GHJA Class Specifications

Hunter Over Fences

To be shown over at least eight fences at the required height. To be judged on performance and soundness unless otherwise stated.

Hunter Under Saddle

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Martingales not permitted.

Courses

Hunter courses will simulate fences found in the hunt field such as brush, wall, in-and-out, oxer, post and rails, gate, aiken, bank, coop and panels.

All hunter divisions will be held in accordance with GHJA rules. Hunter Divisions with less than 3 entries may be combined. Pony must possess and present to the office a GHJA or USEF measurement card to compete in any Pony Hunter division.

Horses and ponies may enter no more than seven "over fences" classes, no more than five of which can be Jumper classes, on a single show day. All warm-up trips and special classes, such as equitation medals, hunter classics, derbies, and stakes classes are included in this total. All Jumper classics, stakes, warm-ups, and clear round classes shall count towards the limit of five Jumper classes. *New for 2019*

Equitation Classes

Short Stirrup Equitation

Open to qualified Short Stirrup rider. Fence height 2'.

Long Stirrup Equitation

Open to qualified Long Stirrup riders. Fence height 2'3".

Equitation 11 & under

Open to Juniors whose 12th birthday is not before December 1, 2018. Fence height 2'. No straight lines may be set at less than 60'.

Equitation 12-14

Open to Juniors whose 15th birthday is not before December 1, 2018. Fence height 2'6". No straight lines may be set at less than 60'.

Equitation 15-17

Open to Juniors whose 18th birthday is not before December 1, 2018. Fence height 3'

Adult Equitation

Open to all Adult Amateurs. Fence height 3'

Jumper Classes

.80 m (2'7") Jumper

Open to all riders on horses or ponies.

Low Child/Adult Jumper .85 m (2'9")

Open to Junior and Amateur riders on horses or ponies. Horse/rider combo may not cross enter into classes higher than .90m at the same horse show

.90 m (2'll") Jumper

Open to all riders on horses or ponies.

Child/Adult Jumper .95 m (3'1")

Open to Junior and Amateur riders on horses or ponies. Horse/rider combo may not cross enter into classes higher than 1.10m (3'7") at the same horse show

1.00 m (3'3") Jumper

Open to all riders on horses or ponies.

1.10 m (3'7") Jumper

Open to all riders on horses or ponies.

Medal Classes

Specifications for GHJA Medals

Must be a GHJA Member to compete in the GHJA Medal classes. To be shown over a modified jumper-type course of at least 8 fences. The course must include at least one oxer and one change of direction. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of the horse. A minimum of 6 riders, if available, will be required to show on the flat. The flat performance of the selected riders shall count for 25%. Three entries must compete both phases for qualification points to count. Judges may require riders to perform any USEF test 1-19. Management has the option of placing two tests from USEF 1-9 into the jumping phase in lieu of the 25% flat phase. Three entries must complete the over fences and testing requirements for qualification points to count. The J.D. Pounds and Adult Medal cannot run concurrently with any other classes.

GHJA Pony Medal

Ponies with measurement cards to be ridden by Junior riders. Small ponies to be ridden by Junior riders 12 years of age or under to be jumped at 2'. Medium ponies to be ridden by Junior riders 14 years of age or under to be jumped at 2'3". Large ponies to be ridden by Juniors to be jumped at 2'9".

J.D. Pounds Junior Medal

Open to Juniors on horses. Fence height 3'.

GHJA Adult Medal

Open to Adult Amateurs on horses or ponies. Fence height 3'. Ponies may not be shown by a junior in any other classes

GHJA Medals can be combined if there are less than three in any of the three medals. However rider/horse must jump at appropriate fence height.

Hunter Classes

Pre-Children's Hunter
Open to Junior riders on horses or ponies; horse/rider com-bination 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". Horse rider combo MAY NOT cross enter into children's hunter.

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". Horse Rider Combo MAY NOT cross enter into Adult hunter.

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

Open Hunter
Open to all horses or ponies ridden by juniors, amateurs or professionals. Fence height 2'6" or 3'. Rider may show at either height group at rider's or trainer's discretion.

Children's Hunter
Open to all horses ridden by a Junior. Fence height 3'. Horse/rider combo MAY NOT cross enter into Pre Children's Hunter.

Adult Amateur Hunter
Open to Adult Amateur riders on horses or ponies. A pony ridden in the Adult Amateur Hunters may not cross enter into any Pony Hunter division or Junior Equitation classes or Junior Medal at the same show. Fence height 3'. Horse/rider combo MAY NOT cross enter into Pre-Adult Hunter **Performance Hunter 3'3"/3'6"**
Open to all riders on horses.

Schooling Pony
Open to Junior riders only on ponies. Fence height 2' or 2'6". May jump either height at the rider's or trainer's dis-cretion.

Small Pony Hunter
Open to Junior riders 12 years of age or under on ponies not to exceed 12.2 hh. Fence height 2'.

Medium Pony Hunter
Open to Junior riders 14 years of age or under on ponies over 12.2 hh, but not to exceed 13.2 hh. Fence height 2'3".

Large Pony Hunter
Open to Junior riders on ponies not to exceed 14.2 hh. Fence height 2'9".

Short Stirrup Hunter
Open to riders ages 12 years and under, on horses or ponies, in their first or second year of showing over fences higher than 18" in any horse 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". Riders may show in Short Stirrup classes for two consecutive years. The two 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 division. Short and Long Stirrup eligibility are to 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'. Throughout the competition year in order for Short Stirrup eligibility to remain intact and in order for Short Stirrup riders to remain eligible to show in Short Stirrup classes at the year end GHJA Finals horse show and to remain eligible for GHJA year end awards in the Short Stirrup divisions:(i) A short Stirrup rider on a pony may cross-enter into schooling Pony (2' or 2'6"), age group equitation and non recognized classes where fence heights do not exceed 2'6" (ii) A Short Stirrup rider on a pony MAY NOT cross-enter into: Pony Hunter, Open Hunter at any height, any GHJA-recognized medal classes, nor any non-recognized classes where fence heights exceed 2'6". A Short Stirrup rider on a horse MAY cross-enter into: Pre-Children's Hunter 2'6" age group equitation, and non-recognized classes where fence heights do not exceed 2'6"

Long Stirrup Hunter
Open to Amateur and Junior riders, 13 years of age and older, in their first or second year of showing on ponies or horses over fences higher than 18" in any hunter show. Note: Participation in once around-twice around or beginner and cross rail classes will not count as part of these two years as long as the jump height does not exceed 18". Adult riders who are re-entering the show ring after an absence cannot have shown over fences higher than 2'6" in the past 5 years. A rider may cross enter only into Hunter divisions and age group equitation at the same show if fence height does not exceed 2'6", not to include GHJA medal classes. Riders may enter non-recognized classes where fence heights do not exceed 2'6". Riders may not enter "under saddle" or "flat" classes that do not fall within these parameters. Riders may show in Long Stirrup classes for two consecutive years. Year will begin December 1st and end November 30th. Fence height 2'3". *See current GHJA Rule Book for further clarification regarding eligibility* (this is a brief version)

GHJA Equitation Challenge
Open to all Junior and Adult Amateur GHJA members on horses or ponies. To be judged at a walk, trot, and canter. Competitors will be asked to perform at least two of the following USEF tests chosen by the Judge: #1-Halt (4 to 6 seconds) or Halt and Back; #2-Hand gallop; #9- Ride without stirrups; #15-Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead; #17- Canter on the counter lead (Note: no more than twelve horses may counter canter at one time). Martingales are not permitted. Riders receiving outside assistance or coaching while in the arena will be eliminated. Riders who have won the final GHJA Equitation Challenge in the previous three years are no longer eligible to compete in this class. November 1st is the cut-off date for riding in qualifying classes at shows.