

CHC RULES
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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
5th-1
6th-.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 at any show or 12 classes total 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 Hunter 2'

Open to any horse rider combination.

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 junior and adult amateur riders on a horse or pony who have not shown over fences exceeding 2'6" in height prior to riding in this division. Rider may not cross enter into any classes having a fence height greater than 2'6 with the exception of age group equitation classes.

Riders may participate in this division for no more than two years.

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 rider and horse combinations.

Junior/Amateur Hunter 3'

Open to horses shown by a junior/amateur exhibitor. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Cross entering into the Pre-child/Pre-adult and Child/Adult divisions with the same horse rider combination is prohibited.

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. 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 Horses 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.

COASTAL HUNTER CIRCUIT ARENA REQUIREMENTS

Arenas hosting CHC sanctioned shows must conform to the following requirements:

1. Two fenced in arenas large enough to perform the course laid out.
2. Judges with experience to judge at level, preferably with state or USEF rating.
3. A P.A. system that everyone can hear.
4. A tractor to drag the rings when needed.
5. Water available for watering horses as needed.
6. Approved jumps in both rings per USEF guidelines.
7. Enough parking for both truck/trailers and cars.
8. Shelter for the judges.
9. Personnel for ring crew (raise/lower jumps, gate people, ring master)
10. Administrative people for helping with the paper work.
11. An announcer.
12. Arenas must be available the day before the show. Course will be show ready by noon.
13. Some stalls must be available for rent.
14. The arena/farm must be a member in good standing with the Coastal Hunter Circuit.
15. Show management must agree to abide by all rules and policies set forth by CHC.
16. Shows must have approval of Coastal Hunter Circuit board.
17. Show dates must have approval of Coastal Hunter Circuit board.
18. Show grounds must have bathrooms.