

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 45 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 McGearry	1967
Bob Jones	1968-1970
Larry Langer	1971-1972
Ron Vogel	1972
Dorothy Groth	1973-1987
Jeff Katz	1988-1989
Beth Gavin	1990-1991
Regina Antonioli	1991
Sam Perlow	1992
Joe Thorpe	1993
Nick Karazissis	1994
Joe Thorpe	1995
DiAnn Langer	1996-2002
Richard Wilkinson	2003-2004
Jeni Brown	2005
Marnye Langer	2006 -2016
Kay Altheuser	2017

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BY LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

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

ARTICLE II: MISSION

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

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

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

ARTICLE IV: GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY

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

- a) A show proposed to be held outside the mapped boundaries of Los Angeles County may be considered for provisional approval by the Board of Directors if it is no more than 15 miles as the crow flies from the mapped boundary, providing:
 - i. It meets all the other conditions for approval as may be in effect at the time it applies
 - ii. The Board agrees by specific vote of at least two-thirds of the total current directors (minimum of eight), that approval of the specific event would be in the best interest of the broader membership
 - iii. Provisional approval will be given on a year-by-year basis only. Although the Licensee of record retains the date priority, the board reserves the right to grant this provisional approval on a year-by year basis.
- b) After a show is held with provisional approval three consecutive times, the directors, by majority vote, may grant that event equal status with the other events held within the boundaries of Los Angeles County. If granted, the show would then receive the same date priority as the other approved events.
- c) Approved shows held outside the boundary of Los Angeles County in the year 2006 are hereby grandfathered and exempt from the provisional status provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE V: GOALS

The goals of the Association are:

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

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The LAHJA shall be governed by a Board of Directors comprised of eleven (11) members, who shall be senior or senior life members, in good standing, elected by members of the present board.

Section 2: Each year, at the November director's meeting, or within two meetings, the board will review the vacancies and impending vacancies, if any, and will elect senior members in good standing as directors to bring the number up to eleven (11). These new directors will take office at the first directors meeting following notification of their election. There are no limits on the number of years a director may serve.

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

Section 4: Conflict of Interest. For the purposes of this Association, a director has a conflict of interest if his actions as a director give rise to a reasonable perception that his private or business interests will be affected directly by those actions. This applies to financial

as well as non-financial interests. To this end, a conflict of interest policy will be established, a conflict of interest disclosure form must be signed by each director, officer, and staff member, and the Association's conflict of interest policies and procedures must be adhered to by all of the above.

Section 5: A vacancy in a director's position will be filled at the discretion of the board from the pool of senior members in good standing to serve the balance of that director's term.

Section 6: Duties of Directors: The Board of Directors, including the officers and the Executive Committee members, shall have the responsibility for general management of the business affairs of the Association, except as otherwise provided by statute or the Bylaws. The Directors also constitute the Association's Nominating Committee. A director is expected and required:

- To maintain high moral and ethical standards of performance and behavior and to serve as an example to the general membership.
- To support, defend, enforce and strengthen the Association's Bylaws and rules.
- To support ALL Board resolutions and decisions passed by the Board regardless of an individual directors particular vote.
- To represent the needs and interests of the members in a fair and impartial manner, and adhering to the Association's conflict of interest rules and policies at all times.
- To contribute and participate frankly and sincerely at Board meetings and within the Association's business agenda.
- To participate actively with at least one Association committee or Association event during each year.
- To review and approve all presidential committee appointments. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.
- To review contracts and agreements for any paid personnel or positions, and to hire or contract for any deemed necessary.
- To remove from office any officer, director, committee chairman, or committee member, who in the opinion of a majority of the board, has failed to discharge his duties in a manner deemed in the best interest of the Association. The individual must have at least 10 days notice in writing of such contemplated action and be given the opportunity to address the Board prior to any such removal. Regardless of the above, a member of the Board of Directors will automatically be removed from the Board at the third missed Board Meeting in a given year, regardless of written proxy. The Board seat will be deemed vacated and the directors may fill it per Section 6 above, but not with a director removed that year. At the President's sole discretion, a missed meeting for an emergency will not be counted as a missed meeting. The President will report these emergency waivers, if any, to the Board at its next meeting. An automatically removed director may petition the Executive Committee for a reinstatement hearing in writing stating the reasons he feels the request should be granted. The Association must receive such petition within fifteen days following notice of removal. The Executive Committee, at its sole discretion, may grant such hearing before the Board at either a regularly scheduled meeting or one called expressly for that purpose. The former director will be given time to present his case in person at the hearing, after which the Board will vote whether or not the circumstances and evidence presented warrant reinstatement.

Section 7: Meetings: The Board of Directors will meet at least six times per year, in person or by teleconference at the President's discretion. The January meeting will be in person and will count as the first Director's meeting of the year. Each board member may attend two regularly scheduled meetings of their choice (the January meeting must be in person) per year, with a third at the President's discretion, via teleconference. Board meetings will be called by the President, who shall ensure that notice of such meetings along with the minutes of the last meeting and a proposed agenda will be sent to each Board member at least one week in advance of the meeting date. Any four Board members may request that a meeting be called by the President who shall call the meeting as quickly as feasible. For the purpose of this section, e-mail notification to directors will be deemed sufficient.

Section 8: Quorum: A quorum of the board will be six directors, either in person, or via approved teleconference.

Section 9: Guests: Members of this Association are specifically allowed as guests at meetings of the Board of Directors with prior permission of the President. However, members wishing to present or speak to a topic at a Board meeting must obtain permission early enough to be placed on the agenda for that particular meeting. See Section 7 above.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

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

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

Section 2: The four officers will be elected by the Association's directors at their first Board meeting from the pool of eligible directors (Section 3 below) and will immediately assume their positions. Officer elections will take place annually except to fill a vacancy.

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

Section 4: Officers of the Association will serve one year terms, regardless of whether they are in their first or second year of their current term as directors.

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

Section 6: Duties of Officers:

The President: Is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, is the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and shall preside at all board and general membership meetings. Appoints the chairman and members of all committees, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, this approval will not be unreasonably withheld. Evaluates the contracts and agreements for paid personnel or positions, and recommends to the board their continuation, renewal or termination. Whenever feasible, such contracts and agreements will have a term that coincides with that of the President. Is an ex-officio member of all Association Committees, and may (but is not required to) attend any committee meeting. The President has full voting rights in any committee meeting he attends. Together with the Association's Corporate Secretary, signs all contracts and obligations of the Association. Together with the Association's Treasurer, signs all banking documents and is automatically a member of the Association's Budget and Finance Committee. May at any time call a meeting of the Board of Directors and shall do so at the request of at least four Directors.

The Vice President: Serves as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, exercises all of the duties of the President in his absence. Carries out the wishes of the President, the Board, and the Executive Committee as they deem necessary.

The Corporate Secretary: Shall be responsible for reviewing and signing the minutes of the meetings of the Board. Shall review all official correspondence (legal and corporate matters) of the Association. Shall handle other matters as directed by the President, Executive Committee or the Board of Directors. Shall oversee all official documents and records of the Association, with special attention to keeping all pertinent Association material used in the conduct of Association business current and relevant.

The Treasurer: Serves as the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. Will cause an annual Association budget to be prepared and will present said budget to the Association's Board of Directors at its January meeting. Oversees all money under the purview of the Association, and shall have the care and custody of and be responsible for the funds of the Association as the President and Board of Directors shall designate. Shall keep proper books of account showing the disposition and status of all Association funds. Shall make a report covering the financial condition of the Association at each Directors Meeting, showing the status of the Association's entire financial picture. Shall provide annually an accountant reviewed report showing a minimum of two years comparative financial status for the Association. The President or Treasurer will sign any checks of the Association of \$1,000 or more.

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

ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Officers of the Association plus other Directors as the President may appoint (with Board approval), shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act as the Board of Directors in emergency situations, between Board meetings, or when it is impractical to call a Board meeting. A standing agenda item at each Directors meeting shall be the vehicle by which the President will report Executive Committee actions to the Board. The President is the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and may call Executive Committee meetings when he deems necessary, providing as much notice as practical to

Executive Committee members. For the purpose of this Article, e-mail notification to Executive Committee members will be deemed sufficient.

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

ARTICLE IX: PAID POSITIONS

Section 1: Executive Director: The President is authorized to hire an Executive Director for the Association. The Board must approve the potential individual and his compensation package before duties are commenced. Duties shall be as the President, Executive Committee, and/or the Directors may determine, but generally include the following: administer memberships, administer the show calendar, keep proper records, prepare agendas and minutes of all meetings, produce and administer the rule book, produce and administer the policy and procedures manual, coordinate financial matters, act as liaison between the Association and others with respect to banking, accounting, and legal matters, handle all mailings, maintain a modern office for the association, tabulate points, publish a newsletter and point standings, and maintain and oversee all correspondence.

Section 2: Other Paid Positions: The President, with board approval, may appoint and/or hire additional help as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Association. e.g., recording secretary, membership secretary, awards secretary, newsletter editor. These people need not be members of the Association and although they may occasionally be asked to attend Director's meetings, they are non-voting.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

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

Section 2. Conflict of Interest: Any individual serving as a committee chairman or committee member in a similar local California horse show organization may not serve on a corresponding committee of the LAHJA. Any person conducting business with the Association or who could derive direct financial benefit from a given committees purview, may not serve as a member of that committee. However, such person may serve that committee as a non-voting advisor who is not required to attend all of the meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rules: The chairman of this committee will attend Board meetings and will serve as the parliamentarian. Roberts Rules of Order will be used as a guide to efficient and effective Association meetings, and the chairman of this committee is empowered to require a given meeting to adhere to them when necessary. This committee has the responsibility to review the rules, interpret the rules, clarify the rules, and propose rule changes. 100% of rule changes must come before this committee before they can be considered for passage by the board.

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

ARTICLE XI: INSURANCE

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

ARTICLE XII: INDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any person who is or was a director, officer, agent, fiduciary, employee, contractor, or Committee person against any claim, liability or expense against or incurred by such persons as a result of actions reasonably taken at the direction or on behalf of the Association. No director, officer, agent, fiduciary, employee, contractor, or Committee person shall have any personal liability for monetary damages to the Association except for: i. Any breach of duty to or loyalty to the Association, ii. Acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, iii. Any transaction from which said person derives an improper personal benefit.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

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

LOS ANGELES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL RULES

PART I: MEMBERSHIP AND HORSE REGISTRATION

Section 1: FEES

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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. Horse Registration | \$25.00 per year |
| d. 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.
- 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.

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, 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 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 (1st – 3rd) 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 five 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.
 - A signed letter from the horse show secretary or the horse show manager stating the horse name, rider name, and classes competed in.
 - Submit a copy of the official horse show results.
- 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.
- No rider may win both an 'A' and 'B' Overall award (i.e. Tack Trunk) in the same year.

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

Section 5: POINTS

- a. Points will be awarded 1st – 6, 2nd – 4, 3rd – 3, 4th – 2, 5th – 1 provided at least three entries compete. If ten or more entries compete, points will be awarded 1st – 10, 2nd – 7, 3rd – 5, 4th – 4, 5th – 3, 6th – 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.
- 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. Point standings will be final unless the LAHJA office is notified in writing within 30 days of posting on the official LAHJA web site. For all shows ending on or before October 31 discrepancies must be submitted by November 10. i.e., on November 10 all points from any show taking place prior to October 31 will stand as posted. Points are updated on www.LAHJA.org the 1st of each month, and include all horse shows held prior to the 20th of the previous month. **Verbal discrepancies will not be accepted.**
- f. Restricted classes do 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 stakes 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 stake must restrict entry by rider (Children's, Adult, Junior, Amateur, etc.). If an individual competes in more than one classic or stake at a given horse show, only the highest (within the 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.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.
- c. Green Rider, Restricted Child/Adult 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
- c. Points may be accrued in the following classes:
 1. Equitation, (flat and over fences)

2. Hunters (including under saddle)
 3. Jumpers (maximum of four classes at a multi day show, and 3 classes at a single day show)
- d. In any class where a horse is judged (hunters and jumpers), the horse must be registered and in good standing with the Association.
- e. Accruing hunter and/or jumper points:
1. A rider can only accrue hunter points in his regular age break 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.**
 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. If a rider competes in both the 1.0M Low Children's or Low Adults and the Children's or Adult Amateur Jumpers, only the highest pointed category will count towards 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' 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' Overall award (i.e. Tack Trunk) that he has previously won. The rider may win 'B' Overall awards in other categories.

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. Should the Association use a magazine as its official publication, notices in that magazine will be official notices to members.
- b. All official notices become effective upon publication in print, on the official 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 newsletter 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 directors present. For Bylaw amendments see Bylaw Article XIII. Such rule changes or amendments will be distributed to the general membership in a timely fashion.
- c. Date applications for **new** horse shows require approval of no less than 2/3 votes of the board in order to be approved. No new shows will be approved after January 31st of a given year (See part 5 section 2, Application Process).

Section 3: PROTESTS

Protests will be governed by the USEF Rule Book. The 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.

Section 4: STEWARD

- a. Every LAHJA show with A award categories must have a USEF steward. The steward must submit a written report to the association.
- b. At LAHJA shows with only B award categories 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 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.

PART V: LAHJA APPROVED SHOWS

Section 1: FACILITIES

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

- a. Water for dust control.
- b. Water for exhibitor's horses.
- c. Adequate restrooms.
- d. Adequate jumps.
- e. Warm-up area exclusively for exhibitors.
- f. Adequate schooling fences: at least one vertical and one spread fence. Directional flags are strongly encouraged.
- g. Public address system adequate to cover entire show grounds including warm-up area.
- h. Ample parking for both exhibitors and spectators.
- i. Refreshment/food provided on the show grounds 1/2 hour prior to show commencement and through the completion of the final class.
- j. Qualified medical personnel that comply with USEF requirements.
- k. All competitive arenas at approved facilities will measure at least 100' x 200'.
- l. LAHJA shows must have jumping classes 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. Please note that although both 'A' and 'B' classes may be offered, 'B' classes may only be held on one day unless a show has applied for and been granted special Multiple Day 'B' approval.
- 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.
- 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 Director 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 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.
- g. 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.
- h. 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 1st 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 1st), 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.
- i. A current LAHJA Membership Application Form must appear in the prize list of all approved horse shows.
- j. LAHJA will follow the USEF method of designating show dates for purposes of allocating "comparable dates" and to organize the show calendar. The LAHJA show season will not commence prior to the third week of January. The show season will conclude the Sunday following Thanksgiving. No LAHJA shows will be approved outside of this date range.
- k. 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.

- l. 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.
- m. 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.
- n. No facility may host more than two (2) LAHJA shows during any given calendar month. In case of special circumstances a Licensee must submit a written request to the Association.
- o. LAHJA shows with only B category classes may only be held on one weekend day (Saturday or Sunday, and Monday when it is a Federal holiday) except by special application to the Board.
- 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.

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 five 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.

Section 2: LAHJA ~~LA SADDLERY~~ JUNIOR MEDAL CLASS

1. Same specifications as the USEF Hunter Seat Medal with the exception that fences will be 3' for 'B' 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 3: LAHJA ~~LA SADDLERY~~ SENIOR MEDAL CLASS

1. Same specifications as the USEF Hunter Seat Medal with the exception that fences will be 3' for 'B' 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 SENIOR MEDAL CLASSES

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

Section 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 not** show 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, but is automatically qualified to compete in the LAHJA Betsy Woods Horsemanship Finals held at the LAHJA Benefit Show.

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 he becomes ineligible to compete in other Rosewood Medal Classes during the balance of the year, but is automatically qualified to compete in the Rosewood Finals.

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 7: LAHJA PONY MEDAL CLASS, 17 & UNDER (age of rider per USEF Pony Medal Rules)

1. To be shown over a course of fences applicable to the height of the pony with at least one change of direction. One test (USEF tests 1-9) is required during the first round (no work-off will be held). Only one rider per pony.

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

a) Points will be awarded for placing as follows:

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

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

Three entries, points awarded: 4,2,1

3. Six points will qualify a rider for the finals. A rider who has accumulated six points by placing first in a class may continue to compete in the qualifying classes.

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

PART VIII: LAHJA MEDAL FINALS

SCHOOLING:

1. Schooling will be allowed only in the designated schooling area.

2. For safety reasons schooling jumps will be restricted; these restrictions will be posted at the entrance to the schooling area.

3. The LAHJA will designate a schooling supervisor who will have authority in the schooling area during the finals.

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. 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.
3. Riders may ride any horse of their choosing, but in no case may a rider participate on more than one horse.
4. The warm-up class will not be judged, but a posted order will be adhered to.
5. 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.
6. 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 Director and management in a timely fashion before the event to go over the class schedule and class specifications, and to make sure the judges are given copies of the class format prior to the competition. The TD should go over lighting and time schedule to ensure that as many problems as possible are foreseen and avoided. The TD should also plan to be present at and to assist with the presentation of awards.
2. The TD should be present at the drawing for the order of go. At this time he should be available to answer any questions posed by exhibitors. The TD should also be present and available to exhibitors at any social functions.
3. The TD should set up daily meetings, if necessary, with the Executive Director and officials to go over details such as:
 - a. The course plan (making sure each judge has a copy, and that one copy is posted in a timely manner)
 - b. Scoring
 - c. Score keeping and announcing
 - d. Preceding Round 3 the TD will meet with the judges and have work-off courses pre-planned
4. The TD will collect copies of judge's cards, course comments and score sheets, and send them to the association.
5. The TD will ensure that each judge has the opportunity to walk the course prior to the beginning of the competition.

STEWARD and APPEALS COMMITTEE:

A USEF Steward must be present. The Appeals Committee will consist of the LAHJA appointed Technical Delegate, one USEF Steward and the horse show manager. Any protest must be filed within one hour of the conclusion of the class. No money need be given with the protest, but it must be written, signed and handed to a member of the Appeals Committee. Except for what is specified above, USEF rules regarding equitation classes will be followed. Additional specifications and/or clarification may be sent out by the LAHJA prior to the Finals and will take precedence over the 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

Winners of each of the first two rounds will receive a trophy and ribbons through 10th. At the completion of the work-off, championship awards will be presented to the top ten riders.

LAHJA LA SADDLERY Hunter Seat Medal Finals: JUNIOR & SENIOR

GENERAL:

Open to riders who have accrued at least ten points in LAHJA Junior and Senior 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 PROCEDURES:

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

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

ORDER OF GO:

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

COURSES:

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

LAHJA Rosewood Medal Finals

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.

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. The judges will sit together for the work-off. Scores for the work-off will not be announced.

ORDER OF GO

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

LAHJA Betsy Woods Horsemanship Finals

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 Finals

GENERAL

Open to riders who have accrued at least six points 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 applicable to the height of the pony (Sm. - 2'3", Med. - 2'6", Lg. - 2'9") with at least one change of direction. All eligible riders will compete in both Round 1 and Round 2. A numerical score will be given after each round. Scores from Round 1 will be carried into Round 2. After Round 1 trophy and ribbons through 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.

PART IX

'A' YEAR END CATEGORIES

Unless noted, USHJA Zone 10 Specifications will be followed.

*JUNIOR HUNTER – 17 and Under -3'3"

*JUNIOR HUNTER – 17 and Under -3'6"

*AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 18 and Over - 3'3" *(cross entry restrictions per Zone 10 rules)*

*AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 18 and Over - 3'6" *(cross entry restrictions per Zone 10 rules)*

*ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER, 18 and Over – 3' *(cross entry restrictions per Zone 10 rules)*

*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"

~~PRE-GREEN HUNTER — 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.M

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

~~*JUNIOR/AMATEUR/AMATEUR OWNER JUMPERS — 3'11" or 4'3", 1.20M or 1.30M~~

~~If two sections are offered, i.e. Low Jr/AmOwn, only the section set within the defined heights will count for points. Should both sections be set within the defined heights, i.e. Jr/AmOwn at 1.20M (3'11") and Jr/AmOwn at 1.30M (4'3"), only the lower level will count for points.~~

~~If either the Jr/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. When a show offers two non-restricted jumper sections in the range of 1.20M to 1.30M and the section corresponding to the cancelled Jr/AO does not fill the next highest non-restricted section will count for points.~~

~~Example: Jr/AO jumpers offered at 1.25M do not fill, the 1.30M (non-restricted) will count toward the Jr/AO points.~~

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 10 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.

OPPORTUNITY INTRO RIDER SECTION – This is a rider award.

~~Open to riders as defined by the USEF rules for Opportunity. This is a rider award.~~

Shows may offer a maximum of five classes from the list below:

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

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

***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 10 of this rule book)***

PART XI

'A' and 'B' APPROVED MEDAL CLASSES

If a show has been approved to hold both A and B category of classes, that show may hold two medal classes providing that one class is held in conjunction with the B category classes. In the case of differing fence heights, the show must hold the medal class at 3' in conjunction with the 'B' category classes, and at 3'3" in conjunction with the 'A' category classes.

LAHJA ~~LA-SADDLERY~~ JUNIOR HUNTER SEAT MEDAL (3' in 'B' and 3'3" in 'A')

LAHJA ~~LA-SADDLERY~~ SENIOR HUNTER SEAT MEDAL (3' in 'B' and 3'3" in 'A')

LAHJA PONY MEDAL, 17 and Under (age of rider per USEF Pony Medal rules) (heights applicable to the height of the pony)

LAHJA ROSEWOOD MEDAL, 14 and Under - (3')

LAHJA BETSY WOODS HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL, JUNIOR and AMATEUR (2'9')

PART XII

OFFICIAL 2017 FORMS

HORSE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FORM

Date: _____

Name of Horse: _____

PREVIOUS OWNER _____

(As given on entries and LAHJA Membership Card)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

LAHJA# _____

NEW OWNER _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

DISCREPANCY REPORT

This form should be filed with the LAHJA office within 30 days of the date of the point publication in question, in order for the discrepancy to be considered and investigated. For all shows ending on or before October 31 discrepancies must be submitted by November 10. i.e., on November 10 all points from any show taking place prior to October 31 will stand as posted.

Discrepancies may be sent via email to info@lahja.org, or via snail mail to: LAHJA, 480 W. Riverside Dr., Suite 1, Burbank, CA 91506

VERBAL DISCREPANCIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Rider Name: _____ **LAHJA #** _____

Owner Name: _____ **LAHJA #** _____

Horse Name: _____

e-mail _____ **Phone #** _____

Address: _____

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

Full Description of the discrepancy: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\$70 JUNIOR ___ \$70 SENIOR ___ \$700 LIFE ___ \$25 Each Additional Horse: ___

Name _____ **e-mail** _____

E-mail address for parent of junior members _____

Birth Date(required for Juniors) ___/___/___ **LAHJA #** _____ **USEF #** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Mobile Phone _____ **Day Phone** _____

Parent or Guardian _____

(required if under 18)

Horse(s) Name(s) - First horse included in membership, \$25 for additional horses

(Horse owner must be a current member for points to count)

_____ **USEF #:** _____

_____ **USEF #:** _____

Name of registered owner of horse: _____

Trainer Name _____

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