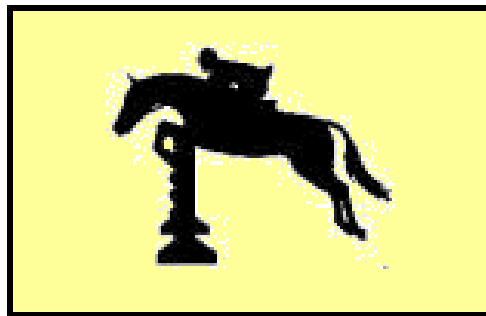


**EASTERN  
HUNTER  
ASSOCIATION**



**RULE BOOK  
2017**

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## **BYLAWS AMENDED 04/24/2010**

# **Bylaws of the Eastern Hunter Association**

### **Article I Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Eastern Hunter Association.

### **Article II Object**

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are:

1. To make adequate and fair rule governing competitions and to enforce them for the common benefit.
2. To adjust disputes between Management, Exhibitors, and Judges.
3. To adjudicate questions between Management, Exhibitors, and Judges.
4. To maintain proper records in connection with the sport for use of its members.
5. To assign dates to all events recognized by the Association.
6. To further the art of riding and to encourage horsemanship and the welfare of horses and ponies.
7. Otherwise to assist in connection with the exhibition of horses insofar as the Association's facilities and finances permit.

### **Article III Show Sponsor Membership**

\*Show Sponsors' consist of those individuals, and others holding horse shows and which possess membership with full voting privileges and responsibilities.

- a) Show Sponsor members are those individuals or representatives, and others holding horse shows under the auspices of EHA.
- b) Organization membership is available to individuals only. Businesses and corporations may not be members.
- c) Where more than one show is held in a given year by the same management under the same name, each show shall be considered a separate entity.
- d) Each show sponsor member shall be privileged to appoint one delegate to carry one vote at the Board meetings. A delegate may serve as representative for more than one show sponsor member.
- e) Show sponsor members must attend the annual board of directors meeting(s), or send a representative. If they do not, they will forfeit the privilege of hosting a show.

## **Article IV    Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. All officers shall be members in good standing and shall serve until the election of their duly qualified successors. The outgoing President shall act in an ex officio capacity as a member of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** The President will serve a 2 year term and shall preside over all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He/She shall, with the Secretary, sign all contracts and obligations of the Association. He/She shall appoint all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall be ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President may at any time call a meeting of the Board of Directors and shall do so at the request of a majority of Directors.

**Section 3.** In the event of the inability of the President to perform his/her duties, the Board of Directors shall assign the Vice-President to perform the duties of and have the same authority as the President. The Vice-President shall have other duties that usually pertain to the office or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall serve a two year term and automatically assume the role of President at the end of his/her two year term.

**Section 4.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep accurate records of the meetings and membership, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee shall sign, with the President, all contracts and obligations of the Association. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the Rules.

The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due the Association, shall have custody of and be responsible for the funds of the Association, which shall be deposited into the bank of the Treasurer's choice. The Treasurer shall pay any indebtedness with funds of the corporation. He/She shall present at every Annual Meeting or whenever required by the President or a majority of the members of the Board, a detailed statement in writing of the finances of the corporation.

**Section 5.** The board will appoint an individual to be the Points Secretary. The Points Secretary shall make available to the membership current accounting of all points accrued toward the Annual Awards.

## **Article V    Directors**

**Section 1.** The governing body of the Association shall be the Board of Directors and shall consist of the Officers and two representatives from each area, barn, etc., who have sponsored an EHA show within the past three years or intend to sponsor an EHA show within the next three years. Although there will be two representative(s) only one will carry a vote. If the representative(s) do not sponsor an EHA Show within a three year period they will be dismissed from the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. *Meeting of the Board of Directors*** The Board of Directors shall meet at the end of each year to set the coming year's show schedule. Any specific dates requested should be done through the EHA Secretary. Sponsors will be given the right of refusal on the date they held on the previous year before it may be assigned to a new sponsor or given to any of the current sponsors. Additional meeting(s) may be called by the President and must be called upon by a majority of Directors. Notice of the time and place of

meetings shall be sent to each member of the Board of Directors not less than 10 days prior to the meeting. The exception to this would be an emergency “call” meeting whereby the Board members would be notified by phone by the Secretary.

**Section 3.** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 4.** Show Sponsors must attend the annual Board of Directors’ meeting or send a representative in order to assure a place on the calendar.

## **Article VI Committees**

**Section 1. *Executive Committee*** - The officers of the association shall constitute the Executive Committee and shall have the power to transact between meetings of the Board of Directors all such business as the Board itself might transact except to empower to amend the By-Laws and other such powers where the authority to act is granted to the Board alone. The Board of Directors shall be notified immediately of any such action taken by the majority of the members of the Board of Directors within 10 days following notification such actions shall be considered the actions of the Board.

The Executive Committee shall meet at their discretion. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to serve as a Judge Committee as provided in the rules.

**Section 2. *Nominating Committee*** - There shall be no Nominating Committee and nominations for officers shall be heard from the floor at the last yearly meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. *Hearing Committee/Show Steward*** –There shall be appointed by the management of each show three members of the Board of Directors to serve as stewards and a committee on protests, charges and hearings for each show. It shall be the duty of the Hearing Committee to hear all protests and charges in connection with alleged violation of the rules. The Hearing Committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings, which shall be presented to the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Three “Show Stewards” will be appointed at each show to serve as interpreters of the rules of the Association as well as USEF rules that cover activities that are not by EHA By-Laws and Rules. Should the show stewards not be able to reach a unanimous decision regarding any rule infraction or protest, the other members of the Board will be called. A decision will be formed by a majority vote of the Board.

It is requested that circuit members see an EHA Show Steward for any clarification on rules or if a protest or concern needs attention. See Rule 1, Part 1, Section 6 Protests

**Section 4. *Measurement Committee*** - Shall be appointed by the President at the Annual Board Meeting each year. They shall disburse the measurement cards for the ponies they measure; sign the cards and collect the measurement fee of \$3.00 per pony. These monies shall be turned in to the Secretary/Treasurer. Measurement consist of taking the height of the pony, while standing square on a level surface, from the ground to the highest point of the withers with an approved measurement stick. It is also requested that the measurement from the coronary band to the toe and from the heel to the ground be recorded, followed by a soundness check by having the pony trot to and from the measurer. If the pony should fail the soundness check then it would need to be re-measured when it becomes sound before an

EHA card could be issued. A copy of the card should be mailed to and retained on file with the EHA Secretary.

#### **Article VII Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Association in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws of special rules of order of the Association.

#### **Article VIII Method of Amending**

The By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF EASTERN HUNTER ASSOCIATION**

### **RULES AMENDED 12/11/2016**

The rules of this Association shall be the current rules of the United States Equestrian Federation unless otherwise specified.

#### **RULE 1 – MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Part 1. Show Sponsor Members**

**Section 1. *Show Sponsor Membership*** - Application for membership shall be made to the EHA Secretary on the application form provided by the Association and must be made during the current year. Applications for show dates in the following year shall be made prior to November 1 of the current year on the form provided by the Association. Forms must be signed by an officer of the show. The form shall contain the following statement: "In applying for the above date(s) this horse show agrees to abide by the rules of the EHA and understands that failure to do so constitutes a violation of the rules which may subject the show to penalty."

If two or more applications for the same date are received by the secretary, the secretary will give first choice to the show held on that date during the previous year.

Recognition shall not be granted any show indebted to the Association or to any exhibitor.

The request will be reviewed at the annual board of directors meeting, and the farm will then be notified of the Boards' decision.

Recognition of a show may be refused when in the opinion of the majority of the Executive Committee such refusal would be in the best interest of the Association, the sport in general or fair competition.

**Section 2. *Privileges*** - Recognized EHA shows enjoy privileges not available to other shows including:

- a. Representation on the Board of Directors by two representatives with one representative carrying a vote.
- b. A position on the EHA schedule of show dates.
- c. The assistance of the Association's records.

**Section 3. *Dues*** - Annual dues for each show sponsor member shall be \$250.00 payable by their show date of the current year. Show sponsors who fail to pay show sponsorship fees within 15 days of show date must pay following year sponsor fees by March 1 of the next year.

**Section 4. *Termination of Membership*** - Any show in good standing may voluntarily resign from membership upon giving thirty days notice, in writing, to the Secretary. Upon such withdrawal, any dues paid shall be forfeited and all delegates appointed shall cease to be delegates. (Any fees owed to EHA will become due at the time of resignation.)

Failure to hold a show on the date allotted or to abide by the rules of the Association may constitute a violation. Such violations may, by ½ vote of the Board of Directors, constitute grounds for refusing further dates to show and dropping the show membership.

**Section 5. *Fiscal Year*** - The fiscal year of the Association shall be from March 1 to February 28.

**Section 6. *Protests*** - Protests must be made to the EHA Board or Hearing Committee at a show, and accompanied by a \$50.00 protest fee. The Hearing Committee will entertain the protest and rule. In the event of a measurement protest, the animal will be measured on the spot by the members of the Measurement Committee and a decision will be made based on the measurement. If the animal measures over, the points and ribbons for the day will be forfeited and the animal will then have to be measured for a new card. A protest of this nature is applicable to animal carrying a life card.

If the protest is upheld in its entirety the \$50.00 fee will be refunded to the person protesting. If it is not upheld, the \$50.00 protest fee will be placed in the treasury of the EHA.

## **Part II - Individual Members**

**Section 1. *Privileges*** - Individual members enjoy privileges not available to non-members. These include:

- a. the right to attend the Annual Awards Meeting and Banquet.
- b. eligibility to compete for the Annual Awards

- c. the right to vote for Annual Award Recipients

**Section 2. *Types of Membership*** - Individual members shall be known as:

- a. ***Senior Members*** are those persons who are 18 years of age or older and their annual dues shall be \$40.00 if paid by 03/15/xx or \$50.00 thereafter.
- b. ***Junior Members*** are those persons who have NOT reached their 18th birthday as provided for in the USEF GR127. The annual dues shall be \$40.00 if paid by 03/15/xx. After 03/15/xx the fee will be \$50.00.
- c. ***Farm Members or Patron Members*** shall be individuals or farms who wish to support the Association by a contribution of \$5.00 which entitles them to all privileges enjoyed by both Senior and Junior members, except the accumulation of points for the annual awards.
- d. ***Lifetime Board Members*** are the original founding directors of the EHA circuit. They have no voting power on the active Board of Directors.
- e. ***Horse or Pony Membership*** shall be \$10.00.

**RULE II – DUTIES OF SHOW OFFICIALS**

The duties of the show officials shall be the same as those found in the current USEF Rule Book where applicable. Show management should be especially cognizant to the following duties:

1. To furnish a prize list to any member requesting a prize list but not on the show's mailing list.
2. To provide on the show grounds an emergency vehicle and qualified first aid personnel with no other duties or to inform their rescue squad of the show and the approximate time the jumping classes will be taking place and to have this rescue squad on a hold assignment.
3. To see that all animals required to be measured shall be so measured according to the USEF Chapter HU-10. EHA will only recognize EHA Measurement Cards issued in 1991 or after. A small fee will be charged and a card will be issued by an EHA approved steward.
4. To apply annually to the Association for a position on the calendar of shows as described in Rule 1, Part I, Section 1.
5. To appoint two delegates to serve as representatives on the Board of Directors.
6. To file a copy of the prize list with the Association upon publication.
7. To forward to the Association within 15 days of the completion of the show, copies of the class sheets with judge's cards, completed division point sheets, a class schedule showing the total number of entries in each class along with grand total numbers and added class totals separated.



Show sponsors failing to forward the previous will incur a \$50 service charge payable to the Association.

8. To report as directed in USEF GR913 in writing to the Association within 60 days of the close of the show, the name of the exhibitor whose fees are non-negotiable.

### **RULE III – PRIZELIST**

The prize list shall contain a description of all required EHA classes and their requirements for entering or must refer to the website for class descriptions. It is to be at the discretion of the show manager to add classes in each ring as they see fit; however, the manager may not add more than two (2) classes during the required class show time.

Each class entry fee for each rider/pony or horse combination is determined by each show sponsor. Show sponsors may charge a late fee for entries received after 5:00 pm the Friday before the show. Maps and/or directions are to be included with the prize list. “Horse Show” signs should be placed on all major roads.

An EHA show will be held in two rings with two judges, two ringmasters, etc. Any show manager not having the equipment to run two jumping rings may run a flat ring and a jumping ring simultaneously. All ponies and short stirrup riders are required by EHA to be held in an enclosed ring. The horse arena may be an open arena with natural boundaries or any other large open area with man-made boundaries such as fencing for pastures. No animals will be allowed to be shown within or near an electric fenced area. The course will be that of a show ring, hunter type.

### **RULE IV – RECORDING OF HORSES AND PONIES**

**Section 1.** The EHA maintains the only official record of winnings of horses/ponies at all member shows. To be eligible for any of the Annual Awards a horse or pony must be recorded with the Association. Recording cards are the same as the membership registration cards. A recording fee of \$10.00 per animal is charged. A membership fee of \$40.00 per rider is charged if paid by 03/15/xx, there after \$50.00.

**Section 2.** Upon sale of a recorded horse/pony, a transfer of ownership must be affected by submitting to the Association another recording card on the animal and a \$5.00 transfer fee will be paid.

**Section 3.** The recorded name of the horse or pony may be changed by submission of written notice to the Association. There is a fee of \$20.00 to change your horse's name once it is registered with EHA. If a horse is shown under a barn name at one show and a show name at another, points will accumulate under two different horses and will not be combined unless the name change fee is paid.

**Section 4.** Leased horses or ponies - In order for horses/ponies to count toward year end awards; the horse/pony and rider must be a member of the EHA.

**Section 5.** No points toward year end awards in any division will be granted any rider, horse or pony who is not a member of the Association, nor to any horse, pony or rider not competing in at least 50% of the shows (classes) schedule for that division. High point year end awards will be determined by the total points in one division and will be awarded to the horse or pony with the highest number of points in a hunter division.

**Section 6.** All ponies must be measured by a member of the Measurement Committee before one registers for the new number, except for young entry, short stirrup and long stirrup ponies. It is strongly suggested that all ponies be measured so they will be eligible to show in other divisions should you want another rider to school or compete them. EHA only recognizes EHA, NCHJA, or USEF cards! (A copy of the measurement card should be sent to the EHA secretary to be kept on file).

## **RULE V – JUDGES**

The duties and responsibilities of a judge shall be the same as those found in USEF HU131. If at all possible, a show should not have a judge for more than two consecutive years at the same barn, nor should one person judge more than one EHA show in the same ring in a given year (ring flip/flop rule may be used).

The EHA does not require that a judge be in possession of an USEF Judge's card to officiate; however, EHA does require that the show manager secure a qualified judge to officiate; and if deemed not suitable by the Board of Directors following such show, the show manager will be asked not to submit the name of such judge to be placed on a list of recommended judges for EHA shows.

## **RULE VI – STEWARDS**

The show management will appoint three members of the Board of Directors to serve as Stewards and Hearing Committee at each show. All questions, concerns and protest(s) should be carried to an EHA Steward for action to be taken. By having EHA appointed stewards, the show secretaries and managers will be better able to continue the operation of running the show more efficiently with fewer delays. Should the show stewards not be able to reach a unanimous decision regarding any rule infraction or protest, the other members of the Board will be called. A decision will be formed by a majority vote of the Board.

## **RULE VII – CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

**Some classes at EHA shows may also be NCHJA C rated. EHA will follow NCHJA rules for classes that are rated by both organizations.**

## PART 1. CLASS SPECIFICATIONS OF EHA

**Open Hunter** - Open to any rider on a horse or pony. Jump course to be set at 2'6", 2'9", 3'0" or 3'3". In and Out distances shall be 24' to 26'. Heights will be judged as one class based on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness.

**Junior Working Hunter** – Open to juniors riding a horse. To be judged on performance, the horse's way of going, manners and soundness. **Cannot cross enter Children's Hunter, Low Working Hunter, Pre Children/Adult with same rider/horse combination.** Jumps courses to be set at 3'3"; In and Out distance 24' to 26'. **Will be combined with Amateur Owner Working Hunter.**

**Amateur Owner Working Hunter** – Open to amateur owners or an amateur member of the owner's family. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family. To be judged on performance, the horse's way of going, manners and soundness. **Cannot cross enter Adult Hunter, Low Working Hunter, Pre Children/Adult with same rider/horse combination.** Jumps courses to be set at 3'3"; In and Out distance 24' to 26'. **Will be combined with Junior Working Hunter.**

**Children's Working Hunter** - Open to a junior riding a horse. NO PROFESSIONALS. To be judged on performance, the horse's way of going, manners and soundness. **Cannot cross enter Jr./Amateur Owner, Low Working Hunter, Pre Children/Adult with same rider/horse combination.** Jumps courses to be set at 2'9"; In and Out distance 24' to 26'. **Will be combined with Adult Amateur Working Hunter if less than 3 entries.**

**Adult Amateur Working Hunter** – Open to an adult amateur riding a horse or pony. NO PROFESSIONALS. To be judged on performance, the horse's way of going, manners and soundness. **Cannot cross enter Jr./Amateur Owner, Low Working Hunter, Pre Children/Adult with same rider/horse combination.** Jumps courses to be set at 2'9"; In and Out distance 24' to 26'. **Will be combined with Children's Working Hunter if less than 3 entries.**

**Pre-Children's & Pre-Adult Amateur Working Hunter** - Open to any junior or adult amateur rider on a horse or adult on a pony. NO PROFESSIONALS. Division consists of two over fence classes and one under saddle class. Course consists of 8 fences with change of direction, set at 2'6". In and Out Optional. Judged on performance, way of going, manners and soundness. Riders may cross in Low Hunter.

**Low Hunter** - Open to any rider on a horse or pony. Jump course to be set at 2' and 2'3". To be judged as one complete class on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. **The same horse/pony and rider combination must advance out of this division if they are the year-end Champion or Reserve.**

**Long Stirrup Hunter** - Open to any beginner riders in their first and second year of showing. Riders not eligible to compete in this division for more than two years. Year is determined from the first date a rider competes in LS at an EHA show. May enter added classes. May ride in any flat class, according to division specifications and **may cross into the Low Hunter Division.** Adults may ride ponies. Junior riders may not ride ponies in this

division. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. Long Stirrup Equitation Classes are offered and points in those classes are kept as individual class points and are not combined with the LS division points. Jumps to be 2' with a regular course with changes of direction. **The same horse/pony and rider combination must advance out of this division if they are the year-end Champion or Reserve Champion.**

***Long Stirrup Equitation*** - One over fence class and one flat class offered. To be judged on the rider. **Open only to Long Stirrup Riders.**

***Pony Working Hunter*** - Open to any Junior rider, riding a small, medium or large pony. 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. Ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class. Small ponies jump 2', medium ponies jump 2'3", and large ponies jump 2'9". Judged on performance, manners, way of going, suitability to the rider and soundness.

## **AGE GROUP EQUITATION**

The fence heights for the age equitation sections shall be as follows:

1. 11 and under: fences 2'0 – 2'3"
2. 12 through 14: fences 2'3" – 2'6"
3. 15 through 17: fences 2'9 – 3'0"

Classes for 12-14 and 15-17 may be combined if there are less than three entries in either section. In equitation over fences classes, riders must compete at the correct fence height for their age.

## **EHA CHILDREN/ADULT EQUITATION**

Open to Junior and amateur Senior members. Only one rider per horse. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than 8 fences. Fence height 2'9". Judges may ask competitors to perform USEF tests 1 – 19.

Contestants in the EHA Children's Equitation Class are not eligible for the EHA Pony Equitation Class at the same show.

## **EHA PONY EQUITATION**

Open to Junior members. Only one rider per horse. To be shown over a hunter type course of not less than 8 fences. Small ponies jump 2', Medium ponies jump 2'3", Large ponies jump 2'9". Judges may ask competitors to perform USEF tests 1 – 19.

Contestants in the EHA Pony Equitation Class are not eligible for the EHA Children's Equitation Class at the same show.

**Short Stirrup Hunter Division** - Open to riders 12 years of age or under (age as of December 1st of the previous year). Riders not eligible to compete in this division for more than two years, regardless of age. Year is determined from the first date a rider competes in SS at an EHA show. . Short Stirrup Equitation Classes are offered and points in those classes are kept as individual class points and are not combined with the SS division points. Jumps will be 2'0". To be judged on performance, way of going, manners, soundness and suitability as a short stirrup mount.

**Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences** - Open to riders 12 years of age or under. Jumps will be 2'0". To be judged on the rider.

**Short Stirrup Equitation on the Flat** - Open to riders 12 years of age or under. To be judged on the rider.

**Maiden Young Entry** - Open for the beginning rider in their first years of showing. There is no age limit, except the rider must be a junior, who is not participating in any required division class. May enter added classes. May NOT enter any other jumping class over 18" requiring a change of direction. They may enter a flat class. To be judged on 100% equitation. Division consists of two over fences classes and one flat class at the walk, trot, and canter. Fences must be no higher than 18" and may be crossrails, with riders jumping the four outside fences twice around (no change of direction). Ponies and horses are allowed. **End of Year Champion and Reserve are requested to move out of this division in their next year of showing.**

**Novice Young Entry Division** - For the more experienced beginning rider. There is no age limit, except the rider must be a junior, who is not participating in any required division class. May enter added classes. To be judged on 100% equitation. Two over fence classes (18") are allowed and may include changes of direction. **Champion and Reserve Champion must advance out of this competition at the year's end.**

**Walk Trot Division** – For the beginning rider in their first year of showing. There is no age limit, except the rider must be a junior. May not cross enter into any other division except Maiden Young Entry. Three classes offered: Walk Trot Equitation, Walk Trot Pleasure, and Walk Trot Hunter.

**Hors Concur** - Any rider on the EHA circuit who wishes to ride over fences or under saddle without being judged to be placed may do so by paying the entry fee for the class. Over fence classes may be scored by the judge and the rider will ride at the end of the class; however, for under saddle classes the rider is asked to turn their number over and not be scored.

**Attire:** Proper riding attire will be required in all division classes unless otherwise noted, not in added classes.

**EHA Equitation Medal Class:** Open to EHA members who are the top ten point holders in Pony Equitation Over Fences, or Children/Adult Equitation . All exhibitors will be judged together as one class at their respective heights. Points accrued in Medal classes will apply to Equitation Points for year end awards.

## **PART II**

### **DIVISION OR SECTION CLASSIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

A division of Eastern Hunter Association is determined by the number of classes. A division consists of two over fences and one under saddle class. (Exception: Walk Trot Division has three flat classes.) The top six competitors over fences in points will then be given credit for full under saddle points.

Equitation Classes shall receive single points toward Annual Awards.

### **RULE VIII – POINTS**

In case of a tie in a division, the rider/pony/horse with the most points over fences will be declared the Champion with the runner-up Reserve Champion. If there is a tie concerning the over fences points, the choice is up to the judges whether they want to hack off or flip a coin. The EHA uses the following point system:

Place	Points
1	10
2	6
3	4
4	2
5	1
6	½

The top 4 riders over fences will be eligible for division champion or reserve. EHA Equitation division points are determined placing in each class. Under Saddle points do not count toward year-end awards if Over Fences classes not entered.

Hunter division Champions will be awarded 10 extra points towards year-end awards. Hunter division Reserve Champions will be 5 extra points toward year-end awards.

For classes with less than 3 riders, 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive 2 points.

### **RULE IX – TIME**

The EHA specifies that the show must begin its first class no later than 9:00 am or pay a fine of \$1.00 per minute it is delayed.

Any exhibitor who is a member of the EHA forfeits all points for the day if he or she remains in the schooling ring after being asked to leave plus pay a fine of \$1.00 for each additional minute they remain.

Any exhibitor not a member of this Association will pay \$1.00 fine for each additional minute they remain in the schooling ring also.

## **RULE X – AWARDS**

The Association offers Annual Awards in several categories, the purpose of which is to encourage participation at EHA shows. In making these awards, the Association certifies that these animals are properly recorded and exhibited by the recorded rider who must be an individual EHA member. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to cancel any award should the competition throughout the year be so slight as not to warrant the presentation of an award.

The categories (divisions) are as follows:

Walk Trot

Maiden Young Entry

Novice Young Entry

Short Stirrup

Pony Hunter

Short Stirrup Equitation (not a division)

Pony Equitation (not a division)

Long Stirrup

Long Stirrup Equitation (not a division)

Low Hunter

Open Hunter

Children/Adult Working Hunter

Jr./Amateur Owner Hunter

Pre-Childrens/Adult Amateur Horse

Age Group Equitation (not a division) – all age groups will be combined for year-end awards.

Equitation classes shall receive points for each individual class and are not considered a division.

Awards presented in all divisions shall be awarded based on the **top six horses in the over fence section** of the division then receiving full points for under saddle work. (In the event of a tie - the horse with the most points over fences shall be considered the Champion for the award)

## **YEAR END AWARDS**

Shall consist of prizes for year-end 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in each Division, with ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> in each Division. Walk Trot and Maiden Young Entry may award more than 6 places. **Year End Eligibility** – Rider members must ride in at least 50 % of the season's shows on the same horse and in the same division at each show to qualify for year-end awards. Individual hardships may be considered if the same horse cannot compete in a division.

**High Point Horse and Pony** shall be determined by a horse or pony's **top Division** only; equitation not included, and shall be awarded to the actual horse or pony with the highest number of points in a hunter division.

High Point Awards are determined from the following divisions:

Short Stirrup Hunter

Pony Hunter

Open Hunter

Children/Adult Hunter

Jr./Amateur Owner Hunter

Pre Child/Adult Hunter

Low Hunter

Long Stirrup Hunter

## **RULE XI – METHOD OF AMENDING**

These rules may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority of the members present.