

**BYLAWS OF THE COASTAL HUNTER CIRCUIT
UPDATED 9/2009**

ARTICLE I

MEMBERS

Section 1. **Senior Members.** Any person who is 18 years of age or older may become a Senior Member of the Coastal Hunter Circuit (hereinafter referred to as "CHC") by submitting a properly completed and signed application, on a form approved by the Board of Directors, to the Executive Secretary along with payment of the annual dues as established from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. **Junior Members.** Any person who is under 18 years of age may become a Junior Member of the CHC by submitting a properly completed and signed application, on a form approved by the Board of Directors, to the Executive Secretary along with payment of the annual dues as established from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. **Farm/Stable Members.** Any farm or stable may become a Farm/Stable Member of the CHC by submitting a properly completed and signed application, on a form approved by the Board of Directors, to the Executive Secretary along with payment of the annual dues as established from time to time by the Board of Directors. Each such member shall designate one Senior Member to act as its representative and cast its votes. The Farm/Stable Member shall have all of the same rights and duties as a Senior Member. In addition a Farm/Stable Member shall be allowed to register school horses, owned by the farm or stable, for year-end awards, at no additional fee.

Section 4. **Show Members.** Each corporation, organization, association or individual desiring to hold a horse show recognized by the CHC shall become a Show Member of the CHC as a prerequisite to holding such horse show recognized by the CHC. Each entity desiring a Show Membership must submit a properly completed and signed application, on a form approved by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Rules of the CHC along with payment of the annual dues as established from time to time by the Board of Directors. When any entity holds more than one horse show in a given year, it must apply for separate Show Recognition for each horse show held. To obtain a Show Membership, the manager of the horse show must be a Senior Member of the CHC. Each Show Member shall have the same rights and duties as a Senior Member.

Section 5. **Term of Membership.** Each membership shall commence when the properly completed and signed application form and payment of the annual dues have been received by the Executive Secretary. All memberships shall expire on the next occurring November 30. All memberships shall be renewable on an annual basis as of each December 1.

Section 6. **Age of Members.** For purposes of determining whether a person is eligible for Junior or Senior Membership, that person shall be deemed to be the age which they were on the most recently past December 1. This date shall also be used to determine a rider's age for Equitation and Hunter divisions.

Section 7. **Termination of Membership.** The Board of Directors may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing by a majority vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting and may terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership.

Section 8. **Reinstatement.** On written request and signed by a former member and filed with the Executive Secretary, the Board of Directors may, by a majority vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, reinstate such former member to membership on such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

Section 9. **Transfer of Membership.** Membership in this corporation is not transferable or assignable.

Section 10. **Annual Dues:** Dues for the current year must accompany each application for membership and are payable on or before December 1st, as follows:

Individual Member \$20.00

Horse Membership Lifetime (does not transfer owners) \$15.00

Farm Membership \$30.00

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS' MEETING

Section 1. **Annual Meetings.** The annual meeting of the members shall be held on a date determined by the Board of Directors not earlier than December 1 and not later than January 31 in each fiscal year of CHC commencing in the fiscal year beginning December 1 for the election other business as may come before the meeting. If the annual meeting shall not be held as designated herein or on any subsequent date to which the annual meeting may be adjourned, the Board of Directors shall cause the annual meeting to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.

Section 2. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the members for any purpose may be held whenever called by the President and shall be called by the President at the written request of at least three members of the Board of Directors or 30% of the combined total of Senior Members, Farm/Stable Members and Show Members.

Section 3. **Place of Meeting.** All meetings of the members of CHC for the election of directors or for any other purpose shall be held at the place designated in the call and notice of the meeting.

Section 4. **Notice of Meetings.** At least 30 days notice of each annual meeting of the members, and at least 10 days notice of each special meeting, shall be given to each member of record email or notification on www.coastalhuntercircuit.com. Such notice shall state the time and place of the meeting, and, in the case of special meetings, in general terms the purposes thereof.

Section 5. **Quorum.** Except as otherwise required by statute, at any meeting of the members, ten or more Senior Members, Farm/Stable Members and Show Members, shall be present in person and shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the Senior Members, Farm/Stable Members and Show Members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of more than thirty days at any one time, until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be represented, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called. No notice of an adjourned meeting need be given.

Section 6. **Voting.** Every Senior Member, Farm/Stable Member and Show Member shall be entitled to one vote. Except as provided herein or in the Articles of Incorporation or otherwise provided, all corporate action shall be determined by a vote of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the members.

Section 7. **Proxy.** No member may vote by proxy at a meeting of members.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1. **Executive Officers.** The executive officers of CHC, constituting the Board of Directors, shall be a President, a Vice President, an Executive Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Senior Members, Farm/Stable Members and Show Members. To be eligible for election as an executive officer, the person must be a member in good standing of the CHC. For an individual to be President, he/she must be a member of CHC as of March 1 of the year preceding the term of office. If an individual holds more than one executive office he/she is limited to one vote at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. **Subordinate Officers.** The Board of Directors may appoint other officers or agents as shall be deemed necessary for efficiently carrying on the business of CHC and all other officers so appointed shall hold their offices for such term shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. **Tenure of Executive Officers.** The executive officers of CHC shall be elected at the annual meeting of members and shall hold office for a period of two years. Any executive officer may be removed with cause at any time as provided in Article IV, Section 2 of these Bylaws. If any executive office of CHC becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term of the vacant office. There shall be no limit on the number of times a person may be reelected as an executive officer.

Section 4. **President.** The President shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of CHC and shall have active and general management of the affairs and business of CHC. He/she shall preside at all meetings of members, directors and the Executive Committee and shall see that all resolutions and orders of the members, directors and Executive Committee are carried into effect; he/she shall do and perform all such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by the members, directors or Executive Committee. When called for by vote of members, at any meeting of the members, he/she shall give a full report and clear statement of the business and condition of CHC and report such recommendations as he/she may think proper for best promoting the interests of CHC; he/she shall perform such other duties as are incidental to his/her office; he/she shall direct the activities and business of the corporation and shall have all of the authority and general powers of supervision and management usually vested in the office of the President of the corporation.

Section 5. **Vice President.** A Vice President shall do and perform the usual duties incident to such offices and shall do and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President. The Vice President shall also perform such additional duties, if any, as may be required of him/her by the Board of Directors or the President.

Section 6. **Recording Secretary.** The Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the members and record all votes and the minutes of all such meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose.

Section 7. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect all money payable to the Association, shall have custody of and be responsible for the funds of the Association, which will be deposited in such banks as the Board of Directors designate. He/she shall pay any indebtedness of CHC from the funds of CHC. He/she shall present to the Board of Directors a quarterly written report of the financial condition of the CHC including a balance sheet and income and expense statement. The records of the Treasurer should be retained for 10 years.

Section 8. **Executive Secretary.** The Executive Secretary shall keep accurate records of membership, recording of horses, recognition of horse shows; points accumulated at all CHC shows. Will be responsible for the overseeing of the CHC website.

Section 9. **Committees.** The Executive Officers of the CHC may appoint additional committees to perform needed functions to benefit the CHC. These committees shall perform such duties as advertising, awards, fund raising and public relations. The terms for each committee shall extend up to two years.

Section 10. **Compensation.** No executive office of CHC shall be compensated for his/her services as such, but may be reimburses for expenses incurred as directed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

DIRECTORS

Section 1. **General Powers and Number.** The business and affairs of the CHC shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members. These nine members shall include the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, immediate past President of CHC, a maximum of four at large directors (hereinafter referred to as the "At-Large Directors"). The Board of Directors shall have the power to consider all alleged violations of the Rules or Bylaws of the CHC as referred to it by the Hearing Committee, and if it finds a violation to have occurred to impose disciplinary action or a penalty therefore as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion shall deem appropriated. The Board of Directors shall further have the power to interpret and construe the Rules and Bylaws of the CHC, and its construction and interpretation shall be final and binding.

Section 2. **Election, Appointment and Term of Office.** Those who are members of the Board of Directors by virtue of being the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected at each annual meeting of the members to hold office for a period of two years and until their successors shall be elected and shall qualify. Any Member desiring to serve on the Board of Directors must submit their intent to the current Board of Directors at the last regular meeting of the year.

The President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by a vote of the Senior Members, Farm/Stable Members and Show Members. A nominee receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be deemed elected. The person serving as a director by virtue of being immediate past President shall serve a one-year term (unless

the President shall be reelected to that office, or to another office which requires him/her to serve on the Board of Directors, in which case the prior immediate past President shall continue to serve as director) and until his successor shall qualify for office. The At-Large Directors shall be appointed by the President of CHC for a term of two years and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified for office, with as nearly as possible, one-half of the At-Large Directors terms expiring each year. The members of the Board of Directors, shall at any meeting be vested with authority to remove any director or executive officer with cause, which may include a determination that such director or executive officer has become ineffective in his/her position. Prior to any such removal, those seeking such removal shall first advise the Board of Directors of the facts and circumstances alleged to constitute grounds for such removal and the Hearing Committee shall promptly thereafter make an investigation of the facts and present a report of its findings of the facts to the Board of Directors. Any director who is absent from 50% of the meetings of the Board of Directors in a fiscal year shall be deemed to have given cause for his/her removal without the necessity for giving notice thereof or an investigation by the Hearing Committee.

Section 3. **Vacancies.** In case of any vacancies among the directors, through death, resignation, disqualification, removal, or other cause, a successor, other than the At-Large Directors, shall be elected by the remaining members of the Board of Directors to serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. A successor for an At-Large Director shall be appointed by the President to serve for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office.

Section 4. **Place of Meeting.** The directors may hold their meetings at such places as the Board may from time to time determine.

Section 5. **Annual Meeting.** The Board of Directors shall meet as soon as practicable after the annual meeting of the members (preferably immediately after the annual meeting of the members) for the purpose of organization and the transaction of other business. No notice of such meeting shall be required.

Section 6. **Regular and Special Meetings.** The Board of Directors shall hold at least four regular meetings between its annual meeting and the next annual members' meeting at such time as they may determine, and may hold special meetings whenever called by the President, Vice President in the absence of the President, the Recording Secretary or any three members of the Board. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be given at least ten days in advance of the meeting. Notice of any special or regular meeting of the Board shall be given by email or notification on the CHC website and the purpose need not be stated. Except as otherwise required by statute, or by the notice of the meeting, any and all business may be transacted at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

Section 7. **Quorum and Proxy.** Fifty percent of the directors shall constitute a quorum and it shall be necessary for at least a majority of those directors present at any meeting to agree upon any resolution or action of the Board for it to be valid and effective. Members of the Board of Directors may vote by written proxy given to another member of the Board of Directors and proxies present at a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be used to determine the presence of a quorum.

Section 8. **Compensation of Directors.** The directors shall not receive any salary for their services; but nothing herein contained shall preclude any director from serving CHC in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

Section 9. **Chairman.** At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the President, or the Vice President in the absence of the President, shall preside.

Section 10. **Committees.** The Board of Directors may, from time to time, appoint committees from prospective members thereof nominated by the President for any purpose and by majority vote of the entire Board, may delegate to any such committee or to any officer or officers, such powers as the Board may deem expedient. The Board of Directors shall appoint the following standing committees:

A) **Executive Committee.** The President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have all of the authority of the Board of Directors except the authority to:

- (1) amend the Bylaws;
- (2) adopt a plan of merger or consolidation;

- (3) sell, lease exchange or otherwise dispose of substantially all of the property and assets of the CHC;
- (4) voluntarily dissolve the CHC, revoke such proceedings, or recommend same.

The Executive Committee shall act by a majority of its members. The Board of Directors shall be notified promptly of any such action taken by the Executive Committee and, in the absence of written objection to the action by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors within ten days following notification, such action shall be considered the action of the Board.

(C) **Hearing Committee.** The Hearing Committee shall consist of not less than four nor more than eight directors, with the exact number to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Hearing Committee to hear all protests and charges in connection with alleged violation of the Rules and Bylaws of the CHC. The Hearing Committee shall recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors. All reports of the Hearing Committee shall remain confidential to the Board of Directors. Members for the Hearing Committee shall be nominated at the annual meeting and then presented to the Board of Directors by the incoming President for approval before the first horse show of the season.

ARTICLE V

BANK ACCOUNTS, CHECKS, AND SECURITIES

Section 1. **CHC Funds.** Bank accounts for the deposit of funds of the CHC may be opened in such banks as may be selected and designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. Funds of the CHC may also be invested in such savings and loan associations as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. **Checks.** Said banks and savings and loan associations are authorized to make payments from the funds of CHC on deposit or invested with them, such payments to be made upon presentation of checks or withdrawal orders signed by such official or officials as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. The use of facsimile signatures of such officials may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

LIQUIDATION

In event of liquidation or dissolution of CHC, whether voluntary or involuntary, no member, officer or director of CHC shall be entitled to any distribution or division of assets proceeds or profits of CHC.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

Section 1. **Directors.** These Bylaws may be altered, amended or replaced by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the directors then holding office at any regular meeting or at any special meeting of the Board, if notice of the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal be contained in the notice of the meeting. However, any bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors may be altered, amended or repealed, and new bylaws may be adopted by the members.

Section 2. **Members.** The Senior Members may alter, amend or repeal these Bylaws and adopt new bylaws at any regular meeting or at any special meeting of the members, if notice of the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal be contained in the notice of the meeting. The Senior Members may prescribe that any bylaw or bylaws adopted by them shall not be altered, amended, or repealed by the Board of Directors.

HORSE SHOW DATES

The CHC horse show calendar runs from December 1 to November 30 in conjunction with the USEF show year. All applications for horse show dates must be requested and approved by the Board of Directors.

Any member show which violates the Bylaws of the CHC will be found not in good standing and will be subject to the penalties of the CHC. Points at said show will not count for annual awards.

STEWARDS

Steward shall act to assist in compliance with the CHC rules and bylaws.

HORSE SHOW RESULTS

Within 15 days following the approved show, the results reflecting the first thru six places for the horse or rider and the first thru four places for the CHC championships and reserves must be submitted to the CHC Executive Secretary. All records must be maintained for two years.

HORSE SHOW JUDGES

Qualified judges are essential to good horse shows. It is suggested that USEF judges or judges approved by a state level organization will be allowed to judge a CHC show. It is recommended that a judge only once during the show year. A variety of opinions will improve the quality of the shows.

HORSE SHOW FENCES/COURSES

Good courses improve performance. A thorough knowledge and careful application of the rules will help to insure a continuing improvement in the standard of the hunter division. Well designed courses always remain the prime requisite for successful classes. Responsibility for construction of courses is a function of the show committee. A hunter course shall be any course which management deems a **fair** test of a hunter.

Fifty percent or more of the obstacles must be at least the required height and none to be more than 3” under or over. Exception: Weather or footing conditions. All obstacles must be 20' wide or have wings of at least 24" wide that are at least 12" higher than the obstacle, and no line should be less than 60', with the exception being medal courses. A ground line is recommended for all fences. Course diagrams must be posted at least one hour before the scheduled time of the class. The diagram of the course must show the obstacles and the order and direction from which the obstacle must be taken. Fence distances of 90' or less from base to base must be indicated on the diagram. A three (3) inch difference is recommended for the back element of an obstacle (oxer). An in and out is considered two obstacles and may never be used at the start of a course. Fences shall simulate obstacles found in the hunting field such as a natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fences or gate, chicken coup, Aiken, hedge or oxer.

Suggested Horse Hunter Distances

Horse distances can be increased or decreased by 3 inches per stride, depending on fence height, footing and ring conditions.

Strides 12' stride

1	24'
2	36'
3	48'
4	60'
5	72'
6	84'
7	96'
8	108'

HORSE SHOW INDEBTEDNESS

Any exhibitor/owner failing to settle its indebtedness with any CHC show will automatically be barred from showing at any CHC show.

Any member show which violates the Bylaws of the Association is not in good standing and will be subject to the penalties of the CHC. Points at such shows will not be scorable for annual awards.

**CHC RULES
UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2009**

WARM-UP POLICY

All show management will follow the policy listed in this rule book unless otherwise posted.

- 1) Large Hunter Ring is open for FLAT WARMUP ONLY. Ring starts at 8:30 AM.
- 2) Small Hunter Ring is open for Crossbar warm-up. A schooling supervisor should check in horses at the gate. All riders must sign in with the schooling supervisor. Only one trainer in the ring at a time unless the trainers have agreed on something prior to entering the ring. All crossbar warm-up riders must enter the crossbar warm-up with the show secretary prior to entering the ring.

CHC ANNUAL AWARD DIVISIONS

Walk-Trot	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-10 th
Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-10 th
Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-10 th
Crossbar	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-10 th
Short Stirrup Hunter	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Long Stirrup Hunter	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Pre-Green	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Pre-Child Hunter	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Pre-Adult Hunter	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Child Hunter	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Adult Hunter	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Open Hunter	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Pleasure Horse	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Pleasure Pony	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Short Stirrup Eq.	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Long Stirrup Eq.	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
11 & Under Eq. O/F	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
11 & Under Eq. Flat	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
12-14 Eq. O/F	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
12-14 Eq. Flat	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
15-17 Eq. O/F	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
15-17 Eq. Flat	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Adult Eq. O/F	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th
Adult Eq. Flat	CHAMP-RES.CHAMP	3rd-6 th

All of the ribbons in all divisions include ties.

Beginner Division year end champion & reserve champion winners must move up to the next division.

POINTS

Points are as follows;	1st-10
	2nd-6
	3rd-4
	4th-2
	5 th -1
	6 th -.5
	Champion-20
	Res.Champion-12

Owner/Leasee/Agent of Horse/Pony **Must** be a paid member of CHC for points to count. Points count from date of joining. Riders or horse/rider combinations must show in at least 3 horse shows for year end points to count. Farms must record school horses with Executive Secretary for riders points to count.

Owners of AQHA or APPENDIX AQHA horses must provide a copy of registration papers to the Executive Secretary to be eligible for the AQHA year-end award.

Each division must have at least 3 entries at a show to fill the class for points to count towards year end awards.

Sections may be combined in order to fill a division. In such circumstances 11& Under will run with 12-14 Equitation and 15-17 Equitation will run with Adult Equitation. In equitation over fences classes, riders must compete at the correct fence height for their age.

There are no champion or reserve champion in the Equitation divisions. Hunter champion and reserve champion will be determined by the horse or pony with the most points over fences. In addition only the top four will receive full points for the under saddle class. If there is a tie then it goes to the most points over fences. Same for reserve champion. This applies to all divisions except Walk-Trot, Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter, and Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter where ties will be pinned.

Horses/Ponies may not enter more than 7 jumping classes per day or exceed a total of 12 classes at any show excluding Hunter Classic classes.

All entries will be required to submit proof of negative coggins and a signed release form to compete in CHC recognized shows. In the event of any dispute as to the number of points to be awarded toward year end awards in any particular class, the decision of the Board of Directors as to the number of points to be awarded shall be final.

RULES OF CONDUCT

Personal Conduct of Exhibitors, Coaches, and Show Personnel

It is expected that exhibitors, spectators, and coaches will behave in a manner that reflects the dignity of the sport. Ill-mannered conduct will not be tolerated; the show management may expel from the grounds any person whose behavior is deemed dishonest, unethical, unsportsmanlike, or detrimental to the health, safety, or well-being of any horse, person, or the Association during the progress of the show.

Cruelty

Equestrian sport is made possible by the animals, who serve the rider. This is a sport of grace and elegance, where rider and animal work as a team. There is neither grace nor elegance in an abusive spectacle. It is the responsibility, therefore, of all parties concerned to be aware of the conduct of participants and the condition of the horses; and, if a violation is observed, a report must be made immediately to the stewards.

Show Member Rules of Conduct

A show member may be subject to penalty by the CHC for violating the rules of conduct. Violations shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

Failure to:

1. Conduct a Show in accordance with Association Rules.
2. Provide the closest available ambulance on grounds or on call, plus qualified medical personnel
3. Pay its indebtedness to the Association.
4. Report the disqualification of a person at the show.
5. Present correct Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation courses.
6. Honor written contract with Judges, Stewards, or other Show Officials and employees.
7. The use of non-qualified Stewards.

8. Permitting persons or institutions not in good standing to participate in any manner.
9. Permitting acts which are improper, intemperate, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or contrary to the Rules of the Association.

FINES

All members will be fined an initial 50.00 dollars if has been determined by the Hearing Committee that the rules of conduct have been violated. A second violation by the same member or group of members will incur a 150.00 dollar fine and a third violation will make the member or group of members subject to suspension.

DIVISIONS

HUNTER

Short Stirrup 2'

Open to any horse or pony with their rider 12 & under. Rider may not have previously shown over fences 2'3" or higher. Two year eligibility. May cross enter 11 & under, 12-14 equitation flat, Pleasure Horse/Pony ONLY! Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup may be run together at the discretion of show management unless there are more than eight entries in each division at which time they must run separately.

Long Stirrup 2'

Open to any horse or pony with the rider 13 & over. Rider may not have previously shown over fences 2'3" or higher within the past 5 years. Two year eligibility. Riders may cross enter age group Eq. Division flat ONLY, and Pleasure Horse/Pony ONLY! Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup may be run together at the discretion of show management unless there are more than eight entries in each division at which time they must run separately.

Schooling

Open to all horses or ponies. Adults may ride ponies. Class must be entered with Show Secretary prior to showing.

Pre-Green 2'3"

Open to all horses or ponies in their 1st year of showing over fences at any USEF or local show anywhere 2 feet or higher. Adults may ride ponies.

Pony Hunter

Open to all ponies ridden by a junior rider. Fence heights small - 2', medium - 2'3", or large - 2'6". Ponies are required to have a measurement card or have been measured in the presence of two Board Members by a licensed Steward or Veterinarian and information kept on file with the Executive Secretary for the pony of record.

Pre-Ch/Adult 2'6"

Open to children & adult amateurs on ponies or horses. Adults may ride ponies.

Ch/Adult 2'9"

Open to all children & adult amateurs on ponies or horses. The horse/rider combination may not cross enter any division 2'6" or higher. Adults may ride ponies.

Open 2'6"/3'

Open to all riders.

EQUITATION

Walk-Trot	Open to beginner riders of any age. Riders may not have shown in a canter class prior to the start of the show year. May cross enter into Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter. Martingales are permissible. Riders will not be asked to back. The division will be split if there are more than 8 entries in the class.
Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter	Open to beginner riders of any age. May cross enter into Walk-Trot Only. Martingales are permissible. The division will be split if there are more than 8 entries in the class.
Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter	Open to beginner riders of any age. Rider may cross enter into Cross-Bar, Hunter Hack, and Beginner Cross-Bar. Martingales are permissible.
Beginner Cross-Bar	Open to beginner horses or riders. Course may be trotted or cantered. To be judged as a hunter class. Will be pinned as a Blue/Red class. Martingales are permissible.
Crossbar	Open to beginners who have not shown over fences higher than cross bars prior to the show year. Riders may cross enter Adv. Walk-Trot-Canter, Hunter Hack, Beginner Cross-Bar, Age Group Eq. on the Flat, and Pleasure. Martingales are permissible. Simple lead changes not penalized.
Short Stirrup 2'	Open to all Short Stirrup riders.
Long Stirrup 2'	Open to all Long Stirrup riders.
11 & under Eq. 2'	Open to riders 11 years of age and under as of the beginning of the show season (December 1).
12-14 Eq. 2'6	Open to riders 12-14 years of age as of the beginning of the show season (December 1).
15-17 Eq. 2'9"	Open to riders 15-17 years of age as of the beginning of the show season (December 1).
Adult Amateur 2'6"	Open to adult amateur riders.
CHC Medal 2'9"	Open to all junior and amateur members over a modified 2'9" Hunter course. Only 1 rider per Horse horse or pony. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance & control of horse or pony. Must have 3 riders to fill the class. The top 10 point riders who have accumulated points during the show year will be invited to attend the year end medal finals.

EQUIPMENT, ATTIRE AND TACK

Section I –Tack and Equipment for Horse

Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles all with nosebands are recommended. Martingales of any type are prohibited in under saddle classes. Wraps, boots and bandages are prohibited in hunter classes. Competition management may permit bell boots if weather conditions warrant.

Section II – Show Attire

Riders must wear traditional short or long sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Management may wave jackets in extreme heat or inclement weather. Boots and / or shoes worn while riding anywhere on the competition grounds must have a

distinguishable heel. Riders must display the correct number clearly visible on their back while competing. Management or judge may eliminate an exhibitor that is inappropriately attired.

Section III – Headgear

All riders must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/ SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or the trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with the appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and that it is in good condition and fits properly.

Tests

A test may be performed either collectively or individually either as part of the original course or separately.

1. Halt (4 to 6 seconds) or halt and back.
2. Hand gallop.
3. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. At left diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when left front leg is on the ground; at right diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when right front leg is on the ground; when circling clockwise at a trot, rider should be on left diagonal; when circling counterclockwise, rider should be on the right diagonal.
4. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judge specifies) and restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. Figures to be commenced in center of two circles so that one change of lead is shown.
5. Work collectively or individually at a walk, trot and/or canter.
6. Jump low obstacles at a trot as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a trot jump is 3' for horses, 2' for ponies.
7. Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
8. Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack and equipment and conformation.
9. Ride without stirrups, riders must be allowed option to cross stirrups.
10. Jump low obstacles at a walk as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a walk jump is 2'.
11. Dismount and mount. Individually.
12. Turn on the forehand *through the walk or the halt. EC 10/20/08 Effective immediately*
13. Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
14. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead. (See EQ113.4 for simple change.)
15. Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead. (See EQ113.4 for simple change.)
16. Change horses. (Note: this test is the equivalent of two tests.)
17. Canter on counter lead. (Note: no more than twelve horses may counter canter at one time.)
18. Turn on the haunches from the walk.
19. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise judge beforehand what ride he plans to demonstrate.