

LOS ANGELES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION



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Knowledge of the rules of any sport is required of each participant, and the exhibitor at an LAHJA Recognized Show is in no way exempt from this responsibility. A complete knowledge of and compliance with the LAHJA and USEF rules is essential and the exhibitor must be fully cognizant of all the rules, as well as class specifications in the division(s) in which he shows. However complete rules may be, they never can cover all possible situations that may arise. If a matter cannot be resolved by interpreting the rules to the letter, the solution to be adopted by those responsible should follow as nearly as possible the spirit of the rules.

USEF rules will be followed by LAHJA sanctioned shows unless amended by these rules.

ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Horse show organizations are as common as horse organizations, but the idea of an association of horse show exhibitors was a new concept when the idea became a reality in Los Angeles County in 1960. Thus the way was paved for exhibitors to have a voice in the operation of the horse shows at which they exhibited.

The Los Angeles County Horse Show Exhibitors Association, as the organization was originally called, came into existence with the following aims:

1. To provide exhibitors with an opportunity to compete in quality horse shows without traveling great distances.
2. To provide high score awards on a local level.
3. To raise the quality of horse showing conditions within the Los Angeles area.
4. To help adjudicate disputes between horse show exhibitors and show management.

From a modest beginning of eighteen members and four approved horse shows, the Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association has grown to its present size of over eight hundred members. In 1984, the name of the organization was shortened to Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association (LAHJA). This change also emphasized the relationship to USEF of which it is an affiliate member

PAST PRESIDENTS

Dick Higbee	1960
Harold Mann	1961
Bob Jones	1962-1964
Bob Hubbard	1965-1966
Barney McGearry	1967
Bob Jones	1968-1970
Larry Langer.	1971-1972
Ron Vogel	1972
Dorothy Groth	1973-1987
Jeff Katz	1988-1989
Beth Gavin	1990-1991
Regina Antonioli	1991
Sam Perlow	1992
Joe Thorpe	1993
Nick Karazissis	1994
Joe Thorpe	1995
DiAnn Langer	1996-2002
Richard Wilkinson	2003-2004
Jeni Brown	2005
Marnye Langer	2006 -2008

LOS ANGELES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this association shall be LOS ANGELES HUNTER/JUMPER ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II: MISSION

The Los Angeles Hunter/Jumper Association acknowledges the expense, time away from home, and traveling distance necessary to win regional or national awards in the hunter/jumper discipline. Its main mission is to provide awards for hunter/jumper competitors at quality horse shows held locally. The Association fulfills this mission by sanctioning shows of both one day and multiple day duration, by offering distinct levels of difficulty via separate circuits, and by limiting the number of shows counted by any one competitor towards a given award category.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Any interested person is eligible for membership in the Association. There is no residency requirement. A senior member in good standing is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors or on a committee.

ARTICLE IV: GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY

The Association ~~will generally~~ considers Los Angeles County as the area for its approved horse shows with the following exceptions:

- a) A show proposed to be held outside the mapped boundaries of Los Angeles County, may be considered for provisional approval by the Board of Directors if it is no more than 15 miles as the crow flies from the mapped boundary, providing:
 - i. It meets all the other conditions for approval as may be in effect at the time it applies
 - ii. The Board agrees by specific vote of at least ~~eight~~ two-thirds of the total current directors (minimum of six), that approval of the specific event would be in the best interest of the broader membership
 - iii. Provisional approval will be given on a year-by-year basis only. Although the Competition Producer of record retains the date priority, the board reserves the right to grant this provisional approval on year-by year basis.
- b) After a show is held with provisional approval three consecutive times, the directors, by majority vote, may grant that event equal status with the other events held within the boundaries of Los Angeles County. If granted, the show would then receive the same date priority as the other approved events.

c) Approved shows held outside the boundary of Los Angeles County in the year 2006 are hereby grandfathered and exempt from the provisional status provisions of this Article.
Effective 06/01/08

ARTICLE V: GOALS

The goals of the Association are:

- a) To provide awards to members, individuals, and equine athletes as recognition for their achievements in hunter/jumper horse sport
- b) To provide and enforce rules and regulations necessary to support and fulfill the Associations mission and goals
- c) To create, support, and maintain various broad-spectrum educational programs that encompass the diverse needs and interests of the Associations membership
- d) To create, support and maintain the necessary elements to enable comprehensive communication among the Associations constituents
- e) To represent its membership when interacting with other entities that govern or affect hunter/jumper sport
- f) To create, support, and maintain a horse show sanctioning and governance structure that carries out the Associations mission and goals

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Each year, the Associations senior members in good standing will elect three Directors to serve two-year terms. The election will be via U.S. mail. For a ballot to be counted, it must be postmarked on or before November 1st and addressed to the Associations agent for election certification. Newly elected directors will take office at the first directors meeting following notification of their election, which will normally occur in November. A directors term will expire November 1st of his second year.

Section 2: Each year, at the November directors meeting, the board will elect three Association senior members in good standing to serve two-year terms. These new directors will take office at the first directors meeting following notification of their election, which will normally occur in December. A directors term will expire November 1st of his second year.

Section 3: The immediate past president, if not already elected, is an ex officio director of the Association with full voting privileges and may attend board meetings at his discretion, until the November 1st following his term as president.

Section 4: The directors elected in a given year via section 1 or 2 above, plus those in their second year of service, plus the immediate past president (if applicable), plus any Officer serving his second year under the provision of Article VII Section 4, constitute the Associations Board of Directors. The minimum number of directors under this Article is twelve, assuming 1) no vacancies, 2) the past President is an elected director, and 3) the officers are serving during their elected terms. The maximum number of directors is seventeen, assuming, 1) no vacancies, 2) the past President is not an elected director, and 3) the officers terms have expired.

Section 5: Conflict of Interest. For the purposes of this Association, a director has a conflict of interest if his/her actions as a director give rise to a reasonable perception that his/her private or business interests will be affected directly by those actions. This applies to financial as well as non-financial interests. To this end, a conflict of interest policy will be established, a conflict of interest disclosure form must be signed by each director, officer, and staff member and the Associations conflict of interest policies and procedures must be adhered to by all of the above.

Section 6: A vacancy in a directors position will be filled at the discretion of the board from the pool of senior members in good standing to serve the balance of that directors term.

Section 7: Duties of Directors: The Board of Directors, including the officers and the Executive Committee members, shall have the responsibility for general management of the business affairs of the Association, except as otherwise provided by statute or the Articles of Incorporation. The Directors also constitute the Associations Nominating Committee. A Director is expected and required:

To maintain high moral and ethical standards of performance and behavior and to serve as an example to the general membership.

To support, defend, enforce and strengthen the Associations Bylaws and rules.

To support ALL Board resolutions and decisions passed by the Board regardless of an individual directors particular vote.

To represent the needs and interests of the members in a fair and impartial manner, and adhering to the Associations conflict of interest rules and policies at all times.

To contribute and participate frankly and sincerely at Board meetings and with the Associations business agenda.

To participate actively with at least one Association committee or Association event during each year.

To review and approve all presidential committee appointments. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

To review contracts and agreements for any paid personnel or positions, and to hire or contract for any deemed necessary.

To remove from office any officer, director, committee chairman, or committee member, who in the opinion of a majority of the board, has failed to discharge his duties in a manner deemed in the best interest of the Association. The individual must have at least 10 days notice in writing of such contemplated action and be given the opportunity to address the Board prior to any such removal.

Regardless of the above, a member of the Board of Directors will automatically be removed from the Board at the third missed Board Meeting in a given year, regardless of written proxy. The Board seat will be deemed vacated and the Directors may fill it per Section 6 above, but not with a Director removed that year. At the Presidents sole discretion, a missed meeting for an emergency will not be counted as a missed meeting. The President will report these emergency waivers, if any, to the Board at its next meeting.

An automatically removed Director may petition the Executive Committee for a reinstatement hearing in writing stating the reasons he/she feels the request should be granted. The Association must receive such petition within fifteen days following notice of removal. The Executive Committee, at its sole discretion, may grant such hearing before the Board at either a regularly scheduled meeting or one called expressly for that purpose. The former Director will be given time to present his/her case in person at the hearing, after which the Board will vote whether or not the circumstances and evidence presented warrant reinstatement.

Section 8: Meetings: The Board of Directors will meet at least six times per year, in person or by teleconference at the Presidents discretion. The December meeting will be in person and will count as the first Directors meeting of the year.

Board meetings will be called by the President, who shall insure that notice of such meetings along with the minutes of the last meeting and a proposed agenda will be sent to each Board member one week in advance of the meeting date.

Any four Board members may request that a meeting be called by the President who shall call the meeting as quickly as feasible. For the purpose of this section, e-mail notification to directors will be deemed sufficient.

Section 9: Quorum: A quorum of the board will be seven directors, either in person, via teleconference or by written proxy.

Section 10: Guests: Members of this Association are specifically allowed as

guests at meetings of the Board of Directors with prior permission of the President. However, members wishing to present or speak to a topic at a Board meeting must obtain permission early enough to be placed on the agenda for that particular meeting. See section 8 above.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1: The elected officers of the Association shall be:

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Corporate Secretary
- d) Treasurer

Section 2: The four officers will be elected by the Associations directors at their December Board meeting (normally held prior to the annual awards banquet) from the pool of eligible directors (section 3 below) and will immediately assume their positions. Officer elections will take place in even years except to fill a vacancy.

Section 3: Any director who serves as an officer or receives compensation for services in a similar local California horse show organization may not serve as an officer of the Los Angeles Hunter/Jumper Association at the same time. The San Fernando Valley Horse Shows Association, The Tri Valley Horse Shows Association, and the Orange County Horse Shows Association are considered to be examples of similar local California organizations for this purpose, although others might exist.

Section 4: Officers of the Association will serve two-year terms, regardless of whether they are in their first or second year of their current term as directors. If an officers term as a director would end prior to their term as an officer, that director term would automatically extend one year, notwithstanding the fact it would add one more director to the board for that given year.

Section 5: Vacancies: The Vice-President will fill a vacancy in the President position by becoming President for the balance of the term. Vacancies in any of the other three officer positions will be filled by election from the remaining directors for the balance of the officer term being filled.

Section 6: Duties of Officers:

The President: Is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association

Is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall preside at all board and

general membership meetings. Appoints the chairman and members of all committees, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld. Evaluates the contracts and agreements for paid personnel or positions,

and recommends to the board their continuation, renewal or termination.

Whenever feasible, such contracts and agreements will have a two-year term that coincides with that of the President.

Is an ex-officio member of all Association Committees, and may (but is not required to) attend any committee meeting. The President has full voting rights in any committee meeting he attends.

Together with the Associations Corporate Secretary, signs all contracts and obligations of the Association.

Together with the Associations Treasurer, signs all banking documents and is automatically a member of the Associations Budget and Finance Committee

May at any time call a meeting of the Board of Directors and shall do so at the request of at least four Directors.

The Vice President: Serves as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee

Exercises all of the duties of the President in his absence Carries out the wishes of the President, the Board, and the Executive Committee as they deem necessary.

The Corporate Secretary: Shall be responsible for reviewing and signing the minutes of the meetings of the Board Shall review all official correspondence (legal and corporate matters) of the Association. Shall handle other matters as directed by the President, Executive Committee or the Board of Directors

Shall oversee all official documents and records of the Association, with special attention to keeping all pertinent Association material used in the conduct of Association business current and relevant

The Treasurer: Serves as the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee

Will cause an annual Association budget to be prepared and will present said budget to the Associations Board of Directors at its January meeting

Oversees all money under the purview of the Association, and shall have the care and custody of and be responsible for the funds of the Association as the President and Board of Directors shall designate

Shall keep proper books of account showing the disposition and status of all Association funds

Shall make a report covering the financial condition of the Association at each Directors Meeting, showing the status of the Associations entire financial picture

Shall provide annually an accountant reviewed report showing a minimum of two years comparative financial status for the Association

The President or Treasurer will sign any checks of the Association of \$500

or more.

The Treasurer will act as a financial advisor to the Board of Directors and analyze the future financial position for presentation to the Board at its meetings.

ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Officers of the Association plus other Directors as the President may appoint

(with Board approval), shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act as the Board of Directors in emergency

situations, between Board meetings, or when it is impractical to call a Board meeting. A standing agenda item at each Directors meeting shall be the vehicle by which the President will report Executive Committee actions to the Board.

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President is the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and may call Executive Committee meetings when he deems necessary, providing as much notice as practical to Executive Committee members. For the purpose of this Article, e-mail

notification to Executive Committee members will be deemed sufficient.

When a time sensitive decision needs to be made without the possibility of having a quorum of the Board or Executive Committee available, the Presidents decision will be final. In case of the unavailability of the President or if there is a conflict of interest, the decision channel is: 1) Vice President, 2) Treasurer, 3) Corporate Secretary, 4) Executive Director.

ARTICLE IX: PAID POSITIONS

Section 1: **Executive Director:** The President is authorized to hire an Executive Director for the Association. The Board must approve the potential individual and

his compensation package before duties are commenced. Duties shall be as the President, Executive Committee and or the Directors may determine, but generally include the following: administer memberships, administer the show calendar, keep proper records, prepare agendas and minutes of all meetings, produce and administer the rule book, produce and administer the policy and procedures manual, coordinate financial matters, act as liaison between the Association and others with respect to banking, accounting, and legal matters, handle all mailings, maintain a modern office for the association, tabulate points, publish a newsletter and point standings, and maintain and oversee all correspondence.

Section 2: Other Paid Positions: The President, with board approval, may appoint and/or hire additional help as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Association. E.g., recording secretary, membership secretary, awards secretary, newsletter editor, etc. These people need not be members of the Association and

although they may occasionally be asked to attend Director's meetings, they are non-voting.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

Section 1. General: The President appoints the chairman and members of all committees, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld. Committees may consist of Board Members and other interested members of this Association.

Section 2. Conflict of Interest: Any individual serving as a committee chairman or committee member in a similar local California horse show organization may not serve on a corresponding committee of the LAHSA.

Any person conducting business with the Association or who could derive direct financial benefit from a given committees purview, may not serve as a member of that committee. However, such person may serve that committee as a non-voting advisor who is not required to attend all of the meetings.

Section 3: Requirements: Each committee must meet a minimum of four times per year, either by phone conference or face to face at the Chairman's discretion. A person will automatically be removed from the committee at the third missed meeting of a given year and may not be reinstated that year. A person may not serve on more than three committees in any given year. The Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Special (Ad Hoc) Committees are not counted for this requirement.

Section 4: Quorum: A quorum will be a minimum of three members without proxies for a committee to vote to bring a proposal to the Board for consideration.

Section 5. Permanent Committees: The following Committees are permanent standing committees of the association whose functions are ongoing and are essential to the Associations continued functioning:

Budget and Finance: This committee is chaired by the Treasurer, and has the responsibility to insure the continued financial health of the Association. It will produce the Associations annual budget, analyze the Associations operating costs, recommend fee increases as deemed necessary, analyze the cost of existing as well as proposed new programs, monitor the current income and expenses of the Association with regard to the budget, explain the associations financial picture to the Officers and Directors, and make recommendations as necessary to keep the associations finances on track.

Planning: The Planning Committee investigates the feasibility of conceptual ideas generated by the President, Board of Directors or the Executive Committee and presents the results of their investigation to the board. The President will choose the Chairman of the Planning Committee from one of the Associations officers.

Nominating: The Vice-President serves as the Chairman of this committee, which consists of the entire Board of Directors. The mission of the Nominating Committee is to identify optimum candidates from the entire senior membership who are willing to serve as a Director or Committee person. The Nominating Committee has the difficult task of determining qualifications, reviewing credentials, and selecting the candidates to appear on the senior member ballot and on the directors ballot each year. However, the maximum number of candidates to appear on a ballot may not exceed two times the number of available positions to fill. Further, the Committee will present to the President, names of potential committee persons following identification, determination of qualifications, and review of credentials.

Show Dates: This committee inspects eligibility of show date applications, determines their eligibility under the current rules, and recommends either approval or denial to the Board. This committee reviews the current requirements for shows to be approved, the current standards for approved shows, and makes recommendations for rule or procedure changes to the Board in these areas. Horse show managers may not serve on this committee except in a non-voting advisory capacity. A manager may NOT participate in any committee meeting where date issues involve them or their business directly.

Banquet: This Committee is responsible for the Associations annual awards ceremony from conception to completion. Although the Chairman is not required to be a Director of the Association, the Board must be kept informed and must approve the arrangements for the annual awards function.

Awards: Determining, purchasing, engraving, storing, transporting, displaying, and presenting of the Associations various awards is the purview of this Committee, Although the Chairman is not required to be a Director of the Association, the Board must be kept informed and must approve the arrangements for the annual awards function.

Education: The education committee is responsible for creating, supporting, and sustaining a broad spectrum of education for the members of this Association. Care must be taken by this Committee to optimize the number benefited for the budgeted cost of a given program; always keeping in mind the sustainability factor. Although the Chairman is not required to be a Director of the Association, the Board must be kept informed and must approve the educational offerings.

Communication: This committee analyzes and evaluates the communication available to the Associations constituents, determines ways of improving it, makes recommendations to the board, and follows up after approval through implementation.

Rules: The chairman of this committee will attend Board meetings and will serve as the parliamentarian. Roberts Rules of Order will be used as a guide to efficient and effective Association meetings, and the chairman of

this committee is empowered to require a given meeting to adhere to them when necessary. This committee has the responsibility to review the rules, interpret the rules, clarify the rules, and propose rule changes. 100% of rule changes must come before this committee before they can be considered for passage by the board.

Section 5. **Special Committees:** The President may appoint special or ad hoc committees deemed necessary by him to further the aims, goals, or business of the Association. These committees will normally have a narrow and specific purpose and will terminate when the task is completed. These committees will NOT be counted in the three-committee maximum referred to in section 3 above.

ARTICLE XI: INSURANCE

The Executive Director shall be responsible to research and present to the Board insurance for Directors and Officers liability with coverage to the optimum practical for this non-profit Association. The Directors are responsible for choosing the best coverage and securing the insurance. The Executive Director will monitor this insurance to insure coverage at all times.

ARTICLE XII: INDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any person who is or was a director, officer, agent, fiduciary, employee, contractor, or Committee person against any claim, liability or expense against or incurred by such persons as a result of actions reasonably taken at the direction or on behalf of the Association. No director, officer, agent, fiduciary, employee, contractor, or Committee person shall have any personal liability for monetary damages to the Association except for:

- i. Any breach of their duty to or loyalty to the Association
- ii. Acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law
- iii. Any transaction from which said person derives an improper personal benefit

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be added to, altered or amended by a minimum of eight votes of the Directors present at any properly noticed Board meeting provided the proposed addition, alteration, or amendment has been sent to the board and published on the Associations website a minimum of two weeks prior to prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

LOS ANGELES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL RULES

PART I: MEMBERSHIP AND HORSE REGISTRATION

Section 1: FEES (effective November 31, 2007)

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| a. Senior Membership | \$55.00 per year |
| b. Junior Membership | \$55.00 per year |
| c. Horse Registration | \$25.00 per year |
| d. Life Membership | \$550.00 |

Section 2: REGULATIONS

- Lifetime Members' horses are **NOT** automatically recorded each year. **Lifetime members must re-register their horse each year in order for points to count.**
- Owners of registered horses must be members of LAHJA for points to count.
- If a registered horse is sold during the year and the new owner wishes for the horse to continue to accrue points, the horse must be officially transferred to the new owner who must also be a member of the association.
- Previously recorded members and horses are not automatically granted membership or recording for the next show year but must complete the proper application each year.
- Membership, Horse Registration and Horse Transfer forms are available from the Association office, and on the Association web-site. Usable samples of these forms may be found in this Rule Book, Part XIII, and on the web-site – www.LAHJA.org.

PART II: ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS AND POINT SYSTEM

Section 1. AWARD CATEGORIES

- 'A' circuit point divisions/sections are listed in this rulebook.
- 'B' circuit point divisions/sections are listed in this rulebook.
- Divisions/Sections for which points are computed at both 'A' and 'B' circuit shows are listed in this rulebook Parts XI and XII.
- Awards will be presented to the Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd place in each approved division. High Point awards will go to the overall high point champion and reserve champion.

Section 2: COMBINING AND DIVIDING

- Shows may split or combine classes as they desire. Points will count toward a respective awards category only if equal classes are awarded in each split or combination.

- b. In hunter sections only “working” classes will count for points. Conformation classes will not count toward year-end standings.

Section 3: SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

- a. In the approved "B" Hunter-Jumper Circuit, no equitation rider is eligible for a year-end award previously won and no horse/rider combination is eligible for a year-end award previously won. The exhibitor may continue showing in that class or classes, but no points will be credited towards the Championship Award previously won. However, a rider may continue to accumulate points towards a year-end High Point award
- b. A rider who has won a year-end award in any 'A' equitation division is not eligible for a year-end award in any 'B' equitation division.
- c. Although the Association intends to give a year end award in each listed awards category, at least five (5) shows must offer one or more classes in a given award category, and at least five (5) different entities must have points, during a given show season for a year end championship award to be given. In addition, a year-end championship will not be given unless the champion has accrued at least 18 points.
- d. No rider may win both an 'A' and 'B' High Point (i.e. Tack Trunk) in the same year.
- e. No rider is eligible to win a 'B' High Point (i.e. Tack Trunk) that they have previously won. The rider may win 'B' High Point awards in other division/sections.

Section 4: LAHJA CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

The LAHJA Benefit horse show will serve as the 'A' Championship Show. In order to be eligible for these special awards the rider (and horse owner in the case of hunters or jumpers) must be a member prior to competing at the LAHJA Benefit show. The LAHJA champion will be the same as the horse show champion, provided that the horse show champion is a member of LAHJA. If not, the rider with the next highest total from the championship charts, that is eligible, will be designated as the LAHJA champion. The 'B' Championship show will follow the same format as the 'A' Championship show. The only exception being that membership must be applied for prior to competing at the show hosting the 'B' championship show.

Section 5: POINTS

- a. At 'B' and multi-day 'A' LAHJA shows points are awarded as follows for both over fences and under saddle classes: 1st-6, 2nd-4, 3rd-3, 4th-2, 5th-1.
- b. Points will be awarded 1st-9, 2nd-6, 3rd-4, 4th-3, 5th-2, in the following circumstances:
- 1) one day 'A' shows
 - 2) Pony Hunters and Pony Equitation (one day 'A' or 'B' shows)

- 3) And any 'A' Hunter or Equitation section that is held in its entirety on one day, even for multi-day 'A' rated shows.
- c. Members must have paid current dues and be in good standing before points will be accrued.
- d. Horses must be properly recorded and the owner, whether a business or an individual, must be a current member of LAHJA before points will be accrued.
- e. A given year end award is made to the owner as shown in the LAHJA files at the time the horse wins its last point in competition. (See part I, section 2b)
- f. All point standings will be final unless protested **in writing** within 15 days after mailing (postmarked), or within 15 days of posting on the official LAHJA web site. Points are updated on www.LAHJA.org the 1st of each month, and include all horse shows held prior to the 20th of the previous month. **Verbal discrepancies will not be accepted.**
- g. Restricted classes do not receive points.
- h. At least three entrants must **compete and be placed** in a point class for the points to count.

Section 6: CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR YEAR END AWARDS

- a. Division and Section Awards: In each point category that a year end award is given by the Association, the scores from the ten best shows (i.e. the ten highest scores) plus the points earned from the LAHJA BENEFIT SHOW (11 shows total) will determine the year end winners. In case of ties in hunters and equitation, the championship will go to the horse/rider winning the most points over fences in the same ten shows that contribute to the tie.
- b. Equitation
 1. An equitation class will count for year end points only if the following conditions are met:
 - a. The class is open to **all** riders of whatever age group is specified with riders competing together in "head to head" competition.
 - b. The show offers an equal number of classes for each of the junior age splits and an equal number of classes in the amateur age splits.
 2. Fence heights are optional, but we suggest that 3' be used for 'B' and single day 'A' shows, and 3'3" for multi day 'A' shows.
Classes restricted in any other way than outlined above will not count for points (i.e. Children's Eq., Junior Eq., Adult Amateur Eq., Amateur Owner Eq.), with the exception of Pony Equitation which, will be counted as its own division.

Section 7. HIGH POINT AWARDS

- a. LAHJA "A" High Point Rider and Trainer Awards
 1. 17 & Under Children's High Point Rider and Trainer
 2. 17 & Under Junior High Point Rider and Trainer
 3. 18 & Over Amateur Owner High Point Rider and Trainer
 4. 18 & Over Adult Amateur High Point Rider and Trainer
 5. Pony High Point Rider and Trainer
- b. LAHJA "B" High Point Rider and Trainer Awards
 1. 11 & Under High Point Rider & Trainer
 2. 12 thru 14 High Point Rider & Trainer
 3. 15 thru 17 High Point Rider & Trainer
 4. 18 & Over Amateur High Point Rider & Trainer
- c. Points may be accrued in the following classes:
 1. Equitation, (flat and over fences)
 2. Hunters (including under saddle)
 3. Jumpers (maximum of four classes at a multi day show, and 3 classes at a single day show)
- d. In any class where a horse is judged (hunters and jumpers), the horse must be registered and in good standing with the Association.
- e. Accruing hunter and/or jumper points:
 1. Riders can only accrue hunter points in his/her regular age break hunter class. ***Hunter and Jumper points will count towards a High Point award based on horse/rider combination.***
 2. Riders can only accrue jumper points in Children's, Adult Amateur, Junior or Amateur Owner jumpers.
 3. Jumper points will **not** accrue towards the 17 & Under Children's High Point or the 18 & Over Adult Amateur High Point as these are 3' divisions. Jumper points will only accrue towards 17 & Under Junior High Point and 18 & Over Amateur Owner High Point.
 4. A rider must choose whether to accrue jumper points or hunter points via f.1 below. A rider may not accrue both hunter and jumper points at the same show, regardless of the number of horses he/she rides.
- f. Multiple horses – Riders showing multiple horses must:
 1. File a declaration (proof of receipt suggested) with the LAHJA office on or before October 1 of each year declaring which horse will count toward high point during a given time period of the current show year. Exceptions to the October 1 deadline may be made with Board approval on a case by case basis and only with a valid vet certificate.
- g. No rider may win both an 'A' and 'B' High Point (i.e. Tack Trunk) in the same year.

h. No rider is eligible to win a 'B' High Point (i.e. Tack Trunk) that they have previously won. The rider may win 'B' High Point awards in other division/sections.

PART III: PROCEDURES, PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

Section 1: OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

- a. All official notices will be published either in print, and/or on our web-site www.LAHJA.org. Should the Association use a magazine as its official publication, notices in that magazine will be official notices to members.
- b. All official notices become effective upon publication in print, on the official web-site, and/or in a designated publication.

Section 2: RULES

- a. As situations not covered by the rules arise, they should be referred to the Board who will make a determination and publish that determination in the BULLETIN and/or on the official web-site.
- b. The Board of Directors will have the authority to amend these rules as required. A simple majority of 51% or greater in two distinct votes is necessary for any rule change or amendment. The first vote will be taken under the new business portion of an initial meeting and the second vote will be under the old business portion of a determined subsequent meeting. Such rule changes or amendments will be distributed to the general membership in a timely fashion.
- c. Date applications for **new** horse shows require approval of no less than 2/3 votes of the board in order to be approved. No new shows will be approved after January 31st of a given year (See part 5 section 2, Application Process).

Section 3: PROTESTS

Protests will be governed by the USEF Rule Book. The LAHJA Official Protest Form may be obtained from the Association's office.

Section 4: NON PAYMENT

Any member or non-member who fails to pay sums owing to the Association or who makes payment for fees to the Association which is not negotiable will automatically be subject to an additional fee of \$35.00, beyond the value of the original check, to cover the fees imposed by the Association's bank. Further, he or she will be notified by the Association of his or her indebtedness and warned that unless settlement is made within two weeks, he or she will automatically be fined the sum of \$250.00 to be paid to the Association.

- a). If any individual disputes that the amounts in question are owed or unpaid, he or she may request a hearing of these issues before the Executive Committee provided his or her written statement specifying the ground for a hearing is

received at the Association's office within said two week period accompanied by a fee of \$100.00, which will be refunded if the dispute is settled in favor of said person.

.PART IV: SHOW OFFICIALS

Section 1: MANAGER

- a. All shows must have a Manager.
- b. Managers must be familiar with LAHJA rules and be a senior member in good standing of LAHJA

Section 2: JUDGES

The following are qualified judges for any LAHJA approved shows:

- a. USEF Recorded or Registered Judges with status in the appropriate divisions.
- b. Guest Judges.

Section 3: GUEST JUDGES

- a. Show managers wishing to use a Guest Judge must apply to the Board of Directors at least 60 days prior to the show. LAHJA Guest Judge permission is issued for one show only.
- b. The Board reserves the right to refuse anyone Guest Judge permission.
- c. The fee for a Guest Judge is \$50.00.
- d. A show having a judge in violation of the above will be automatically fined \$100.00.

Section 4: STEWARD

- a. Every LAHJA 'A' rated show must have a USEF steward. The steward must submit a written report to the association.
- b. At LAHJA 'B' rated shows the show manager will appoint a "Designated Steward" (any LAHJA senior member on the show grounds). Such person will be announced in the morning and will act as a sounding board throughout the day. The "Designated Steward" will fill out a report at the end of the day, which must be submitted to the LAHJA office with the show results.

Section 5: RESTRICTIONS AND BEHAVIOR

- a. All LAHJA qualified officials must follow the regulations of the USEF and LAHJA. It is the responsibility of the officials to know these regulations.
- b. No person may judge more than five (5) LAHJA Hunter-Jumper 'B' shows in one year.

PART V. LAHJA APPROVED SHOWS

Section 1: FACILITIES

All show grounds must be inspected and approved by the LAHJA Show Committee before approval of a show will be given. The minimum requirements are as follows:

- a. Water for dust control.
- b. Water for exhibitor's horses.
- c. Adequate restrooms.
- d. Adequate jumps.
- e. Warm-up area exclusively for exhibitors.
- f. Adequate schooling fences, at least one vertical and one spread fence. Directional flags are strongly suggested.
- g. Public address system adequate to cover entire show grounds including warm-up area.
- h. Ample parking for both exhibitors and spectators.
- i. Refreshment/food provided on the show grounds 1/2 hour prior to show commencement and through the completion of the final class.
- j. Qualified medical personnel that comply with USEF requirements.
- k. All competitive arenas at approved facilities will measure at least 100' x 200'.
- l. LAHJA shows must have jumping classes operating in at least two show rings simultaneously with at least two judges, two sets of personnel, two sets of decorated show jumps, and an operating public address system that provides separate sound inside each ring and to each warm-up area and the day trailer parking area. Shows must have a clear starting time for each ring listed in the prize list, along with the contracted judges' names.
- m. Failure to comply with any part of this section will result in a charge filed against the show. Should this occur, the LAHJA Board will act in the capacity of a hearing committee, and a hearing will be held with due notice given to the show, so that it may respond to the charge. If found guilty by the hearing committee of violating one or more requirements of this section, the Board will decide and impose one or more penalties.
- n. Possible penalties include but are not limited to censure, a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00, probation, loss of date priority, removal of a show's sanction, and loss of approval for the show facility.

Part V, Sec. 2 and Part V, Sec. 3 – rule changes effective 09/02/08

Part V, Sec. 2

- a. **Definition: the Competition Producer is the financially and legally responsible entity for a competition.**
- b. Applications for show dates for the upcoming year must be received in the LAHJA office by September 15. Comparable dates will not be guaranteed for show applications received after September 15. Comparable dates are shows that apply for the same rating as received the prior year, at a

- location within the LAHJA boundaries.
- c. Applications must be made on the official form provided by LAHJA, along with appropriate fees: single day shows - \$125, multiple day shows - \$200. The form must be signed by an agent of the Competition Producer, and the Competition Producer agrees to abide by the rules of the Association and understands that failure to do so constitutes a violation, which may subject the show to a penalty.
 - d. Applications submitted after September 15 must be received at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the show. The board has the right to refuse approval of any show that it feels is not in best interests of the association and its membership.
 - e. Approval for an A/B rating, where both the A and B shows are held on the same day at the same facility by the same Competition Producer, will be given on a year-to-year basis only. The applying show needs to indicate its comparable rating should the board decline the A/B rating, although the show retains its date priority for its non-A/B date. (Example: If A/B is declined, please approve "B" on Saturday and "A" on Sunday.)
 - f. An existing show may request a change in rating at the time of application. If the board declines the rating change, the show will retain its date with its original rating.
 - g. An existing show may request a change of venue at the time of application. The board must approve the change of venue. If the venue is considered new (as defined in Part V, section 1), the board must conduct its site review within 30 days of receipt of the application. If the new venue request is denied, the Competition Producer will have 30 days to submit an alternate location to the Board.
 - h. A change in Competition Producer for a given show(s) must be submitted to the Board for approval at the time of application of the show date. Approval for the change will not be withheld unreasonably.

Part V, Sec. 3

All shows must meet and agree to the following requirements for approved shows:

- a. Two copies of the prize list must be received at the Association's office at least 21 days prior to the first day of the show or an automatic fine of \$50 will be levied.
- b. The name and address of the Competition Producer must be listed in the prize list for every horse show. The name of the horse show manager must be listed in the prize list.
- c. If the prize list contains errors or omissions, or is otherwise in violation of the rules, the Competition Producer must comply with USEF rules regarding notification of exhibitors, in addition to any penalties or requirements the LAHJA Executive Director may assess.
- d. A Competition Producer may purchase the Association's mailing list in the form of labels or in an electronic format at a cost of \$25.00 per occurrence.

- All Competition Producers must send a prize list to each member who has joined by April 1st of the current year. LAHJA encourages Competition Producers to provide prize lists and other horse show information online.
- e. The manager of an LAHJA show must be a current senior member in good standing.
 - f. All shows must hold at least fifteen (15) LAHJA approved classes.
 - g. *Competition Producers must keep the records and results of their LAHJA shows for at least one full year past the end of the show year.*
 - h. LAHJA must receive a show's complete results (each class at the show) within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the show. (Recommend sending via return receipt verification) If results are received after the ten (10) day period, LAHJA will assess a penalty of \$50 for every ten days or part thereof for late results. Results that are inaccurate, incomplete, indecipherable, and/or submitted with incorrect fees will be treated as late. Results must be submitted with the official LAHJA Financial Results Form and full payment. Any Competition Producer owing money or results to the association will not be eligible to apply for subsequent shows or to renew their show dates.
 - i. A current LAHJA Membership Application Form must appear in the prize list of all approved horse shows.
 - j. LAHJA will follow the USEF method of designating show dates for purposes of allocating "comparable dates" and to organize the show calendar. The LAHJA show season will not commence prior to the third week of January. The show season will conclude with the National Preview, the host of the LAHJA Pony, Junior, and Senior Medal Finals. No LAHJA shows will be approved outside of this date range.
 - k. No more than one A show and one B show may be held on a given week (Monday holidays are considered as part of the previous week) without a special exception. In addition, a B show may apply for a date concurrent with a multiple day A show with no special permission required. In all other cases when two shows request to be held concurrently, the show without date priority must obtain permission from the show with date priority. Furthermore, the Board must receive written notification of any permission between shows and permission may only be granted on a year-to-year basis.
 - l. *Notwithstanding the above rules and procedures regarding the approval of shows, disputes or disagreements between Competition Producers over show dates applied for, or other concerns involving the LAHJA show calendar, the Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or deny any application for show approval, decide on show date disputes, and in general make any decision involving its show calendar as it deems necessary for the best interest of the Association and/or its membership. Factors include, but are not limited to, distance between shows, facility size and capacity, amenities, and time of year.*
 - m. Multiple classes held at one day shows, such as two Hunter Under Saddle

14 & Under, will count at one class of the mandatory fifteen (15) required in "F" above. If multiple classes are held at a one day show, only the first two over fence classes and the first flat class in each section will count for points. "First class" is defined as the lowest numbered class regardless of when it is held within the show schedule. This will also be true for any section held in its entirety on only one day at a multiple day show.

- n. No facility may host more than two (2) LAHJA shows during any given calendar month. In case of special circumstances a Competition Producer must submit a written request to the Association.
- o. LAHJA B shows may only be held on one day except by special application to the Board.

Section 2: APPLICATION PROCESS

- a. Applications for show dates for the upcoming year must be received in the LAHJA office by September 15. The Association suggests that Competition Management send applications and fees via proof of receipt. Comparable dates will not be reserved for shows submitting applications after September 15.
- b. Applications must be made on the official form provided by LAHJA, along with appropriate fees. Single day shows - \$125; Multiple day shows - \$200. An officer of the show must sign the application, and Competition Management understands that they agree to abide by the rules of the Association and understands that failure to do so constitutes a violation, which may subject the show to a penalty.
- c. Applications submitted after September 15, must be postmarked at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the show. No applications will be considered after January 31. As a result, the LAHJA calendar is frozen for a given year as of January 31. Only in extenuating circumstances will the board consider an application submitted after January 31. The board has the right to refuse approval of any show that they feel is not in the best interest of the members of the Association.
- d. Any approval for a combined A/B horse show, where both A and B shows are held over one day at one facility, will be approved on a year-by-year basis only. Although the Competition Producer of record retains the date priority, the board reserves the right to grant A/B approval on year-by year basis.

Section 3: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOW APPROVAL

All shows must meet and agree to the following requirements for approved shows:

- a. Two copies of the prize list must be received by the Association's office at least 21 days prior to the first day of the show or a fine of \$25 will be levied.

- b. 'B' shows with PCHA approval must clearly state in the prize list that only pony divisions and jumper divisions are PCHA rated on that day.
- c. The name and address of the Competition Producer must be listed in the prize list for every horse show. The Competition Producer is defined as the entity that applies for and receives approval for the particular horse show date.
- d. If the prize list contains errors or omissions, or otherwise is in violation of the rules, management must comply with USEF rules regarding notification of exhibitors in addition to any penalties and/or requirements that the LAHJA may assess.
- e. Show Managers may purchase the Association's mailing list in the form of labels at a cost of \$25.00 per set. All show managers must mail prize lists to each member who joins prior to April 1st of the current year.
- f. The manager of any LAHJA show must be a current senior member in good standing.
- g. All shows must hold at least 15 LAHJA approved classes.
- h. Competition Producers must keep the records and results of the LAHJA shows they conduct one year past the end of the show year and the final publication of points.
- i. LAHJA must receive a show's complete results within ten (10) days of conclusion of the show. (Recommend sending via return receipt verification) If results are received after the ten (10) day requirement, LAHJA will assess a penalty of \$50 for each ten (10) day period or part thereof. In addition, the further shows held by the Competition Producer will not be approved until all fines are paid. Results that are inaccurate, incomplete, indecipherable, and/or submitted with incorrect fees will be treated as late. The term "results" means class results. Results must be submitted with a completed LAHJA financial results form and full payment.
- j. A current and correct LAHJA Membership Application Form must appear in the prize list of all approved shows.
- k. LAHJA will follow the USEF method of designating show dates for the purpose of allocating "comparable dates" and to organize the show calendar. The LAHJA show season will not commence prior to the third week in January. The LAHJA show season will conclude with the show hosting the LAHJA Junior, Senior, and Pony Medal Finals. No LAHJA shows may be approved or held outside of this date range.
- l. No approval will be given to two one-day 'A' or two 'B' rated shows in the same week. A 'B' show may be held against a multiple day 'A' show or against a single day 'A' show with the single 'A' show managers permission. The board may approve a multiple day show, but not on the same day as a single day show, unless both show managers agree. A Monday holiday will be considered as part of the previous week.
- m. Multiple classes held at one-day shows, such as two hunter under saddle 14 and under, will count as one class of the mandatory fifteen classes required in (g) above. If multiple classes are held at a one-day show, only

the first two "over fences" and the first "flat" class in each division will count for points, with the "first" class interpreted as the class with the lowest class number. This will also be true for any division held in its entirety on only day during a multiple day show.

n. Show Committees for LAHJA "A" rated Hunter-Jumper shows may hold Championships as outlined in the USEF Rule Book. These Championships must be divisional; i.e., Junior Hunter Division, and to qualify, all subdivisions must have an equal opportunity to compete.

o. No facility may hold more than two (2) LAHJA-'B' or LAHJA 'A' shows during any given calendar month.

p. LAHJA sanction of both 'A' and 'B' horse shows will be independent of any other sanctioning organizations approval.

q. LAHJA 'B' shows may only be held on one day, i.e. there will be no multi-day 'B' shows.

Section 4: CANCELLATION AND CHANGES OF APPROVED HORSE SHOWS

a. A show wishing to make any changes after approval has been granted (manager, location, date etc.) will be charged \$50.00 if the change is made within 30 days of the show. They will be charged \$25.00 if the change is made more than 30 days prior to the show. All changes must be made in writing. The Board has the right to refuse approval of any change that they feel is not in the best interest of members and of the association.

b. Shows canceled within 30 days pay an automatic fine of \$100.00 if notice is received in writing to the LAHJA office (by certified mail), or \$200.00 if such notice is not received. In addition, the show automatically loses its date priority unless the cancellation is caused by an "Act of God". (Acts of God to be defined as: fires, floods, earthquakes, snow, rain, riots, etc.). Insufficient entries do not qualify as acts of God. The Board may reinstate a lost date at its sole discretion upon appeal by the Competition Producer.

Section 5: CONDUCT OF SHOWS

a. The Competition Manager must have a current USEF Rule Book and a current LAHJA Rule Book available to exhibitors.

b. LAHJA Protest Forms must be available to exhibitors at all LAHJA shows.

c. Competition Management must follow class specifications for approved classes.

d. Unless specifically stated in the prize list that no refunds will be given, it will be assumed that the exhibitor will be allowed refunds, whatsoever the reason. If the prize list states that a Veterinary Certificate is required for a refund, then the Competition Management is responsible for providing a veterinarian. If the veterinarian is not immediately available, then the entry fees must be refunded.

- e. If a show cancels less than sixty (60) days prior to its scheduled date, (except for “Acts of God”), the show forfeits its registration fee. In addition, the Competition Producer must pay a \$50 penalty prior to receiving approval for a future date.
- f. There will be a \$3.00 fee per horse charged at all LAHJA approved shows. This fee will be collected by the Competition Management and sent to the LAHJA office along with the show results and medal class results.
- g. The Show Secretary must check for a current USEF Amateur Card for all exhibitors in Amateur classes. Those exhibitors not holding a current card must make application for a card one (1) hour before the start of the class.

PART VI: RULES GOVERNING OPERATION OF SHOWS

Section 1; HUNTER-JUMPER DIVISION

- a. Schooling or non-judged rounds will be allowed at the discretion of show management, but may not be held in conjunction with LAHJA medal classes
- b. A rider is allowed to show only one horse in a flat class regardless of the number of times a class is split.
- c. In the case of a tie in jumper classes, horses involved will be given equal points (i.e., if horses tied for 2nd and 3rd place, points will be added and divided equally between all horses involved in the tie).

Section 2: TIME LIMITS

- a. In the interest of the exhibitor, no judged class at a horse show will start before 7:30 a.m., nor will a show day run longer than twelve (12) hours, all breaks included, except in the case of separate performances at multi-day shows.
- b. The Show Committee shall be penalized \$250.00 per hour or any part thereof for any violation of the time limit.
- c. Shows with 16 classes or less per ring are exempt from the fine for exceeding the 12-hour time limit.

PART VII: LAHJA MEDAL CLASSES

Section 1: The LAHJA offers five medal classes for its approved horse shows.

Section 2: If held these classes do not count towards the 15 classes required for LAHJA approval (Part I, LAHJA Approved Shows, Section 3: Show Approval, Paragraph f).

Section 3: LAHJA LA SADDLERY JUNIOR MEDAL CLASS,

1. Same specifications as the USEF Hunter Seat Medal with the exception that fences will be 3' for 'B' shows and 3'3" for 'A' shows. A minimum of three riders must complete the course to fill the class.

a). Points will be awarded for placing as follows:

Five or more entries, points awarded: 10,6,4,2,1

Four entries, points awarded: 6,4,2,1

Three entries, points awarded: 4,2,1

2. Ten points will qualify a rider for the finals. A rider who has accumulated ten points by placing first in a class may not continue to compete in the qualifying classes. A rider may continue to ride in the qualifying classes until they have placed first in a class regardless of how many points he/she has accumulated.

3. This class is restricted to LAHJA members only.

4. The trainer of each entrant in this class must be a member of LAHJA.

5. Entry fee for this class must be a minimum of \$10.00. \$5.00 per entry is to be sent to the LAHJA, together with the name and address of every exhibitor in the class.

6. Each winner of an LAHJA Medal Class at an 'A' show becomes ineligible to compete in other LAHJA Medal Classes during the balance of the year, but is automatically qualified to compete in the LAHJA Finals at the end of the year. A winner of the LAHJA Medal class at a 'B' show may continue to ride in the class at 'A' shows until he/she wins. Should the top placing rider or riders at an 'A' show LAHJA Medal class already be qualified for the finals by winning a class, the Association will qualify the next lowest placed rider, but in no case will a rider qualify who has not made and participated in the work off.

7. Winners of the Finals are ineligible to show in future LAHJA Medal Classes.

Section 4: LAHJA LA SADDLERY SENIOR MEDAL CLASS

1. Same specifications as the USEF Hunter Seat Medal with the exception that fences will be 3' for 'B' shows and 3'3" for 'A' shows. A minimum of three riders must complete the course to fill the class.

a). Points will be awarded for placing as follows:

Five or more entries, points awarded: 10,6,4,2,1

Four entries, points awarded: 6,4,2,1

Three entries, points awarded: 4,2,1

2. Ten points will qualify a rider for the finals. A rider who has accumulated ten points by placing first in a class may not continue to compete in the qualifying

- classes. A rider may continue to ride in the qualifying classes until he/she has placed first in a class regardless of how many points they have accumulated.
3. This class restricted to Amateur LAHJA members only.
 4. The trainer of each entrant in this class must be a member of LAHJA.
 5. The entry fee for this class must be a minimum of \$10.00. \$5.00 per entry is to be sent to the LAHJA together with the name and address of every exhibitor entered in the class.
 6. Each winner of an LAHJA Medal Class at an 'A' show becomes ineligible to compete in other LAHJA Medal Classes during the balance of the year, but is automatically qualified to compete in the LAHJA Finals at the end of the year. A winner of the LAHJA Medal class at a 'B' show may continue to ride in the class at 'A' shows until he/she wins. Should the top placing rider or riders at an 'A' show LAHJA Medal class already be qualified for the finals by winning a class, the Association will qualify the next lowest placed rider, but in no case will a rider qualify who has not made and participated in the work off.
 7. Winners of the Finals are ineligible to show in future LAHJA Medal Classes.

Section 5: COMBINING JUNIOR AND SENIOR MEDAL CLASSES

1. If there are less than three (3) entries in any one class, LAHJA Junior and Senior medal classes may be combined.
2. In the LAHJA Medal classes throughout the year, if the Junior and Senior classes are combined, the highest placed junior and senior will both receive first place points if they place at least 4th and are placed higher than at least four competitors.

Section 6: LAHJA HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL, JRS & AMATEURS.

1. Same specifications as the USEF Hunter Seat Medal with the exception that fences will be 2'9" to 3". A minimum of three riders must complete the course to fill the class.
 - a). Points will be awarded for placing as follows:

Five or more entries, points awarded:	10,6,4,2, 1
Four entries, points awarded:	6,4,2,1
Three entries, points awarded:	4,2,1
2. Riders **may not** show in any class where the prize list class specifications list the fence height at above 3', but **may** show in **regular age break equitation over fences** where fences are allowed to be set at 3'3". A rider must maintain his/her eligibility for the class to compete in the finals.
 - a) This means that riders **may** show in the Onondarka Medal, the Rosewood Medal on LAHJA 'B' days, and the LAHJA Junior and Senior on LAHJA 'B' days. However, as an example, riders **may not** show in the PCHA Jr. or Adult, the CPHA Foundation Equitation, the USEF Adult Equitation, the Rosewood Medal on LAHJA 'A' days, or the LAHJA Junior or Senior on LAHJA 'A' days. ***This is not an all inclusive list.***
3. Ten points will qualify a rider for the finals. A rider who has accumulated ten points by placing first in a class may not continue to compete in the

qualifying classes. A rider may continue to ride in the qualifying classes until he/she have placed first in a class regardless of how many points he/she has accumulated.

4. The trainer of each entrant in this class must be a member of LAHJA.
5. Entry fee for this class must be a minimum of \$10.00. \$5.00 per entry is to be sent to the LAHJA together with the name and address of every exhibitor in the class
6. Each winner of an LAHJA Horsemanship Class becomes ineligible to compete in other LAHJA Horsemanship Classes, but is automatically qualified to compete in the LAHJA Horsemanship Finals held at the LAHJA Benefit Show.
7. Winners of the Finals are ineligible to show in future Horsemanship Classes.

Section 7: ROSEWOOD MEDAL CLASS, 14 & UNDER

1. Same specifications as the USEF Hunter Seat Medal with the exception that fences will be 3' for 'B' shows and 3'3" for 'A' shows. A minimum of three riders must complete the course to fill the class.
 - a). Points will be awarded for placing as follows:

Five or more entries, points awarded:	10,6,4,2,1
Four entries, points awarded:	6,4,2,1
Three entries, points awarded:	4,2,1
2. Ten points will qualify a rider for the finals. A rider who has accumulated ten points by placing first in a class may not continue to compete in the qualifying classes. Riders may continue to ride in the qualifying classes until they have placed first in a class regardless of how many points they have accumulated.
3. Entry fee for this class is to be a minimum of \$10.00. A minimum of \$5.00 per entry is to be sent to the LAHJA with the name and address of each and every exhibitor in the class
4. Each winner of the Rosewood Medal Class at an 'A' show becomes ineligible to compete in other Rosewood Medal Classes during the balance of the year, but is automatically qualified to compete in the Rosewood Finals. A 'B' show Rosewood Medal class winner may continue to ride in the class at 'A' shows until he/she wins. Should the top placing rider or riders at an 'A' show Rosewood Medal class already be qualified for the finals by winning a class, the Association will qualify the next lowest placed rider.
5. Winners of the Finals are ineligible to show in future Rosewood Medal Classes.
6. This class is restricted to LAHJA members who are fourteen (14) years of age or under. However, a rider who will be over age at the time of the finals is also ineligible to ride in the qualifying classes.
7. The trainer of each entrant in this class must be a member of LAHJA

Section 8: L.A.H.J.A PONY MEDAL CLASS, 17 & UNDER

1. To be shown over a course of fences applicable to the height of the pony (Sm. - 2'3", Med. - 2'6", Lg. - 2'9") with at least one change of direction. One

test (USEF tests 1-9) is required during the first round (no work-off will be held). Only one rider per pony.

2. A minimum of three riders must complete the course to fill the class.

a).Points will be awarded for placing as follows:

Five or more entries, points awarded: 10,6,4,2,1

Four entries, points awarded: 6,4,2,1

Three entries, points awarded: 4,2,1

3. Six points will qualify a rider for the finals, which will be held at the end of the year. A rider who has accumulated six points by placing first in a class may continue to compete in the qualifying classes. The winner of the finals may no longer ride in the finals or in the qualifying classes.

4. A High Score Award will be presented to the rider who has accumulated the most points throughout the year. This award will be presented at the annual LAHJA Awards Banquet.

5. The trainer of each entrant in this class must be a member of LAHJA

6. Entry fee for this class must be a minimum of \$10.00. A minimum of \$5.00 per entry is to be sent to the LAHJA with the name and address of every exhibitor in the class.

7. Winners of the Finals are ineligible to show in future LAHJA Pony Medal Classes.

LAHJA Hunter Seat Medal Finals: Junior & Senior

All changes in green, effective 09/15/08

GENERAL:

Open to riders who have accrued at least ten points in LAHJA Junior and Senior Medal classes since the previous year's finals. For eligibility requirements contact the association office.

1. A warm up round must be offered that is judged under USEF specifications over a hunter type course, and this class should be presided over by a judge not judging the medal finals. Juniors and amateurs will be pinned separately.
2. LAHJA to provide all awards
3. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists, the reception will be held during the final round and work-off

OVERVIEW: JUDGING PROCEDURES:

The Medal Finals will consist of two qualifying rounds judged by two teams of two judges each throughout the entire competition. Each team of judges will provide one score per rider. Scores will be announced in the first three rounds; work off scores will not be announced. All participants will return for the second round. There will be a third round of the top ten riders plus any rider with an average score of 80 or above from rounds 1 and 2. A work-off is required of the top four plus any rider within 3 percentage points of the leader. Work off: All of the judges will sit together and give one score. If there is a tie after the work-off, another work-off of just the tied riders will be required. Different work-offs will be required for juniors and seniors.

In cases of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances the format for the medal finals may be modified. The Appeals Committee must approve the method of modification.

SCORING:

Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and added to the scores from round 1 to determine the top ten that will return for round 3. To obtain a final score after round 3, the scores from rounds 1, 2 and 3 will be averaged. The score for the work-off will be added to the overall average to determine the winner.

ORDER OF GO:

Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of Round 1. Round 3 will ride low score to high score from the average score of the first two rounds. The top ten scores, ties for 10th place and any riders with an average of 80 or above will return for Round 3. At the completion of Round 3, the designated riders will perform the required work-off, after which awards will be presented

COURSES:

The courses for the two qualifying rounds will consist of one straight-forward hunter/equitation-type round (Round 1) and one jumper/equitation-type course (Round 2). The course for the final round will be of greater difficulty than the first two rounds. Water and liver pools are not allowed. Fences are not to exceed 3'3".

SCHOOLING:

1. Schooling will be allowed only in the designated schooling area.
2. For safety reasons schooling jumps will be restricted; these restrictions will be posted at the entrance to the schooling area.
3. The LAHJA will designate a schooling supervisor who will have authority in the schooling area during the finals.

STEWARD and APPEALS COMMITTEE:

A USEF Steward must be present. The Appeals Committee will consist of the LAHJA appointed technical delegate, two appointed members of the LAHJA Board of Directors (**who do not have riders in the finals**), one **USEF Steward** and the horse show manager. Any protest must be filed within one hour of the conclusion of the class. No money need be given with the protest, but it must be written, signed and handed to a member of the Appeals Committee. Except for what is specified above, USEF rules regarding equitation classes will be followed. Additional specifications and/or clarification may be sent out by the LAHJA prior to the Finals and will take precedence over the above listed specifications.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

There must be a Technical Delegate (TD). The TD will be recommended by the Hunter/Jumper/Equitation Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The TD will be responsible for interfacing with the Horse Show Management, officials, and exhibitors. Management will be responsible for lodging and a fee of \$100.00 per day to defray expenses.

1. The TD will meet with the Executive Director and management in a timely fashion before the event to go over the class schedule and class specifications, and to make sure the judges are given copies of the class format prior to the competition. The TD should go over lighting and time schedule to ensure that as many problems as possible are foreseen and avoided. The TD should also plan to be present at and to assist with the presentation of awards.
2. The TD should be present at the drawing for the order of go. At this time he/she should be available to answer any questions posed by exhibitors. The TD should also be present and available to exhibitors at any social functions.
3. The TD should set up daily meetings, if necessary, with the Executive Director and officials to go over details such as:
 - a. The course plan (making sure each judge has a copy, and that one copy is posted in a timely manner)

- b. Scoring
 - c. Score keeping and announcing
 - d. Preceding Round 3 the TD will meet with the judges and have work-off courses pre-planned
4. The TD will collect copies of judge's cards, course comments and score sheets, and send them to the association.
 5. The TD will ensure that each judge has the opportunity to walk the course prior to the beginning of the competition.

HORSE:

The same horse must be ridden through all phases of competition. However, due to illness or injury of the horse, a rider may petition the Appeals Committee to ride a substitute horse.

COURSE DESIGNER:

The course designer designated by the horse show management hosting the medal finals will design the medal finals courses. The same course designer will be used throughout the finals.

AWARDS

Winners of each of the first two rounds will receive a trophy and ribbons through 8th. At the completion of the work-off, championship awards will be presented to the top ten riders. Awards will consist of at a minimum: ribbons through tenth, coolers through tenth, perpetual trophy to the winner for possession for one year.

Rosewood Medal Finals

GENERAL

Open to riders who have accrued at least ten points in Rosewood Medal classes since the previous years finals. For eligibility requirements contact the association office.

1. A warm up round must be offered that is judged under USEF specifications over a hunter type course, and this class may be judged by a judge not judging the medal finals.
2. LAHJA to provide awards and has the option of providing a third judge if they wish.
3. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists.

OVERVIEW

Round #1 will be held over a course of fences 3' to 3'3" in height. All eligible riders will compete in this round. A numerical score will be given after each round. Scores from Round #1 will be averaged and carried into Round #2. After Round #1 trophy and ribbons through 8th will be awarded. Round #2 will be of increasing difficulty for the intermediate level rider. A numerical score will be given after each round. The scores from Round #2 will be averaged with

the average scored from Round #1. After the completion of Round #2 trophy and ribbons through 8th will be awarded to the riders with the top eight scores of Round #2.

In cases of inclement weather the format for the medal finals may be modified. The Appeals Committee must approve the method of modification.

WORK-OFF

Immediately following Round #2 there will be a work off of the top four riders from Rounds 1 and 2, plus any rider whose average score is within three points of the leader and any rider with an average score of 80% or better. In the work-off the score will be added to the average score carried into the work-off. The judges will sit together for the work-off. Scores for the work-off will not be announced.

ORDER OF GO

The order of go for Round #1 will be drawn. Round #2 will be the reverse order of Round #1. The work-off order will be from low score to high score based on the average score of the first two rounds.

HORSE

The same horse must be ridden through all phases of competition. However, due to illness or injury of the horse, a rider may petition to ride a substitute horse. The Appeals Committee must approve this.

STEWARD and APPEALS COMMITTEE:

Requirements will be the same as for the Junior and Senior Medal Finals.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

Requirements will be the same as for the Junior and Senior Medal Finals.

LAHJA Horsemanship Finals

OVERVIEW, SPECIFICATIONS AND JUDGING:

To be the same as the Rosewood finals with the exception of fence heights and description below. All participants in the finals and their trainers will be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility stating that they understand the requirements for eligibility for the Horsemanship finals.

COURSES:

The courses to be set at 2'9" to 3', spreads not to exceed 3', with a minimum of 10 jumping efforts in each round. The first Round will be a hunter/equitation type course. The second Round will be of increasing difficulty for intermediate level riders.

LAHJA Pony Medal Finals

GENERAL

Open to riders who have accrued at least six points in LAHJA Pony Medal classes since the previous years finals. For eligibility requirements contact the association office.

1. A warm up round may be offered that is judged under USEF specifications over a hunter type course.
2. LAHJA to provide all awards.
3. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists.

OVERVIEW

Both Round #1 and Round #2 will be shown over a course of fences applicable to the height of the pony (Sm. - 2'3", Med. - 2'6", Lg. - 2'9") with at least one change of direction. All eligible riders will compete in both Round #1 and Round #2. A numerical score will be given after each round. Scores from Round #1 will be carried into Round #2. After Round #1 trophy and ribbons through 8th will be awarded. After the completion of Round #2 trophy and ribbons through 8th will be awarded to the riders with the top eight scores of Round #2. The score from Round #2 will be added to the score from Round #1. To be judged by two judges sitting together and giving one score. In cases of inclement weather the format for the medal finals may be modified. The Appeals Committee must approve the method of modification.

WORK-OFF

Immediately following Round #2 there will be a work off of the top four riders from Rounds #1 and #2, plus any rider whose score is within three points of the leader. The work-off score will be added to the score going into the work-off. The judges will sit together for the work-off. Scores for the work-off will not be announced.

ORDER OF GO

The order of go for Round #1 will be drawn. Round #2 will be the reverse order of Round #1. The work-off order will be from low score to high score based on the total score of the first two rounds.

PONY

The same pony must be ridden through all phases of competition. However, due to illness or injury of the pony, a rider may petition to ride a substitute pony. The Appeals Committee must approve this.

STEWARD AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Requirements will be the same as for the Junior and Senior Medal Finals.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

Requirements will be the same as for the Junior and Senior Medal Finals.

PART IX

DEFINITIONS

PRE-GREEN - A horse that, at the closing date of entries, was not a 1st Year Green, 2nd Year Green, or Regular Hunter under USEF Rules.

LOW HUNTER – No entry restrictions

RESTRICTED CHILDREN/ADULT DIVISION - 2'6" Open to junior and amateur riders who have never shown over fences where prize list specifications list the fence height over 2'9".

MAIDEN – Open to riders that have not won one first place ribbon competing in equitation classes at shows recognized by LAHJA, PCHA or USEF.

NOVICE - Open to riders that have not won three first place ribbons competing in equitation classes at shows recognized by LAHJA, PCHA or USEF.

LIMIT - Open to riders that have not won six first place ribbons competing in equitation classes at shows recognized by LAHJA, PCHA or USEF.

ALL OTHER DEFINITIONS - As in the USEF Rule Book.

PART X

"A" APPROVED DIVISIONS

***JUNIOR HUNTER** – 17 and Under 3'3" – 3'6"

***AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 18 and Over** (no cross entries into A/A)
3'3 – 3'6"

***ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER,** (no cross entries into A/O)

1. 18 thru 35 3'
2. 36 and Over 3'

***CHILDREN'S HUNTER**

1. 13 and Under 3'
2. 14 thru 17 3'

***HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION Flat and/or over fences**

1. 13 and Under 3'
2. 14 - 17 3'-3"
3. 18 & over 3'-3"

PRE-GREEN HUNTER 3'

GREEN WORKING HUNTER

- 1st Year Green 3'3"-3'6"
- 2nd Year Green 3'6" - 3'9"

***Indicates classes that count toward year- end high point.**

PART XI

"B" APPROVED DIVISIONS

GREEN RIDER DIVISION - 2'

Open to riders who have never shown over a course of fences where prize list class specifications list the fence height at 2'6" or higher

- Equitation on the flat
- Equitation over fences
- Hunters under saddle
- Working hunters
- Horsemanship

Only one **set** of classes (the above five) to count for the Green Rider division. A show may offer additional classes, but they will not count for LAHJA points. If additional classes are offered, only the first one of each of the above listed will be counted.

SHORT, LONG, AND RUSTY STIRRUP DIVISION - 2'3'

Riders may not compete in classes where prize list class specifications list the fence height above 2'6" in the same show year, with the exception of the Mini Medal Class.

- Equitation on the flat
- Equitation over fences
- Hunters under saddle
- Working hunters

Only one **set** of classes (the above four) to count for the Short, Long or Rusty Stirrup division. A show may offer additional classes, but they will not count for LAHJA points. If additional classes are offered, only the first one of each of the above listed will be counted.

RESTRICTED CHILDREN/ADULT DIVISION - 2'6"

Riders may not compete in classes where **prize list class specifications list the fence height above 2'9"** in the same show year, with the exception of the Mini Medal Class.

- Equitation on the flat
- Equitation over fences
- Hunters under saddle
- Working hunters

Only one **set** of classes (the above four) to count for the **restricted** division. A show may offer additional classes, but they will not count for LAHJA points. If additional classes are offered, only the first one of each of the above listed will be counted.

"B" APPROVED DIVISIONS (con't)

***HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION, Flat and Over Fences**

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. 11 & Under | 2'6" |
| 2. 12 thru 14 | 2'9" - 3' |
| 3. 15 thru 17 | 2'9" - 3' |
| 4. 18 & Over | 2'9" - 3' |
- effective 01/01/09

***CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTERS,**

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. 11 and Under | 2'6" |
| 1. 12 thru 14 | 2'9" - 3' |
| 2. 15 thru 17 | 2'9" - 3' |
- effective 01/01/09

***AMATEUR WORKING HUNTERS**

- | | |
|----------------|----|
| 1. 18 thru 35 | 3' |
| 2. 36 and Over | 3' |

PRE-GREEN HUNTERS 2'9" - 3'

LOW HUNTERS 2'9" - 3'

***Indicates classes that count toward Year-end High Point Awards.**

PART XII

'A' OR 'B' APPROVED DIVISIONS (may be held at either 'A' or 'B' rated shows)

***SMALL/MEDIUM PONY HUNTER,**

No junior over 12 years of age may ride in a Regular Small Pony Hunter Section. No junior over 14 years of age may ride in a Regular Medium Pony Hunter Section. Riders under 18 years of age may ride for other exhibitors who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle Class

***LARGE PONY HUNTER,**

17 & Under

***PONY HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION,**

17 & Under

Fence Heights

Small Ponies	Not exceeding 12.2 hands--Fences 2'3" and spreads not exceeding 2'3".
Medium Ponies	Over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands, Fences 2'6", spreads not exceeding 2'6".
Large Ponies	Over 13.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands Fences 2'9"-3', and spreads not exceeding 3'.

***CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY**

When a separate Children's Hunter Pony Division is offered, fences must be set at 2' for small/medium ponies and 2'6" for large ponies, spreads may not exceed fence height. Riders may not cross enter into any division where the fences exceed 3'3" (except Children's Jumpers).

LOW CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS – Level 2 (3'3", 1.M)

Riders may not cross enter into any jumper class where prize list specifications list the fence height at level 5 or higher in the same show year.

***CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS –**

Level 3 or 4(3'6" or 3'9", 1.10M or 1.15M)

***JUNIOR/AMATEUR OWNER JUMPERS –**

Level 5 or 6 (4' or 4'3", 1.20M or 1.30M)

If two divisions are offered, i.e. "low" Jr/AmOwn or "low" Child/Ad-Am Jumpers, only the division set within the defined levels will count for points. Should both divisions be set within the defined levels, i.e. Jr/AmOwn at level 5 and Jr/AmOwn at level 6, only the lower level will count for points.

***Indicates classes that count toward Year-end High Point Awards.**

'A' OR 'B' APPROVED MEDAL CLASSES
(may be held at either 'A' or 'B' rated shows)

LAHJA DOMINION SADDLERY JUNIOR HUNTER SEAT MEDAL
(3' at 'B' shows and 3'3" at 'A' shows)

LAHJA DOMINION SADDLERY SENIOR HUNTER SEAT MEDAL
(3' at 'B' shows and 3'3" at 'A' shows)

LAHJA PONY MEDAL, 17 and Under
(heights applicable to the height of the pony)

ROSEWOOD MEDAL, 14 and Under
(3' at 'B' shows and 3'3" at 'A' shows)

HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL, JUNIOR and AMATEUR
(2'9" to 3')

Walk/Trot Program (may be held at 'A' or 'B' shows)

Open to LAHJA members ten years old and under who have never shown in any class requiring cantering or jumping prior to the start of the current show year. Shows may offer two Walk/Trot classes that will count toward LAHJA Walk/Trot points. Both classes must be held on the same day (regardless of a show's multi-day status) and be limited to riders ten years of age and under. One class will be Equitation and the other class will be Pleasure. If a show wishes to offer the Walk/Trot Section, it must offer both classes, and both classes must be scheduled to run one after the other. A specified start time is encouraged. Points will accrue 1st - 6 pts, 2nd - 4 pts., 3rd - 3 pts., - 4th - 2 pts., 5th - 1 pt. regardless of the LAHJA rating of the show.

Year End Award categories

Categories will be: Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Participant.

Riders will earn a Gold Award by accruing points equal to 75% of the maximum points possible. The maximum points possible are based on 10 shows.

Therefore, if a show offers two Walk/Trot classes, the maximum points a rider can earn is 120 points.

Example:

A rider shows in ten shows and earns a total of 93 points. The maximum number of points a rider could earn is 120 points (12 points/ show x 10 shows). Seventy-five percent of 120 points is 90 points.

Riders earn a Silver Award by accruing points equal to 60% of the maximum points possible.

Riders earn a Bronze Award by accruing points equal to 50% of the maximum points possible.

Riders earn a Participation Award by competing in at least three shows and earning 10 points.

Awards

Gold riders will be presented with a gold ribbon and either a trophy or a plaque.

Silver riders will be presented with a silver ribbon and either a trophy or a plaque.

Bronze riders will be presented with a bronze ribbon and either a trophy or a plaque.

Participation riders will receive a blue and white (LAHJA colors) participation ribbon

Riders may only earn the highest award level achieved.

Once a rider reaches Bronze status, he or she will have "Bronze" next to his/her name and the points listed. The same for Silver. Once a rider reaches "Gold" the points will no longer be listed. Therefore, there will be no "champion" or "reserve champion."

Walk/Trot riders may cross enter into classes requiring cantering and jumping classes where the fences do not exceed 2'0" in the same year.

PART XIV

OFFICIAL 2009 FORMS

HORSE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FORM

Date: _____

Name of Horse: _____

PREVIOUS _____
(As given on entries and LAHJA Membership Card)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

LAHJA# _____

NEWOWNER _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

DISCREPANCY REPORT

**This form must be filed with the LAHJA office within 15 days of the date of the point publication in question, in order for the discrepancy to be considered and investigated.
VERBAL DISCREPANCIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Rider Name: _____

LAHJA # _____

Owner Name: _____

LAHJA # _____

Horse Name: _____

e-mail _____ **Phone #** _____

Address:

Name and Date(s) of Show(s) in question:

Full Description of the discrepancy:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\$55 JUNIOR ___ \$55 SENIOR ___ \$550 LIFE ___ \$25 HORSE: ___

NAME _____

LAHJA # _____ SHOW AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EVE PHONE _____ DAY PHONE _____

e-mail _____

HORSE(S) NAME(S) (\$25 EACH)

_____ HEIGHT: _____

_____ HEIGHT: _____

TRAINER'S

NAME _____

(YOUR TRAINER MUST BE A MEMBER IF YOU RIDE IN ANY LAHJA
MEDAL CLASS)