combined the Show Secretary must indicate which division as above.**
5. **Schooling Hunter:** Open to horses and ponies. No restrictions on riders. Adults may ride ponies not entered in a Pony Division. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'. If less than 3 entries may be combined with the Working Hunter or the Low Hunter Division, but not both. Entries must jump the correct height for their Division and it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Schooling Hunter and which is the Working Hunter or which is the Low Hunter.
6. **TB Hunter:** Open to registered TBs and horses eligible to be registered. Fences 2'6". No restriction on riders. Thoroughbred Hunter may only be combined with the Working Hunter and the Green Hunter. Each horse in this combined division must still be qualified for their respective division and jump the regulation height (minimum of 2'6"). The combined division can be reported on one results page, however, it is the Show Manager/Secretary's responsibility to indicate on the results sheet which is Thoroughbred, Working or Green Hunter.
7. **Green Hunter:** Open to horses in their first or second year of showing over fences at 2'6" or higher as of December 1 of the current show year, including Pleasure and Equitation classes over fences. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6". If less than 3 entries may be combined with the Working Hunter Division (see 1. above) or the Green Pony Hunter Division (see 11. below), but not both. It is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Green Hunter and which is the Working Hunter or which is the Green Pony Hunter. If an adult is on a pony, points can count for Green Hunter, but not for Green Pony Hunter. A horse's Green status is not affected if the horse has not been shown at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of any competition year. (Provided) in order to maintain Green status for the next competition year the horse must be withdrawn from competition over regulation height and the owner must notify the BHS by letter, via certified/return receipt mail prior to December 1 of the year of withdrawal. The horse's name and recording number must be included in the letter together with the list of shows where shown.
8. **Maiden Hunter:** Open to horses and ponies in their first year of showing over fences at 2' or higher as of December 1 of the current show year. No restrictions on riders. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'. Courses may be trotted if specified in the Prize List. A horse/pony's Maiden status is not affected if the horse/pony has not been shown at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of any competition year. (Provided) in order to maintain Maiden status for the next competition year the horse/pony must be withdrawn from competition over regulation height and the owner must notify the BHS by letter, via certified/return receipt mail, **or email** prior to December 1 of the year of withdrawal. The horse/pony's name and recording number must be included in the letter together with the list of shows where shown. **Can be combined only with Low Hunter and/or Limit Rider Hunter. If combined, it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Maiden, which is the Low Hunter and which is the Limit Rider Hunter.**
9. **Limit Rider Hunter:** Open to horses and ponies ridden by Juniors and Adult Amateurs who are not entered in any classes jumping 2'6" or higher. These riders are not eligible for AA Equitation, Pony Equitation, or Jr./Children's Equitation. Ponies must be ridden by juniors. Horses and ponies may cross enter into other divisions. Courses to be a minimum of 6 fences set at 2' or 2'3". **Can be combined only with Low Hunter and/or Maiden Hunter. If combined, it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Limit Rider Hunter, which is the Low Hunter and which is the Maiden Hunter.**
10. **Large Pony Hunter:** Open to Large Ponies (measuring over 13.2 hands, but not to exceed 14.2 hands) ridden by Juniors. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'. If this division is combined with the Small-Medium Pony Division, then it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate the size of each pony. Adult riders not eligible.
11. **Small-Medium Pony Hunter:** Open to Small or Medium Ponies (measuring not to exceed 13.2 hands) ridden by Juniors. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2' for Small Ponies and 2'3" for Medium Ponies. If this division is combined with the Large Pony Division, then it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate the size of each pony. Adult riders not eligible.

12. **Green Pony Hunter:** Open to ponies (measuring 14.2 hands and under) in their first year of showing over fences as of December 1 of the current show year, including Equitation and Pleasure classes over fences at 2' for Small Ponies, 2'3" for Medium Ponies, and 2'6" for Large Ponies ridden by Juniors. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2' for Small Ponies, a minimum of 2' 3" for Medium Ponies, and a minimum of 2'6" for Large Ponies. If less than 3 entries the Green Pony Division may be combined with the Regular Pony Hunter Division or the Green Hunter Division if the Green Hunter Division has not been combined with the Working Hunter Division. It is the Show Secretary's responsibility to report which is the Green Pony and which is the Green Hunter or which is the Green Pony and which is the Regular Pony Hunter. Adult riders not eligible on ponies. A pony's Green status is not affected if the pony has not been shown at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of any competition year. (Provided) in order to maintain Green status for the next competition year the pony must be withdrawn from competition over regulation height and the owner must notify the BHSA by letter, via certified/return receipt mail **or by e-mail** prior to December 1 of the year of withdrawal. The pony's name and recording number must be included in the letter together with the list of shows where shown.

In order for a Division to be recognized as a BHSA Division, the preceding Divisions (#1-11) must have a minimum of 2 over fences and 1 under saddle class and no more than 3 classes total. Only report the first 3 classes if more are held. All classes to be judged on performance including way of going, style of jumping, and soundness. Manners and suitability to be emphasized in Pony, Junior/Children's and Adult Amateur classes. Classes over fences are not required to jog.

In the preceding Divisions (#1-11) and the following, (#12-14), hunter tack and attire are required for all classes. Unconventional tack and/or attire may be penalized at the Judge's discretion. Western tack and attire, horse boots and wraps, gag bits, any form of flash or drop nosebands, draw reins, etc., not allowed. NOTE: Judges may allow modifications to show attire depending on the weather conditions. Management and judges are urged to excuse coats when heat and humidity are excessive, including Equitation classes. This is for the health and well-being of the riders and is urged by the medical profession.

- 12.A. **Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse:** Open to horses ridden by Adults shown with hunter tack. It is acceptable to combine the Adult Hunter Pleasure and the Junior Hunter Pleasure Divisions; however, it's the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Adult rider and which is the Junior rider. The Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse Division may only be combined with the Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse and/or the Pleasure Pony Hunter Division. This Division must have no more and no less than 3 classes for BHSA Points. Only report the first 3 classes if more are held. Horses may not cross enter into another Pleasure Division at the same show. To be judged on manners, suitability, soundness and way of going.
- 12.B. **Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse:** Open to horses ridden by Juniors shown with hunter tack. It is acceptable to combine the Adult Hunter Pleasure and the Junior Hunter Pleasure Divisions; however, it's the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Adult rider and which is the Junior rider. The Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse Division may only be combined with the Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse and/or the Pleasure Pony Hunter Division. This Division must have no more and no less than 3 classes for BHSA Points. Only report the first 3 classes if more are held. Horses may not cross enter into another Pleasure Division at the same show. To be judged on manners, suitability, soundness and way of going.
13. **Hunter Pleasure Pony:** Open to ponies ridden by Juniors shown with hunter tack. The Hunter Pleasure Pony Division may only be combined with the Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse and/or the Junior Hunter Pleasure Division. This Division must have no more and no less than 3 classes for BHSA Points. Only report the first 3 classes if more are held. To be judged on manners, suitability, soundness and way of going.
- 14.A. **The Forrest Tayloe Linton Memorial Classic (FLC):** Open only to horses, ponies not allowed. No restrictions on riders. A two-round Classic judged as a hunter class using numeric scoring. The second round will be a Handy Hunter round and judged on promptness and handiness without affecting performance and style. The jump order for the second round may start with the lowest score going first to the highest score to be last at each height, or second round trips may follow completion of all first round trips at the same height before adjusting the jumps for the 2nd height. A minimum of 10 riders, if available, to return for the second round. Jump heights to be 2'6" and 3', rider's choice. Shows must report at least six places, if available. Regular FL Classic Points will count as 15, 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 and at the BHSA Hunter Classic Horse Show points will count as 20, 12, 8, 4, 3, 2. Points earned at the BHSA Classic will be used to break ties for the year-end award.
- 14.B. **The Forrest Tayloe Linton Pony Memorial Classic (FLPC):** Open to all ponies. Riders must be Juniors. A two-round Classic judged as a hunter class using the same format as above in 14.A. with the following exceptions: Jump heights to be 2' or 2'6", rider's choice. The second round will be a Handy Hunter round and judged on promptness and handiness without affecting performance and style. Shows must report at least six places, if available. Regular FLP Classic Points will count as 15, 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 and at the BHSA Hunter Classic Horse Show points will count as 20, 12, 8, 4, 3, 2. Points earned at the BHSA Classic will be used to break ties for the year-end award.
- Note: If a rider goes off course, has a fall, or 3 refusals, then they are disqualified from the Class altogether and cannot jump the 2nd round, nor get a ribbon. If the disqualification occurs in the 2nd round, then the rider is still eligible for an award but will just have a score from the first round.
- 14.C. Only one Forrest Linton Classic or Forrest Linton Pony Classic can be held on any given day, but up to two Classics can be held on any given weekend, i.e., one on Saturday and one on Sunday. The BHSA shall establish and maintain a calendar of all FLC and FLPC. Show managers are allowed to hold one Forrest Linton Classic and one Forrest Linton Pony Classic per show year per show site, not to exceed 2 FLC's and 2 FLPC's in one year per show manager. If both are offered they cannot be at the same show on the same date. All Forrest Linton Classics and Pony Classics must be

held in their entirety as separate classes. No part may be combined with any other class in the show. The BHSA Hunter Classic is an exception to this rule as it is a unique show, and so holds true for both Classics.

- 14D. A Handy Hunter course must have at least two changes of direction and must include at least three of the following: narrow jump, trot jump, in-and-out, halt and back, rollback turn, handgallop.

In the following Classes/Divisions (No. 15-22) hunter tack and attire are required. Riders will be judged on hands, seat, guidance, and control throughout the class, except as otherwise stated. Unconventional tack and/or attire may be penalized at the judge's discretion. Western tack and attire, gag bits, any form of flash or drop nosebands, draw reins, etc., not allowed. Points go to the rider.

Pony/Children's/Junior/Adult Amateur Equitation: To be shown over a course of at least 6 fences. The judges may select at least one-fourth of the class to show at a walk, trot, and canter, and to perform additional tests at the judge's discretion. Shows are allowed to combine any of the 3 Equitation classes, however, the Show Secretary must specify on the results sheet by each rider's name as to which class points should be applied to (i.e. Pony, Junior, and Adult Amateur). A rider can only accumulate points from one class per show. The BHSA Equitation classes can be a part of any other Equitation class, e.g., XYZ Horse Show Association/BHSA Pony Equitation Class. If anyone shows in this class and is not a BHSA member they will not receive BHSA points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class.

15. **Pony Equitation:** Open to Juniors mounted on ponies. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2' for Small Ponies, 2'3" for Medium Ponies and 2'6" for Large Ponies.
16. **Children's/Junior Equitation:** Open to Juniors mounted on horses. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'.
17. **Adult Amateur Equitation:** Open to Adult Amateurs mounted on horses. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'.
18. **Equitation on the Flat:** Open to Juniors and Adult Amateurs. May be split into Juniors 14 and under, Juniors 15-17, and Adult Amateur. May be combined if any or all sections have less than 3 entries. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control and guidance. Tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. The BHSA Year-End Awards will be in a single category, i.e., all points will accumulate to a single 1st through 8th set of awards for year-end.
19. **Leadline:** Open to children 7 years and younger as of December 1 of the current show year. If more than one class is offered, only the class which is judged 50% Equitation and 50% suitability will count for BHSA points. The prize list must specify correct class. Riders not allowed to cross enter into any classes where they would be asked to trot. Points go to the rider.

The following Divisions (No.20-22) must have no more and no less than 3 classes for BHSA Points. Only report the first three classes if more are held.

20. **Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation:** Open to riders 10 years and under as of December 1 of the current show year. Riders may be asked to walk, trot, and perform simple Equitation tasks. Riders not allowed to cross enter into classes where they would be asked to canter or jump.
21. **Short-Stirrup Equitation:** Open to riders 12 years and under as of December 1 of the current show year. Jumps may not exceed 18". Riders not allowed to cross enter into classes where they would jump **higher than** 18". Courses may be trotted.
22. **Student Equitation:** Open to riders in their first or second year of showing over fences at 2' or higher as of December 1 of the current show year. Jumps to be a minimum of 2'. Riders competing in the Student Equitation Division are limited to two years only, whether they compete over fences or not. To be judged as an equitation division. Points go to the rider. Courses may be trotted.

Sec. 2. Hunter and Equitation Courses and Jumps:

Jumps must simulate those found in the hunting field such as post and rail, brush, stone wall, board fence, gates, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, etc. Colors may be white, grey, natural, barn red, hunter or kelly green, tan, etc.

1. For Oxers: A 3" difference is required for the back element, and no more than one rail may be on the back element. The spread of an oxer must not exceed the height of the fence for ponies, including any groundline and/or walls, flower boxes, etc. Spreads for horse hunters may exceed the height of the fence by 3". One must measure the spread from the front of the first part to the back of the furthest part, including flowers, brush and groundlines. Prohibited fences include chicken coops hinged at the top and free at the bottom, triple bars, hogs backs, striped rails, targets, square oxers and any spread over the height of the fence for ponies, plus Swedish oxers. The first fence of the course must not be an in-and-out. In Pony Hunters, including Green Ponies and Pony Equitation, the first fence must be a vertical; oxers and coops are prohibited.
2. In-and-Outs: An In-and-Out is considered as two fences in the required number of fences. It must never be used at the start of a course. An In-and-Out may have one or two strides. The suggested distances for a 1 stride In-and-Out are: Small Pony 18'-20', Medium Pony 20'-22', Large Pony 22'-23', Horses, depending on height of fence, 23'-24'. The suggested distances for a 2 stride In-and-Out are: Small Pony 28'-30', Medium Pony 30'-32', Large Pony 32'-34', Horses, depending on height of fence, 34'-36'. The distance on Pony Hunter classes must be adjusted for each height section. For Horse sections it must also be set correctly, and can be adjusted during a class for different height sections. For combined Pony/Horse classes an In-and-Out should not be used. There should be no other fences in the line with the In-and-Out or that distance may also need to be adjusted.
3. Hunter Lines: All lines must be measured. Any line less than 58' must be adjusted for each height of pony and horse. It is recommended, except for in and outs, that no line be set less than 58'.
4. Course Diagrams: Course plans must be posted at least one half-hour before the scheduled time of the class. Class numbers must be clearly marked on each posted course. The plan or diagram must show the fences which must be taken in the order

indicated by numbers and arrows indicating the direction to take them, but not a compulsory track. The distance between fences must be included on the diagram. If the area of the courtesy circle is to be restricted by a mandatory line, this must also be indicated, and the course must have corresponding markers.

Sec. 3. Jumper Divisions Recognized by the BHSA:

In order for Jumper Divisions to be recognized by the BHSA and receive BHSA points, member Shows must use the correct names for the divisions, as well as correct specifications. Shows not building fences or courses to correct specifications will lose their membership. All Jumper Divisions will consist of no less than two classes and no more than three classes. Classes to be run under any Table of the US Equestrian Federation, except as follows: See Puddle Jumpers for restrictions and Table III may only be offered in the Modified Jumper Division. Shows are reminded that the quality of courses and the correctness of distances enhance the development of the horses and riders. Jumper tack and attire are required for all classes.

1. **Puddle Jumper:** Open to horses and ponies. Horses, ponies and riders in this Division may only cross enter into any class not exceeding 3' if otherwise eligible. Fences shall not be lower than 2' and not higher than 2'3", with spreads of not less than 2' and greater than 2'3". All classes must be held under USEF Table II 2C Power and Speed or any USEF Optimum Time Table.
2. **Novice Jumper:** Open to horses and ponies in their first or second year of showing in Jumper classes at 2'6" or higher as of December 1st of the current show year. Horses and ponies in this division may only cross enter into Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper if the rider is eligible, **TB Jumper** and Low Jumper and any other class **not exceeding 3'** (such as Puddle Jumpers at 2'). Fences shall be no lower than 2'3" and no higher than 2'6", with spreads of no less than 2'3" and no greater than 2'6". **May be combined with Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper. If combined, it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Novice Jumper and which is the Novice CH/AA Jumper.**
3. **Novice Children's/ Adult Amateur Jumper:** Open horses and ponies ridden by Children and Adult Amateurs in their first or second year of showing in Jumper classes at 2'6" or higher as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders in this division may only cross-enter into Novice Jumper, if mount is eligible, **TB Jumper** and Low Jumper, and any other class **not exceeding 3'** (such as Puddle Jumpers at 2'). Fences shall be no lower than 2'3" and no higher than 2'6", with spreads no less than 2'3" and no greater than 2'6". **May be combined with Novice Jumper. If combined, it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Novice Children's/AA Jumper and which is the Novice Jumper.**
4. **Low Jumper:** Open to horses and ponies. No restrictions on riders. (Exceptions: see Puddle Jumper, Novice Jumper and Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper). Fences shall be no lower than 2'6" and no higher than 3', with spreads no less than 2'6" and no greater than the height of the fence. **May be combined with TB Jumper. If combined, it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Low Jumper and which is the TB Jumper.**
5. **Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper:** Open to horses and ponies ridden by Children and Adult Amateurs. Fences shall be no lower than 2'6" and no higher than 3'3", with spreads no less than 2'6" and no greater than the height of the fence.
6. **Schooling Jumper:** Open to horses and ponies. No restrictions on riders. Fences shall be no lower than 3' and no higher than 3'6", with spreads no less than 3' and no greater than the height of the fence.
7. **Modified Jumper:** Open to horses and ponies. No restrictions on riders. Fences shall be no lower than 3'6" and no higher than 4', with spreads no less than 3'6" (except in combinations where they must be at least 3'), and no greater than the height of the fence.
8. **TB Jumper:** Open to registered TBs and horses eligible to be registered. No restriction on riders. Jump height for this division shall be no lower than 2'6" and no higher than 3'. Spreads shall be no greater than the height of the fence. The TB Jumper Division can only be combined with the Low Jumper Division. **If combined, it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the TB Jumper and which is the Low Jumper.**

Sec. 4. Jumper Courses and Jumps:

1. Obstacles for Jumper Shows/classes may consist of the following: verticals, oxers, triple bars, combinations, liverpools, fans, and variations of same. Combination obstacles consist of two or more separate jumping efforts. For purposes of determining the minimum number of jumps required, if specified, the total number of jumping efforts will be determining factor. Fences should be attractive, varied and appropriate to their setting. They must be capable of being knocked down and should neither so light or poorly supported that they fall at a slight touch, nor so heavy or firmly supported that they can hardly be dislodged. The "knock factor" should be about the same throughout the whole course. All obstacles must be numbered.
2. Combinations: There must be at least one combination in every course. Combination fences are those consisting of two or more jumping efforts with one or two measured strides between, as indicated with the letters "A", "B", "C". The maximum distance between any two elements is 39'5" and the minimum distance 22' unless set specifically for Sm/Med. Ponies (See Hunter Rules). Faults are accrued at all parts of a combination obstacle. The total number of jumping efforts on a course includes each separate jump and each part of any combination jump.
3. Height/Spread: All courses must be accurately set according to the height and spread as published in the prize list and Rules.
4. No two courses in any section/division should be identical.
5. Change of Direction: There must be at least one change of direction in every course and jump-off course.
6. Ratio of Spreads: At least three out of the first eight jumps must be spreads. For each additional four jumps, one must be a spread.
7. Start and Finish Lines: A start line must be set 12' from the first jump and a finish line at least 24' from the last jump, each indicated by two markers at least 12' apart.
8. Gates and Planks: All suspended gates/planks must be hung not more than 4" from their top edges and must be in flat cups.
9. Brush/Walls/Coops: Brush, wall and coop fences must have a clearly visible pole placed above.
10. Poles: All poles must be at least 8' long.
11. Cups: All poles and other parts of fences must be held up by cups. A pole must be able to roll on its support, and the cup for poles must have a minimum depth of .7" and a maximum depth of not more than 1/3 the diameter of the pole. For planks, gates, etc., the cups must be flat and no deeper than 1/2". Breakaway cups are recommended for the backs of all oxers.

12. Oxers: Only one rail may be on the back element of any oxer. Triple bars may have two rails on the middle element but only one rail on the third part.
13. Course Diagrams: Courses must be posted at least 1/2 hour before the scheduled time of the class. Class numbers must be clearly marked on each course. The plan must include the Table under which it will be scored, speed, time allowed, length of course, start and finish and jump-off course. It must show the obstacles which must be jumped with the order indicated by a number and an arrow to indicate the direction in which each fence is to be jumped. Option fences must be clearly marked.
14. Prohibited Fences: Double crossed poles (two pairs of crossed rails with a spread between them, with or without a horizontal rail between), a single rail over 4' in height, open water, and a hinged coop free at the bottom.
15. Exceptions: Certain special competitions have exceptions to some of the above Rules, such as Fault-and-Out and Take Your Own Line. For such, follow the VHSA/USEF Rules.

Sec. 5. Membership, Fees, and Horse/Pony Recordings

- a.) Individual Membership (Junior, Senior, or Farm) dues are \$25.00 annually for the current show year which goes from 12/1 to 11/30. Owners, riders, horses and ponies must be members/registered with the BHSA in order for points to count. Each Senior and Senior Farm Member have the right to vote at regular BHSA meetings. Farm dues must be paid yearly even if a show series is held at the farm; show dues are not the same as membership dues and do not carry any member privileges. In divisions where points accrue to the rider, the horse/pony does not need to be recorded and the owner does not have to be a member.
- b.) If a rider leases a horse/pony, the lessee must be a member of the BHSA and the horse/pony must be recorded. The owner does not need to be a member. A lease signed by the owner needs to be on file with the BHSA.
- c.) Lifetime horse recording: All horses/ponies must be recorded with the BHSA, under the same name in which it is being exhibited, in order to accrue points. The horse recording fee is \$15.00.
- d.) Transfer of ownership or lease: Ownership may be transferred, without affecting points, provided written notice is submitted to the BHSA secretary with the signatures of both the previous and current owners and lessee. The fee for this change will be \$5.00.
- e.) Change of name: A \$5.00 fee will be charged for changing the name of horses/ponies.
- f.) Fees may be fixed by the Board of Directors for any year succeeding an annual meeting.
- g.) A rider's age is determined by his/her age as of December 1st of the current show year. A Junior is defined as a member who has not reached his/her 18th birthday as of December 1st of the current show year.
- h.) In order for a Professional to regain Amateur status they must spend a minimum of 6 months of non-professional activity supported by 3 recommendation letters. If go back to Professional status then cannot be re-instated for three years. Board vote required for all reinstatements. Refer to USEF Rule 1306 for definition of Amateur versus Professional.

Sec. 6. BHSA Member Horse Show Requirements

- a.) The Show Manager/Show Chairman must be a current BHSA senior member. A fine of \$50.00 will be levied on any show manager not joining the BHSA for the current year. If the fine is not paid, no shows managed by that person will be sanctioned for the following year.
- b.) All Horse Shows that want to be BHSA Associate recognized are required to provide the Battlefield Horse Show Association a Certificate of Insurance naming the BHSA as additional insured for each horse show date. The insurance should be a minimum of 1 million per occurrence/2 million aggregate.
- c.) All member shows must have the BHSA Rules, BHSA Member and Horse Recording applications, and Horse Show Evaluation Forms available and visible at the Secretary's stand.
- d.) The show must state "A BHSA Member" show on the front of the prize list in bold lettering.
- e.) The prize list must contain full specifications, clearly explaining qualification requirements and judging criteria for each division.
- f.) Horse show personnel are expected to uphold the rules of the BHSA.
- g.) Each Hunter show must offer 4 BHSA Hunter recognized divisions in order to be recognized as a BHSA Hunter member horse show.
- h.) Each Jumper show must offer 2 BHSA Jumper recognized divisions in order to be recognized as a BHSA Jumper member horse show.
- i.) BHSA horse shows must be geographically located 80 miles or less from the center of Fredericksburg and be within the boundaries of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Radius is based on air miles, not Map Quest.
- j.) No other shows will be sanctioned on the same days as the BHSA Hunter and Jumper Classic Shows.

Sec. 7. BHSA Member Horse Show Applications

- a.) The BHSA reserves the right to deny any application for just cause.
- b.) Competition applications, prize list and dues must be received 30 days prior to the competition date or that competition will not be allowed to be a BHSA member show. Current member shows must send a prize list at least 30 days prior to the start of their 1st show of a series. Shows new to the BHSA must send a current prize list with their application. Late applications with prize list and dues enclosed will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee if accepted. Late applications without prize list and/or dues attached will not be accepted. All applications received by the BHSA office which are incomplete (except for dues) will automatically be returned to the show manager/show contact. Competition dues are \$35.00 per show day, i.e., 2 Day show = \$70, and must be received by the BHSA at least 30 days prior to the shows date. Late payment of dues will be fined \$50.00 per show.
- c.) Shows can reschedule dates if cancelled due to an Act of God which includes severe weather, flooding, hurricanes, snow, ice, etc. All rescheduled dates must be pre-approved by the BHSA Board before shows can publish the makeup date. Any rescheduled show cannot be closer than 25 miles to any other show already scheduled on the date requested.
- d.) The show year is December 1st through November 30th. In order to take advantage of BHSA advertising, applications should be received at the beginning of the show season.

Sec.8. Recording Show Results

- a.) Show result forms must be postmarked within 14 days of the competition date. If the complete results are postmarked later than 14 days, the show will incur a \$25.00 fine. If by 30 days, the results have not been received, the show will not be allowed to be recorded and the management will not be allowed to hold BHSA shows in the future.
- b.) Results must be recorded on BHSA or VHSA Result Forms when submitted. Only list the placement. Do not list the points.
- c.) If the show's point system is different than the BHSA's point system then the show results must be recalculated according to the BHSA system. Should this recalculation of points for Champion and Reserve Champion result in a tie not broken by points over fences, all tied horses/riders shall remain tied with equal points awarded.
- d.) Results that are incomplete/incorrect due to failure to include every class/division results, illegible handwriting, not specifying on combined divisions which division/size/Child or Adult the points should go towards, that each Class in a division was not completed, etc., will be returned to the Show Secretary with an "incomplete service charge" of \$25. The corrected results must be returned to the BHSA office within seven days of receipt or the show will incur a \$100 late fine. If all charges are not paid, then future shows will not be recognized by the BHSA and the show will forfeit all paid competition fees.

Sec. 9 Points

- a) Bonus Points will be determined by the number of horses or ponies shown successfully (completed the course) in the first Over Fences class of all Hunter Divisions and the number of horses or ponies shown in the first class of the Hunter Pleasure Divisions. In the Equitation Divisions the bonus points are based on the number of riders that complete the first class. These numbers will be added to the Base Points to equal the Final Points. (i.e., a 1st place in a class of 5: 10 pts + 5 exhibitors (bonus points) = 15 points) We still require three (3) entries to fill a class with the exception of Leadline, Pre-Short Stirrup, **Short Stirrup, Student Equitation**, Working Hunter, both Forrest Linton Classics and all Jumper Classes, all of which must have at least 2 eligible entries. If only 2 classes fill in any 3-class division, the Champion and Reserve will still be awarded based on the points accumulated in the 2 classes in accordance with the rules.
- b) Bonus Points can be no more than ten (10).
- c) Champion shall receive an additional ten (10) points and Reserve six (6) points.
- d) For the Equitation Divisions as well as the Jumper Divisions the same point system (base points + bonus points) will be used.
- e) Championships must be offered in all Hunter, Pleasure and Jumper Divisions. A total of 3 classes (Jumper Divisions – a minimum of 2 classes and a maximum of 3 classes) must be offered to qualify for the Championships. For Hunter Divisions this means 2 Over Fences classes and 1 Under Saddle class must be offered.
- f) Management must keep a Championship Chart of winnings throughout the Division which must be available for exhibitors' inspection. Only the 1st six ribbons count towards the Champion and Reserve Champion titles regardless of the number offered, which must be a minimum of six. Ribbons have the same value even if less than the specified six places are awarded.
- g) No credit will be given in any classes with less than 3 eligible entries with the exception of Leadline, Pre-Short Stirrup, Working Hunter, both Forrest Linton Classics and all Jumper Classes, all of which must have at least 2 eligible entries. In Hunter, Pleasure and Equitation, 3 eligible entries must complete the course/class in order for points to count for the class, except as noted above, which must have 2 eligible entries complete in order for points to count for the class.
- h) If classes are combined due to insufficient entries (i.e. Hunter Pleasure with Hunter Pleasure Pony), then the Show Secretary must specify for each entry in which division the points are to count. They may only count once.
- i) Points shall be scored as follows: First-10, Second-6, Third-4, Fourth-2, Fifth-1, Sixth-.5, Champion-10, Reserve-6. Points for the BHSA Hunter Classic and Jumper Classic shall be scored as follows: First-20, Second-12, Third 8, Fourth-4, Fifth-2, Sixth-1. Points for the BHSA Hunter Benefit (held with the BHSA Jumper Classic) shall be scored as First-15, Second-9, Third-6, Fourth-3, Fifth-2, Sixth-.1, Champion-10, Reserve-6.
- j) Year end points will only include each member's top 10 shows plus any points accrued at the BHSA Hunter Classic, BHSA Jumper Classic and BHSA Hunter Benefit Shows, if held. Exception: ALL BHSA Pony, Children's/Junior, Adult Amateur Equitation, Equitation on the Flat and both Forrest Linton Classics points gained in accordance with the class rules will count for yearend awards. There may be more than one BHSA show held on the same day. However, horses and riders can only accumulate points from one show per day. Exception: No other show will be sanctioned on the days of the BHSA Hunter Classic and BHSA Jumper Classic/Hunter Benefit.
- k) The exhibitor must rectify any of his/her point discrepancies thru May 31st by July 31st, or the points prior to May 31st will stand as published. The exhibitor must also rectify any of his/her point discrepancies by November 30th or such date as announced with the final point standings, or the final points published by the BHSA will stand pending the final official BHSA audit.
- l) The Champion and Reserve Champion titles in all Hunter and Equitation Divisions with at least two over fences classes and one under saddle class are awarded to the top two of the eligible four horses/ponies/riders that acquired the most points performing over a regulation course with fences at the correct height. In addition to these points, only these four horses/ponies/riders receive full points for ribbons won in one under saddle class. In the case of a tie, the Champion and/or Reserve is awarded to the horse/pony/rider that received the most points over fences. If the horses/ponies/riders have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses must hack off on the flat or with permission of the exhibitors involved in the tie, they may flip a coin.
- m) For Jumpers in individual classes, exhibitors who are tied for 1st place after the initial rounds must jump off (REF: USEF JP140). Exhibitors who are tied for other than 1st place may either remain tied or be placed according to their times taken to complete the course in the 1st round, if so stated in the prize list. Exhibitors may toss a coin to decide who gets what ribbon, unless management has provided extra ribbons. The placings shall be made as if all ties are broken, i.e., if 2 are tied for 2nd place no 3rd place will be awarded, or if 4 are tied for 3rd place, no other ribbons will be awarded unless 7th place is awarded, because if the tie was broken these places would be awarded. For Championship points, the points for the tied position down to the next awarded position will be added together and divided between the tied mounts. For example in the above examples, the two mounts in the 2nd place tie would each get 5 points (6 + 4 = 10 divided by 2 = 5). If a tie exists for Champion, all tied mounts will remain tied and no Reserve Championship will be awarded. For points towards year-end awards, the Championship and Reserve Championship points will be added together and divided equally among the tied mounts. If a tie

exists for Reserve Champion all tied mounts will remain tied and the points for Reserve Championship will be divided equally among the tied mounts.

- n) For Pleasure and Equitation Divisions with no or only 1 jumping class the Championship and Reserve Championship are awarded to the top two horses/ponies/riders acquiring the most points throughout the 3 classes. In case of a tie, there will be a hack-off between the tied horses/ponies/riders judged as a separate competition to break the tie, or with permission of the exhibitors involved; they may flip a coin to decide.
- o) The Championship and Reserve Championship and its respective points can be awarded if over half (2 of 3) of the classes in a Division have been completed according to specifications.

Sec 10. Discipline

The provisions of the bylaws and rules shall apply at any BHSA Member Show or activity to the following persons defined as Individuals: Owner, exhibitor, agent, trainer, coach, manager, rider, show official, show employee, member of the family, or Employee of any of the above, individual member of the BHSA, or any person who acts in violation of the rules of The Association or deemed prejudicial to its best interest. Any act at a BHSA Member Show or activity in violation of the rules of the association by a member of the family of the person participating in the show or activity who is described in the previous sentence, may be deemed to have been committed by such person and subject him/her to penalties. Each violation will be reviewed on a case basis by the BHSA Board and a decision will be made depending on the severity of the violation, the amount of violations committed and the time frame in which they were committed.

A Violation shall be defined as: An Act prejudicial to the best interest of the Association, including but not limited to the following:

- a.) Violation of the rules of the Association.
- b.) Penalization by another Horse Show Association, Humane Society, or Court of Law for violations.
- c.) Failure of a show official to perform his duties at a show in accordance with the rules.
- d.) Failure of an exhibitor or his representative to sign the entry blanks of a show in which he competes.
- e.) Exhibiting any horse while in the care, custody, and training of a trainer suspended by the BHSA.
- f.) Riding, exhibiting, coaching, or training for the benefit, credit, reputation, or satisfaction of a person suspended by the BHSA.
- g.) Failure to settle indebtedness in a timely fashion.
- h.) Acting or inciting or permitting any other to act in a manner contrary to the rules or By-laws of the BHSA, or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, intemperate or prejudicial to the best interests of the BHSA and its member shows.
- i.) Any act committed or remark made in connection with a show considered offensive and/or made with the intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the show officials, approaching a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission, or public verbal abuse of competition officials.
- j.) Physical assault upon a person
- k.) Cruelty to a horse/pony, including excessive use of a whip/crop, striking the horse/pony on the poll or forward of the poll, rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a crop or other implement, use of any substance to induce temporary heat (soring), manual poling, use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jump, use of electric devices in schooling or showing, any other inhumane treatment of a horse/pony anywhere on the ground by anyone, excessive use of spurs, especially if blood drawn.
- l.) Failure to obey any penalty imposed by the BHSA.
- m.) Makes payment to the BHSA or to a BHSA Member Show and the check is returned by his/her bank as Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) or Non-Negotiable.
- n.) Falsifying information in any papers filed with the Association
- o.) Filing or distribution of incorrect Prize Lists.

Penalties

- a.) If found guilty by a disciplinary committee, the accused shall be subject to such penalty including censure, fine, probation, suspension or termination of their membership for such a time as the Board of Directors deems appropriate or whatever other form enacted. Suspended shows will forfeit show dues for those suspended dates.
- b.) Member shows must honor all BHSA penalties.
- c.) For violations under the NSF/Non-Negotiable check in Section 10. m) above and after contact by the BHSA or Member Show of the problem, if the payer does not settle the account in a timely manner the Member for whom the payment was made shall be declared "Not in Good Standing" and all year-end points accumulated shall be suspended. Also, any horses/ponies for which the NSF/Non-Negotiable check was in payment of will have its points suspended. Such suspensions shall remain until the account is settled. Further the name of the person who wrote the check shall be posted on the BHSA website stating he/she has issued a bad check.

Sec 11. Protests, Charges and Hearings

Protests:

1. Any Exhibitor, owner, trainer, coach, rider, agent or parent of a junior exhibitor may file a protest with the Show Committee or the Board of Directors of the BHSA alleging a violation of any BHSA rules(s). The protest must be:
 - a.) In writing
 - b.) Signed by the Complainant
 - c.) Addressed to the Secretary or Manager of the show at which the alleged violation took place, or to the BHSA Board.
 - d.) Accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 if made by a BHSA member or parent of a Junior Exhibitor member, or \$150.00 if made by a non-member (if check, payable to the BHSA); said deposit to be refunded if the protest is upheld, and

- e.) Received by the Secretary or Manager by the end of the show at which the alleged violation occurred, or received at the BHSA address within three weeks following the date of the show at which the alleged violation occurred.
2. No protests will be accepted or heard if received after November 30th.

Charges:

1. A Show Official or an Officer or Director of the BHSA may file a charge with the Show Committee or the Board of Directors of the BHSA alleging a violation of any BHSA rule(s). The charge must be:
 - a.) In writing
 - b.) Signed by the Complainant
 - c.) Addressed to the Secretary or Manager of the show at which the alleged violation took place, or to the BHSA Board, and
 - d.) If made to a Show Committee received by the end of the show at which the alleged violation occurred, or received at the BHSA address within three weeks following the date of the show at which the alleged violation occurred.
2. No charges will be accepted or heard if received after November 30th.
3. The person presenting the charge cannot be in the role of exhibitor, owner, trainer, coach, rider, agent or parent of a junior exhibitor in the specific issue that is the substance of the charge.

Contents, etc.:

1. A protest or charge must state the full name and address of the respondent and contain a complete and definite statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. Precise details regarding a violation of the rules are necessary. The maker of the protest or charge must be prepared to substantiate the protest or charge by citing the exact rule(s) involved, by his or her own personal testimony at a hearing or of at least one other witness with personal knowledge who is subject to cross-examination, and by sworn statements, other witnesses and by other competent evidence.
2. A protest or charge against a Member Show must be referred to the BHSA by the Secretary or Manager.
3. Protests or charges that a judge has failed to conduct a class in accordance with the rules or otherwise violated the rules must be referred to the BHSA.
4. The BHSA may investigate any protest or charge or alleged violation, may intervene in any protest or charge and present evidence at a hearing concerning any protest, charge or alleged violation at its discretion.
5. Non-Protestable Decisions:
 - a.) The soundness of a horse/pony when determined by a judge.
 - b.) A Judge's decision, representing his/her individual preference or opinion, unless it is alleged to be in violation of the Rules.

Hearings:

1. Notice: Any person or group of persons or competition against whom a protest or charge is filed is/are entitled to a hearing; such hearing to be held after at least 10 days written notice to the respondent, except that a Show Committee may hold a hearing during or within 48 hours of a competition after 24 hours written notice to the respondent unless this notice requirement is waived in writing by the respondent. Notice of the hearing must contain a brief statement of the facts constituting the alleged violation, the BHSA rules allegedly violated and must specify the time and place at which the hearing is to be held. Notice of a protest or charge or alleged violation forwarded by the show to the BHSA, or sent by the Complainant directly to the BHSA must be given to the respondent within 30 days of the date it was reported to the BHSA. The complainant must also receive all notices of hearings, etc., at the same time. Any notice mailed to the last known address on file with the BHSA shall be deemed sufficient notice.
2. The respondent may attend the hearing at their option and may bring witnesses, sworn statements or other evidence in their own behalf.
3. Upon written request of the BHSA, or of a respondent, or complainant, there shall be furnished before said hearing any evidence to be introduced at the hearing, the names of witnesses and the substance of their testimony.
4. A Show Committee receiving a protest or charge shall promptly hold a hearing and obtain from witnesses, entry blanks and other sources of the necessary information and evidence; all persons directly concerned shall be given the opportunity to appear. It shall then adjudicate the issue impartially, make effective its decision upon the parties of interest and report it's determination to the BHSA Board, the complainant and the respondent within 14 days. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the complainant; if not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the show. A Show Committee may disqualify a person at that show. In all other cases, the facts and findings shall be reported to the BHSA Board for further action if deemed appropriate at its sole discretion. In the event a Show Committee does not choose to handle the protest/charge, or cannot reach a decision, or cannot schedule an appropriate hearing, it must refer the matter to the BHSA Board immediately, but not later than 14 days, and can be sent to the BHSA with the show results. A party to a protest or charge desiring to appeal a decision of the Show Committee to the BHSA Board must file such appeal in writing within 10 days of receiving the notice of the initial decision. The Board will first determine whether the rules were properly interpreted and applied, and only if such not done, review the findings.
5. If the complainant has not received notification from the Show Committee within 14 days of a decision, the complainant is responsible for moving the protest/charge to the BHSA Board in an expeditious manner.
6. The BHSA Board shall hear protests and charges in connection with alleged violations of the rules, consider the evidence, render final decisions thereon and determine and impose penalties. It may refer any protest or charge to a Special Disciplinary Committee appointed by the President for a hearing, and must refer any protest or charge to such a Committee if any party to the protest or charge is a member of the Board. No member of the Board with a conflict of interest may be appointed to such a Committee. The proponent of the protest or charge has the burden of proof; all persons directly concerned shall be given the opportunity to appear. The Committee or Board, as appropriate, shall adjudicate the issue impartially, make effective its decision upon the parties of interest and report its determination to the Board, if by Committee. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the complainant; if not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the BHSA.