

# LOS ANGELES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION 2023 RULE BOOK

Changes effective for the 2023 competition year are in red



**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 a 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 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 six hundred members and 40 sanctioned horse shows. In 2006, the name of the organization was changed to Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association (LAHJA). This change also emphasized the relationship to USEF and USHJA of which it is an affiliate member.

## PAST PRESIDENTS

Dick Higbee	1960
Harold Mann	1961
Bob Jones	1962-1964
Bob Hubbard	1965-1966
Barney McGeary	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 -2016
Kay Altheuser	2017-2022

**RESTATEMENT OF THESE BYLAWS OF  
LOS ANGELES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE 1  
NAME AND LOCATION**

1.1. Corporate Name. The name of the corporation, which is a nonprofit corporation organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the State of California, known as entity number 1820230, is LOS ANGELES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION (hereinafter “LAHJA”).

1.2. Principal Office. The principal office of LAHJA shall be situated in the State of California at such specific location as the Board of Directors (hereinafter the “Board”) shall determine from time-to-time. LAHJA may also have such other offices as the Board determines from time-to-time.

**ARTICLE 2  
PURPOSES**

2.1. General Purpose. LAHJA is organized and operated for the following general purposes:

- (a) exclusively as a social club organized and operated for the pleasure and recreation of its members within the meaning of 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended) or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.
- (b) exercise such of the rights, powers, duties and authority of a nonprofit corporation organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the State of California which are consistent with the preceding paragraph.
- (c) LAHJA shall not make any solicitation of the general public to utilize club facilities.

2.2. Specific Purposes. The specific purposes of LAHJA include, without limitation, to:

- (a) encourage public interest and support for the preservation, development and enhancement of equestrian-related activities and various educational programs for children and adults at the beginner to advanced levels of horsemanship, which encompass the diverse needs and interests of the members;
- (b) provide awards to members, individuals, and equine athletes as recognition for their achievements in the hunter/jumper horse sport;
- (c) create and maintain comprehensive communication among LAHJA’s members; and
- (d) represent its membership when interacting with other entities who govern or affect the hunter/jumper sport.

LAHJA fulfills these purposes by developing, maintaining and sanctioning local cooperation and participation in horse shows of both one day and multiple day duration, offering distinct levels of difficulty. Each year the Board will determine whether to maintain the same schedule or include additional activities for the next year. The activities and educational programs will be conducted primarily within Los Angeles County 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 if it is no more than fifteen (15) miles as the crow flies from the mapped boundary, if:
  - i. the show meets all the other conditions for approval as may be in effect at that time;
  - ii. the Board agrees by specific vote of at least two-thirds of the total current Directors (minimum of six Directors), that approval of the specific show would be in the best interest of the broader LAHJA membership; and

- iii. provisional approval for a show will be given on a year-by-year basis only. Although the show licensee of record retains the date priority, the Board's approval of one year shall not constitute approval for any subsequent year.
- (b) After a show is held with provisional approval three consecutive times, the Board, by a majority vote of the total current Directors (minimum of five Directors), may grant that show equal status as other shows held within the boundaries of Los Angeles County, and thereby, the show would then receive the same date priority as the other approved shows.
- (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.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **CORPORATE MATTERS**

3.1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of LAHJA shall be as established by the Board.

3.2. Designated Contributions. LAHJA may accept any contribution, gift, grant, bequest or devise that is designated, restricted or conditioned by the donor, provided that the designation, restriction or condition is consistent with LAHJA's general tax-exempt purposes. Donor designated contributions will be accepted for special funds, purposes or uses, and such designations generally will be honored. However, LAHJA shall reserve all right, title and interest in and to and control over such contributions, and shall have authority to determine the ultimate expenditure or distribution thereof in connection with any such special fund, purpose or use. Further, LAHJA shall acquire and retain sufficient control over all donated funds (including designated contributions) to assure that such funds will be used exclusively to carry out the tax exempt purposes.

3.3. Conflict Between Bylaws and Rules. LAHJA shall be governed primarily by these Bylaws, as amended from time-to-time. The LAHJA Rules are published and amended separately. In the event of a conflict between a provision of these Bylaws and the Rules, the provisions of these Bylaws shall prevail without exception.

3.4. Severability. The invalidity of any provision of these Bylaws shall not affect the other provisions hereof, and in such event these Bylaws shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid provision were omitted.

3.5. Savings Clause. The failure of strict compliance with any provision of these Bylaws with respect to dates and times of notice, or the sending or receipt of the same, or errors in phraseology of notice of proposals, which in the judgment of a majority of the members present at the meetings held do not cause substantial injury to the rights of the members, shall not invalidate the actions or proceedings of the Board, officers, or committees.

3.6. Robert's Rules Of Order. The meetings of the Board and of the members shall be conducted in accordance with the adopted summarized version of Robert's Rules of Order. In the event of any inconsistency between the adopted Robert's Rules of Order and California state law, the laws of California shall govern.

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

4.1. Qualifications For Membership. The members of LAHJA shall consist of such any interested persons as: 1) apply for membership on a form approved by the Board; 2) subscribe to the purposes and goals of LAHJA; and 3) agree to abide by these Bylaws and Rules of LAHJA as amended from time-to-time. There is no residency requirement for any member.

4.2. Categories of Members. The membership of LAHJA shall be divided into the following categories:

- (a) Senior Members. Senior Members include all members over the age of 18 (in accordance with the applicable LAHJA Rules) and who have paid the required dues for the current year as specified herein, which shall include one (1) horse registration. A Senior Member in good standing is eligible to serve on the Board or be appointed to a committee.

(b) Junior Members. Junior Members include all members under the age of 18 (in accordance with the applicable LAHJA Rules) and who have paid the required dues for the current year as specified herein, which shall include one (1) horse registration.

(c) Life Members. A Senior Member or Junior Member who have paid a single lifetime payment of dues as specified herein. Policies governing a horse owned by a Lifetime Members shall be set forth in the LAHJA Rule Book, which may be amended from time-to-time.

Further, a LAHJA member may register such member's horse for recording purposes relating to year-end awards provided the owner has paid the required dues for the current year as specified herein.

4.3. Voting Rights. Each Senior Member and Senior Life Member (each a voting member) in good standing shall be entitled to cast one vote with respect to those matters submitted to the members for action or approval. Junior Members shall have no voting rights. There shall not be any voting of the voting members by proxy. Votes may be taken by voice, by a show of hands or by written ballot as approved by the Board prior to the commencement of the vote. Voting members shall have no right to cumulate their votes.

4.4. Membership Dues. All membership dues and related policies shall be set forth in the LAHJA Rule Book, which may be amended from time-to-time. Further if a horse is owned by a farm, stable, corporation, or other entity, then such entity must pay a one-time fee to LAHJA in an amount determined by the Board from time-to-time, and one principal owner of such entity shall be a Senior, Junior, or Life Member of LAHJA. Each horse owned by a farm, stable, corporation, or other entity must be shown under the ownership name listed on the Horse Registration form. LAHJA shall notify the members of the portion of dues allocable to lobbying and political campaign activities, if any.

4.5. Meetings of Members. The annual meeting of the voting members shall be held one (1) hour prior to the annual banquet, or such other time as the Board may fix in the notice of such meeting, at the principal place of business of LAHJA or in such other place within Los Angeles County as may be designated by the Board. Should the days herein fixed for the annual meeting fall upon a legal holiday, such meeting shall be held at the same time and place on the next day thereafter ensuing which is not a legal holiday.

Special meetings of the voting members for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Directors, or upon written petition by at least twenty five percent (25%) of the voting Senior Members or Senior Life Members.

4.6. Notice of Meetings of Members. Notice of each regular and special meeting shall be given to each Senior Member and Senior Life Member entitled to vote thereat, either personally or by prepaid mail, or by other electronic means, addressed to each member at the address appearing on the books of LAHJA. Such notices shall be sent not less than ten (10) days and not more than sixty (60) days before each meeting, and shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting and shall state the general nature of the business to be considered in such meeting. The notice of the annual meeting shall designate it as such.

4.7. Quorum. The presence in person of at least ten percent (10%) of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. The members present in person at such meeting may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum. Whether or not a quorum is present, the meeting may be adjourned by a vote of the members present.

4.8. Voting by Mail or Email. If determined by the Board, the annual election of one (1) Director by the voting Senior Members and Senior Life Members of LAHJA shall take place by mail and/or electronic mail transmission. If it is so determined, ballots shall be mailed, emailed or otherwise delivered to all voting members not more than sixty (60) days before such annual meeting of the members and, to be valid, ballots must be completed, mailed (or otherwise delivered) to LAHJA and received by a date specified in the ballot, which shall be not less than twenty (20) days before such annual meeting.

4.9. Termination of Membership. The membership of each member of LAHJA will terminate upon the member's death, resignation, expulsion, or failure to pay dues as described herein. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each member's membership will immediately terminate if his or her membership dues have not been paid by the deadline established by the Board. Members terminated as a result of expulsion may not renew their membership in LAHJA without obtaining the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the Directors. Members terminated as a result of resignation or for non-payment of dues may renew their membership only by re-application for membership in LAHJA.

4.10. Suspension and Expulsion. Any member may be suspended or expelled from membership with cause upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the Directors if, in the discretion of the Board as indicated by such vote, such suspension or expulsion would be in the best interests of LAHJA. Nothing in these Bylaws shall be construed as granting to any member a continued membership or expectation of membership in LAHJA.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **DIRECTORS**

5.1. Qualifications for Office. Every Director must be a Senior Member or a Senior Life Member in good standing of LAHJA and have knowledge of and experience in equestrian sport, including competencies that enhance the purposes of LAHJA. No person who is holding public office is eligible to be a Director. No person who is a Director or an officer of any California based, non-profit hunter/jumper "horse show organization" is eligible to be a director. "Horse show organization" in this context is defined as any non-profit, public or mutual benefit, entity that has members, gives awards, and approves shows or designates shows where members earn points or other benefits defined by the entity; provided, however, a person who serves as a Director of California Professional Horsemen's Association ("CPHA"), Pacific Coast Horse Shows Association ("PCHA"), United States Hunter Jumper Association ("USHJA"), United States Equestrian Federation ("USEF"), and Federation Equestre Internationale ("FEI") may serve as a Director of LAHJA. The LAHJA representative to the USHJA Zone 10 Committee is exempt from this requirement. Each Director shall serve without compensation except a director shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred for LAHJA's sole benefit for which the board granted prior approval.

5.2. Powers. Subject to any limitations of the Articles of Incorporation, the California Nonprofit Corporation Act or these Bylaws, all corporate powers shall be exercised by, or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of LAHJA shall be controlled by the Board. Without prejudice to such general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the Directors shall have the following powers to:

- (a) adopt and use a corporate seal and to alter the form of such seal from time-to-time, provided such seal shall at all times comply with the provisions of law;
- (b) appoint and remove all officers of LAHJA, subject to such limitations as may appear in these Bylaws, and to prescribe such powers and duties for officers as may not be inconsistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws;
- (c) appoint and remove each committee chairman or committee member, who in the opinion of a majority of the Board, has failed to discharge his or her duties in a manner deemed in the best interest of LAHJA subject to such limitations as may appear in these Bylaws, and to prescribe such powers and duties for a committee chairman and committee members as may not be inconsistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws;
- (d) hire, retain and remove each employee, independent contractor or vendor, who in the opinion of a majority of the Board, has failed to discharge his, her or its duties in a manner deemed in the best interest of LAHJA, subject to such limitations as may appear in these Bylaws, and to review all agreements related thereto;
- (e) conduct, manage and control the affairs of LAHJA, and to make such rules and regulations therefor, not inconsistent with law, or with the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws;
- (f) designate any place for the holding of any membership meeting or Board meeting, to change the principal office of LAHJA for the transaction of its business from one location to another;
- (g) borrow money and incur indebtedness for the purpose of LAHJA and to cause to be executed and delivered therefor, in LAHJA's name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations or other evidences of debt, and securities thereof; and
- (h) manage all funds and property, real and personal, received and acquired by LAHJA, and to distribute, loan or dispense the same or the income and profits therefrom.

5.3. Responsibilities of Directors. Each Director is expected and required to:

- (a) maintain high moral and ethical standards of performance and behavior and to serve as an example to the general membership;
- (b) discharge his or her duties as a Director (i) in good faith; (ii) with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and (iii) in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interests of LAHJA;
- (c) establish policies and procedures to implement and sustain LAHJA's purposes;
- (d) support each resolution and decision made by the Board regardless of the Director's particular view or vote;
- (e) represent the needs and interests of the members in a fair and impartial manner, and adhering to LAHJA's conflict of interest rules and policies at all times;
- (f) contribute and participate frankly and sincerely at Board meetings and within LAHJA's business agenda; and
- (g) participate in at least one LAHJA committee or event during each year and in fund raising activities.

5.4 Reliance On Information In discharging duties, a Director is entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by: (i) one or more officers or employees of LAHJA whom the Director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (ii) legal counsel, a public accountant or another person as to matters the Director reasonably believes are within such person's professional or expert competence; or (iii) in the case of a Director who is not a committee member of the subject committee if the Director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence. A Director is not acting in good faith if the Director has knowledge concerning the matter in question that makes reliance otherwise unwarranted.

5.5. Number and Election of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the entire Board shall be ~~nine (9)~~, seven (7) as fixed by resolution of the Board; provided, however, that any action by the Board to affect an increase or decrease in the number of Directors shall require the vote of at least two-thirds of all Directors then in office. No decrease in the number of Directors shall shorten the term of any Director then in office. Subject to the foregoing, one of the Directors shall be appointed by a simple majority vote of the then Senior Members and Senior Life Members in good standing (the "Member Director") and the remaining ~~eight (8)~~ six (6) Directors shall be appointed by a simple majority vote of the then Directors in office at the time of the election. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Board consists of ~~nine (9)~~ seven (7) Directors, then one (1) Director shall be the Member Director and ~~eight (8)~~ six (6) Directors shall be appointed by action of the Directors then in office. The term of each Director, upon being elected to office, shall begin at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

5.6. Term of Office. The regular term of office for each Director shall be three (3) years, unless sooner terminated by death, incapacity, resignation or removal. All Directors shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which each was elected, until a successor has been duly elected and qualified, or until the Director's prior resignation or removal as hereinafter provided.

5.7. Staggering of Terms. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered. In order to stagger the terms of Directors, as close as possible to one-third of the Directors shall be selected each year. In order to stagger the terms of the initial Directors, prior to the effective date of these Bylaws, the Directors shall determine which individuals shall serve for an initial term of one, two, or three years pursuant to its Director Selection Policy.

5.8. Nomination of Directors. Each year, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee to present a list to the Board containing the names of eligible nominees as Directors for the ensuing year. The list shall contain the names of at least one eligible nominee to fill each vacancy. In case the Board fails, for any reason, to elect such a committee within the time specified, then it shall be the duty of the President to appoint such a committee. Nominations made by the committee for Directors must be delivered to the Secretary at least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting of the voting members, if applicable, and before the annual meeting of the Directors. The Secretary shall attach a list of nominees to the notification of the annual meeting of the voting Senior Members and Senior Life Members, if the Member Director's seat is vacant or such Member Director's current term will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of that same year.



5.9. Removal, Resignation. Any Director may resign from office at any time by giving written notice thereof to an officer of LAHJA. Any Director may be removed for cause. Cause for removal exists (without limiting other causes for removal) whenever a Director:

- (a) fails to attend three (3) meetings of the Board, notwithstanding that he or she otherwise qualifies for office, unless the President, in his or her reasonable discretion, grants an emergency waiver at which time the President shall notify the Board of such waiver at the next Board meeting;
- (b) is convicted of a felony;
- (c) has committed an act of moral turpitude;
- (d) ceases to be a member in good standing of LAHJA; or
- (e) has committed a material breach of his or her fiduciary duty owed to LAHJA or
- (f) has been suspended by USEF.

Before a Director is removed for cause he or she shall be placed on suspension, shall have at least ten (10) days' prior written notice of the contemplated removal (the "Suspension Period"), and shall be given the opportunity to address the Board during the Suspension Period. During the Suspension Period the suspended Director's right to vote on all Board matters shall also be suspended. Upon the expiration of the Suspension Period, regardless if the suspended Director addressed the Board, the other Directors shall vote whether the suspended Director shall be removed. A suspended Director shall be removed by a two-thirds vote of all of the other Directors then in office.

5.10. Existence of Vacancies. A vacancy in the Board exists in case of the happening of any of the following events:

- (a) the death, incapacity, resignation, or removal of any Director;
- (b) the authorized number of Directors is increased; or
- (c) at any meeting of the voting members at which a Director is to be elected, but the voting members fail to elect all of the authorized number of Directors.

5.11. Filling of Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board may be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining Directors. A Director so chosen shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term of the vacant office. If the Board accepts the resignation of a Director, tendered to take effect at a future time, the Board may elect a successor to take office when the resignation becomes effective for the balance of the unexpired term of the resigning Director. The Board, however, has the power to fill or leave unfilled, until the next election, all vacancies occurring on the Board, including those created by an authorized increase in the number of Directors. In the event the Board decides not to fill a vacancy for a Director whose office is subject to election by the voting membership, the President may call a special meeting of the voting members to elect such Director. In the event that less than a quorum of the Board remains to fill vacancies, a vote of one hundred percent of the remaining Directors shall be required to fill any vacancy.

5.12. Place and Number of Meetings. Meetings of the Board shall be held at any place which has been designated from time-to-time by resolution of the Board or by written consent of all Directors. In the absence of such designation, meetings shall be held at the principal office of LAHJA. The Board shall hold at least six (6) meetings each calendar year. A Director may attend two (2) meetings via teleconference or videoconference; provided, however, a Director must obtain approval from the President to attend a third meeting via teleconference, or videoconference. A Director must personally attend the first Board meeting of the year in January.

5.13. Annual and Special Meetings. Immediately following each annual meeting of voting members, the Board shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of filling vacancies on the Board and the election of officers. Other business may be transacted at the annual meeting if proper notice thereof is given. Special meetings of the Board for any purpose(s) may be called at any time by the President, or, if the President is absent, or unable or refuses to act, by one-third of the Directors then in office. The officers of LAHJA may exclude from any annual, regular, or special meeting any persons who are not Directors or officers of LAHJA.

5.14. Notice of Meetings. A regular scheduled meeting of the Directors may be held without prior notice; provided the Minutes of the prior meeting and an agenda of matters proposed to be considered at such meeting will be sent to each Director at least one (1) week prior to the regular scheduled meeting. Notice of the time and place of special meetings of the Board shall be given personally to the Directors or sent by email or other form of written communication at least three (3) days in advance of such meeting wherein such notice shall state the general nature of the business to be considered at the special meeting.

5.15. Quorum and Voting. A quorum will consist of at least two-thirds of the total number of Directors. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting duly held, at which a quorum was present, shall be regarded as the act of the Board, unless a greater number is required by law or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws. Each Director present shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The transactions of any meetings of the Board, however called and noticed, or wherever held, shall be as valid as though the Board had a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum be present.

5.16. Presumption of Assent. A Director who is present at any meeting of the Board, or a committee thereof of which the Director is a member, at which action on a LAHJA matter is taken, is presumed to have assented to such action unless a dissent is entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless the Director files a written dissent to the action with the person acting as the secretary of the meeting before or promptly after the adjournment thereof. A Director who is absent from a meeting of the Board, or a committee thereof of which the Director is a member, at which any such action is taken is presumed to have concurred in the action unless the Director files a dissent with the Secretary of LAHJA within a reasonable time after obtaining knowledge of the action.

5.17. Action By Unanimous Written Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting and with the same force and effect as if taken by a unanimous vote of Directors, if authorized by writing signed individually or collectively by all Directors wherein such consent shall be filed with the regular minutes of the Board.

5.18. Notice of Adjournment. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given to absent Directors if the time and place be fixed at the meeting adjourned.

5.19 USHJA Zone 10 Representative Nominee. If LAHJA qualifies to nominate a USHJA Zone 10 Representative, then the Board shall establish a written procedure by which a Director in good standing is selected to be the Zone 10 Representative Nominee for USHJA's consideration and appointment.

5.20. Committees. Committees of the Board shall be permanent standing or special. The Board or the President may refer to the proper committee any matter affecting LAHJA or any operations needing study, recommendation, or action. The Board may establish such standing or special committees as it deems appropriate with such duties and responsibilities as it shall designate, except that no committee has the power to do any of the things a committee is prohibited from doing under the California Nonprofit Corporation Act. The Board shall appoint the Chair and members of such committees wherein Directors and Senior Members and Senior Life Members in good standing may be appointed to such positions.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **OFFICERS**

6.1. Qualifications for Office. Every officer must be a Senior Member or a Senior Life Member in good standing of LAHJA and have knowledge of and experience in equestrian sport, including competencies that enhance the purposes of LAHJA. No person who is holding public office. No person who is an officer of any California based, non-profit hunter/jumper "horse show organization" is eligible to be an officer. "Horse show organization" in this context is defined as any non-profit, public or mutual benefit, entity that has members, gives awards, and approves shows or designates shows where members earn points or other benefits defined by the entity. Further no person who serves as a Director or officer of California Professional Horsemen's Association ("CPHA"), Pacific Coast Horse Shows Association ("PCHA"), United States Hunter Jumper Association ("USHJA"), United States Equestrian Federation ("USEF"), and Federation Equestre Internationale ("FEI") may serve as an officer of LAHJA. Each officer shall serve without compensation except an officer shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred for LAHJA's sole benefit for which the Board granted prior approval.

6.2 Responsibility. All officers are subordinate and responsible to the Board.

6.3 Reliance On Information In discharging duties, an officer is entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by: (i) one or more Directors or employees of LAHJA whom the officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (ii) legal counsel, a public accountant or another person as to matters the officer reasonably believes are within such person's professional or expert competence; or (iii) in the case of an officer who is not a committee member of the subject committee if the officer reasonably believes the committee merits confidence. An officer is not acting in good faith if the officer has knowledge concerning the matter in question that makes reliance otherwise unwarranted.

6.4. Number and Selection. The Board shall appoint a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Vice-President and may appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers, and such other officers as the Board may determine. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President must also concurrently be a Director of LAHJA. Each officer shall hold office for three (3) years, for a maximum of two (2) terms or six years, or until the officer's resignation, death or removal. Vacancies in offices shall be filled by election by the Board at any time to serve unexpired terms.

6.5. Resignation and Removal. The resignation of any officer shall be tendered in writing to the Board and shall be effective as of the date stated in the resignation. Any officer may be removed during his or her term by majority vote of the Board whenever removal would serve the best interests of LAHJA and such removal shall terminate all authority of the officer.

6.6. President. The President shall be the chief executive and operating officer of LAHJA, and subject to the direction and under the supervision of the Board, shall have general charge of the business affairs and property of LAHJA. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board as the Chairman and is automatically a member of the Budget and Finance Committee; *provided, however*, the President shall not be permitted to vote on any matter before the Board, unless the Board is equally divided, or any matter before the Budget and Finance Committee. The President shall have such other duties and responsibilities and may exercise such other powers as are usually incident to the office or as from time-to-time may be assigned by these Bylaws or the Board.

6.7. Secretary. The Secretary shall cause to be kept at the principal office of LAHJA or such other place as the Board may order, the official seal of LAHJA, the membership book and a book of minutes of all meetings of Directors and members. The Secretary shall keep a membership book containing names and addresses of each member, and the date upon which the membership ceased. The Secretary shall give the notices of the special meetings of the voting members as provided in these Bylaws. The Secretary shall also maintain and protect a file of all official and legal documents of LAHJA. The Secretary shall perform such other and further duties as may be required by law or as may be prescribed or required from time-to-time by the Board or these Bylaws. The Board may authorize the delegation of specified tasks to a third-party subject to and under the supervision of the Secretary.

6.8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee and shall have custody of all LAHJA funds; keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of LAHJA, an inventory of assets, and a record of the liabilities of LAHJA; deposit all money and other securities in such depositories as may be designated by the Board; disburse the funds of LAHJA as ordered by the Board; and prepare all statements and reports required by law, by the President or by the Board, including, without limitation, an annual LAHJA budget to be presented at the Board meeting in January. The Treasurer shall have such other duties and responsibilities and may exercise such other powers as are usually incident to the office or as from time-to-time may be assigned by these Bylaws or the Board. The Board may delegate all or part of the authority and duties of the Treasurer to subordinate officers.

6.9. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, and when so acting, shall have the powers, and be subject to the restrictions, which are attributed to the office of the President. The Vice-President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.

6.10. Salaries. The officers shall receive no compensation.

6.11. Annual Transition. To maintain continuity, officers whose terms of office have expired shall assure the orderly transition of authority to their successors before being relieved of their responsibilities. Similarly, officers whose terms of office have expired shall take all appropriate steps to substitute their successors on all of LAHJA's financial accounts and signature cards.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**PAID POSITIONS**

7.1. Executive Administrator. The Board is authorized to hire or retain an Executive Administrator pursuant to an annual written agreement. The Board shall determine the course and scope of services, the compensation for such services, and well as other relevant terms. The Executive Administrator is not required to be a Senior Member or Senior Life Member.

7.2. Other Paid Positions. The Board is authorized to hire or retain the services of other individuals necessary to enhance the purposes of LAHJA. The Board shall determine the course and scope of services, the compensation for such services, and well as other relevant terms. Such individuals are not required to be Senior Members or Senior Life Members.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**COMMITTEES**

8.1. Qualifications for Appointment. Every Committee Chairman and committee member must be a Senior Member or a Senior Life Member in good standing of LAHJA and have knowledge of and experience in equestrian sport, including competencies that enhance the purposes of LAHJA. One Junior Member or Junior Life Member in good standing may be appointed to a designated committee, however the Junior Member will not have voting privileges.

8.2 Responsibility. Each Committee Chairman and committee member is subordinate and responsible to the Board. Each committee must meet a minimum of four times per year, either by phone conference or face-to-face at the Committee Chairman's discretion. Committees of LAHJA shall be standing or special (ad hoc). The Board may refer to the proper committee any matter affecting LAHJA or any operations needing study, recommendation, or action. The Board may establish such special committees or standing committees in addition to those specified in this Article as it deems appropriate with such duties and responsibilities as it shall designate, except that no committee has the power to do any of the things a committee is prohibited from doing under the California Nonprofit Corporation Act. All committees shall act by majority vote, unless otherwise prescribed by the Board.

8.3 Reliance On Information In discharging duties, a Committee Chairman or committee member is entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by:  
(i) one or more Directors, officers or employees of LAHJA whom the chairman or member reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (ii) legal counsel, a public accountant or another person as to matters the chairman or member reasonably believes are within such person's professional or expert competence; or (iii) in the case of a chairman or member who is not a chairman or member of the subject committee if the chairman or member reasonably believes the committee merits confidence. A Committee Chairman or committee member is not acting in good faith if the Committee Chairman or committee member has knowledge concerning the matter in question that makes reliance otherwise unwarranted.

8.4. Limitations. Except in cases where these Bylaws or the Board has by written resolution provided otherwise, the function of any committee is as an advisory group to the Board. No member of any committee, without the prior written consent of the Board, has the authority to purchase, collect funds, open bank accounts, implement policy, or bind or obligate LAHJA or the Board in any way or by any means. All such powers are expressly reserved to the Board and the officers of LAHJA. Proxies at committee meetings are not permitted.

8.5. Resignation and Removal. The resignation of any Committee Chairman or committee member shall be tendered in writing to the Board and shall be effective as of the date stated in the resignation. Any Committee Chairman or committee member may be removed during his or her term by majority vote of the Board whenever removal would serve the best interests of LAHJA. Such removal shall terminate all authority of the Committee Chairman or committee member, as the case may be. 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.

8.6. Permanent Committees. The following committees are permanent standing committees of LAHJA whose functions are ongoing and are essential to LAHJA's continued operations:

(a) Budget and Finance. This committee is chaired by the Treasurer, and has the responsibility to produce LAHJA's annual budget, analyze 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 LAHJA with regard to the budget, explain LAHJA's financial condition to the officers and Directors, and make recommendations to the Board to sustain LAHJA's finances and operations for the Board's consideration.

(b) Planning. This committee is chaired by a Director or Senior Member or Senior Life Member appointed by the Board, and has the responsibility to investigate the feasibility of conceptual ideas generated by the President, the Board, and presents the results of its investigation to the Board for the Board's consideration.

(c) Nominating. This committee is chaired by a Director or Senior Member or Senior Life Member appointed by the Board, and has the responsibility to identify optimum candidates from among Senior Members and Senior Life Members who are willing to serve as a Director, a Committee Chairman, and committee member, to determine each such person's qualifications, and to recommend to the Board candidates to appear on the respective ballot each year; provided, the number of candidates to appear on a ballot may not exceed two times the number of available positions to fill, for the Board's consideration.

(d) Banquet. This committee is chaired by a Director or Senior Member or Senior Life Member appointed by the Board, and has the responsibility to coordinate from conception to completion and make recommendations to the Board regarding LAHJA's annual awards and the awards ceremony for the Board's consideration. One Junior Member or Junior Life Member in good standing may be appointed to this committee, however the Junior Member will not have voting privileges.

(e) Awards. This committee is chaired by a Director or Senior Member or Senior Life Member appointed by the Board, and has the responsibility to make recommendations to the Board regarding LAHJA's various awards, such as selecting, purchasing, engraving, storing, transporting, displaying, and presenting the awards for the Board's consideration. Awards include, but not limited to, year end, medal finals, Horsemastership and other awards designated by the Board. One Junior Member or Junior Life Member in good standing may be appointed to this committee, however the Junior Member will not have voting privileges.

(f) Education. This committee is chaired by a Director or Senior Member or Senior Life Member appointed by the Board, and has the responsibility to recommend to the Board various educational programs, such as creating, supporting, and sustaining a broad spectrum of educational programs for the members for the Board's consideration.

(g) Communication. This committee is chaired by a Director or Senior Member or Senior Life Member appointed by the Board, and has the responsibility to analyze and evaluate the communication methods available to LAHJA's members, and to recommend to the Board methods for improving such communication for the Board's consideration. One Junior Member or Junior Life Member in good standing may be appointed to this committee, however the Junior Member will not have voting privileges.

(h) Rules. This committee is chaired by a Director appointed by the Board, and has the responsibility to implement, review, interpret, and clarify LAHJA's rules, and propose new rules for the Board's consideration. The Committee Chairman or a designated committee member shall serve as the parliamentarian at the Board meetings pursuant to the amended summary of the Robert's Rules of Order.

8.7. Special (Ad Hoc) Committees. The Board may create a special or ad hoc committee it deems necessary to further a specific or limited purpose of LAHJA. Each special or ad hoc committee chair and committee member is subordinate and responsible to the Board.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

9.1. Actions Jeopardizing Tax Status. LAHJA shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income taxes under §501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

9.2. Lobbying and Political Activities. LAHJA may devote a substantial part of its activities for lobbying purposes (including the publishing or distribution of statements) or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. However, LAHJA may participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political or judicial campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office only to an insubstantial degree.

9.3. Private Inurement. No part of the net income or net assets of LAHJA shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Directors, officers, or members. LAHJA, however, is authorized to pay reasonable compensation to employees and agents for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its tax-exempt purposes.

9.4. Non-Discrimination. In the conduct of all aspects of its activities, LAHJA shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin or gender.

9.5. Conflicts of Interest. A conflict of interest occurs when a person under a duty to promote the interests of LAHJA (a "Fiduciary") is in a position to promote a competing interest instead. Fiduciary includes each LAHJA employee, Director, officer, and members of any LAHAJ committee. Undisclosed or unresolved conflicts of interest are a breach of the duty to act in the best interests of LAHJA and work to the detriment of LAHJA.

9.6. Typical Conflict Situations. Conflicts of interest are likely to arise whenever: a) a fiduciary has a personal interest in a vendor of goods or services to LAHJA; or b) LAHJA employees are loaned to other organizations, or the employees of another organization are loaned to LAHJA.

9.7. Discharging Conflicts of Interest. All conflicts of interest must be disclosed to the Board. After disclosure is made, the individual with a conflicting interest must not participate in judging the merits of that interest. That is, such individual must abstain from voting on, or recommending a course of action with respect to, the situation giving rise to the conflict. When these are done, the conflict of interest has been properly discharged.

9.8. Preventing Conflict Situations. LAHJA, through the Board, shall encourage each Fiduciary to prevent conflicts of interest where possible, including, without limitation:

(a) Fiduciary should refuse to enter into self-dealing relationships with LAHJA as a vendor absent prior approval by a majority vote of the total current Directors (minimum of five Directors);

(b) Fiduciary should not accept anything but gifts of insubstantial value from vendors; and

(c) The lending of employees to, or acceptance of loaned employees from, other organizations should be avoided. If done, however, a clearly drafted contract defining wages, responsibilities, indemnification and conditions of employment is required.

9.9. Litigation. LAHJA shall not be a voluntary party in any litigation without the prior written approval of the Board.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

10.1. Property of LAHJA. The title to all property of LAHJA, both real and personal, shall be vested in LAHJA.

10.2. Disposition Upon Dissolution. Upon the dissolution or winding up of LAHJA, or in the event it shall cease to engage in carrying out the purposes and goals set forth in these Bylaws, all of the business, properties, assets and income of LAHJA remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of LAHJA, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, association, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for tax exempt purposes which are reasonably related to the purposes and goals of LAHJA, as may be determined by the Board of LAHJA in its sole discretion, and which has established its tax exempt status under 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

10.3. Contracts. The Board may authorize any officer or agent to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of LAHJA wherein such authority may be general or confined to a specific instance. Unless so authorized by the Board, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind LAHJA by any contract or engagement, or to pledge its credit, or render it liable for any purpose or to any amount. When the execution of any contract or other instrument has been authorized by the Board without specification of the executing officer, the President, either alone or with the Secretary or Treasurer, may execute the same in the name of, and on behalf of, LAHJA, and any such officer may affix the corporate seal (if any) of LAHJA thereto.

10.4. Financial Accounts. LAHJA may establish one or more checking accounts, savings accounts or investment accounts with appropriate financial entities or institutions as determined in the discretion of the Board to hold, manage or disburse any funds for LAHAJ purposes. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, and all notes or other evidences of

indebtedness issued in the name of LAHJA, shall be signed by such officer(s) or agent(s) of LAHJA, and in such manner, as is determined by the Board from time-to-time.

10.5. Appointment and Employment of Advisors. The Board may from time-to-time appoint, as advisors, persons whose advice, assistance and support may be deemed helpful in determining policies and formulating programs for carrying out LAHJA's purposes. The Board is authorized to employ such persons, including attorneys, accountants, agents and assistants as in its opinion are needed for the administration of LAHJA and to pay reasonable compensation for services and expenses thereof.

10.6. Financial Statements and Reports. An independent auditor appointed or approved by the Board shall at such time as the Board determines prepare for LAHJA as a whole a consolidated financial statement, including a statement of combined capital assets and liabilities, a statement of revenues, expenses and distributions, a list of projects and/or organizations to or for which funds were used or distributed, and such other additional reports or information as may be ordered from time-to-time by the Board. The auditor shall also prepare such financial data as may be necessary for returns or reports required by state or federal government to be filed by LAHJA. The auditor's charges and expenses shall be proper expenses of administration.

10.7. Limitations on Debt. No debt shall be incurred by LAHJA beyond the accounts payable incurred by it as a result of its ordinary operating expenses, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in the name of LAHJA unless authorized by the Board. Specifically, without limitation, no loan shall be made to any officer or Director of LAHJA. Any Director or officer who assents to or participates in the making of any such loan shall be liable, in addition to the borrower, for the full amount of the loan until it is fully repaid.

10.8. Liability of Directors and Officers. No Director or officer of LAHJA shall be personally liable to its creditors or for any indebtedness or liability and any and all creditors shall look only to LAHJA's assets for payment. Further, neither any officer, the Board nor any of its individual members shall be liable for acts, neglects or defaults of an employee, agent or representative selected with reasonable care, nor for anything the same may do or refrain from doing in good faith, including the following if done in good faith: errors in judgment, acts done or committed on advice of counsel, or any mistakes of fact or law.

10.9. Liability of Members. No member of LAHJA shall be personally liable to its creditors or for any indebtedness or liability and any and all creditors shall look only to LAHJA's assets for payment.

10.10. Property Interests Upon Termination of Membership. Members have no interest in the property, assets or privileges of LAHJA. Cessation of membership shall operate as a release and assignment to LAHJA of all right, title and interest of any member, but shall not affect any indebtedness of LAHJA to such member.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

11.1. Right to Indemnification. Each person who was or is a party to or is threatened to be made a party to or is involved in any action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, formal or informal (hereinafter referred to as a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she, or a person of whom he or she is the legal representative, is or was a Director or officer of LAHJA or, while serving as a Director or officer of LAHJA, is or was serving at the request of LAHJA as a Director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, whether for profit or not, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether the basis of the proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a Director, officer, employee, or agent or in any other capacity while serving as a Director or officer, shall be indemnified and held harmless by LAHJA to the fullest extent authorized by state law, as it exists or may be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that the amendment permits LAHJA to provide broader indemnification rights than state law permitted LAHJA to provide before the amendment), against all expenses, liability, and loss (including attorney fees, judgments, fines, penalties and amounts to be paid in settlement) reasonably incurred by the person in connection therewith, and the indemnification shall continue for a person who has ceased to be a Director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors, and administrators; provided, however, that except as provided in these Bylaws with respect to proceedings seeking to enforce rights to indemnification, LAHJA shall indemnify any such person seeking indemnification in connection with a proceeding, or part thereof, initiated by the person only if the proceeding, or part thereof, was authorized by the Board of LAHJA. To the extent authorized by state law, LAHJA may, but shall not be required to, pay expenses incurred in defending a proceeding in advance of its final disposition. The right to indemnification conferred in this Article shall be a contract right.

11.2. Non-Exclusivity of Rights. The right to indemnification conferred in this Article shall not be exclusive of any other right that any person may have or acquire under any statute, provision of the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, agreement, or otherwise.

11.3. Indemnification of Employees and Agents of LAHJA. LAHJA may, to the extent authorized from time-to-time by the Board, grant rights to indemnification and to payment by LAHJA, for expenses incurred in defending any proceeding before its final disposition, to any employee or agent of LAHJA to the fullest extent of the provisions of this article with respect to the indemnification and advancement of expenses of Directors and officers of LAHJA.

11.4. Insurance. LAHJA may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee, or agent of LAHJA, or is or was serving at the request of LAHJA as a Director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against the person and incurred by him or her in any such capacity or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not LAHJA would have power to indemnify the person against the liability under these bylaws or the laws of the state of California.

11.5. Changes in California Law. If there is any change of the California statutory provisions applicable to LAHJA relating to the subject matter of this Article, then the indemnification to which any person shall be entitled under this Article shall be determined by the changed provisions, but only to the extent that the change permits LAHJA to provide broader indemnification rights than the provisions permitted LAHJA to provide before the change. Subject to the next Section, the Board is authorized to amend these bylaws to conform to any such changed statutory provisions.

11.6. Amendment or Repeal of Article. No amendment or repeal of this Article shall apply to or have any effect on any Director, officer, employee, or agent of LAHJA for or with respect to any acts or omissions of the Director, officer, employee, or agent occurring before the amendment or repeal.

11.7. Impact of Tax Exempt Status. The rights to indemnification set forth in this Article are expressly conditioned upon such rights not violating LAHJA's status as a tax-exempt organization described in §501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

12.1. Adoption. Except as otherwise provided herein with respect to greater voting requirements, or provisions which are not subject to amendment, if any, these Bylaws may be adopted, amended, restated or repealed by two-thirds of the Board.

12.2. Inspection of Bylaws. The original or copy of these Bylaws, as amended or otherwise altered to date, certified by the Secretary, shall at all times be kept in the principal office of LAHJA for the transaction of business, and shall be open to inspection by the members, officers and Directors at all reasonable times during office hours.



# LOS ANGELES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

## OFFICIAL RULES

### PART I: MEMBERSHIP AND HORSE REGISTRATION

#### Section 1: FEES

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. Senior Membership          | \$70.00 per year (includes one horse registration)         |
| b. Junior Membership          | \$70.00 per year (includes one horse registration)         |
| c. Intro Membership           | \$35                                                       |
| d. Partial Year-After Aug. 15 | \$50                                                       |
| e. Horse Registration         | \$25.00 per year (first horse is included with membership) |
| f. Life Membership            | \$700.00                                                   |

#### Section 2: REGULATIONS

- Lifetime Members' horses are **NOT** automatically recorded each year, though they are eligible for one complimentary horse registration per year. **Lifetime members must re-register their horse(s) each year in order for points to count.**
- Owners of registered horses must be members of LAHJA for points to count.
- Intro members will receive LAHJA e-news, may participate in the LAHJA Horsemastership program, but they will not be eligible to ride in LAHJA medal classes and will not accrue points toward year-end awards.
- If a registered horse is sold during the year and the new owner wishes 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 website. Usable samples of these forms may be found in this Rule Book, Part XII, and on the website: [www.LAHJA.org](http://www.LAHJA.org).

### PART II: ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS AND POINT SYSTEM

#### Section 1. AWARD CATEGORIES

- Full description of all award categories are listed in Parts IX and X of this rulebook.
- Awards will be presented to the Champion and Reserve Champion, ~~and 3rd place~~ in each approved section. Overall awards will go to the Overall 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.
- In hunter sections only "working" classes will count for points. Conformation model classes will not count toward year-end standings.

#### Section 3: SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

- ~~In the approved 'B' category awards, no equitation rider is eligible for a year-end championship previously won and no horse/rider combination is eligible for a year-end championship previously won. The exhibitor may continue showing in that class or classes, but no points will be credited toward the championship award previously won. However, a rider may continue to accumulate points toward a year-end overall award~~
- ~~A rider who has won a year-end championship in any 'A' equitation category is not eligible for a year-end award in any 'B' equitation category.~~
- ~~Any horse/rider combination who has won any (1<sup>st</sup>—3<sup>rd</sup>) year-end award in any 'A' hunter section is not eligible for a year-end award in any 'B' hunter section.~~
- ~~LAHJA members who have ever been an equestrian professional as outlined in the USEF rules are not eligible for any LAHJA 'B' amateur year-end or 'B' overall awards.~~
- If a member attends a show but does not place in classes that count toward an LAHJA year-end award or places in classes different from the year-end category he is competing in, that member may still earn credit toward the three show minimum by one of the following methods:
  - Submit a copy of the horse show invoice showing the horse and/or rider name plus the classes entered.

- 2) A signed letter from the horse show secretary or the horse show manager stating the horse name, rider name, and classes competed in.
  - 3) Submit a copy of the official horse show results.
- b. 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. In addition, a year-end award will not be given unless the recipient has accrued a minimum of 25 points and competed in at least three (3) shows. ~~in the given award category~~
  - g. ~~No rider may win both an 'A' and 'B' Overall award (i.e. Tack Trunk) in the same year.~~
  - c. No rider is eligible to win a 'B' Level 1 Overall award (i.e. Tack Trunk) that he has previously won. ~~The rider may win 'B' awards in other categories.~~
  - d. Open Hunters showing in both height categories (3' and 3'3") at the same show will receive points only from the classes at the higher fence height. USHJA National Hunter Derby or equivalent will not affect the section height that a horse is competing in at the same show.
  - e. In all jumper categories if a horse/rider combination competes in more than one height category at the same show, points will be counted in only the highest fence height category. Classics or Special Classes are included. E.g. A horse showing in .70M classes and the .80M classic at the same show, only points earned in the .80M classic will be counted

## Section 5: POINTS

- a. Points will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> – 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3, 4<sup>th</sup> – 2, 5<sup>th</sup> – 1 provided at least three entries compete. If ten or more entries compete, points will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> – 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5, 4<sup>th</sup> – 4, 5<sup>th</sup> – 3, 6<sup>th</sup> – 2.
- b. Members must have paid current dues and be in good standing before points will be accrued.
- c. 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. An Official USEF lease will fulfill this requirement.
- d. 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)
- e. Any point discrepancy must be submitted in writing (email preferred) to the LAHJA office. For all shows ending on or before October 31, discrepancies must be submitted by November 15. For all shows ending after October 31 discrepancies must be submitted before all points are finalized after the final show of the year. Points are finalized ten days after the last day of the final show of the year.
- f. ~~Restricted classes do not receive points.~~ Classes restricted in ways other than those described within the rules will not receive points.
- g. At least three entrants must compete **and be placed** in a point class for the points to count.
- h. ~~If the Jr/Am/AO Jumper section or class(es) within the section does not fill at a given show, the open (non-restricted) jumper class of the same height will count for points. To receive points towards Jr/Am/AO standings from open classes, a copy of the official horse show results must be submitted to the LAHJA within 15 days of the horse show. Only the first four numbered classes competed in (plus the Classic) will count for points~~
- i. Jumper classics or special classes held separately from a regular jumper section that correspond with the year-end categories LAHJA offers will count toward year-end points. Points will be calculated using the same format as regular section classes. ~~To count, the classic or special class must restrict entry by rider (Children's, Adult, Junior, Amateur, etc.). If an individual competes in more than one classic or special class at a given horse show, only the highest (within the corresponding height range of 1.20M to 1.30M) will count for points.~~

## Section 6: CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR YEAR-END AWARDS

- a. In each point category that a year-end award is given by the Association, the scores from an exhibitor's 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. Ties for a Jumper year-end award will be broken by the most firsts won in the ten best shows.
- b. Equitation: An equitation class will count for year-end points only if the following conditions are met:
  1. The class is open to **all** riders of whatever age group is specified with riders competing together in "head to head" competition.
  2. 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.
- c. Jumper: If a horse/rider combination competes in more than one height jumper class at one show, only the highest fence height classes will be pointed. ~~Fence heights are: 'B' category – 2'6 – 2'9', and 'A' category – 3' – 3'3", 11 and Under 2'6". 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 section.~~
- e. ~~Green Rider, Restricted Child/Adult, Intro Rider, and the Short, Long and Rusty Stirrup sections will all be pointed in the following manner: These are rider pointed sections in all classes including hunter classes. Should a rider compete on more than one horse in a class, only the rider's highest placing for that particular class will be pointed~~

## Section 7. OVERALL RIDER AWARDS

The purpose of the Overall Rider Award is to recognize riders who excel in at least two of the three divisions: Hunter, Jumper, and Equitation. A rider may earn points toward the Overall Award on one jumper, one hunter, and in his appropriate equitation section at each show.

a. LAHJA 'A' Overall Rider and Trainer Awards

1. 17 & Under Children's Overall Rider and Trainer
2. 17 & Under Junior Overall Rider and Trainer
3. 18 & Over Amateur Owner Overall Rider and Trainer
4. 18 & Over Adult Amateur Overall Rider and Trainer
5. Pony Overall Rider and Trainer

b. LAHJA 'B' Overall Rider and Trainer Awards

1. 11 & Under Overall Rider & Trainer
2. 12 thru 14 Overall Rider & Trainer
3. 15 thru 17 Overall Rider & Trainer
4. 18 & Over Amateur Overall Rider & Trainer
5. 2' - 2'6" Rider & Trainer

a. LAHJA Overall Rider and Trainer Awards

1. Overall Level 1 Rider – Equitation and Hunters 2' and 2'3". Jumpers .65M and .70M
2. Overall Level 2 Child Rider – Equitation and Hunters 2'6" and 2'9". Jumpers .80M and .90M
3. Overall Level 2 Adult Rider – Equitation and Hunters 2'6" and 2'9". Jumpers .80M and .90M
4. Overall Level 3 Child Rider – Equitation 3', hunters 3'. Jumpers 1.0M and 1.05M.
5. Overall Level 3 Adult Rider – Equitation 3', hunters 3'. Jumpers 1.0M and 1.05M.
6. Overall Level 4 Junior Rider – Equitation minimum 3', hunters 3'3" and 3'6". Jumpers 1.10M and 1.15M.
7. Overall Level 4 Amateur Rider – Equitation minimum 3', hunters 3'3" and 3'6". Jumpers 1.10M and 1.15M.

b. Points may be accrued in the following classes:

1. Equitation, (flat and over fences) a maximum of three classes at one day shows; up to five classes at multi day shows.
2. Hunters (including under saddle) a maximum of three classes at one day shows; up to five classes at multi day shows
3. Jumpers, maximum of four classes at a multi day show, and two classes at one day shows.

c. In any class where a horse is judged (hunters and jumpers), the horse must be registered and in good standing with the Association.

d. Accruing hunter and/or jumper points:

1. A rider can only accrue hunter points in his regular height division hunter class.
2. Hunter and Jumper points will count towards an Overall award based on horse/rider combination.
3. Riders can only accrue jumper points in Low Children's, Low Adult, Children's, Adult Amateur, Junior or Amateur Owner jumpers. **Exception: see Part II, Section 5c.** Children and Adult Jumpers held at the following heights: .65M, .70M, .80M, .90M, 1.0M, 1.05M, 1.10M, 1.15M.
4. 1.0M Low Children's and Low Adult Jumper points will accrue towards the 17 & Under Children's Overall, the 17 & Under Junior Overall, the 18 & Over Adult Amateur Overall, and the 18 & Over Amateur Owner Overall Awards. .90M Low Children's and .90M Low Adult Jumper points will accrue towards the corresponding B Overall Award. Children's, Adult Amateur, Junior, and Amateur Owner Jumper points will accrue towards 17 & Under Junior Overall or 18 & Over Amateur Owner Overall. .65M and .70M points will accrue towards the Level 1 Overall .80M and .90M will accrue towards the Level 2 Overall. 1.0M and 1.05M will accrue towards the Level 3 Overall. 1.10M and 1.15M will accrue towards the Level 4 Overall. If a rider competes in both the 1.0M Low Children's or Low Adults and the Children's or Adult Amateur Jumpers more than one height jumper section, only the highest pointed category will count toward the Overall Award.
5. For the 2' - 2'6" Overall Award, riders may earn points in the Short, Long, and Rusty Stirrup Sections, the Restricted Children/Adult Section, the Green Rider Section and the Children's Hunter Pony Section. Additionally, a rider's greatest number of points in any two of the specified sections will count for the 2' - 2'6" Overall Award.
6. If a rider wishes to substitute one horse for another due to a sale, injury, or some other extraordinary circumstance, the rider must file a declaration (proof of receipt suggested) with the LAHJA office requesting a substitution. Documentation (bill of sale, vet certificate, etc.) must be included. A rider may make one substitution per division per year (hunter and jumper), and may petition the Board of Directors for permission to return to the original mount should that horse return to service. Substitution requests will be granted by the Board of Directors on a case by case basis. The effective date for a substitution will be the post marked date of the request should the Board of Directors grant the substitution. Substituted horses must be recorded when or before the substitution request is made.
7. In order to win an Overall Award, a rider must have a minimum of 25 points in at least two different divisions (hunter and jumper, hunter and equitation, or jumper and equitation), and must have attended a minimum of three (3) LAHJA horse shows during the current year. For the 2' - 2'6" Overall Award, a rider must have a minimum of 25 points in at least two of the following sections: Short, Long, and Rusty Stirrup, Restricted Children/Adult, Green Rider, Children's Hunter Pony.

f. Multiple horses- If a rider shows two or more horses in any one division (hunter or jumper), the horse with the highest cumulative point total for the year will count toward the rider's Overall Award standings.

g. No rider may win (champion or reserve) both an 'A' and 'B' more than one Overall award (i.e. Tack Trunk) in the same year. If a rider has enough points to win two or more Overall Awards, the rider will be awarded the Overall Award in the category with the highest fence height.

h. No rider is eligible to win a 'B' Level 1 Overall award (i.e. Tack Trunk) that he has previously won. The rider may win 'B' Overall

## PART III: PROCEDURES, PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

### Section 1: OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

- a. All official notices will be published either electronically, and/or on our website [www.LAHJA.org](http://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 (electronic or hard copy), on the official website, 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 e-news and/or on the official website.
- b. The Board of Directors has 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. 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. Exception: Only one meeting is required for a unanimous decision of the board, providing there are at least ~~eight~~ five directors present. For Bylaw amendments see Bylaw Article XII. 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 31<sup>st</sup> of a given year~~ (See part 5 section 2, Application Process).

### Section 3: PROTESTS

Protests will be governed by the USEF Rule Book. The Official USEF 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 that are 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 will be notified by the Association of his indebtedness and warned that unless settlement is made within two weeks he 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 may request a hearing of these issues before the Executive Committee provided his written statement specifying the grounds 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.
- e. Guest judges must follow the Safe Sport policies defined by USEF, including passing Safe Sport training.

### Section 4: STEWARD

- a. Every LAHJA show with ~~A award categories~~ with USEF and/or PCHA rating must have a USEF steward. The steward must submit a written report to the association.
- b. At LAHJA shows with only ~~B award categories~~ LAHJA rating and no USEF or PCHA approval, the show manager will appoint a "Designated Steward" (any LAHJA senior member on the show grounds who is not showing or serving as a trainer, manager, or owner at the show). 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: COURSE DESIGNER

- a. The course designer must be listed in the prize list.
- b. Must be on the grounds and available during all scheduled competition.
- c. USEF requirements for course designers must be followed.

## Section 6: 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 shows with B only categories in one year.~~
- b. A judge may not officiate more than one time within 125 radial miles during any 20 day period in the following circumstances:
  1. In any of the LAHJA medal classes or in any LAHJA recognized hunter or equitation section.

## 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.
- 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 meet or exceed USEF requirements.
- k. All competitive arenas at approved facilities will measure a minimum of 100' x 200'.
- l. LAHJA shows must have jumping classes scheduled 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 may 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.

### Section 2: APPLICATION PROCESS

- a. Definition: the Licensee 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. Show applications with comparable dates, ratings, and at a location within LAHJA geographic boundaries received after September 15 will lose their date priority and will be treated as a new show. 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 the Licensee or his agent, and the Licensee 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. Shows apply based on a Single Day Rating or a Multiple Day Rating. Additionally, they must indicate on their application all categories, A and/or B that will be offered. ~~B sections must be held in their entirety over one day.~~
- 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 Licensee will have 30 days to submit an alternate location to the Board.
- h. A change in Licensee 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.
- i. Grandfather Clause: Any show with a one day B rating for the 2013 show calendar and that is being held on the same weekend as a single or multiple day A show, will retain the right to continue with a One Day Rating with B categories only, and the A show will retain the rating it had in 2013. This Grandfather Clause will apply to the eligible shows as long as they maintain a One Day



Rating and hold only B category classes, and A shows maintain a Multiple Day Rating and hold only A category classes.

### Section 3: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOW APPROVAL

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

- a. A copy 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. Electronic or hard copies are acceptable.
- b. The name and address of the Licensee must be listed in the prize list for every horse show. The name of the horse show manager must also be listed in the prize list.
- c. If the prize list contains errors or omissions, or is otherwise in violation of the rules, the Licensee must comply with USEF rules regarding notification of exhibitors, in addition to any penalties or requirements the LAHJA Executive Administrator with approval from the President, may assess.
- d. A Licensee may purchase the Association's mailing list ~~in the form of labels or~~ in an electronic format at no charge ~~a cost of \$25.00 per occurrence.~~ All Licensees must send a prize list, either electronic or hard copy, at least 21 days prior to the first day of the show, to each member who has joined by April 1 of the current year. LAHJA encourages Licensees 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 offer at least fifteen (15) LAHJA approved classes.~~ Show management may select which categories they choose to offer.
- g. All shows must offer the Silver, Bronze and Copper medal classes.
- h. Shows offering multiple classes and/or sections that count toward one year-end award category must indicate in the prize list and on the time schedule which section is the LAHJA pointed class/section. If the show does not indicate the classes that count. LAHJA will point the lowest numbered classes until the maximum allowable classes have been met.
- i. Licensees must keep the records and results of their LAHJA shows for at least one full year past the end of the current show year.
- i. **LAHJA must receive a show's exhibitor email list within 24 hours of the conclusion of the show (electronic results are required).**
- j. LAHJA must receive a show's complete results (each class at the show) within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the show (electronic results are required). Exception: Any show held after November 1<sup>st</sup> is required to submit results within three days. If results are received after the ten (10) day period (or three day period if held after the November 1<sup>st</sup>), 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 Licensee owing money or results to the association will not be eligible to apply for subsequent shows or to renew their show dates.
- k. A current LAHJA Membership Application Form must appear in the prize list of all approved horse shows.
- l. 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 the Sunday following Thanksgiving. No LAHJA shows will be approved outside of this date range.
- m. No more than one show may be held on a given week (Monday holidays are considered as part of the previous week) without a special exception. 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. Notwithstanding the above, a permission letter may be written so that permission is granted on a continuing basis until and unless revoked by the grantor.
- m. Notwithstanding the above rules and procedures regarding the approval of shows, disputes or disagreements between Licensees 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.
- n. ~~Multiple classes held at one day shows, such as two Hunter Under Saddle 14 & Under, will count as 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.
- o. Shows are required to offer complete sections on one weekend day for any section with fence heights 2'3" or lower. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, shows may offer these sections on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.
- p. A manager may hold LAHJA sanctioned jumper classes on the day before or the day after their one-day LAHJA rated show providing it does not conflict with another LAHJA sanctioned show.

### Section 4: JUNIOR AND SENIOR GOLD MEDAL CLASS ONLY SHOW APPROVAL

- a) Applications will only be accepted from shows held within Southern California, for this purpose defined as being inclusive of the following counties: Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego and Imperial.
- b) Shows must be USEF rated National or Premier.
- c) No date priority will be granted to shows with Medal Class only approval.
- d) Shows must complete an application a minimum of 90 days prior to the first day of the horse show and submit with a \$50 per class application fee.

- e) Shows must remit \$5 per competing rider per class to LAHJA with complete medal class results and any memberships collected at the show within 10 days of the horse show.
- f) ~~Shows must offer and hold the classes at the LAHJA 'A' level (3'3") fence height.~~ Classes may be combined per part VII, section 4.
- g) Shows shall follow all applicable LAHJA rules as they pertain to these medal classes.

## 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: GENERAL RULES

- a. The LAHJA offers ~~six~~ four medal classes for its approved horse shows.
- b. ~~These classes do not count toward the required minimum of 15 classes for LAHJA approval (Part I, LAHJA Approved Shows, Show Approval, Paragraph f).~~
- c. ~~Winners of a Final are ineligible to show in future LAHJA Medal Classes that qualify for the Final won.~~
- d. \$5.00 per entry is to be sent to the LAHJA with the name and address of every exhibitor in the class.
- e. These classes are restricted to LAHJA members only.
- f. The trainer of each entrant in these classes must be a member of LAHJA.
- g. 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
- h. Qualifying season is defined as the time period between the medal final held the previous year and the medal final of the current show year.

### Section 2: LAHJA JUNIOR 3'3" GOLD MEDAL CLASS – JUNIOR AND AMATEUR

~~1. Same specifications as the USEF Hunter Seat Medal with the exception that fences will be 3' for 'B' category classes and 3'3" for 'A' category classes. Shows must clearly state in the prize list the fence height and if the class is an 'A' or 'B' category class. A minimum of three riders must complete the course to fill the class.~~

1. Held over a hunter seat equitation course at 3'3".
2. Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Shows may elect to offer separate junior and amateur classes or hold them combined. The class may be held in the hunter or jumper ring. Liverpools and water jumps are not permitted.
3. A work-off will be held of the top four riders. Riders must have a score of 70 or better to participate in the work-off, should only one rider have a score of 70 or better there will be no work-off.
4. Ten points qualifies a rider for the finals. A rider may continue to ride in qualifying classes until he places first in a class with five or more competitors, regardless of how many points he has accumulated. Once a rider wins a class of five or more competitors ~~in an~~ 'A' category class, he may not continue to ride in the qualifying classes. The Finals are open to all current year qualifiers and any winner of a past LAHJA Junior or Senior Medal Final. Winners of this final are no longer eligible to ride in the class.

### Section 3: LAHJA 3' SILVER MEDAL CLASS– JUNIOR AND AMATEUR

1. Held over a hunter seat equitation course at 3'.
2. Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Multi day shows must offer separate junior and amateur classes and must combine if there are fewer than three entries in one class. Single day shows may offer the class combined.
3. A work-off will be held of the top four riders. Riders must have a score of 70 or better to participate in the work-off, should only one rider have a score of 70 or better there will be no work-off.
4. Ten points qualifies a rider for the finals. A rider may continue to ride in qualifying classes until he places first in a class with five or more competitors, regardless of how many points he has accumulated. Once a rider wins a class of five or more competitors ~~in an~~ 'A' category class, he may not continue to ride in the qualifying classes. The Finals are open to all current year qualifiers. Winners of this final are no longer eligible to ride in the class.

#### Section 4: LAHJA 2'6" and 2'9" BRONZE MEDAL CLASS – JUNIOR AND AMATEUR

1. Open to Junior and Amateur riders who have not shown **above 3'** in the current qualifying season. Shows may offer two classes at separate heights (2'6" and 2'9") or may offer one class held at two heights and judged together (in this case the 2'9" competitors will show first followed by the 2'6"). If held as two separate classes, they must be combined if either class has fewer than three entries.
2. Two tests (USEF 1-8) must be included in the course. There will be no work-off.
3. Ten points qualifies a rider for the finals. A rider may continue to ride in qualifying classes until he places first in a class with five or more competitors, regardless of how many points he has accumulated. Once a rider wins a class of five or more competitors ~~in an~~ 'A' category class, he may not continue to ride in the qualifying classes. The Finals are open to all current year qualifiers. Additionally any points earned in the LAHJA medal classes held at 2'6" or 2'9" since the corresponding 2021 medal finals will carry forward. Riders must maintain eligibility to ride in the final.

#### Section 5: LAHJA 2' and 2'3" COPPER MEDAL CLASS – JUNIOR AND AMATEUR

1. Open to Junior and Amateur riders who have not shown above 2'6" in the current qualifying season. Shows may offer two classes at separate heights (2' and 2'3") or may offer one class held at two heights and judged together (in this case the 2'3" competitors will show first followed by the 2'). If held as two separate classes, they must be combined if either class has fewer than three entries.
2. One test (USEF 1-8) must be included in the course. There will be no work-off.
3. Ten points qualifies a rider for the finals. A rider may continue to ride in qualifying classes until he places first in a class with five or more competitors, regardless of how many points he has accumulated. Once a rider wins a class of five or more competitors ~~in an~~ 'A' category class, he may not continue to ride in the qualifying classes. The Finals are open to all current year qualifiers. Additionally any points earned in the LAHJA medal classes held at 2' or 2'3" since the corresponding 2021 medal finals will carry forward. Riders must maintain eligibility to ride in the final.

#### Section 3: LAHJA SENIOR MEDAL CLASS

~~1. Same specifications as the USEF Hunter Seat Medal with the exception that fences will be 3' for 'B' category classes and 3'3" for 'A' category classes. Shows must clearly state in the prize list the fence height and if the class is an 'A' or 'B' category class. 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 qualifies a rider for the finals. A rider may continue to ride in qualifying classes until he places first in a class with five or more competitors, regardless of how many points he has accumulated. Once a rider wins a class of five or more competitors in an 'A' category class, he may not continue to ride in the qualifying classes.~~

#### Section 4: COMBINING JUNIOR AND AMATEUR MEDAL CLASSES

1. If there are less than three (3) entries in either class, LAHJA Junior and Amateur medal classes ~~may~~ must be combined.
2. In the LAHJA Medal classes throughout the year, if the Junior and Amateur 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 5: LAHJA BETSY WOODS HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL JUNIORS & AMATEURS

~~1. Same specifications as the USEF Hunter Seat Medal with the exception that fences will be 2'9". 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 never have** shown in any class where the prize list class specifications list the fence height at above 3'.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Exceptions: a) A rider may show in regular age break equitation over fences where fences are allowed to be set at 3'3".~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ b) A rider may show in jumper classes set at .95M (3'1").~~

~~A rider must maintain his eligibility for the class to compete in the finals.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ a) This means that riders **may** show in the Onondarka Medal, and the LAHJA Junior and Senior in LAHJA 'B' category classes. However, as an example, riders **may not** show in the PCHA Jr. or Adult, the CPHA Foundation Equitation, the USEF Adult Equitation, the LAHJA Junior or Senior in LAHJA 'A' category classes, or the USHJA National Hunter Derby.~~

~~*These are examples and not an inclusive list.*~~

3. Ten points qualifies a rider for the finals. A rider may continue to ride in qualifying classes until he places first in a class with five or more competitors, regardless of how many points he has accumulated.
4. Each winner of an LAHJA Betsy Woods Horsemanship Class with five or more competitors becomes ineligible to compete in other LAHJA Betsy Woods Horsemanship Classes and is automatically qualified to compete in the LAHJA Betsy Woods Horsemanship Finals held at the LAHJA Benefit Show, if otherwise eligible.



### **Section 6: LAHJA ROSEWOOD MEDAL CLASS, 14 & UNDER**

1. Same specifications as the USEF Hunter Seat Medal with the exception that fences will be 3'.
  - 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 qualifies a rider for the finals. A rider may continue to ride in qualifying classes until he places first in a class with five or more competitors, regardless of how many points he has accumulated. Once a rider wins a class of five or more competitors, he may not continue to ride in the qualifying classes.
3. Each winner of the LAHJA Rosewood Medal Class with five or more competitors becomes ineligible to compete in other Rosewood Medal Classes during the balance of the year and is automatically qualified to compete in the Rosewood Finals.
4. 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.

### **Section 8: LAHJA STIRRUP CUP MEDAL CLASS—Open to Junior and Amateur riders**

1. To be shown over a course of fences set at 2' with at least one change of direction. One test (USEF tests 1-8) is required during the first round (no work off will be held).
2. Riders may not compete in classes where prize list specifications list the fence height above 2'6" in the same show year.
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
4. Three (3) points will qualify a rider for the finals. A qualified rider may continue to compete in the qualifying classes.

### **Section 9: LAHJA MARY JANE WATSON MEDAL CLASS—Open to Junior and Amateur riders**

1. To be shown over a course of fences set at 2'6" 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).
2. Riders may not compete in classes where prize list specifications list the fence height above 2'9" in the same show year.
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
4. Three (3) points will qualify a rider for the finals. A qualified rider may continue to compete in the qualifying classes.

## **PART VIII: LAHJA MEDAL FINALS**

### **GENERAL:**

Open to riders who have placed accrued at least ten points in at least one (1) qualifying classes class since the corresponding final the previous year. For eligibility requirements contact the Association office.

1. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists.
2. LAHJA may provide one or both judges for the finals at its expense

### **SCHOOLING:**

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

### **WARM-UP CLASS**

1. A warm-up class must be offered for each final and held in the same arena and under the same conditions as the scheduled final.
2. It is recommended that the warm-up class immediately precede the first round of the Medal Final.
3. The warm-up class is open only to those riders qualified for and entered in the final that the warm-up class corresponds to. A guest rider is not eligible for the warm-up class.
4. Riders may ride any horse of their choosing, but in no case may a rider participate on more than one horse.
5. The warm-up class will not be judged, but a posted order will be adhered to.
6. The warm-up class will be presided over by a USEF judge and riders must follow the posted course. Although the class is not judged, riders will be eliminated for the same things that constitute elimination in an equitation class.
7. The course will be set according to the same specifications as the first round of the corresponding medal final.

### **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. The Association will be responsible for lodging (if needed) and a fee of \$275 per day.

1. The TD will meet with the Executive Administrator 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 the presentation of awards.

2. The TD should be present at the drawing for the order of go. At this time he 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 Administrator 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 work-off the TD will meet with the judges and have work-off courses pre-planned, should they be necessary.

4. The TD will collect copies of judge's cards, course plans, score sheets, and official printed results from each round 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.

#### **STEWARDS and APPEALS COMMITTEE:**

A USEF Steward must be present. The Appeals Committee will consist of the LAHJA appointed Technical Delegate, one USEF Steward, the LAHJA Executive Administrator 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 listed specifications.

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.

#### **HORSE:**

The same horse or pony 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**

LAHJA to provide all awards. Winners of each round will receive a trophy and ribbons through 10th. At the completion of the final, championship awards will be presented to the Overall top ten riders. Riders must complete all rounds (work-off not included) to be eligible for an Overall award.

### **LAHJA GOLD MEDAL FINAL: JUNIOR & AMATEUR**

~~LAHJA Junior Final Presented by LEGISequine.com~~

~~LAHJA Senior Final Presented by Hansen Dam Horse Park~~

#### **FORMAT:**

The finals will be held over two days.

- Day one – Warm-up and Round 1
- Day two – Round 2, Round 3 and work-off (if any)

#### **JUDGING PROCEDURES:**

The Medal Finals will consist of two ~~qualifying~~ over fences rounds and a flat phase. All riders will return for the second round. ~~There will be a third round~~ The top ten riders plus any rider with total score of 160 or above from rounds 1 and 2 will return for the flat phase. Scores will be announced in the first three rounds; work-off scores (if any) will not be announced. The first ~~three~~ two rounds will be judged by two judges sitting apart. Each judge will provide one score per rider. The judges will sit together for round three (the flat phase).

Following round 3 (the flat phase), ~~in the event that any rider is within three percentage points of the highest scoring rider, that rider(s) along with the high score rider~~ any riders with a three round score of 240 or better will be required to work off. The score from the work-off will be added to the ~~overall average~~ to the three round total to determine the winner. The judges will sit together for the work-off. The same judges must be used for all rounds.

**SCORING:** Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and added to ~~with~~ the scores from round 1 to determine the top ten that will return for ~~round 3~~ the flat phase. To obtain a final score after ~~round 3~~ the flat phase the scores from rounds 1, 2 and 3 will be averaged added. The score for the work-off (if any) will be added to the ~~overall average~~ to the three round total to determine the winner.

Ties in rounds 1 and 2 will be broken by the call judge who will be determined and announced prior to the start of the class. In the event of a tie following round 3 for the overall placing the rider with the highest score in round ~~3~~ 2 will receive the higher placing.

#### **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 rider with an average of 80 or above will return for Round 3.~~ If a work-off is necessary, riders will work in reverse order of the three round ~~average~~ total score (low score working first).

**COURSES:** The courses for the two qualifying rounds will consist of one straight-forward hunter/equitation-type round (Round 1) held in the main hunter ring and one jumper/equitation-type course (Round 2) held in the main jumper ring. Water and liver pools are not allowed. Fences not to exceed 3'3".

### LAHJA SILVER MEDAL FINAL: JUNIOR & AMATEUR

**FORMAT:**

The finals will be held over two days.

- Day one – Warm-up and Round 1
- Day two – Round 2, Round 3 and work-off (if any)

**JUDGING PROCEDURES:**

The Medal Finals will consist of two ~~qualifying~~ over fences rounds. All riders will return for the second round. The top ten riders plus any rider with total score of 160 or above from rounds 1 and 2 will return for round three. Scores will be announced in the first three rounds; work-off scores (if any) will not be announced. The first ~~three~~ two rounds will be judged by two judges sitting apart. Each judge will provide one score per rider. The judges will sit together for the third round and work-off (if any).

Following round 3, ~~in the event that any rider is within three percentage points of the highest scoring rider, that rider(s) along with the high score rider~~ any riders with a three round score of 240 or better will be required to work off. The score from the work-off will be added to the ~~overall average~~ to the three round total to determine the winner. The judges will sit together for the work-off. The same judges must be used for all rounds.

**SCORING:** Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and added to ~~with~~ the scores from round 1 to determine the top ten that will return for ~~round~~ round three. To obtain a final score after round 3 the scores from rounds 1, 2 and 3 will be ~~averaged~~ added. The score for the work-off (if any) will be added to the ~~overall average~~ to the three round total to determine the winner.

Ties in rounds 1 and 2 will be broken by the call judge who will be determined and announced prior to the start of the class. In the event of a tie following round 3 for the overall placing the rider with the highest score in round 3 will receive the higher placing.

**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 total score of the first two rounds. The top ten scores and any ties for 10th place will return for Round 3. If a work-off is necessary, riders will work in reverse order of the three round ~~average~~ total score (low score working first).

**COURSES:** All three rounds will be hunter seat equitation courses. The first round will be a straight forward hunter seat equitation course. The second and third rounds will be of increasing difficulty for intermediate level riders. Fences not to exceed 3'.

### LAHJA BRONZE MEDAL FINAL: JUNIOR & AMATEUR

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Open to junior and amateur riders who have not shown **above 3'** in the current qualifying season.

**FORMAT:**

The final will be held over two days.

- Day one – Warm-up and Round 1
- Day two – Round 2, and work-off

The final will be held at two heights (2'6" and 2'9"). Qualified riders may compete at the height of their choice but may only compete at one height for all rounds of the final. In all rounds, including the work-off, the riders competing at 2'9" will compete first followed by the riders competing at 2'6". Riders in both height sections will be judged together.

**JUDGING PROCEDURES:**

The Medal Finals will consist of two over fences rounds and a work-off. All riders will return for the second round. Following the second round, the top four plus any rider within three points of the leader will return for the work-off. Scores will be announced in the first two rounds; work-off scores will not be announced. The first two rounds will be judged by two judges sitting apart. Each judge will provide one score per rider. The judges will sit together for the work-off. The same judges must be used for all rounds.

**SCORING:** Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and added to the score from round 1 to determine the riders that will return for the work-off. The score for the work-off will be added to the to the two round total to determine the winner.

Ties in rounds 1 and 2 will be broken by the call judge who will be determined and announced prior to the start of the class.

**ORDER OF GO:**

Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of Round 1. In the work-off riders will work in reverse order of the two round total score (low score working first). In all rounds, including the work-off, all riders competing at 2'9" will compete first followed by the riders competing at 2'6".

**COURSES:** Both rounds will be hunter seat equitation courses for the novice rider. Fences not to exceed 2'9". Each round will be set at two heights, the 2'9" height will be first followed by 2'6".

## LAHJA COPPER MEDAL FINAL: JUNIOR & AMATEUR

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Open to junior and amateur riders who have not shown above 2'6" in the current qualifying season.

### **FORMAT:**

The final will be held over one day.

- Day one – Warm-up, Round 1 and flat phase

The final will be held at two heights (2' and 2'3"). Qualified riders may compete at the height of their choice. The riders competing at 2'3" will compete first followed by the riders competing at 2'. Riders in both height sections will be judged together.

### **JUDGING PROCEDURES:**

The Medal Final will consist of one over fences rounds and a flat phase. All riders will return for the flat phase. Scores will be announced in the first round; flat phase scores will not be announced. The final will be judged by two judges sitting together. The same judges must be used for both the over fences and the flat phase.

**SCORING:** Scores from round 1 and the flat phase will be added together to determine the winner

### **ORDER OF GO:**

Round 1 will be drawn. all riders competing at 2'3" will compete first followed by the riders competing at 2'.

**COURSES:** The course will include one test (USEF 1-8). Fences not to exceed 2'3". The course will be set at two heights, the 2'3" height will be first followed by 2'.

## LAHJA Rosewood Medal Final

### **Presented by SmartPak**

### **GENERAL**

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

~~1. LAHJA to provide all awards and has the option of providing a third judge if it wishes.~~

~~2. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists.~~

### **JUDGING PROCEDURES**

~~Round 1 will be held over a course of fences 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 10th will be awarded to the riders with the top eight scores of Round 2. Rounds 1 and 2 will be judged by two judges sitting apart. Each judge will provide one score per rider. The judges will sit together for the work off. The same judges must be used for all rounds.~~

### **SCORING:**

~~Scores from round 1 will be averaged, scores from round 2 will be averaged and averaged with the scores from round 1 to determine the riders that will return for the 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. 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.~~

### **COURSES:**

~~The courses to be set at 3', spreads not to exceed 3'3", 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 Betsy Woods Horsemanship Final

### **Presented by SmartPak**

### **GENERAL**

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

### **COURSES:**

The courses to be set at 2'9", 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 Final

### **Presented by Elvenstar Farm**

## **GENERAL**

Open to riders who have accrued at least one point in LAHJA Pony Medal classes since the final the previous year. For eligibility requirements contact the association office.

1. LAHJA to provide all awards.
2. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists.

#### **JUDGING PROCEDURE**

Both Round 1 and Round 2 will be shown over a course of fences set at 2' for small/medium ponies and 2'6" for large ponies 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 10th will be awarded. After the completion of Round 2 trophy and ribbons through 10th will be awarded to the riders with the top ten scores in Round 2. The score from Round 2 will be added to the score from Round 1.

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. Scores for the work-off will not be announced.

To be judged by two judges sitting together and giving one score.

#### **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.

### **LAHJA Stirrup Cup Medal Final**

#### **GENERAL**

Open to riders who have accrued at least three points in LAHJA Stirrup Cup medal classes since the final the previous year. For eligibility requirements contact the association office.

1. LAHJA to provide all awards.
2. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists.

#### **JUDGING PROCEDURE**

Both Round 1 and Round 2 will be shown over a course of fences set at 2' 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 award and ribbons through 10th will be awarded. The score from Round 2 will be added to the score from Round 1 to determine the winner. There will be no additional testing following Round 2.

To be judged by two judges sitting together and giving one score.

#### **COURSES**

Round one will be a typical Stirrup Cup medal round, but with no test included. Round two will include one test (USEF 1-8) in the course.

#### **ORDER OF GO**

The order of go for Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of Round 1.

### **LAHJA Mary Jane Watson Medal Final Presented by Calabasas Saddlery**

#### **GENERAL**

Open to riders who have accrued at least three points in LAHJA Mary Jane Watson medal classes since the final the previous year. For eligibility requirements contact the association office.

1. LAHJA to provide all awards.
2. Show retains entry fees and provides a reception honoring the finalists.

#### **JUDGING PROCEDURE**

Both Round 1 and Round 2 will be shown over a course of fences set at 2'6" 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 award and ribbons through 10th will be awarded. The score from Round 2 will be added to the score from Round 1 to determine the winner. There will be no additional testing following Round 2.

To be judged by two judges sitting together and giving one score.

#### **COURSES**

Round one will be a typical Mary Jane Watson medal round, but with no test included. Round two will include one test (USEF 1-9) in the course.

#### **ORDER OF GO**

The order of go for Round 1 will be drawn. Round 2 will be the reverse order of Round 1.

## PART IX

### LAHJA HUNTER AND EQUITATION YEAR END CATEGORIES

\*Unless noted, USHJA Zone 10 Specifications will be followed\*

For all hunter and equitation categories a maximum of three classes will be pointed at one day shows; up to five classes will be pointed at multiple day shows. Classics and derbies held within the corresponding category specifications will count for points in addition to any maximum class count allowed. Hunter sections must offer one under saddle and equitation sections must offer one equitation on the flat.

- Walk/Trot Equitation (flat and poles)  
Riders may not compete in any class that requires jumping in the same competition year
- Intro Rider Child/Adult Equitation – cross rails, 12” to 18”  
Riders may not jump 2’ or higher in the same competition year
  - 2’ Child/Adult Hunter
  - 2’ Child/Adult Equitation  
Riders may not jump 2’3” (.70M) or higher in the same competition year
  - 2’3” Child/Adult Hunter
  - 2’3” Child Adult Equitation  
Riders may not jump higher than 2’6” (.75M) in the same competition year
- 2’6” Children’s Hunter
- 2’6” Children’s Equitation
- 2’6” Adult Hunter
- 2’6” Adult Equitation
- 2’9” Child/Adult Hunter
- 2’9” Child/Adult Equitation  
PCHA Specifications will be followed
- 3’ Children’s Hunter
- 3’ Children’s Equitation
- 3’ Adult Hunter
- 3’ Adult Equitation
- Children’s Pony Hunter
- Children’s Pony Equitation
- Pony Hunter
- Pony Equitation  
USEF Specifications will be followed
- Junior/Amateur Owner Hunter – 3’3” and 3’6” (one year end award)  
USEF Specifications will be followed
- Open Hunter – 3’ and 3’3” (one year end award)  
USEF Specifications will be followed



## **LAHJA JUMPER YEAR END CATEGORIES**

\*Unless noted, USHJA Zone 10 Specifications will be followed\*

For all jumper categories a maximum of two classes will be pointed at one day shows and a maximum of four at multiple day shows. Classics and Special classes with matching specifications will count for points in addition to the allowed maximum number of classes.

- .65M & .70M Child/Adult Jumper
- .80M & .90M Child/Adult Jumper
- 1.M – 1.05M Child/Adult Jumper – will follow Zone 10 specifications
- 1.10M – 1.15M Child/Adult Jumper – will follow Zone 10 specifications

## **PART X**

### **LAHJA APPROVED MEDAL CLASSES**

**All medal classes are for junior and amateur riders**

**LAHJA GOLD HUNTER SEAT MEDAL - 3'3"**

**LAHJA SILVER HUNTER SEAT MEDAL - 3'**

**LAHJA BRONZE HUNTER SEAT MEDAL – 2'6" and 2'9"**

**LAHJA COPPER HUNTER SEAT MEDAL – 2' AND 2'3"**

~~\*JUNIOR HUNTER—17 and Under—3'3"~~  
~~\*JUNIOR HUNTER—17 and Under—3'6"~~

~~\*AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 18 and Over—3'3"~~  
~~\*AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 18 and Over—3'6"~~

~~\*ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER, 18 and Over—3'~~

**\*CHILDREN'S HUNTER**

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 1. 14 and Under \_\_\_\_\_ 3'~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ 2. 15 thru 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 3'~~

**\*HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION—Flat and over fences**

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 1. 14 and Under \_\_\_\_\_ 3' 3'3" (if offered separately, 11 and Under will jump 2'6")~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ 2. 15—17 \_\_\_\_\_ 3' 3'3"~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ 3. 18 & over \_\_\_\_\_ 3' 3'3"~~

~~GREEN HUNTER \_\_\_\_\_ 3' and 3'3" (one year end award)~~

~~PERFORMANCE HUNTERS \_\_\_\_\_ 3'3"~~

**\*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~~

~~Pony 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 1.0 METER CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS—3'3", 1.1M~~

~~\*CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS—3'6" or 3'9", 1.10M or 1.15M~~

**JUNIOR AMATEUR/AMATEUR OWNER—1.20M TO 1.30M**

~~Fences 1.20M to 1.30M. Any class at a show open to Junior, Amateur, and/or Amateur Owner Jumpers held at 1.20M, 1.25M, and 1.30M will count for points. Classes with names such as "Modified" or other descriptors will count for points as long as the fence height requirements are met and the rider definitions are met. Classes may be titled with any combination of the above, such as Junior/Amateur, Junior/Amateur Owner, etc.~~

~~If the Jr/Am/AO Jumper section or a class(es) within the section do not fill at a given show, the open (non-restricted) jumper class of the same height will count for points. To receive points towards Jr/Am/AO standings from open classes, a copy of the official horse show results must be submitted to the LAHJA within 15 days of the horse show.~~

~~Only the first four numbered classes competed in (plus the Classic) will count for points.~~

*\*For information on Overall Awards please see Part II, Section 7 (page 18 of this rule book)*

## PART X

### **'B' YEAR-END CATEGORIES**

#### **\*GREEN RIDER SECTION — 2'3"**

Open to riders who have never shown over a course of fences where prize list class specifications list the fence height at 2'9" 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 section. A show may offer additional classes, but they will not count for LAHJA points. If additional classes are offered, only the first numbered class of each of the above listed will be counted.

#### **\*RESTRICTED CHILDREN/ADULT SECTION — 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 \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 section. A show may offer additional classes, but they will not count for LAHJA points. If additional classes are offered, only the first numbered class of each of the above listed will be counted.

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

- 1. 11 & Under \_\_\_\_\_ 2'6"
- 2. 12 thru 14 \_\_\_\_\_ 2'9"
- 3. 15 thru 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 2'9"
- 4. 18 & Over \_\_\_\_\_ 2'9"

#### **\*CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTERS,**

- 1. 11 and Under \_\_\_\_\_ 2'6"
- 1. 12 thru 14 \_\_\_\_\_ 2'9"
- 2. 15 thru 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 2'9"

#### **\*AMATEUR WORKING HUNTERS, 18 and Over — 2'9"**

#### **\*SHORT, LONG, AND RUSTY STIRRUP SECTION — 2'**

##### **Short Stirrup 11 & Under, Long Stirrup 12-17, Rusty Stirrup 18 & Over**

Riders may not compete in classes where prize list class specifications list the fence height above 2'6" in the same show year.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 section. A show may offer additional classes, but they will not count for LAHJA points. If additional classes are offered, only the first numbered class of each of the above listed will be counted.

#### **INTRO RIDER SECTION — This is a rider award.**

Fence heights: 12" — 18" and cross rails are permissible providing they are within the height range. No oxers or combinations are allowed.

- Intro Rider Hunters (no more than two classes)
- Intro Rider Equitation Over Fences (no more than two classes)
- Intro Rider Equitation Flat
- Intro Rider Pleasure

Shows may offer a maximum of five classes from the list above.

#### **\*LOW .90 METER CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS — 2'11", .90M**

Riders may not cross enter into any class where prize list specifications list the fence height at 1.10M or 3'6" or higher in the same year. This category will count toward 'B' Overall awards for 11 & Under, 12 thru 14, 15 thru 17, and Amateur riders. Additionally, if pony riders on ponies compete in this category, their points will count toward the Overall Pony Award.

***\*For information on Overall Awards please see Part II, Section 7 (page 18 of this rule book)***



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### 2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\$70 JUNIOR \_\_\_\_\_ \$70 SENIOR \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 \*\*INTRO \_\_\_\_\_ \$700 LIFE \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 additional HORSE REG: \_\_\_\_\_

\* \$5 convenience fee will be charged for credit card payment

\*\*Please note—Intro members are not eligible to ride in medal classes or receive points towards year-end awards.

\$50 HORSEMASTERSHIP COMPETITION: Level 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Level 2 \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address for parent of junior members \_\_\_\_\_

LAHJA # \_\_\_\_\_ USEF or USHJA # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (required) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment information:

Credit Card Visa \_\_\_ MC \_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE(S) NAME(S) (first horse included with membership, additional horses at \$25)

**\*\*Horse Owner must be a current member for points to count\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ USEF #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ USEF #: \_\_\_\_\_

TRAINER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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



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MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

LAHJA # \_\_\_\_\_

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TRAINER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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**HORSE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(As given on entries and LAHJA Membership Card)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ LAHJA# \_\_\_\_\_

NEW OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ LAHJA# \_\_\_\_\_

Please email this form to [info@lahja.org](mailto:info@lahja.org) or mail it to the LAHJA Office – 11127 Orcas Ave, Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

## DISCREPANCY REPORT

**Any point discrepancy must be submitted in writing (email accepted) to the LAHJA office. For all shows ending on or before October 31, discrepancies must be submitted by November 15. For all shows ending after October 31 discrepancies must be submitted before all points are finalized after the final show of the year. Points are finalized ten days after the last day of the final show of the year.**

Discrepancies may be sent via email to [info@lahja.org](mailto:info@lahja.org),  
**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:** \_\_\_\_\_