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The following rule change proposals have been submitted for consideration to or originated by the GHJA Rules Committee. The Rules Committee now submits these changes for consideration by the General Membership. If you wish to comment, please provide your feedback to any GHJA Officer or Board Member or to the Executive Secretary of the Association. Board Member contact information is available on the GHJA website.

These Rule changes will be voted on by the Board of Directors at the October 4, 2011 Board of Directors meeting. Should any or all of these rule changes pass, they will go into effect on December 1, 2011, unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Rule Change: The Jr/Sr division is consistently showing with 24-30 horses in the division. The Adult community has increased dramatically over the last several years and would like a lower fence height to compete among themselves. This would make Pre Children's and Pre Adult divisions. If in the event that there are fewer than 3 in either section they would be combined. This rule change will also cause some minor word changing in the Short/Long stirrup rule, also in 14.2.5, 14.2.13.3, 17.4.1 and 17.4.2.

Proposed Rule: (with changes inserted in *bold italics* and deletions struck through)

Local Member Rule 14. Classes and Divisions

~~14.1.1.9. Junior/Senior Hunter: Open to Junior and Adult Amateur riders on horse or ponies; horse/rider combination can have never shown over fences 3'3" or higher at any Local or Regular Member horse show. Fence height 2'6".~~

14.1.1.9. Pre-Children's Hunter: Open to Junior riders on horses or ponies; horse/rider combination may not have competed at 3'3" or higher at any Local or Regular Member horse show in the previous 3 years. Fence height 2'6".

14.1.1.10. Pre-Adult Hunter: Open to Adult Amateur riders on horse or ponies; horse/rider combination may not have competed at 3'3" or higher at any Local or Regular Member horse show in the previous 3 years. Fence height 2'6".

Purpose of Rule Change: To allow two new divisions to be combined if there are fewer than 3 entries in each section.

Proposed Rules: (with changes inserted in *bold italics* and deletions struck through)

Local Member Rule 14. Classes and Divisions

14.2.5.3. *The Pre-Children's Hunter and Pre-Adult Hunter divisions may be combined if there are fewer than 3 entries per section and points will be kept accordingly.*

14.2.13.3. In order for points to count toward GHJA year-end awards, the Classic's specifications must be identical to those of the corresponding GHJA division; Classic classes may only be combined as follows:

Pony Hunter Classic (combining Small/Medium/Large Ponies)

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Hunter Classic

Pre-Children's / Pre-Adult Hunter Classic

Children's/Adult Hunter Classic

Purpose of Rule Change: To correct wording in Short-Stirrup rules to reflect elimination of the Junior / Senior Hunter Division and addition of Pre-Children's Hunter division.

Proposed Rules: (with changes inserted in ***bold italics*** and deletions struck through)

14.1.1.1. Short Stirrup Hunter: Open to riders age 12 years and under, on horses or ponies, in their first or second year of showing over fences higher than 18" in any hunter show. **NOTE:** *Participation in once around-twice around or beginner and crossrail classes will not count as part of these two years as long as the jump height does not exceed 18".* A rider on a pony may cross-enter only into Schooling Pony (2' only) and age group equitation, not to include any medal classes. A rider on a horse may cross-enter only into ~~Junior/Senior Hunter~~ ***Pre-Children's*** (2'6" only) and age group equitation, not to include any medal classes. Riders may enter non-recognized classes where fence heights do not exceed 2' for ponies and 2'6" for horses. Riders may not enter "under saddle" or "flat" classes that do not fall within these parameters. Riders may show in Short Stirrup classes for two consecutive years. The two years of short stirrup eligibility are continuous show calendar years that cannot be separated or divided in any manner. If a rider ages out of Short Stirrup after one year of eligibility, the rider may compete in Long Stirrup Hunter and Equitation divisions for the next consecutive show year, concluding the continuous two years of eligibility for these divisions. Short and Long Stirrup eligibility are to be counted together: a rider may compete in Short and/or Long Stirrup Divisions for a total of two consecutive show years. Year will begin December 1st and end November 30th. Fence height 2'.

Purpose of Rule Change: To bring back a 2'9" fence height division. The 2'9" height change was removed from Jr/Sr several years ago. After its removal, there were requests from trainers and riders for the division as a stepping stone to 3'. Many local managers have offered it over the years and it has consistently filled at times with up to 14 in the division. It has been a great stepping stone for not only riders to get to 3' but gives ponies an extra division to work on 2'9".

Proposed Rule: (with changes inserted in ***bold italics*** and deletions struck through)

Local Member Rule 14. Classes and Divisions

14.1.1.11. Modified Hunter: Open to all horses or ponies ridden by juniors, amateurs or professionals. Fence height 2'9

Purpose of Rule Change: Include three new divisions in the end of year awards.

Proposed Rules: (with changes inserted in *bold italics* and deletions struck through.)

Local Member Rule 17. Championships and Annual Awards

17.4.1. GHJA offers annual high score awards in the following divisions:

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| 1. Short Stirrup Hunter | 14. Children's' Hunter |
| 2. Short Stirrup Equitation | 15. Junior/Amateur Hunter |
| 3. Schooling Pony Hunter | 16. Green Working Hunter |
| 4. Small Pony Hunter | 17. Working Hunter |
| 5. Medium Pony Hunter | 18. Equitation 11 and under |
| 6. Large Pony Hunter | 19. Equitation 12-14 |
| 7. Long Stirrup Hunter | 20. Equitation 15-17 |
| 8. Long Stirrup Equitation | 21. Adult Amateur Equitation |
| 9. Junior/Senior Hunter | 22. Low Schooling Jumper |
| 9. Pre-Children's Hunter | 23. High Schooling Jumper |
| 10. Pre-Adult Hunter | 24. Child Jumper |
| 11. Modified Hunter | 25. Adult Jumper |
| 12. Open Hunter | 26. Junior/Amateur Jumper |
| 13. Adult Amateur Hunter | |

17.4.2. When there are fewer than six (6) known horses or ponies eligible for awards in a division, at the discretion of the GHJA Board of Directors, the division may be combined or the award not given. Divisions which may be combined if necessary are as follows:

- 17.4.2.1. Short and Long Stirrup Hunter
 - 17.4.2.2. Short and Long Stirrup Equitation
 - 17.4.2.3. Small, Medium, and Large Pony Hunter or Small and Medium Pony Hunters or Medium and Large Pony Hunters
 - 17.4.2.4 Pre-Children's and Pre-Adult Hunter**
 - 17.4.2.5. Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter
 - 17.4.2.6. Children's and Adult Jumper
 - 17.4.2.7. Low and High Schooling Jumper
 - 17.4.2.8. Green and Regular Working Hunter
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Purpose of Rule Change: Safety in and around show rings

Proposed Rule: (with changes inserted in *bold italics* and deletions struck through.)

Local Member Rule 11. Recognition of Local Member Shows

11.2. Prize List

11.2.3.2. Complete listing of the following:

- the names of all horse show officials.
- the names of the Judges and the divisions in which they will adjudicate; the name of the GHJA Steward.
- the names and phone numbers of the veterinarian and of the farrier who will be either on call or on the premises during the show.
- complete class specifications, including clear identification and specs for all non-rated classes.
- the amounts of entry fees and the prizes offered in each class.
- the exact date and location of the show.
- a statement concerning how and where to submit entries, entry closing date, and late entry conditions.
- a tentative time schedule.
- information about whether or not schooling will be permitted over show fences and, if so, at what times.
- a description of all hunter and jumper courses and heights.
- a statement specifying whether distances used in the Pony classes and division will be measured on a 12' stride, or in accordance with USEF guidelines.
- an entry form with spaces designated for GHJA member numbers of rider, owner, and horse.
- separate spaces for signatures of trainer, owner, and trainer/agent
- a map or directions to the show site.
- a statement that horses and ponies may not enter more than 7 classes over fences, including equitation and all special classes such as classic classes.
- a statement that hard hats must be worn by all mounted riders at all times. All riders must wear ASTM-SEI approved helmets with a properly-adjusted (snug) harness.
- a statement that proper attire is required in all classes except warm-up classes, when chaps or other non standard attire may be worn (management may prescribe attire for beginner non-rated divisions). Horse show management may also choose to waive coats in the event of extreme heat.
- a statement notifying participants of a disqualification clause due to acts of discourtesy towards officials.
- a statement that all entry forms must be signed by every adult – competitor, parent and/or trainer.
- a statement that unlicensed drivers are not permitted to operate motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds. Failure to abide by these regulations will subject the exhibitor to suspension from the horse show. Please refer to USEF GR 1301.7.
- ***a statement that all dogs must be on a leash of no more than 6 feet in length, or otherwise contained, at all times while on competition grounds. Dog owners are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors. Loose and/or disruptive dogs may be subject to impoundment by the horse show or by the local government. Owners of loose and/or disruptive dogs may be subject to penalties and/or***

finer under GHJA Rules 18 and 19. Warning cards may be issued to such dog owners, an accumulation of which shall result in further penalties.

- if such is the case, a statement that this Local Member Show has been sanctioned as one show date of two days duration and is offering one or more GHJA recognized divisions or classes on both days of the show. Exhibitors are permitted to compete in the duplicated division or class on only one of the two days. If by oversight an exhibitor competes in a duplicated class or division on both days, the competitor will be eliminated from results for the second instance.

12.3. Special Provisions - Local Member Shows

12.3.13 Unlicensed drivers are not permitted to operate motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds. Failure to abide by these regulations will subject the exhibitor to suspension from the horse show. Please refer to USEF GR 1301.7.

12.3.14 All dogs must be on a leash of no more than 6 feet in length, or otherwise contained, at all times while on competition grounds. Dog owners are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors. Loose and/or disruptive dogs may be subject to impoundment by the horse show or by the local government. Owners of loose and/or disruptive dogs may be subject to penalties and/or fines under GHJA Rules 18 and 19. Warning cards may be issued to such dog owners, an accumulation of which shall result in further penalties.

Purpose of Rule Change: Ensuring diversity in the membership of the Board so that all member categories are appropriately represented.

Proposed Rule: (with changes inserted in ***bold italics*** and deletions struck through.)

Article VIII. Committees

Section 8.7 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) senior individual members appointed by the Board of Directors. Each member shall be appointed annually for a term of one (1) year. Any member may serve for two (2) consecutive terms. ***The Nominating Committee in identifying GHJA members to be nominated for board membership, should place emphasis on ensuring diversity in the membership of the Board so that all member categories are appropriately represented – Local and Regular members, as well as Exhibitors, Trainers, Barn / Farm Representation, Show Managers, Show Officials, etc. Emphasis should be placed on matching the board make-up to the local and regular member membership percentages.***

Purpose of Rule Change: Ensure have appropriate change in leadership and rotation of membership involvement.

Proposed Rules (with changes inserted in ***bold italics*** and deletions struck through)

Article VI Officers

Section 6.2 Term and Removal: All officers except the Executive Secretary shall **be elected by and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and any** officer except the Executive Secretary may be removed from office, either with or without cause, at any time, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors then in office. ***The office of the President shall be limited to three consecutive one year terms.*** A vacancy in any office arising from any cause may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors.

Purpose of Rule Change: Add a new rule to allow Derby Classes or "Finals Classes" at the GHJA Finals Horse Show to count for double points, consistent with awarding double points for the Classic Classes held at the GHJA Finals Horse Show in previous years.

*****This rule will be effective immediately to accommodate the 2011 GHJA Finals Show*****

Proposed Rule (with changes inserted in ***bold italics*** and deletions struck through)

Local Member Rule 16. GHJA Year End Classic Competitions

16. GHJA Year End Competition

16.1 Conditions Governing Holding a GHJA Finals class

- 1.1.1.1. ***A year end Finals class or classes may be held at the discretion of the GHJA at a GHJA-managed or designated show towards the end of the show year. The charge for entry in this final event will be set by GHJA.***
- 1.1.1.2. ***The type of class or classes offered may be a Classic, a Derby, or any other special type of class chosen by the GHJA to be of interest to spectators, exhibitors and which will promote the mission of the GHJA.***
- 1.1.1.3. ***Any such special class offered at a GHJA year end show will be eligible for double points to count toward year-end awards if approved in advance by the Show Standards Committee. The GHJA year end show prize list must list the specifications for this class or classes, whether the class or classes are sanctioned for double points, specifications for eligibility, and must indicate the fee for this class or classes.***

Purpose of Rule Change: Add a new rule in the Regular Member section clarifying that Classic classes do not count toward Regular Member year end awards.

Proposed Rules (with changes inserted in ***bold italics*** and deletions struck through)

Regular Member Rule 7. Championships and Annual Awards

7.2. Scoring

- 7.2.2 ***Classic classes at Regular Member Shows do not count toward Regular Member GHJA year end awards.***

Purpose of Rule Change: To modify the current rule restricting shows from being held on the same day if they are less than 50 miles apart to specify that the 50 miles is determined by the shortest driving distance, not a direct line calculation of distance. This change for example would allow GHJA sanctioned local shows to be held at Wills Park and Conyers on the same weekend.

Proposed Rules (with changes inserted in *bold italics* and deletions struck through)

Local Member Rule.

11.1.1.3. There must be a distance of 50 miles between Local Member Shows held on the same day. *For purposes of this rule, the distance of miles is defined as the shortest driving distance on major highways between the two show venues.* No Show Management group may have more than four (4) shows in a given month, nor may these shows occupy more than two (2) weekends in a given month. The four shows can be on the same extended weekend (Thursday through Sunday) or on separate weekends.

Purpose of Rule Change: Remove from Rule Book Regular Member Horse Show section regarding Prize Lists requirements

Removing this section as current practice does not require show management of a Regular Member Show to submit the prize list to the Show Standards Committee, nor are they required to have GHJA specific statements included in the prize list. All prize list requirements for Regular Member Horse Shows are defaulted to USEF rules. Therefore, this rule is outdated.

Proposed Rule (with changes inserted in *bold italics* and deletions struck through)

3. Recognition of USEF Regular Member Shows and USEF Local Member Shows

~~3.1.1.3. There must be a distance of 150 miles between Regular Member Shows held on the same dates and 50 miles between Local Member shows held on the same day. No Show Management group may have more than two shows in a given month, or more than eighteen shows in a calendar year. A Member Show, once sanctioned for the given year, may not change dates or Show Management without approval by the Show Standards Committee. Show Management canceling a reserved date will forfeit their application fee. If a show date must be changed, written notification must be mailed to and received by the entire GHJA membership at least seven days prior to the original date. The only exception to this would be Acts of God.~~

3.2. Prize Lists

~~3.2.1. Submit to Executive Secretary:~~

~~3.2.1.1. All Regular and USEF Local Member Shows must submit a copy of their prize list to the Executive Secretary immediately upon publication.~~

~~3.2.1.2. Regular Member Shows of USEF in which one or more hunter or jumper divisions are rated "A", "B", or "C" are not required to submit a draft prize list to GHJA for approval. However, they must file a copy of the prize list with GHJA immediately on publication.~~

3.2.2. The prize list and catalog of every Member Show must contain all of the following:
3.2.2.1.

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Please enroll me as a family/ junior/ senior member of GHJA for the Year 20 _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Date of Birth (**required for juniors only**) _____ Telephone Number _____

Annual Membership Fees: Senior: \$ 55.00 Family: \$ 70.00

Junior: \$ 45.00 Lifetime: \$400.00

Sustaining (non-competing) membership: \$ 30.00

Membership expires Nov. 30th. Join prior to Jan. 15th to be included in the Membership Roster.

3.2.2.2. Complete listing of the following:

- the names of all horse show officials.
- the names of the Judges and the divisions which they will adjudicate; the name of the USEF steward.
- complete class specifications, including non-rated classes.
- the amounts of entry fees and the prizes offered in each class.
- the exact date and location of the show.
- a statement concerning how and where to submit entries, entry closing date and conditions for late entries.
- a tentative time schedule.
- information about whether or not schooling will be permitted over show fences and, if so, at what time(s).
- a description of all hunter and jumper courses and fence heights.
- an entry blank with space for USEF and GHJA membership numbers.
- the classes and divisions not recognized by GHJA must be clearly identified in the prize list and catalog.
- the dimensions of each show ring and type of footing.

3.2.3. Regular Member Shows are invited to offer the following local GHJA medal classes: GHJA Pony Medal Class or the J.D. Pounds Junior Medal Class or the GHJA Adult Medal Class.