

RULE CHANGES AGREED FOR 2010

SECTION II: HORSE SHOW APPROVAL PROCESS

3. The MHJA Show Approval Request Form may be obtained from the Director of Horse Shows or printed off the web page MHJANEWS.com. When completed, the applications should be forwarded to the Director of Horse Shows. A request will not be considered complete until the Board has received all of the following information: 1) the name, address, and phone number(s) **and e-mail address(es)** of the show manager(s); 2) the name of the show; 3) the location of the show; 4) the proposed show date(s); 5) the judge for the show; 6) a copy of the proposed show premium; **7) a check for \$150, and (8) a completed insurance form which includes MHJA and MHJA board members in its coverage.** *[Note: Changes shown in bold type.]*

9. The cost for show approval is **one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)** to be paid by the show when the approval form is submitted. If the results are remitted to the Board on the MHJA supplied forms within 14 days of the show, the show management is entitled to a **seventy-five dollar (\$75)** refund. All show refunds will be sent after the conclusion of the show season.

[Old rule: The cost for show approval is one hundred dollars (\$100) to be paid by the show when the approval form is submitted. If the results are remitted to the Board on the MHJA supplied forms within 14 days of the show, the show management is entitled to a twenty-five dollar refund (\$25). All show refunds will be sent after the conclusion of the show season.]

SECTION IV: CONDUCT OF SHOWS

Amended Rule 3: Fifty percent or more of the obstacles must be at least the height listed on the show premium and, of those, none may be more than 2” over or under the stated height. A 3’ class means the maximum height of any obstacle on the course is 3’2”.

[Old rule: The height of the fences listed on the show premium is not to exceed the stated height. A 3’ class means the maximum height of any fence on the course is 3’.]

SECTION V: ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT

New Rule 4: No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cell phone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for violating this rule if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. (Exception: a handicapped participant may use electronic devices subject to prior approval by show management.)

SECTION VI: REQUIRED DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

HUNTER DIVISIONS

Amended General Rule: Fifty percent or more of the obstacles must be at least the height listed on the show premium and, of those, none may be more than 2” over or under the maximum stated height. A 3’ class means the maximum height of any obstacle on the course is 3’2”.

[Old Rule: All heights are maximum allowed.]

New General Rule: Hunter classes with fences at 2’3” or lower may NOT include the use of oxers, in-and-outs, or solid fences.

Green Hunter Division (Pony and Horse) – This division is restricted to ponies (14.2 hands and under) and horses in their first **or second** year of showing. The maximum height is 2’3”. Ponies and horses will be judged together as one class. Ponies and horses showing in the Green Hunter Division may compete in levels higher than 2’3” during one season and still be eligible for points in the Green Hunter Division for that year. **Ponies and horses that have not shown above 2’3” in their first year of showing are still eligible to compete in the Green Hunter Division in their second year of showing.**

[Note: changes shown in bold type.]

EQUITATION DIVISIONS

Amended General Rule: At the final show of the year, the top six riders earning points in Medal classes at one or more shows are eligible to ride in the Medal Finals.

[Old rule: At the final show of the year, all riders who have earned ten or more points in the Medal classes, at one or more shows, are eligible to ride in the Medal Finals.]

JUMPER DIVISIONS

Amended General Rule: Fifty percent or more of the obstacles must be at least the height listed on the show premium and, of those, none may be more than 2” over or under the maximum stated height. A 3’ class means the maximum height of any obstacle on the course is 3’2”.

[Old Rule: All heights are maximum allowed.]

SECTION XIII: MANAGEMENT OF ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2. Special meetings of the directors may be called by the president, the secretary, or by any director. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary to notify directors of the time, place, and

purposes of any special meeting of directors so that sufficient notice is given. Any meeting at which four directors are present shall be legal for the transaction of business. **Four** directors shall constitute a quorum of the board.

[Old rule provided that three directors constitute a quorum.]

3. Vacancies on the board shall be filled at each annual meeting for two-year terms. The immediate past president shall automatically be an *ex-officio* member of the board of directors for the two-year period immediately following his/her term as president. As an *ex officio* member of the board, the past president shall not have voting rights, unless he or she continues to serve as an elected member of the board.

[Old rule: Vacancies on the board shall be filled at each annual meeting for two-year terms. The immediate past president shall automatically be a member of the board of directors for the two-year period immediately following his/her term as president. The directorship of the immediate past president shall be subject to the same duties and responsibilities as the other directors of the association.]

OTHER CHANGES NOT INVOLVING RULES

Points: Have points updated and posted as frequently as possible on the MHJA website (monthly during show season if possible) but in any event, have points available by July 30 each year, based on the points received by that date from show managers.

Drug Testing: Drug testing should be done after the horses to be tested have finished competing for the day and are well-hydrated, vet schedule permitting.