

**IMPORTANT**  
**NOTICE TO SHOW MANAGERS AND MEMBERS**

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The Virginia Horse Show Association Associate Rules for the Hunter Division Championships are **NOT** identical to the Battlefield Horse Show Association's rules for the Hunter Divisions Championships.

The VHSA Rule 28, Section 5 states:

“In Hunter (performance) classes over fences a minimum of three (3) entries must complete each course over fences in order for that class to count. The under saddle class in a hunter division must have a minimum of three (3) entries that have competed in the respective division for it to count. In order to compete in a performance division under saddle class the entry must have exhibited in a minimum of one over fences class in that division. The Championship and Reserve Championship and its respective points can be awarded if two of the three classes in the division have been completed according to specifications.”

The BHSA Rules Section 7 “Points” (a) (g) (h) states:

a) 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.

g) 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 are 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.

h) The Championship and Reserve Championship and its respective points can be awarded if over half (2 of 3; 3 of 4) of the classes in a Division have been completed according to specifications.

Therefore a Hunter Under Saddle class for VHSA points cannot include any non-jumping entries, whereas the same Under Saddle class for BHSA points can. If a show has allowed non-jumping entries in the Under Saddle class and an entry received points, that entry must be removed and the lower eligible placing(s) moved up when reporting the results to the VHSA; but that same entry kept in the results for the Battlefield point system.