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.

**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'.

**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'.

**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 2’3” in height and shall include oxers. If an adult rides a pony in this division, said pony can ONLY cross enter into Pre-Children’s/ Pre-Adult Hunter at the same competition.
**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’ in height with no oxers. Rider may not cross enter into any hunter division with fences higher than 2’3”. Riders may 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. If an adult rides a pony in this division, said pony can ONLY cross enter into Hopeful Hunter at the same competition.

**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 Pony Hunter**

Open to ponies measuring 14.2 and under. To be ridden and handled by a junior in all phases of the 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. A rider in the Low Pony Hunter division is not eligible to cross enter in any other division where the fences exceed 2’ at the same show except age group equitation or medal classes not to exceed 2’6”.

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Riders may not cross enter into Small/ Medium Pony Hunter or Large Pony Hunter, nor Regular Working Hunter, at the same show. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence height shall be 2'. Spreads not to exceed height of the fence. No oxers may be used. Ponies must have a current BCHSA, MHSA, or USEF measurement card on file with the BCHSA office prior to showing in this division.

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

**Low Pony Hunter Over Fences**- To be shown in the ring or outside course of approximately eight (8) fences.

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

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

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

**Regular Working Pony 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.

**Regular Working 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.

**Regular Working Medium Pony Hunter**


**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.

**Regular Working Large Pony Hunter**


**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.