



# INLAND EMPIRE HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL RULES

**Effective December 1, 2018**

## PART 1 - MEMBERSHIP

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| <b>Junior:</b>        | Any person who has not reached their 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1 <sup>st</sup> of the membership year. Membership includes one free horse registration.             | \$35.00 |
| <b>Amateur:</b>       | Any person 18 years of age or older as of December 1 <sup>st</sup> of the show year who is not a professional as defined by USEF. Membership includes one free horse registration. | \$35.00 |
| <b>Trainer/Coach:</b> | Only one trainer per training entity (ie: Head Trainer). Membership includes one free horse registration.  | Free    |
| <b>General:</b>       | Any person who does not meet the criteria of Junior, Amateur, or Trainer/Coach membership. Membership includes one free horse registration.  | \$35.00 |
| <b>Horse:</b>         | Owner must be a member for horse to accrue points.   | \$10.00 |
- A. **Member Status:** Members are considered in Good Standing from the day that the registration form and payment are received by IEHJA until the end of the show year. Members must be in Good Standing to enjoy the benefits of IEHJA membership, including accruing points towards IEHJA year-end high point awards. Member status and benefits, including accrued points, may be revoked for non-payment of fees or other violation of the rules and policies of IEHJA.
- B. **Payment of fees:** Registration and payments must be submitted at the IEHJA year-end show or online at <https://iehja.com/membership/>. **Paper registration forms will not be accepted by mail or at IEHJA sanctioned shows (other than the IEHJA year-end show).**
- C. **Returned Fees:** If payment is returned as non-negotiable by the financial institution, the Treasurer will, within 10 days of receipt of the notice of insufficient funds, notify the individual responsible in writing of the overdue amount. If payment of all fees, including a \$35 charge for the returned payment, is received within 2 weeks of this notification, the member will be considered in Good Standing from the original registration date. If payment of all fees, including a \$35 charge for the returned payment, is received more than 2 weeks after this notification, the member will be considered in Good Standing from the date the successful payment is received.

- D. **Member Feedback:** The IEHJA Board of Directors (BoD) is always looking for ways to continue the success of the association. The BoD is very interested in hearing from the members, including complaints, concerns, and ideas about the association and improvements. Members are encouraged to submit feedback to the President by email at [info@iehja.org](mailto:info@iehja.org) or mail to 28311 Live Oak Canyon Rd., Redlands, CA 92373.

## PART 2 - SHOW YEAR

The Inland Empire Hunter Jumper Association (IEHJA) show year will be from December 1 to November 30 of each year.

## PART 3 - SHOW CONDUCT

- A. **Split Classes:** Flat classes must be split if there are twenty (20) or more horses entered, with ribbons awarded to each section. Flat classes may be split if more than twelve (12) horses are entered, at the show manager's discretion. Points from both sections will count towards daily high points (if offered by the show) and year-end high points.
- B. **Equipment:** Rider and horse equipment used during IEHJA sanctioned shows must follow current USEF guidelines.
- C. **Electronic Devices:** No electronic devices including cell phones, pagers, iPods, or other electronic devices can be used while mounted, whether or not the rider is an exhibitor.
- D. **Request to Leave:** At the judge's or show manager's discretion any horse and/or rider deemed unsafe or any person deemed abusive may be asked to leave the arena or show grounds for that class, division, and/or the remainder of the day.
- E. **Unpaid Entries:** If an individual's payment for entry fees, etc., is returned as non-negotiable by their financial institution, the secretary of the sanctioned show shall make every effort to obtain full payment. Initial contact may be made telephonically or via email; however, final contact must be completed within thirty days, and final contact must be completed in writing. Should the individual not complete payment within thirty (30) days, the show secretary will notify the Chair, Membership and Public Relations Committee (MPRC). **If the individual is a member in Good Standing, their status will be revoked until payment of all fees and charges is received by the show.** Further, regardless of membership status, the Chair, Show Management, will notify all show managers for IEHJA sanctioned shows that the individual has been placed on the "Unpaid Entries" list. It will be the decision of the show manager to accept payment, other than cash, from that individual.
- F. **Non-Compliance:** Any concern or complaint must first be brought to the attention of the Show Manager, if possible, for resolution. If the matter is not resolved by the Show Manager, or it is not possible to raise the concern at the time of the show, then the issue may be presented in writing to the IEHJA. The complainant has ten days from the date of the show to raise the issue. Issues concerning Official Rules, Policies, and By-Laws should be addressed to the Chair of the By-Laws and Rules Committee. Issues concerning

membership, rider status, or points, should be addressed to the Chair of the Membership Committee. Contact information can be found at <https://iehja.com/about-iehja/>.

#### PART 4 - POINTS

A. **Membership Requirements:** To accrue points towards year end awards for all divisions and medals, the trainer, rider, horse, and horse owner must be members in Good Standing.

B. **Point Scale:** Class points are awarded up to 6<sup>th</sup> place as follows:

Number in Class	3	4	5	6	7	8+
1st place	5	6	7	8	9	10
2nd place	3	4	5	6	7	8
3rd place	2	3	4	5	6	7
4th place		2	3	4	5	6
5th place			2	3	4	5
6th place				2	3	4

C. **Class Size:** At least three (3) officially judged entrants must compete for a class to count for points. In over fences classes, three riders must enter the ring and start the course. Classes may be combined at the Show Manager's discretion. If combined, points will be attributed to the exhibitor's appropriate class/division.

D. **Substitutions:** Horse substitutions are not accepted for any reason including, but not limited to short term injury, permanent injury, health, sale or death

E. **Shows:** A rider or horse must compete at four (4) IEHJA sanctioned shows to be eligible for IEHJA Year End Awards.

F. **Final Points:** All point standings are final unless a discrepancy report, submitted to the **Chair of the Points Committee**, is received in writing within fifteen (15) days of the final points being posted on the IEHJA website. Contact information can be found at <https://iehja.com/about-iehja/>.

G. **High Point Awards:** For each IEHJA division a year-end Championship and Reserve Championship award will be given. In the case of a tie for Championship, Championship Awards will be presented to each member involved in the tie and no Reserve Championship will be awarded. Should there be a tie for Reserve Championship, IEHJA will award Reserve Championship year end awards to each member involved in the tie in addition to the Championship award.

## PART 5 - MEDALS

### Section 1 - Description and General Information

Non-IEHJA members may enter Medal classes, but will not accrue points towards the Year-End Medal Finals or the Year-End Medal Awards. At least three exhibitors must enter the arena and start the course for the class to be offered.

- A. **IEHJA Flat Medal:** Flatwork only. Must incorporate at least three of the USEF tests 1-9. Work off at the Judge's discretion.
- B. **IEHJA 2'3" Medal:** Riders to jump a course of fences at 2'3" with at least 8 fences. Combinations and oxers are NOT permitted. At the Judge's discretion, there may be a work off of two or more of the top riders. The judge may select from any of the USEF tests 1-18 (excluding test 16). Open to Junior and Amateur riders who have never won a Medal Final at this height or have never won an equitation over fences class of 2'6" in height or higher. Riders who win an equitation over fences class of 2'6" or higher after qualifying for the IEHJA 2'3" Medal Finals shall be permitted to ride in the IEHJA 2'3" Medal Finals. Riders may not enter into the 2'6" or 2'9" medal classes.
- C. **IEHJA 2'6" Medal:** Riders to jump a course of fences at 2'6" with at least 8 fences, including oxers and at least one change of direction. One bending line or a roll back is required. At the Judge's discretion, there may be work off of two or more of the top riders. The judge may select from any of the USEF tests 1-18 (excluding test 16). Open to Junior and Amateur riders who have never won a Medal Final at this height or have never won an equitation class of 3'0" in height or higher. Riders who win an equitation over fences class of 3'0" or higher after qualifying for the IEHJA 2'6" Medal Finals shall be permitted to ride in the IEHJA 2'6" Medal Finals. Riders are permitted to cross enter into the IEHJA 2'9" Medal.
- D. **IEHJA 2'9" Medal:** Riders to jump a course of fences at 2'9" with at least 8 fences, including oxers and two changes of direction. At least one bending line or a roll back is required. At the Judge's discretion, there may be a work off of two or more of the top riders. The judge may select from any of the USEF test 1-18 (excluding test 16). Open to Juniors and Amateurs who have never won a Medal Final at this height or have never won an equitation over fences class of 3'3" or higher. Riders who win an equitation over fences class of 3'3" or higher after qualifying for the IEHJA 2'9" Medal Finals shall be permitted to ride in the IEHJA 2'9" Medal Finals. Riders are permitted to cross enter into the IEHJA 2'6" Medal.

### Section 2 - IEHJA Medal Finals

- A. **Qualification:** To qualify for an IEHJA Medal Final, exhibitors must either win an IEHJA Medal class at that level or earn a minimum cumulative total of 10 points in IEHJA Medal classes at that level. Exhibitors may continue to compete in any IEHJA Medal class for which they are eligible, even after qualifying for Medal Finals at that level in the current show year.
- B. **Location:** The Medal Finals will take place at the IEHJA Year End Horse Show. Only exhibitors who have previously qualified for the Medal Finals during that show year may

compete in the Medal Finals. Once an exhibitor has won a Medal Final they are no longer eligible to compete in that Medal.

- C. Courses:** There will be two rounds for each over fences Medal Final, and course design elements will be the same as listed for each Medal. A work off is required of at least the top two riders. The judge may select from any of the USEF tests 1-18 (excluding test 16).
- D. Points:** No points accrue during Medal Finals.
- E. Cross-Entry:** Riders are permitted to cross-enter between the 2'6" and 2'9" Medal Finals. Riders may cross-enter between the Flat Medal Final and any of the over fences Medal Finals. Riders in the 2'6" and 2'9" Medal Final may not cross enter into the 2'3" Medal Final.

### **Section 3 - Medal Awards**

- A. The winner of each Medal Final will be presented with a special award at the IEHJA Annual Banquet.
- B. The exhibitor who receives the highest number of points in the show year for each Medal Class, regardless of whether that individual wins the Medal Final, will receive a special award at the IEHJA Annual Banquet.

## **PART 6 - IEHJA APPROVED DIVISIONS/CLASSES AND SPECIFICATIONS**

The following divisions and classes are approved by IEHJA. A class comparison chart will be available upon request from Chair, Points Committee. Contact information can be found at <https://iehja.com/about-iehja/>.

### **Walk-Trot Division**

- Walk-Trot Pleasure
- Walk-Trot Equitation
- Walk-Trot Hunter under Saddle
- Walk-Trot Obedience
- Walk-Trot over Rails

Open to junior and amateur riders to be shown at the walk and trot only. Once a rider competes in any other division, they may not return to the Walk-Trot division. Points in this division follow the rider.

### **Cross-Rail Division (18" at center)**

- Cross-Rail Equitation over Fences
- Cross-Rail Hunters over Fences
- Cross-Rail Hunters Twice Around
- Cross-Rail Hunter under Saddle
- Cross-Rail Pleasure
- Cross-Rail Equitation

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 18". Riders may enter any flat class in any division with fences not to exceed 2'3". Riders may trot or canter the fences. Points in this division follow the rider. Riders who have competed over fence heights of 2' or higher may not compete in this division.

### **Short Stirrup Division (2')**

- Short Stirrup Hunters
- Short Stirrup Equitation over fences
- Short Stirrup Hunter under Saddle
- Short Stirrup Equitation

Open to junior riders age 12 and under as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. Fence height is 2' with no oxers. Riders who have competed over fences higher than 2'6" in height are not eligible for this division. Riders may not cross enter into classes with fence heights exceeding 2'3". Points in this division follow the rider.

### **Long Stirrup Division (2')**

- Long Stirrup Hunters
- Long Stirrup Equitation over fences
- Long Stirrup Hunter under Saddle
- Long Stirrup Equitation

Open to junior riders age 13-17 as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. Fence height is 2' with no oxers. Riders who have competed over fences higher than 2'6" in height are not eligible for this division. Riders may not cross enter into classes with fence heights exceeding 2'3". Points in this division follow the rider.

### **Rusty Stirrup Division (2')**

- Rusty Stirrup Hunters
- Rusty Stirrup Equitation over Fences
- Rusty Stirrup Hunter under Saddle
- Rusty Stirrup Equitation

Open to amateur riders age 18 and over as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. Fence height is 2' with no oxers. Riders who have competed over fences higher than 2'6" in height are not eligible for this division. Riders may not cross enter into classes with fence heights exceeding 2'3". Points in this division follow the rider.

### **Green Rider Division (2'3")**

- Green Rider Hunters
- Green Rider Equitation over Fences
- Green Rider Hunter under Saddle
- Green Rider Equitation

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 2'3" with oxers. Riders may cross enter into either Stirrup Divisions or Low Children/Amateur Division, but not both. Riders may not cross enter into any classes with fence heights exceeding 2'6". Riders under the age of 40 also competing at 2'6" may only enter if they are in their first two years of showing at 2'6". Riders at the age of 40 and over may compete at 2'6" and Green Rider as long as they are no longer competing at 2'9" or over. Points in this division follow the rider.

### **Low Children / Adult Amateur Hunter Division (2'6")**

- Low Children / Adult Amateur Hunters
- Low Children / Adult Amateur Handy Hunters
- Low Children / Adult Amateur Hunter under Saddle

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 2'6" with oxers. Riders may cross enter into either the Green Rider Division or the Children's/Amateur Divisions, but not both. Riders may

not cross enter into any divisions with fences 3' or higher. Riders may not cross enter into Stirrup Divisions. Points in this division follow the horse.

**Children / Adult Amateur Hunter Division (2'9")**

- Children / Adult Amateur Hunters
- Children / Adult Amateur Handy Hunters
- Children / Adult Amateur Hunter under Saddle

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 2'9" with oxers. Riders may cross enter into Low Children/Adult Amateur Divisions. Riders may not cross enter into Green Rider Division or Stirrup Divisions. Points in this division follow the horse.

**Junior / Amateur Hunter Division (3')**

- Junior /Amateur Hunters
- Junior /Amateur Handy Hunters
- Junior /Amateur Hunter under Saddle

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 3' with oxers. Riders may cross enter into Children's /Amateur Division. Riders may not cross enter into Green Rider Division, Stirrup Divisions, or Low Children/Adult Amateur Divisions. Points in this division follow the horse.

**Low Children / Adult Amateur Equitation Division (2'6")**

- Low Children / Adult Amateur Equitation Over Fences
- Low Children / Adult Amateur Equitation Over Fences
- Low Children / Adult Amateur Flat Equitation

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 2'6" with oxers. Equitation over fences class may have one bending line. Riders may cross enter into either the Green Rider Division or the Children's/Amateur Division, but not both. Riders may not cross enter into any divisions with fences 3' or higher. Riders may not cross enter into Stirrup Divisions. Points in this division follow the rider.

**Children / Adult Amateur Equitation Division (2'9")**

- Children / Adult Amateur Equitation over Fences
- Children / Adult Amateur Equitation over Fences
- Children / Adult Amateur FlatEquitation

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 2'9" with oxers. Equitation over fences class may have one bending line and a trot fence. Riders may cross enter into Low Children/Adult Amateur Divisions. No cross entries into Green Rider Division or Stirrup Divisions. Points in this division follow the rider.

**Junior / Amateur Equitation Division (3')**

- Junior /Amateur Equitation over Fences
- Junior /Amateur Equitation over Fences
- Junior /Amateur Flat Equitation

Open to junior and amateur riders. Fence height is 3' with oxers. Equitation over fences class may have one bending line and a trot fence. Riders may cross enter into Children / Adult Amateur Divisions. No cross entries into Green Rider Division, Stirrup Divisions, or Low Children/Adult Amateur Divisions. Points in this division follow the rider.

**Open Cross-Rail Hunter Division (18" at center)**

- Cross-Rail Hunters
- Cross-Rail Hunters Twice Around

#### Cross-Rail Hunter under Saddle

Open to all horses and riders. Riders may trot or canter the fences. Points in this division to follow the horse. Fence height is 18".

#### **Baby Green Hunter Division (2'3")**

- Baby Green Hunters
- Baby Green Handy Hunters
- Baby Green Hunter under Saddle

Open to horses in their in their first or second year of showing. Fence height is 2'3" with oxers. Horses may not have competed over fences higher than 2'6" in height. Points in this division follow the horse.

#### **Low Hunter Division (2'6")**

- Low Hunters
- Low Handy Hunters
- Low Hunter under Saddle

Open to all horses. Fence height is 2'6" with oxers. Points in this division follow the horse.

#### **Modified Hunter Division (2'9")**

- Modified Hunters
- Modified Handy Hunters
- Modified Hunter under Saddle

Open to all horses. Fence height is 2'9" with oxers. Points in this division follow the horse.

#### **Schooling Children's / Amateur Jumpers Division (0.7m or 2'3")**

- Schooling Children's / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b
- Schooling Children's / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b
- Schooling Children's / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

Open to junior and amateur riders. Riders may not cross enter into any division with fences 2'9" or higher. Points in this division follow the horse.

#### **Low Children's / Amateur Jumpers Division (0.75m or 2'6")**

- Low Children's / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b
- Low Children's / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b
- Low Children's / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

Open to junior and amateur riders. Riders may not cross enter into any division with fences 3' or higher. Points in this division follow the horse.

#### **Schooling Jumpers Division (0.75m or 2'6")**

- Schooling Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b
- Schooling Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b
- Schooling Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

Open to all riders. Points in this division follow the horse.

#### **Children's / Amateur Jumpers Division (0.85m or 2'9")**

- Children's / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b
- Children's / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b
- Children's / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

Open to junior and amateur riders. Riders may not cross enter into any division with fences 3'3" or higher. Points in this division follow the horse.



### **Pre-Training Jumpers Division (0.85m or 2'9")**

Pre-Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Pre-Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Pre-Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

Open to all riders. Points in this division follow the horse.

### **Training Jumpers Division (0.9m or 3')**

Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Training Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

Open to all riders. Points in this division follow the horse.

### **Junior / Amateur Division (0.9m or 3')**

Junior/Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Junior/Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Junior/Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

Open to junior and amateur riders. Points in this division follow the horse.

### **Modified Jumpers Division (1.0m or 3'3")**

Modified Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Modified Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Modified Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

Open to all riders. Points in this division follow the horse.

### **Modified Junior / Amateur Division (1.0m or 3'3")**

Modified Junior / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Modified Junior / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Modified Junior / Amateur Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

Open to junior and amateur riders. Points in this division follow the horse.

### **Open Jumpers Division (1.1m or 3'6")**

Open Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Open Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2b

Open Jumpers, Table II, Sec. 2c

Open to all riders. Points in this division follow the horse.

## **PART 7 - JUMPER DIVISIONS**

### **Section 1 - Tables and Class Descriptions**

USEF rules on Jumper Tables will be followed, unless specifically noted below.

**Table II, Section 2 (b):** If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults. The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed. There must be a minimum of eight jumping efforts.

**Table II, Section 2 (c):** Two Phase Competitions: The first phase to consist of 8 to 10 jumping efforts and the second phase (immediate jump-off) of 5 to 7 jumping efforts. Scores are

decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed, if any. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round he/she will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the designated jump-off course without stopping. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial course. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place there will be one jump-off in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults.

### **Section 2 – Show Management Discretion**

**Timing:** At management's discretion, the first round of any jumper course does not have to have a time allowed. The jump-off round(s) must be timed by electronic or manual means.

### **Section 3 – General Rider Rules**

- A. Once you have acknowledged the judge and received an audible approval to begin, you have 45 seconds to begin your course. For the jump-off, once you receive an audible approval, you have 30 seconds to begin your jump-off.
- B. Two refusals results in a no score elimination. The rider may, at the judge's discretion, take one schooling fence in the process of exiting the arena.
- C. A fall of the horse and/or the rider results in elimination. No schooling fence may be taken.
- D. Refusing to acknowledge the judge and obtain audible approval to start course results in elimination for that round only.
- E. A knockdown results in four faults.
- F. First refusal of a fence is four faults.
- G. Time faults are one-quarter fault per second over the maximum time allowed.
- H. Crossing your track results in four faults.