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BY-LAWS

The By-Laws for BCHSA include the following 8 Articles.

I – OBJECTIVES

The Baltimore County Horse Show Association, Inc., operating as a non-profit organization, (the "Association" or "BCHSA") sets forth the following objectives:

- A. To promote and/or conduct horse shows clinics and other special events.
- B. To serve and promote the best interests of members, shows, and the exhibitors who participate in them.
- C. To coordinate and assign show dates to member shows, and to make adequate and fair rules governing competition, and to enforce them for the common benefit.
- D. To otherwise assist in connection with the exhibition of horses and ponies. The Baltimore County Horse Show Association Show Year commences on December 1 and ends on November 30.

II - MEMBERS

SECTION 1: INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Individual members shall be those persons admitted to membership in the Association as provided in the rules of the association and shall consist of the following classes:

- A. Senior Members-Those members who have reached their eighteenth birthday prior to December 1 of the Current Show Year. Senior members shall have the right to cast one vote at any meeting of members.
- B. Junior Members-Those members who have not reached their eighteenth birthday prior to December 1 of the Current Show Year and do not qualify as senior members. Junior members, 14-17 years shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of members. Juniors, 13 and under are invited to attend meetings and to voice their opinions but are not entitled to vote.

SECTION 2. SHOW MEMBERS

Show members shall be those organizations or others holding horse or pony shows, clinics, or other special events which have been elected to membership by the Board of Directors.

III – MEETINGS

- A. At the Annual meeting, as required, the officers of the club will be elected by senior and eligible junior members. The Annual meeting will be held during October each year and will be open to all Members.
- B. General meetings will be held at the following times: March and October before the banquet.
- C. Written, email or printed notice of every annual or special meeting of members shall be given to each individual, senior and junior member entitled to vote at such meeting not less than seven (7) days or more than sixty (60) days before the date of such meeting.

IV - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for elections must be made in writing before the start of the Annual meeting **or** be proposed at the appropriate time during the meeting.

SECTION 2. DIRECTORS

- A. At the Annual meeting, the eligible voting members shall elect two directors to serve for three years.
- B. The third three (3) year director shall be elected by the Board of Directors following the Annual meeting.
- C. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the remaining directors shall fill such vacancy by electing a director to fill the unexpired term.

D. The required new three (3) year directors are to be elected on a yearly basis.

SECTION 3. OFFICERS

Officers shall be elected by the eligible voting members as required at the Annual meeting.

V - DIRECTORS

NUMBER AND TERMS

- A. The number of elected directors shall be nine (9) Senior Members in good standing.
- B. Directors may only be elected for one three (3) year term. Directors are eligible for reelection after one (1) year.
- C. Any Director who shall be absent from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without being excused by the Board, shall thereupon be subject to removal as a Director by majority vote of the Directors present at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors.
- D. Each Board of Director will receive one free ticket to the Banquet of Champions.

VI - OFFICERS

ELECTIONS AND TERMS

- A. Officers shall be elected by the eligible voting members as required at the Annual meeting.
- B. Each elected officer may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in that office. (A term consists of two (2) years.)

VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION AND QUORUM

- A. The elected officers plus the elected directors shall make up the Board of Directors. The immediate past President shall be offered a seat on the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year following his/her term in office.
- B. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including amendments to the By-Laws and/or Rules of the Association.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Board of Directors, and their appointed committees, shall conduct and manage the business and affairs for the Association and may exercise all the powers of the Association including, but not limited to, the following:

- A. To accept members as provided in these By-Laws and under the Rules of the Association.
- B. To coordinate and assign show dates to the member shows.
- C. To present to the membership, for approval, divisions in which riders, horses, and ponies compete.
- D. To maintain official records of competing members, and recorded horses and ponies.
- E. To change By-Laws and/or Rules, if a majority of the Board is present.
- F. To elect the third director to the Board who will serve for three years when such election is required.

VIII - CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect the tax-exempt organization's (Organization) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in

a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

DEFINITIONS:

1. **Interested Person:** Any director, principal, officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.
2. **Financial Interest:** A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
 - a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
 - b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
 - c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

PROCEDURES:

1. **Duty to Disclose**

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of a financial interest and be given an opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. **Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists**

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. **Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest**

- a. An Interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. **Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy**

- a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS:

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict of interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

COMPENSATION:

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee who jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

ANNUAL STATEMENTS:

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

PERIODIC REVIEWS:

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information and the result of arm's length bargaining.

- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded reflect reasonable investment or payment for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

USE OF OUTSIDE EXPERTS

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing body of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

RULES

All horse shows recognized by the BCHSA member organizations and exhibitors shall be governed by the 27 Rules of the Association, as described below.

All BCHSA recognized shows will be judged and conducted according to Maryland Horse Show Association, Inc. rules with the exception as set forth herein. The BCHSA show season will terminate at least two weeks prior to the Annual Awards Banquet.

The BCHSA shall furnish a list of changes in the By-Laws and/or Rules, insofar as they affect prize lists, to all show managers before April 1 of the Current Show Year. When a subject is not addressed in these rules, the current USEF rule book language will be considered the ultimate authority on the issue.

Responsibility for the conduct of and actual management of each BCHSA recognized show rests solely with the show manager/venue.

I - MEMBERSHIP

A. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

1. Must submit appropriate application as specified in the By-Laws of the Association to the Association Point Keeper on forms provided for this purpose or through the Association's website, if available.

2. Dues shall be as follows:
 1. Junior Member - \$ 40.00 (13 and under non-voting) (14-17 voting) - Equitation included.
 2. Senior Member - \$ 40.00 (voting) - Equitation included.
3. The Rule Book is located on the Association's website. The membership number and the show date schedule shall be available on the Association's website.
4. Annual Membership runs from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. No points will be credited to riders or horses for Year End Awards until registered as a member of this Association. Membership begins on the date of receipt of paid application and signed Waiver Release. The responsibility of such recording shall rest entirely with the exhibitor.

B. SHOW MEMBERSHIP

1. Application for show membership in the Association shall be filed with the Association Secretary at the beginning of Show Year, accompanied by a show fee of \$150.00 per show.
2. The Show Manager must be a Senior Member in good standing, which is a \$40.00 additional membership fee for the year.
3. Show membership in the Association entitles each show member to one vote at all membership meetings.
4. The Show Secretary shall submit by email or mail to the Point Keeper a master summary for all classes held that includes:
 - a. Horse's name, show number, horse owner and rider.
 - b. Equitation riders name, show number and classes entered.
 - c. The order of pinning for each class.
 - d. Results, Judge's cards and Class Sheets must be received by the Point Keeper within five (5) days of the show. If this requirement is not met, a penalty fine of \$100.00 per week will be assessed.
 - e. The Medal and Scholarship Hack Fee Report must be submitted to the Point Keeper within (5) days of the show.

II - RECORDING HORSES AND PONIES

- A. Application for recording shall be made to the Association Secretary on forms provided. Horses, ponies, riders, and/or owners must be recorded in the same name under which they are to be exhibited.
- B. The recording fee will be \$ 25.00 for each horse or pony and will automatically make the animal eligible for High Point awards in all performance divisions for which they qualify, according to division specifications.
- C. To be eligible for Annual High Point Awards in performance divisions, i.e. Hunter and Pleasure Divisions, both horse/pony and owner must be recorded members of the Association. To be eligible for Annual High Point Awards in the Equitation Divisions, the rider must be a recorded member of the Association.
- D. Horses, owners, and riders may register for recording with the Association at Member Shows or online by midnight the day of the show, and points earned that day will be counted toward Annual High Point Awards. Points earned from prior Shows will not count toward Annual High Point Awards.
- E. Horses are defined as horses of height greater than 14.2. Ponies must have a valid measurement card by the date of any horse show during which the rider/owner wishes to earn year-end award points.

III - GUIDELINES GOVERNING JUDGES AND STEWARDS

- A. In the event the show is also sanctioned with the MHSA Regional Program, the Judges and MHSA Steward will abide by the Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges and Stewards as stated in the MHSA Rule Book.
- B. For classification purposes, the term family includes spouse, parent, step-parent, child, brother, step-child, sister, half brother and sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren, and in-laws of the same relation as stated above.
- C. A judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse, nor may he/she be an exhibitor, trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, rider, steward, or manager, nor may he/she be a family member of a steward or manager at any BCHSA sanctioned show at which he/she is officiating.
- D. A judge may not, during a competition at which he/she is judging, be the houseguest of a person who is exhibiting or competing at such competition or whose family is exhibiting or competing at such competition.

- E. A judge may not discuss with an exhibitor the purchase, sale or lease of any horse during a competition at which he/she is officiating.
- F. An exhibitor may not serve as a judge or MHSA steward at any competition in which he/she exhibits, whether or not the classes are conducted under BCHSA Rules.
- G. No member of a judge's family, nor any of the judge's clients may compete as exhibitor, rider, or owner of lessee in any division unless relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition.
- H. No member of a MHSA steward's family, nor any of the MHSA steward's clients, may take part as an exhibitor at a competition where the MHSA steward is officiating.
- I. If a horse is presented to a judge by a person the judge knows is ineligible to compete under these rules, the judge may advise the steward that he/she believes the entry to be ineligible and request that the entry be excused, or the judge may proceed to judge the entry and file a protest alleging a violation of this Rule. If the judge has any doubt to the eligibility of any entry, he should judge the entry and file a protest alleging the violation.

IV – STEWARDS

Stewards selected by the Show Committee should be approved by the BCHSA Committee and may include a current BCHSA Board member designated by the Horse Show or the BCHSA Board of Directors. In the case of a show bi-pointed with the MHSA Regional program, the MHSA Steward can serve as the BCHSA steward.

- A. Stewards should arrive 1/2 hour before the first class and remain until the show ends and judges' cards have been collected by the Show Secretary.
- B. Stewards shall complete a BCHSA checklist at the conclusion of the show.
- C. Stewards shall protect the interests of exhibitors, judges and show management.
- D. Stewards shall report to the Show Committee any misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest.
- E. Stewards shall report to the Show Committee any offense or violation of the rules and prefer charges against the violator, if the violation is not properly handled by the Show Committee.
- F. Stewards shall measure, with a BCHSA Board member, all ponies not in possession of a valid MHSA, USEF, HHSA, or BCHSA measurement card or a card approved by the BCHSA Board of Directors.

- G. Stewards, in consultation with the show management/venue, shall determine when a show shall be stopped due to darkness, storm or other emergency.
- H. Stewards shall have the right, along with the Board of Directors for the BCHSA, and the Show Management to fine and/or excuse any horse and/or rider from the show grounds. See Rule XXIII for further explanation of Yellow Warning Card Rule.

V – JUDGES

A judge at a BCHSA point show shall be a holder of a USEF or MHSA Hunter and/or Hunter Seat Equitation judge's license. When a judge is selected for a show, they cannot have judged another BCHSA show within a twenty (20) day period.

VI - MEASUREMENT OF ENTRIES

No pony or horse shall be eligible for points in classes which are governed by height unless the exhibitor is in possession of a valid MHSA, USEF, HHSA, or BCHSA measurement card, or a card approved by the BCHSA Board of Directors. Throughout the BCHSA Rulebook, "Horses" are defined as height greater than 14.2.

Until an animal has been issued a valid card, it will not be eligible for points in classes which are governed by height. In the event that a valid card is presented to a member of the BCHSA Board Measurement Committee within 30 days after the completion of the show, points may be attributed retroactively. A "One-day" USEF Measurement Card is not a valid card for purposes of BCHSA measurement.

The height of any animal may be questioned by an exhibitor or show official without protest to determine whether or not it is being shown the way it was originally measured, and that the owner is in possession of a valid measurement card.

The following provisions for questioning and protesting the height of an animal shall apply:

- A. In the event an animal has been officially measured and the owner does not have the measurement card in immediate possession, the show secretary may accept a signed statement to the effect which must be submitted to the Association.
- B. If a protest is lodged, the animal in question must be measured by either the Steward or Judge before the animal leaves the grounds. If the animal being shown is other than his measurement card specifies, it will forfeit all points, prizes, etc.

- C. It is the owner's responsibility to be entered in the proper height division and they shall stay in that class for the entire year, unless successfully challenged, in which case the animal shall be moved to the proper class and lose all points earned in the improper class.

VII – DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

Any person mounted on a horse or pony shall be required to wear protective headgear at all times. **All riders, junior & senior riders alike, must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet which carries a SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.** Riders must be properly attired, and horses properly presented. Chaps are prohibited in Equitation classes. BCHSA members will abide by requirements specified by the Show Committees of BCHSA point shows. BCHSA will adhere to the current USEF standards of equipment.

VIII- ELECTRONIC DEVICES

No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic device (i.e., cellular telephone, walkie-talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing the forbidden device if observed by the judge is elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. An exception may be made for a handicapped rider or extreme circumstance. The participant, prior to the class must present to the BCHSA Steward written justification for the equipment.

IX – DRUGS

If anyone is caught administering a forbidden substance to any animal, they shall, after a proper hearing, from that point on be suspended and forfeit all points and prizes.

X – SCHOOLING

Schooling over any obstacle in the ring or over any part of an outside course at a pointed show may be permitted only at a time specified by the Show Committee. All other schooling over obstacles shall be permitted only within clearly identified areas and at times specified. Schooling over obstacles in any other area of the show grounds, or at any other time, is prohibited and shall constitute a violation.

XI - CRUELTY

Cruelty to, or abuse of a horse or pony by any person, at any pointed show or activity sanctioned by the BCHSA is forbidden. Any such action constitutes a violation and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Committee shall bar, suspend or put on probation at their discretion any such violator.

XII - SOUNDNESS

The soundness of a horse, when determined by a judge, is not protestable.

A judge's decision, representing his individual preference, is not protestable unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules.

XIII - INTERRUPTION OF PROCEDURE

If a show schedule is being impeded by conflicts, the Show Committee may change the order of classes to expedite the show for the general benefit of the exhibitors. Proper notification must be given to exhibitors during the show.

XIV - CANCELLATION

Cancellation and/or interruption due to weather, storms, etc., are up to the discretion of the show manager/venue. Consultation with BCHSA and the show steward is recommended in these circumstances. In questionable/doubtful situations, an appropriate warning as to conditions should be given.

XV- DOGS

All dogs must be leashed. Any dog wandering the show grounds will be confined at the owner's expense. Any confined animal will subject the owner to a fine of \$25 per incident.

XVI- STALLIONS

Stallions shall be barred from any BCHSA point shows or sanctioned events.

XVII- UN-JUDGED ENTRIES

No entries will be allowed in a class un-judged.

XVIII - DIVISION OF CLASSES

If a class of a division or section is divided in accordance with the Rules, all remaining classes in that division or section must be divided in the same manner.

XIX - PRIZE LIST

The Prize List for each BCHSA point show must contain:

- A. The statement "The _____ Horse Show" is operated in accordance with the current rules of the Baltimore County Horse Show Association, Inc. In addition, a statement that the participant agrees and acknowledges that "By entering this competition, and signing the entry form, the exhibitor agrees to be subject to The Baltimore County Horse Show Association's Rules, the prize list and the local rules of the competition."
- B. The name, location, and date of the show and start time.
- C. The name of the officiating judge(s) and steward(s).
- D. Statement as to entry fees and pre- or post- entry status.
- E. Statement of awards and championships to be presented; designation of non-point status for special classes offered by the show.
- F. Statement that stallions are barred at all BCHSA Shows.
- G. Schedule of classes with a brief specification, i.e. fence height, general standards and specifications may be set forth in the section of prize list covering rules and regulations for specific show. Specifications prescribed for each division will govern to the end of the show so that uniformity shall prevail in the competition.

- H. All dogs must be leashed. Any dog wandering the show grounds will be confined at the owner's expense. Any confined animal will subject the owner to a fine of \$25 per incident.
- I. Statement of responsibility for any accident or injury.
- J. Each entry form must be signed before numbers will be given. Junior rider entries must be signed by an adult.
- K. All entries *must be prepared to present* the following three (3) documents; negative Coggins test drawn within the last twelve (12) months of the date of the event, Equine Exhibitor Self Certification of Health (MDA E-22) and the BCHSA Vaccination Record which gives documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhino-pneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the show grounds. USEF Vaccination Record can be accepted as an alternate form of documentation.
- L. Junior on Pony, Junior on Horse, Pre-Children's/Adult and Adult Amateur Medal Classes will be included on the prize list for all BCHSA pointed shows. At the discretion of show management, the Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Medal class may be combined with HCHSA and HHSA and the Junior Hunt Seat Medal may be combined with HHSA, if only BCHSA fence heights are offered. When combining within other BCHSA Medal classes offered – the Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Medal class can only be combined with BCHSA Junior Hunt Seat Medal on a Horse. In the case of a two-day show, the Pony Medal class must be offered on the day that the pony classes run in the schedule. Medals can only be combined if there are not enough to fill each division. BCHSA Medals can only be combined with other association medals to fill either association.
- M. All Show Committees must send at least two typed or printed copies of the proposed Prize List to the Horse Show Committee of the BCHSA sixty (60) days prior to the competition.
- N. EMT Rule: **Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and suitable medical equipment must be present during schooling sessions over fences and during all scheduled performances.** Qualified medical personnel are defined as person who is currently certified or licensed in their profession and trained in prehospital trauma care. EMT/paramedics would serve as the highest qualified for that responsibility followed next by doctors and nurses. This person must be identified and the area where this person is available must be designated and readily identifiable. An operational telephone and/or other emergency call priority system must be provided by the competition.
- O. Management must post in the office and by the telephone and/or emergency equipment, emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which could be quickly relayed to the offsite responder.

- P. Horse show management must list which association rules shall take precedence at the horse show. If the rule is not complied with, the horse show will automatically be run in accordance with the county in which the show is being held.
- Q. Exhibitors must be informed of the omission or addition of classes or of a change in entry fees by writing, by email, or by wire at least five (5) days prior to the show if possible. Post entries must be accepted in such classes.
- R. Shows in which Baltimore County is the Primary Association must offer all divisions for which a year end award is given. Shows in which BCHSA is a secondary Association must offer at least eight (8) divisions in which a Year End Award is given including all four (4) Medal classes and the Scholarship Hack. For any BCHSA Division that is offered at a show, it must adhere to the guidelines as set forth in the Rule Book for that division. All classes that are offered as part of the division MUST ADHERE to the specifications. Any class that runs as part of a BCHSA division that does not go by the rules as stated will not towards year end awards.
- S. Entry blanks must have designated spaces for horse and rider BCHSA numbers.

XX – EQUIPMENT, GROUNDS AND COURSE POSTINGS

The show manager/venue sponsor shall be responsible to maintain good order and to enforce reasonable safety precautions.

- A. All show grounds must provide at least two (2) rings with two (2) judges or hold over two (2) consecutive days, unless otherwise granted permission by the BCHSA Board.
- B. All equipment and grounds are subject to approval of the BCHSA and must be in good state of repair. Fences should be adequate to simulate obstacles found in the hunt field. *Note:* BCHSA strongly encourages the use of safety jump cups on all oxers.
- C. Adequate schooling areas must be provided, consisting of two height adjustable jumps for each ring. The schooling area must be available throughout the entire show for all exhibitors.
- D. All wings, jump equipment and all other material should be removed from the ring in all classes requiring no jumping where adequate distance between rail and jumps will not safely accommodate hack classes.
- E. Course diagrams must be posted at least one half-hour before scheduled time of class. The plan or diagram of the course must show the obstacles which must be taken in the

order indicated by numbers. Apart from this the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow is used on the diagram to indicate the direction in which each obstacle is to be taken. Distances, in feet, between fences (base to base) must be included on the posted course diagram.

- F. If the area of the courtesy circle is to be restricted by a mandatory line, the line must be indicated on the diagram and a corresponding barrier must be erected on the course. As this becomes part of the judging specifications, this policy must be clearly stated in the prize list and announced at least one hour prior to the class.

XXI - VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES

VIOLATION

A violation is any act prejudicial to the best interests of the Association, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Penalization by another Horse Association, Humane Society or Court of Law for violation of Association Rules.
- B. Acting or inciting or permitting any other to act in a manner contrary to the rules of the Association, or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interest of the Association.
- C. Any act committed, or remark made during the show considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character, integrity of the judging; approaching a judge before or after a decision without obtaining permission from the show committee or steward; inspecting a judge's card without the judge's permission.
- D. Failure to obey any penalty imposed by the Association.
- E. Exhibiting any horse while in the care, training or custody of a suspended trainer.
- F. Riding, exhibiting, coaching or training for the benefit, credit, reputation, or satisfaction of a suspended trainer.
- G. Attempting to influence Member Shows in the selection of Judges and/or steward by threat of boycott if certain judges and/or stewards are designated.

PENALTIES

If found guilty, the accused shall be subject to such penalty as the Enforcement Committee may affirm, including but not limited to:

- A. CENSURE. A vote of Censure shall be listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a further violation the defendant shall be subject to a heavier penalty than for a first offense.
- B. SUSPENSION of such persons for any period from showing or having others show, exhibit or train for him. A suspended person is forbidden for the time specified in the sentence to hold or exercise office in the Association or in any BCHSA Show, from the privilege of taking any part whatsoever in any BCHSA Show and is excluded from all show grounds during BCHSA Shows, as an exhibitor, participant or spectator.
- C. SUSPENSION for any period of the horse or horses, completely or in part owned, leased or of the stable of such person at the time of the alleged violation. The Executive Committee or the Enforcement Committee may at a later date remove the suspension of said horse or horses if a sale thereof is made in such manner as to be a bona fide transaction and not with the intention of relieving the suspended owner of penalty.
- D. SUSPENSION for any period of any volunteer or any employed person who rides or exhibits for the benefit, credit, reputation or satisfaction of the person disciplined.
- E. EXPULSION from all BCHSA Shows.
- F. EXPULSION or SUSPENSION from membership in the Association.
- G. FORFEITURE of trophies, ribbons and prize money won in connection with the offense committed.
- H. FINE.

NOTIFICATION

Guilty party will be notified by email or US Postal Service Mail. An Officer of the Association may report disciplinary action taken by the Association to another association if in their opinion such course is advisable for the protection of mutual interests.

XXII – PROTEST

A protest may be made to the Show Steward by any exhibitor, agent, trainer or parent of a Junior exhibitor for any violation of the BCHSA rules.

- A. By one individual.
- B. On the day of the show.
- C. To the Steward with a \$ 100.00 deposit

All ribbons and prize money will be turned in to the Show Secretary until the protest has been decided.

In the event a Steward cannot reach a decision in regard to a protest, he/she must refer to the BCHSA Protest Committee. Such hearings shall be held within ten (10) days, notice must be given to the concerned parties.

After a hearing, if the protest is upheld or any of the winners disqualified they shall return ribbons and prize money (if not already done so) and, if they refuse to do so, they shall forfeit all rights for point awards until the violation is corrected. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protester, if not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Association.

XXIII - YELLOW WARNING CARD - STEWARDS & COMPETITION OFFICIALS

- A. A Yellow Warning Card may be issued by a Steward or Competition Official working in any of these capacities at the competition to any competitor, spectator or participant for improper conduct, or for noncompliance with the rules, provided the issuer considers the conduct not severe enough to cause the issuer to file formal Charges pursuant to Rule XXII.
- B. To issue a Yellow Warning Card, a Steward, or Competition Official must complete and sign the Yellow Warning Card.
- C. A copy of the signed Yellow Warning Card must be provided to the alleged offender at the competition either in person or by any other suitable means. A copy of the Yellow Warning Card must then be sent to the MHSA and/or BCHSA, depending on the sanctioning of the show, with the Steward's Report Form and noted therein.
- D. Upon receipt of the Yellow Warning Card, the BCHSA will send an acknowledgment of its receipt of the Yellow Warning Card to the alleged offender advising of the provisions of this Rule.
- E. The issuance of a Yellow Warning Card is not meant to replace the filing of charges for a willful and serious violation of BCHSA rules, and in no case may a Yellow Warning Card be issued for abuse of a horse in any form. It is for lesser offenses only.

- F. Immediately following receipt by the BCHSA of a third Yellow Warning Card indicating that a competitor, spectator, or participant has been issued three (3) Yellow Warning Cards within a sixteen (16) month period the President or the Board shall either levy a fine ranging from \$500 to \$1000 or issue a formal Charge pursuant to this Rule and Rule XXI alleging that the rules have been violated on all or any one of said three occasions pursuant to Rule XXI of the BCHSA Rules. If the alleged offender is found in violation of any or all of said violations, they may be subject to the penalties set forth in Rule XXI of the Rules.

XXIV - COGGINS TEST

Effective November 1, 1975, a regulation went into effect which states that all horses over nine (9) months of age assembled for horse activities shall be accompanied by evidence of an official negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins Test) made within twelve (12) months of the event.

Each organization belonging to the Association is responsible for checking the certificate either at the entry booth or at the gate. Although State Law states the test must be prior to the event by twelve (12) months, the member's clubs of the BCHSA may require a more current date. If this is the case, it must be printed on the show prize schedule.

XXV - EQUINE HEALTH SAFETY

BCHSA VACCINATION RECORD

- A. At BCHSA licensed competitions, horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhino-pneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the show grounds. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers' or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian.
- B. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, *upon request by Competition Management*, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.

- C. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitors, *upon request by Competition Management*, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration.
- D. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, *upon request by Competition Management*, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management or Steward when requested.
- E. Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of BCHSA.
- F. USEF Vaccination Record is acceptable as an alternate form of documentation.

EQUINE EXHIBITORS SELF CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH

- A. A form provided by Show Management/Venue is acceptable.
- B. Form MDA E-22 for the Maryland Department of Agriculture is acceptable at all venues. Go to www.mda.state.md.us or the Downloads page on the BCHSA website.

XXVI – POINTS

Point standings will be posted on the website and may be posted at each pointed horse show. For any corrections, contact should be made with the BCHSA Point Keeper, via the website, as soon as possible.

- A. In computing points for Annual High Point Awards at Member shows, points will be awarded as follows:

<u>3 – 12 Competitors</u>		<u>13 or more Competitors</u>
First	10 points	15 points
Second	6 points	11 points
Third	4 points	9 points
Fourth	2 points	7 points

3 – 12 Competitors

Fifth **1 point**
Sixth **1/2 point**

13 or more Competitors

6 points
5 points

- B. For full points to count toward Annual High Point Awards for Hunter divisions, each division must have at least three (3) exhibitors complete the first class of the division. If only two (2) exhibitors complete the first class, only half points will be awarded for that division class. If there are only two (2) entries in a division, horses will only receive half points as long as both entries complete the first class. If a division is run with only one entry, no points will be awarded.
- C. For points to count toward Annual High Point Awards for Equitation divisions, each performance class must have at least three (3) entries complete the class.
- D. **When there are less than three (3) entries in either Lead Line, Mini-Stirrup or Beginner Rider Equitation the exhibitors will receive half points.**
- E. For points to count toward medal class qualification there must be at least three (3) entries to complete the first phase of the class. If a competitor is requested by the judge to return for the flat phase of the class but does not return for that phase of the class, that competitor will be placed after those riders that returned, in the results.
- F. Champion and Reserve Champion at member shows in Hunter Divisions will be awarded to two of the four ponies or horses which have acquired the most points over fences. In addition, only those four ponies or horses will receive points won in under saddle classes. In case of a tie, ponies or horses shall be worked off as an independent class or may flip a coin at their option. It is important to note, however, that all points won in under saddle classes will count toward Annual High Point Awards and therefore must be reported by the Show Secretary.
- G. Champion and Reserve Champion in all Pleasure Divisions will be awarded to the two ponies or horses which have acquired the most points in all the classes. In case of a tie, ponies and horses shall be worked off as an independent class or may flip a coin at their option.
- H. Champion and Reserve Champion in all Equitation Divisions will be awarded to two of the riders which have acquired the most points in all classes. In case of a tie, the riders may work off as an independent class or flip a coin at their option. In Lead Line classes, in the event of a tie, the championship is awarded to that rider who won the off-lead class.

No points for Champion and Reserve Champion will be computed for year-end High Point Awards.

XXVII - ANNUAL HIGH POINT AWARDS

The Association will present Annual High Point Awards to registered animals, owners, and/or riders who qualify in the following divisions:

Short Stirrup Hunter	Long Stirrup Hunter
Small - Medium Pleasure Pony	Adult Amateur Hunter
Large Pleasure Pony	Green Working Hunter (On hold)
Small/Medium Low Pony Hunter	Open Hunter
Large Low Pony Hunter	Working Hunter (On hold)
Small Pony Hunter	Junior Equitation – 13 & Under
Medium Pony Hunter	Junior Equitation - 14 thru 17
Large Pony Hunter	Adult Equitation
Pleasure Horse	BCCHA Short Stirrup Medal
Hopeful Hunter	BCCHA Long Stirrup Medal
Low Horse Hunter	BCCHA Junior on Pony Medal
Low Children's Hunter	BCCHA Junior on Horse Medal
Children's Hunter	BCCHA Adult Medal
Pre-Children's/Adult Hunter	BCCHA Pre-Children's/Adult Medal
Low Adult Amateur Hunter	Catie Carnes Scholarship Hack
Thoroughbred Hunter	Pony Hunter Classic
Low Children's/Low Adult Amateur Hunter Classic	Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter Classic

To receive a Year - End award, a Horse/Pony in a Hunter or Pleasure division and a Rider in an Equitation division must have accumulated at least six (6) points.

The Association will present Annual High Point Awards to both Small and Medium Pony Hunters regardless of whether shows hold combined or separate divisions. The format of the Small/Medium Pony Hunter Divisions is left to the discretion of the organization conducting the show.

AWARDS, TROPHIES, AND MEDALS

SPECIAL AWARDS

BCHSA SPECIAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

The special awards will be decided by the BCHSA Special Awards Committee which may be comprised of BCHSA board members and members at large on the basis of nominations from the membership every year. Every BCHSA member is encouraged to nominate candidates for these awards throughout the show season. Written nominations may be submitted via email to specialawards@bchsa.org.

HALL OF FAME AWARD

The Hall of Fame Award is one of BCHSA's most distinguished awards and is not required to be given each year. A Hall of Fame Committee will consist of members, each of whom shall be appointed for a period of three years. The committee is charged with creating a program for recognition for those individuals who have been outstanding in their contributions to the sport and/or the Association.

Guidelines for the Hall of Fame:

- A. The Committee shall consist of not more than five Individual Senior/Senior Amateur Members of the BCHSA who are in good standing. The Chairman to be appointed by the President.
- B. The Committee will exercise extreme care in the selection of individual/horses and shall not feel that it is necessary to induct new members yearly.
- C. One of the purposes of the Hall of Fame is to honor persons while they are still living. Therefore, the Committee will find a balance in its inductees.
- D. The Committee must be unanimous in its support of candidates. Each inductee must receive greater than 50% approval of the Board of Directors.

Suggested Guidelines for Inductees into the Hall of Fame:

- A. An individual who is or has been a member of the BCHSA for at least 10 years.
- B. An individual who has made major contributions to the sport of showing horses/ponies, influencing the lives of others in the horse field and/or in the guidance of the policies and dedicated service to the BCHSA.

- C. To be eligible, a Horse/Pony must be or have been owned by a present or former BCHSA members

SPORTSMANSHIP

These two trophies will be presented to a Junior and a Senior member of the BCHSA who exemplify a devotion to the sport of horse showing. The winning members' enthusiasm and good sportsmanship will be deemed to have been exceptional throughout the year in order to earn this recognition.

NOMINATION CRITERIA:

- Nominee's acts have positively affected a horse environment.
- Nominee's acts clearly demonstrate sportsmanship at a competition. The BCHSA defines a sportsmanship act as behavior exhibiting strong values for horsemanship, respect and integrity when dealing with horses and other fellow members. This can be seen at competitions, during time spent before and after the shows and interactions amongst the membership, including overall conduct.
- Nominee displayed act(s) of integrity that go beyond riding's rules and etiquette.
- Nominee put others' needs ahead of his or her own.
- Nominee must be a member of BCHSA during the current competition year.

Junior Rider Sportsmanship Award: The James Lee McGhee Memorial Trophy *Donated in loving memory by his friends Tilly Dorsey and Bonnie Thomas*

Senior Rider Sportsmanship Award: The Robert Tearle Memorial Trophy *Donated in loving memory by Jennifer Marshall*

BEST RIDER

The Best Child Rider on a Pony at the Benefit Show Perpetual Trophy:
Donated in loving memory of Carrie Becker by the Crouse Family of Vignon Manor.

The Best Child Rider on a Horse at the Benefit Show Perpetual Trophy:
Donated in loving memory of Carrie Becker by her husband, Randall Becker, and her Children.

The Best Adult Amateur Rider at the Benefit Show Perpetual Trophy:

Donated in memory of Bonnie Thomas by her family, Wendy Chesser, Debi Fowler and Glenn Thomas

The three aforementioned trophies will be awarded to the Best Junior and Senior riders at the Benefit Show, as chosen by the Judge(s) and the BCHSA committee. They will be chosen on the basis of riding skills, ability, and general sportsmanship throughout the BCHSA Benefit Show.

PONY OF THE YEAR

The Chuva Da Bril Perpetual Trophy

Donated by: The Heaps Family

The BCHSA Pony of the Year will be presented annually to the owner member of the most consistently outstanding pony shown in performance divisions ridden by an Amateur or Junior during the current year at BCHSA rated shows. The selection method is based on the top ranked shows (number of shows is determined by half of the total number of shows for that show year, rounded down if an odd number) of the pony in the single division in which the pony earned the most points overall. The points earned in the classes at the eligible shows are augmented with extra points corresponding to the number of entrants in the class, e.g. 2nd in a class of 10 means $6 + 10$ points = 16 points. Additionally, if the pony was also division champion in a given show, he/she receives a bonus of 2x the points of what the first class ribbon of the division is worth (example: with ten entries, first place is worth $10 + 10 = 20$ points). Reserve champions receive 1.2x the points received in the first class.

Because not all divisions offer a Handy or Classic, points earned in Classics or Handy Classes within the division do not apply to Pony of the Year.

HORSE OF THE YEAR

The Running Bayou Perpetual Trophy

- donated by: Jessica Neitzey

The BCHSA Horse of the Year will be presented annually to the owner member of the most consistently outstanding horse shown in performance divisions during the current year at BCHSA rated shows. The selection method is based on the top ranked shows (number of shows is determined by half of the total number of shows for that show year, rounded down if an odd

number) of the pony in the single division in which the horse earned the most points overall. The points earned in the classes at the eligible shows are augmented with extra points corresponding to the number of entrants in the class, e.g. 2nd in a class of 10 means 6 + 10 points = 16 points. Additionally, if the horse was also division champion in a given show, he/she receives a bonus of 2x the points of what the first class ribbon of the division is worth (example: with ten entries, first place is worth 10+10 = 20 points). Reserve champions receive 1.2x the points received in the first class.

Because not all divisions offer a Handy or Classic, points earned in Classics or Handy Classes within the division do not apply to Horse of the Year.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

- donated by: BCHSA

The Distinguished Service Award was created to honor an individual who during the current competition year has helped strengthen the role of BCHSA. Successful candidates have served the association by improving its overall success and importance.

Who is Eligible for the Distinguished Service Award?

The recipients of this award helped strengthen the role of the BCHSA in the horse community by volunteering themselves to services that help build and nurture the equestrian sport. Winners may have championed the merits of fellow competitors; helped at a horse show; developed educational or promotional programs for BCHSA; and worked with students or other equine associations in conjuncture with BCHSA.

Award Criteria

- A leader whose counsel others seek and who gives selflessly of time and talent.
- A distinguished record of service to the BCHSA in any type of role, whether through acts of service in the equine community or advising fellow equine enthusiasts.

TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Transglobal BCHSA Trainer of the Year Perpetual Trophy

- donated by the Parker Family

The Trainer of the Year Award is offered annually to a trainer who has demonstrated an ability to inspire students to excel and has supported the BCHSA throughout the Show Season. Such person should have exhibited outstanding attention to their students as well as a willingness to help others both in and out of the ring. Any trainer is eligible to be considered for the Trainer of the Year Award, in any year, without regard to having won in prior years.

CATIE CARNES "EQUINE ENTHUSIAST" SCHOLARSHIP

- donated by the McDonogh School Riding Program

The Catie Carnes "Equine Enthusiast" Scholarship is offered annually to recognize junior members who have demonstrated a sustained enthusiasm for horses. The scholarship is intended to help support junior members in their pursuit of academic and/or equestrian-related educational activities. The award may be used for college or other school tuition, riding clinics, or other professional or vocational training. If participation in the educational activity requires travel, e.g., to an out of town clinic, the funds may be used to help defray the cost of travel and accommodations.

The number and size of the scholarship(s) each year is determined by the amount of funds raised during the year from various fund-raising activities of the BCHSA Junior membership, including most notably the Catie Carnes "Benefit Hack" that is held at each of the BCHSA shows. In order to qualify for the scholarship, applicants must be junior members (not older than 17 on December 1 - "junior show age") of BCHSA, and ride in at least 3 of the "Benefit Hack" classes at the BCHSA shows during the year. To apply for the scholarship, qualified applicants must write an essay on a topic TBD by the BCHSA Board each year.

Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Review Panel that includes a balance of Board members, BCHSA member volunteers, and other friends of the association as deemed appropriate and necessary. Consideration will be given to making awards to both older and younger applicants. The final selection of the awardees, number of awards, and amount of the awards will be made by the Scholarship Review Panel, in consultation with the BCHSA Board, and will be announced and presented at the Annual BCHSA Banquet.

BENEFIT SHOW TROPHIES

The BCHSA Annual Benefit show offers Association Members the opportunity to win the following trophies. In order to be eligible to win a trophy, the exhibitor must be a BCHSA member in good standing at the end of the benefit show. Non-members are ineligible to win the trophy. In this situation, the trophy will be won by the next highest participant who is

eligible to win the trophy. In a Hunter Division both the Horse and Owner must be members at the conclusion of the show in order to be eligible to win the trophy.

DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

The Association will present the following Division Trophies to be held by the respective winners for a period of one year. Trophies may remain in the recipient's possession throughout the following show season and must be returned to the Association in time for the Annual Banquet.

14-17-YEAR OLD JUNIOR EQUITATION CHAMPION

Trixie Sox Perpetual Trophy

- donated by Dr. & Mrs. Donald H. Sherbourne

13 AND UNDER JUNIOR EQUITATION CHAMPION

Maryland Saddlery Equitation Trophy

- donated by The Schaefer and Needle Families

ADULT EQUITATION

Red Sky Perpetual Trophy

-donated by Amy Stettler

SMALL – MEDIUM PLEASURE PONY CHAMPION

Fairfield Farm Trophy

- donated by The Sullivan Family in memory of Midnight Magic

LARGE PLEASURE PONY CHAMPION

Me Too Perpetual Trophy

- donated by Mr. & Mrs. L. Franklin Price

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER CHAMPION

The Crystal Rose Perpetual Trophy

- donated by Lauren Moran

LONG STIRRUP HUNTER CHAMPION

Caves Farm Perpetual Trophy

- donated by Caves Farm

SMALL PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

The Farnley Milton – Farnley Lite Step Perpetual Trophy

- donated by B.C.H.S.A.

MEDIUM PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

Dixie Belle Memorial Trophy

- donated by Dr. & Mrs. William J. Supik

LARGE PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

Skyemeadow Perpetual Trophy

- donated by Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Atterbury replacing the Bittersweet Care Package Perpetual Trophy which has been retired

SMALL - MEDIUM LOW PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

Monte Carlo Perpetual Trophy

- donated by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rock

LARGE LOW PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

Irish Whiskey - Wolf Hill Perpetual Trophy

- donated by The Healy Family

PLEASURE HORSE CHAMPION

Nicole Stilwell Memorial Trophy

- donated by B.C.H.S.A.

HOPEFUL HUNTER CHAMPION

The Hopeful Hunter Perpetual Trophy

-donated by the Pope Family

PRE-CHILDREN'S/ADULT CHAMPION

The Huntfield Perpetual Trophy

-donated by The Hubbard Family

LOW HUNTER CHAMPION

Will Endeavor Perpetual Trophy

- donated by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Fabiszak

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER CHAMPION

Beach Bound Perpetual Trophy

- donated by Bridgefield Farm

LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER CHAMPION

Red Rock Perpetual Trophy

- donated by Rene' Heaps

CHILDREN'S HUNTER CHAMPION
H. Dorsey McClean Memorial Trophy
donated by Miss Susan Wills

ADULT AMATEUR CHAMPION
The Allure Perpetual Trophy
- donated by Lauren Moran

GREEN HUNTER CHAMPION
Stockton Saddlery Perpetual Trophy
- donated by Stockton Saddlery

OPEN HUNTER CHAMPION
William J. Supik, Jr. Memorial Trophy
- donated by the members of the B.C.H.S.A.

WORKING HUNTER CHAMPION
Raymond John Pietrocarlo Memorial Trophy (Retired until further notice)
- donated by Robbi Pietrocarlo Wood

THOROUGHBRED HIGH POINT CHAMPION
Maryland Horse Breeder's Association Trophy
-donated by the Maryland Horse Breeder's Association

PONY HUNTER CLASSIC CHAMPION
Made Ya Look Trophy *-donated*
by the Margiotta Family

LOW CHILDREN'S / LOW-ADULT HUNTER CLASSIC CHAMPION
Shez Justa Princess Trophy –
donated by the Harrison Family

CHILDREN'S /ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER CLASSIC CHAMPION
The Claddagh Manor Junior / Amateur Hunter Trophy
-donated by Claddagh Manor

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP HACK CHAMPION
Catie Carnes Perpetual Trophy
-donated by McDonogh School

MERIT AWARDS

Merit Awards will be presented to exhibitors in Lead Line, Mini-Stirrup, Beginner Rider Equitation, Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Divisions.

BLUE MERIT

- A. **Lead Line:** To qualify for a Blue Merit Award in Lead Line, a child must accumulate 25 points in that division.
- B. **Mini-Stirrup:** To qualify for a Blue Merit Award in Mini-Stirrup, a child must accumulate 35 points in the Mini-Stirrup division.
- C. **Beginner Rider Equitation:** To qualify for a Blue Merit Award in Beginner Rider Equitation, a rider must accumulate 35 points in the Beginner Rider Equitation Division.
- D. **Short Stirrup:** To qualify for a Blue Merit Award in Short Stirrup, a child must accumulate 45 points in the Short Stirrup division, at which time they become eligible for the Short Stirrup Equitation Medal Final.
- E. **Long Stirrup:** To qualify for a Blue Merit Award in Long Stirrup, an exhibitor must accumulate 45 points in the Long Stirrup division, at which time they become eligible for the Long Stirrup Equitation Medal Final.

RED MERIT

Red Merit Awards will be presented to exhibitors who have not achieved the blue merit level, but who have accumulated over 15, 25, 25, 35 and 35 points in Lead Line, Mini-Stirrup, Beginner Rider Equitation, Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup respectively.

PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Participation awards will be awarded to all other exhibitors who have accumulated points in their respective divisions.

EQUITATION MEDALS

SHORT STIRRUP MEDAL

- donated by the Smith Family in memory of Got Milk? to the Short Stirrup Medal Final Winner

LONG STIRRUP MEDAL

- donated by Miranda Kolbe in memory of Something Special to the Long Stirrup Medal Final Winner

PRE-CHILDREN'S / PRE-ADULT MEDAL

- donated by Fox Creek Farm to the Pre-Children's / Pre-Adult Medal Final Winner

JUNIOR HORSE MEDAL

- donated by the B.C.H.S.A. to the Junior Medal Final Winner on a horse

JUNIOR PONY MEDAL

- donated by Mary Anne Clarendon in memory of Diplomat Doll to the Junior Medal Final Winner on a pony.

ADULT MEDAL

- donated by the B.C.H.S.A. to the Adult Medal Final Winner.

DIVISION DESCRIPTIONS

No entries will be allowed in a class un-judged.

EQUITATION DIVISIONS

In equitation classes, only the rider is being judged, therefore any horse or pony that is suitable for a particular style of riding and is capable of performing the required routine is acceptable. Any rider not having his/her mount under sufficient control shall be dismissed from the ring and shall be disqualified from the class. In the event a two (2) day show offers an equitation division both days, a BCHSA member may ride in that division only once on the same weekend. No martingales will be allowed in the flat phase of any equitation division or class.

NOTE: No cross entering will be allowed between - Lead line -Mini-Stirrup – and Short Stirrup during the same day.

LEAD LINE

Open to children four (4) and under - and five to seven (5-7) years of age as of December 1 of the Current Show Year. Riders in the 4 and Under division may compete in Lead Line (Walk) and Lead Line Walk. Riders in the 5-7 Division may compete in Lead Line, Lead Line Walk, and Lead Line Walk Unattended. Lead Line Exhibitors may not cross enter into any other pointed division at the same show. **Lead Line mounts may not exceed 14.2 hands.** Lead Line mounts need not be registered for points to count in this division. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, and suitability of mount.

Lead Line To be shown at a walk both ways of the ring. Pony to be judged 50% on suitability to rider. Riders are to be judged 50% on hands, seat, and control.

Lead Line Walk To be shown at a walk both ways of the ring. Pony to be judged 50% on suitability to rider. Riders are to be judged 50% on hands, seat, and control. Riders may be escorted without penalty as long as the pony or rider is not touched.

Lead Line Walk Unattended To be shown at a walk both ways of the ring. Pony to be judged 50% on suitability to rider. Riders are to be judged 50% on hands, seat, and control. Riders may not be escorted. Handlers may stand in the center of the circle or outside of the ring.

MINI-STIRRUP EQUITATION

Open to children ten (10) years of age and under as of December 1 of the Current Show Year. Mini-Stirrup Equitation riders in this division may not cross enter in any other division at the same show. Mini-Stirrup mounts may not exceed 14.2 hands. Mini-Stirrup mounts need not be registered for points to count in this division.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRANTS ALLOWED IN A SECTION OF A CLASS IS 18. THE CLASS MUST BE SPLIT IF THERE ARE 19 OR MORE ENTRIES. THE CLASS MAY BE SPLIT AT SHOW MANAGEMENT'S DISCRETION IF THERE ARE LESS THAN 19 ENTRIES.

Mini- Stirrup Walk (EQUITATION) To be judged at a walk both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

Mini-Stirrup Walk - Trot (EQUITATION) To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

Mini-Stirrup Walk - Trot Pony To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on suitability of the mount to be a Mini Short Stirrup Pony. Ponies' manners are to be emphasized.

Mini-Stirrup 4 X Rails Over Fences (EQUITATION) to be shown over four (4) 12" x-rails around the outside of the ring at the trot or canter, rider's preference and not to be penalized. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

BEGINNER RIDER EQUITATION

To qualify for a Blue Merit Award in Beginner Rider Equitation, a rider must accumulate 35 points in the Beginner Rider Equitation Division. (Red Merit 25 points and Participation Award for any rider with less than 25 points).

Open to Senior and Junior Members nine (9) years of age and older as of December 1 of the Current Show Year. Riders competing in this division may not cross enter in any other division at the same show. Open to horses and ponies. Adults may ride ponies. Beginner Rider Equitation mounts do not need to be registered for the riders to earn points. A rider is not eligible to compete in this class if they have competed over a course of jumps 2' or higher at any horse show.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRANTS ALLOWED IN A SECTION OF A CLASS IS 18. THE CLASS MUST BE SPLIT IF THERE ARE 19 OR MORE ENTRIES. THE CLASS MAY BE SPLIT AT SHOW MANAGEMENT'S DISCRETION IF THERE ARE LESS THAN 19 ENTRIES.

Beginner Rider Equitation Walk To be judged at a walk both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

Beginner Rider Equitation Walk-Trot To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

Beginner Rider Equitation Walk-Trot Hunter To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. To be judged 50% on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount and 50% on the horse or pony's movement and their suitability as a Beginner Rider Equitation mount. Horses' and Ponies' manners are to be emphasized.

Beginner Rider Equitation X-Rails To be shown over a course of 4-8 12" x-rails (Show Management's discretion for how many jumps) at the trot or canter, rider's preference and not to be penalized. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION

Open to riders ten (10) years of age and under as of December 1 of the Current Show Year. Riders may only cross enter into the Short Stirrup Hunter Division at the same show. Riders who have exhibited in *Hunt Seat Equitation or Medal* are not eligible to return to the Short Stirrup Divisions. Short Stirrup mounts may not exceed 14.2 hands.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRANTS ALLOWED IN A SECTION OF A CLASS IS 18. THE CLASS MUST BE SPLIT IF THERE ARE 19 OR MORE ENTRIES. THE CLASS MAY BE SPLIT AT SHOW MANAGEMENT'S DISCRETION IF THERE ARE LESS THAN 19 ENTRIES.

Equitation point division Short Stirrup mounts need not be registered for points to count in this division.

Short Stirrup Walk - Trot To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring; to back easily and stand quietly. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

Short Stirrup - Flat To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

Short Stirrup Over Fences To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences not to exceed 18 inches in height. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION

Open to senior and junior members over ten (10) years of age as of December 1 of the Current Show Year. Riders may only cross enter into the Long Stirrup Hunter Division at the same show. Once a rider has exhibited in a *Hunt Seat Equitation or Medal* class they are no longer eligible to return to the Long Stirrup Division.

Long Stirrup Walk - Trot To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring; to back easily and stand quietly. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

Long Stirrup - Flat To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on the rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

Long Stirrup Over Fences To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences, which will not exceed 2 feet in height. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, control, and suitability of mount.

JUNIOR HUNT SEAT EQUITATION

JUNIOR EQUITATION 13 YEARS AND UNDER - Open to riders 13 years and under as of December 1 of the Current Show Year.

Equitation - Flat - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring; to stand quietly. To be judged on hands, seat, general position, and control. At the discretion of the judge, other tests may be required.

Equitation – Over Fences - To be shown over approximately eight (8) fences. The height options are 2', 2'-3" or 2'-6", at the rider's discretion. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, legs, general position, and control. At the discretion of the judge, other tests may be required.

JUNIOR EQUITATION 14 – 17 - Open to riders 14 years of age and older, but not yet 18, as of December 1 of the current show year.

Equitation - Flat - Guidelines same as 13 years and under.

Equitation – Over Fences - Guidelines same as 13 years and under. Riders may compete at either 2'-6" or 3', at their discretion.

ADULT HUNT SEAT EQUITATION

Adult Equitation – Flat - Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring; to stand quietly. To be judged on hands, seat, general position, and control. At the discretion of the judge, other tests may be required.

Adult Equitation - Over Fences - Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule. To be shown over approximately eight (8) fences. Riders may compete at either 2'-6" or 3', at their discretion. To be judged on rider's hands, seat, legs, general position, and control. At the discretion of the judge, other tests may be required.

Adults may ride ponies in Adult Hunt Seat Equitation.

ADULT AMATEUR HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

When combining within other BCHSA Medal classes offered – this medal class can only be combined with BCHSA Junior Medal on Horse.

Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule. In the medal class, six ribbons will be awarded along with points. For points to count toward medal class qualification there must be at least three (3) entries to complete the first phase of the class. If a competitor is requested by the judge to return for the flat phase of the class but does not return for that phase of the class, that competitor will be placed after those riders that returned, in the results. Only one rider per animal and only one medal class per rider per show. Competitors must jump a course of eight (8) fences or more of hunter type, with or without wings. The course must contain an oxer and at least one (1) change of direction. Fence heights offered are 2'6" or 3'. Adults may ride ponies. The height choice is at rider's discretion. The judges will then select at least 1/4 of the class, but not less than six (6) riders (if available) to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The same pony/horse must be shown in all phases of the class. Martingales are not permitted in the flat phase of the class.

Class to be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, and control throughout. The jumping faults of mount are not to count (is up to the discretion of the judge). Fall of pony/horse, fall of rider, or three disobediences shall eliminate rider. Judge may require additional tests. The Medal Finals

will be conducted at the end of the season. In each of the Medal Finals, all riders not eliminated will come back for the flat phase of the competition. In addition, it is required that the judge call back not less than 4 (if available), nor more than 12, exhibitors to complete 1 or more tests chosen by the judge from USEF tests 1-19 for horses. During the Medal Finals, each participating horse will be allowed only one rider. In determining those horses to be tested, the classes shall be scored on a cumulative basis as follows: 60% based on jumping; and 40% based on flat.

Once a rider has qualified for the Medal Finals (12 points) the rider is no longer eligible to compete in the class for the remainder of the show season. Exceptions can be made for a qualified rider to compete when needed to fill the class at the discretion of the show management. The steward will need to be notified immediately.

The winner of the Medal Finals will win the end of the year award. A trophy will be presented at the Awards Banquet. There will be at least six (6) ribbons also given out at the finals. All Medal Finals riders will receive a small award for qualifying for the Finals.

JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

In the medal class, six ribbons will be awarded along with points. For points to count toward medal class qualification there must be at least three (3) entries to complete the first phase of the class. If a competitor is requested by the judge to return for the flat phase of the class but does not return for that phase of the class, that competitor will be placed after those riders that returned, in the results. Only one rider per animal and only one medal class per rider per show. Competitors must jump a course of eight (8) fences or more of hunter type, with or without wings. The course must contain an oxer and at least one (1) change of direction. Fence heights offered are 2', 2'-3", 2'-6" or 2'9" for ponies ridden by a junior and 2'6" or 3' for Juniors on horses. The height choice is at rider's discretion. The judges will then select at least 1/4 of the class, but not less than six (6) riders (if available) to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The same pony/horse must be shown in all phases of the class. Martingales are not permitted in the flat phase of the class.

Class to be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, and control throughout. The jumping faults of mount are not to count (is up to the discretion of the judge). Fall of pony/horse, fall of rider, or three disobediences shall eliminate rider. Judge may require additional tests. The Medal Finals will be conducted at the end of the season. In each of the Medal Finals, all riders not eliminated will come back for the flat phase of the competition. In addition, it is required that the judge call back not less than 4 (if available), nor more than 12, exhibitors to complete 1 or more tests chosen by the judge from USEF tests 1-10 for ponies and USEF tests 1-19 for horses. During the Medal Finals, each participating horse and pony will be allowed only one rider. In determining those horses/ponies to be tested, the classes shall be scored on a cumulative basis as follows: 60% based on jumping; and 40% based on flat.

The Junior Medal Finals will be divided into a BCHSA JUNIOR HORSE MEDAL FINAL and a BCHSA JUNIOR PONY MEDAL FINAL. Throughout the show season the Junior medal class may or may not be divided; only the Junior Medal Finals must be divided into horse and pony.

Once a rider has qualified for the Medal Finals (12 points) the rider is no longer eligible to compete in the class for the remainder of the show season. Exceptions can be made for a qualified rider to compete when needed to fill the class at the discretion of the show management. The steward will need to be notified immediately.

The winner of the Medal Finals will win the end of the year award. A trophy will be presented at the Awards Banquet. There will be at least six (6) ribbons also given out at the finals. All Medal Finals riders will receive a small award for qualifying for the Finals.

PRE-CHILDREN'S / PRE-ADULT MEDAL CLASS

Pre-Adult Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule. In the medal class, six ribbons will be awarded along with points. For points to count toward medal class qualification there must be at least three (3) entries to complete the first phase of the class. If a competitor is requested by the judge to return for the flat phase of the class but does not return for that phase of the class, that competitor will be placed after those riders that returned, in the results. Only one rider per animal and only one medal class per rider per show. Competitors must jump a course of eight (8) fences or more of hunter type, with or without wings. The course must contain an at least one (1) change of direction and one (1) rollback. No oxers in this class. Fence height offered is 2' to 2'-3". Adults may ride ponies. The judges will then select at least 1/4 of the class, but not less than six (6) riders (if available) to show at a walk, trot, and canter. The same pony/horse must be shown in all phases of the class. Martingales are not permitted in the flat phase of the class. Class to be judged on rider's hands, seat, guidance, and control throughout. The jumping faults of mount are not to count (is up to the discretion of the judge). Fall of pony/horse, fall of rider, or three disobediences shall eliminate rider. Judge may require additional tests. The Medal Finals will be conducted at the end of the season. All riders not eliminated will come back for the flat phase of the competition. In addition, it is required that the judge call back not less than 4 (if available), nor more than 12, exhibitors to complete 1 or more tests chosen by the judge from USEF tests 1-10. During the Medal Finals, each participating horse and pony will be allowed only one rider. In determining those horses/ponies to be tested, the classes shall be scored on a cumulative basis as follows: 60% based on jumping; and 40% based on flat.

Once a rider has qualified for the Medal Finals (12 points) the rider is no longer eligible to compete in the class for the remainder of the show season. Exceptions can be made for a

qualified rider to compete when needed to fill the class at the discretion of the show management. The steward will need to be notified immediately.

The winner of the Medal Finals will win the end of the year award. A trophy will be presented at the Awards Banquet. There will be at least six (6) ribbons also given out at the finals. All Medal Finals riders will receive a small award for qualifying for the Finals. A rider may not participate in both a Merit Medal Final and the Pre-Children's/Adult Medal Final.

SHORT STIRRUP MERIT MEDAL CLASS

The BCHSA Short Stirrup Merit Medal Class will be conducted separately. To be eligible for the Merit Medal Final a rider must have received their Blue Merit in their respective Equitation Division. If a rider competes in both Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup divisions in the same show season, points earned in each division may not be combined for eligibility for the Merit Medal Class. A rider may Blue Merit in both Short and Long Stirrup divisions but must select only one division in the Medal Finals in which to participate. The Medal Final competition will be part of the BCHSA Medal Finals Day. A rider may not participate in both a Merit Medal Final and another Medal Final at the BCHSA year-end finals.

LONG STIRRUP MERIT MEDAL CLASS

The BCHSA Long Stirrup Merit Medal Class will be conducted separately. To be eligible for the Merit Medal Final a rider must have received their Blue Merit in their respective Equitation Division. If a rider competes in both Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup divisions in the same show season, points earned in each division may not be combined for eligibility for the Merit Medal Class. A rider may Blue Merit in both Short and Long Stirrup divisions but must select only one division in the Medal Finals in which to participate. The Medal Final competition will be part of the BCHSA Medal Finals Day. A rider may not participate in both a Merit Medal Final and another Medal Final at the BCHSA year-end finals.

PLEASURE DIVISIONS

PLEASURE HORSE

English Pleasure Horse is open to horses ridden by a Junior or Senior rider. An entry may be judged for soundness on the pleasure circle. Extreme speed shall be penalized. Martingales are

prohibited in all pleasure classes. To be judged on manners, performance, suitability and soundness. No oxers are allowed.

Horses showing in this division may not compete in any divisions where fences are 3' or higher, except equitation or medal, at the same show.

Pleasure Over Fences - To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences which will not exceed 2'-6".

Pleasure Combination Hack - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter on a light rein both ways of the ring, back easily, and stand quietly. At least eight (8) competitors, if available, will be asked to jump two fences at 2'-6".

Pleasure Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter on a light rein both ways of the ring; to back easily and stand quietly. Other tests may be required at the judge's discretion.

SMALL – MEDIUM PLEASURE PONY

Small - Medium Pleasure Pony is open to ponies 13.2 hands and under. Ponies may only be exhibited by Junior riders as defined by the Rules of the Association. Suitability of a pony to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to size of the pony as well as the compatibility of the rider and the pony. Judges may penalize but shall not necessarily eliminate any entry not having such qualification. Martingales are prohibited in all pleasure classes. An entry may be judged for soundness on the pleasure circle. To be judged on manners, suitability, and soundness. No oxers are allowed.

Extreme speed shall be penalized. Small ponies showing in this division may not compete in any other division where fences are 2'-3" or higher, except equitation or medal, at the same show. Medium ponies showing in this division may not compete in any other division where fences are 2'-6" or higher, except equitation or medal, at the same show.

Pleasure Over Fences - To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences which will not exceed 2'.

Pleasure Combination Hack - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter on a light rein both ways of the ring, back easily, and stand quietly. At least eight (8) competitors, if available, will be asked to jump two fences at 2'.

Pleasure Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter on a light rein both ways of the ring; to back easily and stand quietly. Other tests may be required at the judge's discretion.

LARGE PLEASURE PONY

Large Pleasure Pony is open to ponies over 13.2, but do not exceed 14.2 hands. Ponies may only be exhibited by Junior riders as defined by the Rules of the Association.

Suitability of a pony to the rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to size of the pony as well as the compatibility of the rider and the pony. Judges may penalize but shall not necessarily eliminate any entry not having such qualification.

Martingales are prohibited in all pleasure classes. An entry may be judged for soundness on the pleasure circle. Entries to be judged on manners, suitability, and soundness. Extreme speed shall be penalized. Large ponies showing in this division may not compete in any other division where fences are 2'-9" or higher, except equitation or medal, at the same show. No oxers are allowed.

Pleasure Over Fences - To be shown over a minimum of six (6) fences which will not exceed 2'.

Pleasure Combination Hack - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter on a light rein both ways of the ring, back easily, and stand quietly. At least eight (8) competitors, if available, will be asked to jump two fences at 2'.

Pleasure Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter on a light rein both ways of the ring; to back easily and stand quietly. Other tests may be required at the judge's discretion.

CATIE CARNES JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT HACK

To be judged as a "Pleasure" class, and shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring; back and stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners, and soundness of the horse. Martingales are prohibited.

The Benefit Hack, sponsored by the Junior membership, will be held at all BCHSA sponsored horse shows. The purpose of this class is to raise funds for the Catie Carnes "Equine Enthusiast" scholarships that will be awarded to Junior members of the association. All members are eligible to participate in the class, except for those who ride in Mini and Short Stirrup (for safety reasons). The entry fee is \$10 (to be collected along with other entry fees in the horse show office). All entry fees collected from this class are directly added to the Scholarship Fund. Points will be tabulated from each class, and a year-end award will be given to the high point horses.

Junior riders show age 11 to 17 of the current show year will be eligible to apply for the BCHSA Scholarship after participation in at least three (3) Benefit Hack classes during the year (See "Special Awards" section of the Rule Book).

HUNTER DIVISIONS

An entry may be judged for soundness on the hunter circle.

In the event a two (2) day show offers a hunter division both days, a Horse or Pony may compete in that division only once on the same weekend.

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER

Open to ponies 14.2 hands and under. Open to all riders who are eligible to compete in the Short Stirrup Equitation Division at the show. Ponies are allowed to cross enter into any class where eligible. Riders may only cross enter into the Short Stirrup Equitation Division at the same show. Manners and suitability of the pony to the rider shall be emphasized. Suitability of a pony to a rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the pony as well as compatibility of rider and pony. Judges may penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability.

Short Stirrup Hunter Mounts must be registered for points to count in this division.

Short Stirrup Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring; back and stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners, and soundness. Martingales are prohibited.

Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring over fences with a minimum of our (4) fences and a maximum of eight (8). Jumps not to exceed 2'. To be judged on performance, manners, and soundness.

LONG STIRRUP HUNTER

Open to both horses and ponies. Open to all riders who are eligible to compete in the Long Stirrup Equitation Division at the show. Horses and ponies are allowed to cross enter into any class where eligible. Riders may only cross enter into the Long Stirrup Equitation Division at the

same show. Manners and suitability of the horse/pony to the rider shall be emphasized. Suitability of a horse or pony to a rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse/pony as well as compatibility of rider and horse/pony. Judges may penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. Adults may ride ponies.

Long Stirrup Hunter Mounts must be registered for points to count in this division.

Long Stirrup Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring; back and stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners, and soundness. Martingales are prohibited.

Long Stirrup Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring over fences with a minimum of four (4) fences and a maximum of eight (8). Jumps not to exceed 2'. To be judged on performance, manners, and soundness.

SMALL/MEDIUM LOW PONY HUNTER

Small-medium ponies to be 13.2 hands and under to jump 2'. To be ridden and handled by juniors in all phases of competition. Division must run together as one class and not combined with other associations that allow large ponies. Small/Medium Low Pony and Large Low Pony can only be combined when there are less than three (3) in either division.

Small-Medium Low Pony Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring; and stand quietly. Martingales are prohibited.

Small-Medium Low Pony Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners, soundness and style of jumping.

Small-Medium Low Pony Handy Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or outside course over a special course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners with emphasis of promptness. Judges may penalize but shall not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability.

LARGE LOW PONY HUNTER

Large ponies, over 13.2 - 14.2 hands and under, to jump 2'-6". To be ridden and handled by juniors in all phases of competition. Small/Medium Low Pony and Large Low Pony can only be combined when there are less than three (3) in either division.

Large Low Pony Hunter – Under Saddle - Guidelines same as Small-Medium Low Pony Hunter.

Large Low Pony Hunter Over Fences - Guidelines same as Small-Medium Low Pony Hunter.

Large Low Pony Handy Hunter Over Fences - Guidelines same as Small-Medium Low Pony Hunter.

PONY WORKING HUNTER

Open to small ponies 12.2 hands and under, medium ponies over 12.2 -13.2 hands, and large ponies over 13.2 - 14.2 hands. To be ridden and handled by Juniors in all phases of competition. Manners and suitability of a pony shall be emphasized. Suitability of pony to rider shall be determined by height and weight of rider as related to the size of the pony as well as compatibility of the rider and the pony. Judges may penalize but shall not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. Small ponies to jump 2'-3", medium ponies to jump 2'-6", and large ponies to jump 2'-9". Organizations conducting shows may elect to combine the small, medium and large pony hunters if there are less than 3 entries in any division. Only two of the three sizes may be combined if there are 3 entries at one height, but less than 3 entries at the other two heights. However, points will always be recorded separately by size in order to present high point awards in each division.

SMALL PONY HUNTER

Small Pony Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring; and stand quietly. May be asked to hand gallop, but not more than eight (8) at one time. To be judged on performance, manners, suitability and soundness. Martingales are prohibited.

Small Pony Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or outside course over a special course of approximately eight (8) fences. Judged on performance, manners, suitability, and soundness.

Small Pony Handy Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or over the outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners, suitability, and soundness. Emphasis on promptness.

MEDIUM PONY HUNTER

Medium Pony Hunter – Under Saddle - Guidelines same as Small Pony Hunter Under Saddle.

Medium Pony Hunter Over Fences - Guidelines same as Small Pony Hunter Over Fences.

Medium Pony Handy Hunter Over Fences - Guidelines same as Small Pony Handy Hunter Over Fences.

LARGE PONY HUNTER

Large Pony Hunter - Under Saddle - Guidelines same as Small Pony Hunter Under Saddle.

Large Pony Hunter Over Fences - Guidelines same as Small Pony Hunter Over Fences.

Large Pony Handy Hunter Over Fences - Guidelines same as Small Pony Handy Hunter Over Fences.

HOPEFUL HUNTER

Open to horses and ponies. Adults may ride ponies. Manners and suitability of a horse shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider and horse. Judges may penalize but shall not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. Fences to be approximately 2' to 2'3" in height.

Hopeful Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring; and stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. May be asked to hand gallop, but not more than eight (8) horses at a time. Martingales are prohibited.

Hopeful Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or an outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

PRE-CHILDREN'S / PRE-ADULT HUNTER

Open to horses and ponies, to be ridden by Juniors and Amateurs only. Adults may ride ponies. Pre-Adult Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule. Manners and suitability of a horse shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider and horse. Judges may penalize but shall not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. Fences to be approximately 2' to 2'3" in height with no oxers. Rider may not cross enter into any hunter division with fences higher than 2'3". Rider may not cross enter into any pleasure division. Rider may not cross enter into equitation and/or Medals classes with fences higher than 2'3". Riders are ineligible for this division if they have shown 3' or higher in any show on any horse during the current show season.

Pre-Children's / Pre-Adult Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring; and stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. Maybe asked to hand gallop, but not more than eight (8) horses at a time. Martingales are prohibited.

Pre-Children's / Pre-Adult Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or an outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

LOW HORSE HUNTER

Open to horses over 14. 2 hands and ridden by Juniors or Senior riders. Fences heights offered are 2'-6" and 2'-9". Note: to qualify for Year End Awards, you must jump 2'-6" or 2'-9" in this division even if another height is offered.

Low Horse Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring; and stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. May be asked to hand gallop, but not more than eight (8) horses at a time. Martingales are prohibited.

Low Horse Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or an outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

Low Horse Handy Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or an outside course, over a special course of approximately eight (8) fences. Judged on performance, manners, and soundness with emphasis on promptness.

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Open to horses ridden by Junior riders. Horses are allowed to cross enter into any class where eligible. The same horse/rider combination may not cross enter into classes where fences exceed 2'-9", except medal and equitation classes, at the same show. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a horse to a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider of the rider and the horse. Fence height not to exceed 2'-6". Can only be combined with the Low Adult Hunter when there are less than three (3) entries in either division.

Low Children's Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring; and stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. May be asked to hand gallop but not more than eight (8) horses at time. Martingales are prohibited.

Low Children's Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or over the outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

Low Children's Handy Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or an outside course, over a special course of approximately eight (8) fences. Judged on performance, manners, and soundness with emphasis on promptness.

CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Open to horses ridden and handled by a Junior in all phases of competition. Manners and suitability of a horse shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider and horse. Judges may penalize, but

shall not eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Fence height not to exceed 3'. Can only be combined with the Adult Amateur Hunter when there are less than three (3) entries in either division.

Children's Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring; and stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. May be asked to hand gallop but not more than eight (8) horses at a time. Martingales are prohibited.

Children's Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or over an outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

Children's Handy Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or an outside course, over a special course of approximately eight (8) fences. Judged on performance, manners, and soundness with emphasis on promptness.

LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Open to horses ridden by Senior riders. Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule. Horses are allowed to cross enter into any class where eligible. The same horse and rider combination may not cross enter into classes where fences exceed 2'-9", except medal and equitation classes, at the same show. Any adult amateur rider may ride a horse in Low Adult Amateur Hunter under saddle class and not be subject to the fence height restrictions, provided that the horse has jumped in at least one of the Low Adult Amateur over fences classes at the same show. Manners and suitability of a horse shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider and horse. Judges may penalize but shall not eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. Fence height not to exceed 2'-6". Can only be combined with the Low Children's Hunter when there are less than three (3) entries in either division.

Low Adult Amateur Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring at the judge's discretion, but not more than eight (8) horses at one time. To be judged on performance, manners, and soundness. Martingales are prohibited.

Low Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or over the outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

Low Adult Amateur Handy Hunter Over Fences- To be shown in the ring or an outside course, over a special course of approximately eight (8) fences. Judged on performance, manners, and soundness with emphasis on promptness.

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Open to horses ridden by Senior riders. Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule. Manners and suitability of a horse shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider and horse. Judges may penalize, but shall not eliminate, an entry not having such manners and suitability. Fence heights not to exceed 3'. Can only be combined with the Children's Hunter when there are less than three (3) entries in either division.

Adult Amateur Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring at the judge's discretion, but not more than eight (8) horses at one time. To be judged on performance, manners, and soundness. Martingales are prohibited.

Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or over the outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

Adult Amateur Handy Hunter Over Fences- To be shown in the ring, or an outside course, over a special course of approximately eight (8) fences. Judged on performance, manners, and soundness, with emphasis on promptness.

GREEN WORKING HUNTER

(Division withdrawn until Further Notice)

Open to horses ridden by Junior or Senior riders.

1. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing in any classes that require horses to jump 3' or higher at any competition regardless of whether or not the competition is rated by any association, organization or federation. When shown in a Green section a horse in its first year of showing over fences 3' or higher must be shown as a First-Year Green horse and a horse in its second year of showing over fences 3' or higher must be shown as a Second-Year Green horse. Any horse that shows as a Second Year Green Hunter will lose its status the following year.
2. A horse's green status is considered to be broken once it competes over fences 3' or higher at any competition, regardless of whether or not the competition is rated by any association, organization or federation.

The horse's green status may be reinstated for a future competition year if it was not shown at a height of 3' or above at more than two (2) competitions during the year. The owner of record must submit a letter requesting First or Second Year green reinstatement via certified/return receipt mail addressed to the BCHSA President. The request must be post marked on or before the end of the Current Show Year (November 30). The request must be made during the year in which green status was broken. A \$25.00 processing fee, the horses' name, and a list of competitions with dates where the horse competed at 3' or higher must accompany the green reinstatement request. At the time of request, the horse must stop competing over fences 3' or higher for the remainder of that competition year. If the horse is not recorded with BCHSA at the time of request, it must be recorded or renewed at that time. Failure to do so will result in the horse losing its green status. The owner will receive a letter indicating the horse's green eligibility. Once approved for Green Reinstatement, the Reinstatement will not be official and in effect until any awards and trophies won in BCHSA divisions requiring horse to jump 3' or higher have been returned to the association. A Green Reinstatement will only be granted one time for first year or for second year.

3. Fence heights shall not exceed 3' for the First Year Horses and 3'-3" for the Second Year Green Horses.

In order to qualify for High Point Awards, a Green Hunter must compete over fences in this division. Horses that begin competing over fences at any time during the show season will be awarded points for ribbons won under saddle earlier in the year.

Green Working Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring; and to stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. May be asked to hand gallop but not more than eight (8) horses at time. Martingales are prohibited.

Green Working Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or over the outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

Green Working Handy Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or an outside course, over a special course of approximately eight (8) fences. Judged on performance, manners, and soundness with emphasis on promptness.

OPEN HUNTER

Open to horses ridden by Junior or Senior riders. Manners and suitability of a horse shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as the compatibility of the rider and horse. Judges may penalize but shall not eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. Fence height not to exceed 3'.

Open Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and to stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. May be asked to hand gallop but not more than eight (8) horses at time. Martingales are prohibited.

Open Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or over the outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

Open Handy Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or an outside course, over a special course of approximately eight (8) fences. Judged on performance, manners, and soundness with emphasis on promptness.

WORKING HUNTER

(Division withdrawn until Further Notice)

Open to horses ridden by Junior or Senior riders. Manners and suitability of a horse shall be emphasized in all classes; extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a rider shall be determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the horse as well as

the compatibility of the rider and horse. Judges may penalize but shall not eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. Fences to be approximately 3'3" - 3'-6" in height.

Working Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring; and stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. May be asked to hand gallop but not more than eight (8) horses at time. Martingales are prohibited.

Working Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring, or over the outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

Working Handy Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring, or an outside course, over a special course of approximately eight (8) fences. Judged on performance, manners, and soundness, with emphasis on promptness.

THOROUGHBRED HUNTER

To be eligible for participation in the Thoroughbred division, a horse must have proof of Jockey Club Registration, State Breed Association Membership, or a visible tattoo, AND they must also be registered with TIP (Thoroughbred Incentive Program), via the Jockey Club. If you go to the Jockey Club website, you can register with TIP and obtain a TIP ID number. You must use this number when registering for year-end points with BCHSA and the TIP competitions at many of our horse shows. Thoroughbred-only divisions may be held at BCHSA shows throughout the show season. The division will offer fence heights of 2'6" and 3'0".

In order for a horse to accrue points toward the year-end Thoroughbred Division Awards, the horse must be registered with BCHSA and the TIP program, the owner must be a registered member, and a separate BCHSA Thoroughbred Registration Form must be filled out. The cost of registering a Thoroughbred is \$15, in addition to your annual horse and membership dues.

Thoroughbred Hunter – Under Saddle - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring; and stand quietly. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. May be asked to hand gallop, but not more than eight (8) horses at a time. Martingales are prohibited.

Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences - To be shown in the ring or an outside course of approximately eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

BCHSA HUNTER CLASSICS

Several shows throughout the BCHSA Show Season may offer these three Hunter Classics: a 3' Children's/Adult Amateur Classic, a 2'6" Low Children's/Low Adult Amateur Classic, and a 2', 2'3", 2'6", and 2'9" Pony Hunter Classic. These three classics are held separately and are completely independent of each other. Each classic will consist of two rounds. Points will also be earned for year-end awards through the classics. Since the classics are run in conjunction with specific BCHSA divisions, placings 1-8 will carry point values over into the riders' specific divisions (i.e. I placed 3rd in the Children's /Adult classic, and therefore will receive bonus points toward my year-end total in the Children's division.)

Classic Points will not be used for champion/reserve at the show, but the points are added to the year-end points for the division.

The Classics' point scheme will be as follows:

1 st - 20 points	5 th - 10 points
2 nd - 16 points	6 th - 8 points
3 rd - 14 points	7 th - 6 points
4 th - 12 points	8 th - 5 points

At the year-end Banquet, three separate trophies (Children's /Adult 3', Low Children's/Low Adult 2'6", and Pony Hunter) will be awarded for these classics.

2018 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Each year, as needed and when appropriate, there are important changes made to the rules. When this happens, those changes are listed here for ease of reference.

PRIZE LIST REQUIREMENTS – SECTION L

- When combining within other BCHSA Medal classes offered – the Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Medal class can only be combined with BCHSA Junior Medal on Horse.
- Medals can only be combined if there are not enough to fill each division.
- BCHSA Medals can only be combined with other association medals to fill either association.

III - GUIDELINES GOVERNING JUDGES AND STEWARDS

- A. In the event the show is also sanctioned with the MHSA Regional Program, the Judges and MHSA Steward will abide by the Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges and Stewards as stated in the MHSA Rule Book.
- B. For classification purposes, the term family includes spouse, parent, step-parent, child, brother, step-child, sister, half brother and sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren, and in-laws of the same relation as stated above.
- C. A judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse, nor may he/she be an exhibitor, trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, rider, steward, or manager, nor may he/she be a family member of a steward or manager at any BCHSA sanctioned show at which he/she is officiating.
- D. A judge may not, during a competition at which he/she is judging, be the houseguest of a person who is exhibiting or competing at such competition or whose family is exhibiting or competing at such competition.
- E. A judge may not discuss with an exhibitor the purchase, sale or lease of any horse during a competition at which he/she is officiating.
- F. An exhibitor may not serve as a judge or MHSA steward at any competition in which he/she exhibits, whether or not the classes are conducted under BCHSA Rules.
- G. No member of a judge's family, nor any of the judge's clients may compete as exhibitor, rider, or owner of lessee in any division unless relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition.
- H. No member of a MHSA steward's family, nor any of the MHSA steward's clients, may take part as an exhibitor at a competition where the MHSA steward is officiating.
- I. If a horse is presented to a judge by a person the judge knows is ineligible to compete under these rules, the judge may advise the steward that he/she believes the entry to be ineligible and request that the entry be excused, or the judge may proceed to judge the entry and file a protest alleging a violation of this Rule. If the judge has any doubt to the eligibility of any entry, he should judge the entry and file a protest alleging the violation.

V- JUDGES

A judge at a BCHSA point show shall be a holder of a USEF or MHSA Hunter and/or Hunter Seat Equitation judge's license. When a judge is selected for a show, they cannot have judged another BCHSA show within a twenty (20) day period.

SMALL/MEDIUM LOW PONY HUNTER

Small/Medium Low Pony and Large Low Pony can only be combined when there are less than three (3) in either division.

LARGE LOW PONY HUNTER

Small/Medium Low Pony and Large Low Pony can only be combined when there are less than three (3) in either division.

PLEASURE HORSE

No oxers are allowed.

SMALL – MEDIUM PLEASURE PONY

No oxers are allowed.

LARGE PLEASURE PONY

No oxers are allowed.

Low Adult Hunter

Can only be combined with the Low Children's Hunter when there are less than 3 entries in either division.

Low Children's Hunter

Can only be combined with the Low Adult Hunter when there are less than three (3) entries in either division.

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Can only be combined with the Children's Hunter when there are less than three (3) entries in either division.

CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Can only be combined with the Adult Amateur Hunter when there are less than three (3) entries in either division.

EQUITATION DIVISIONS

No martingales will be allowed in the flat phase of any equitation division.

ADULT AMATEUR HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

Removal of requirement that contestants must be a BCHSA Member.

JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS

Removal of requirement that contestants must be a BCHSA Member.

PRE- CHILDREN'S / PRE-ADULT MEDAL CLASS

Removal of requirement that contestants must be a BCHSA Member.

PONY OF THE YEAR

The Chuva Da Bril Perpetual Trophy

Donated by: The Heaps Family

The BCHSA Pony of the Year will be presented annually to the owner member of the most consistently outstanding pony shown in performance divisions ridden by an Amateur or Junior during the current year at BCHSA rated shows. The selection method is based on the top ranked shows (number of shows is determined by half of the total number of shows for that show year, rounded down if an odd number) of the pony in the single division in which the pony earned the most points overall. The points earned in the classes at the eligible shows are augmented with extra points corresponding to the number of entrants in the class, e.g. 2nd in a class of 10 means 6 + 10 points = 16 points. Additionally, if the pony was also division champion in a given show, he/she receives a bonus of 2x the points of what the first class ribbon of the division is worth (example: with ten entries, first place is worth 10+10 = 20 points). Reserve champions receive 1.2x the points received in the first class.

Because not all divisions offer a Handy or Classic, points earned in Classics or Handy Classes within the division do not apply to Pony of the Year.