

# **NOMINATION DIVISIONS FOR 2011 YEAR END AWARDS**

## **OPPORTUNITY CLASSES**

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## **EQUITATION DIVISION**

1. Short Stirrup Equitation
2. Open Equitation on the flat, 11 and under
3. Open Equitation over fences, 11 and under
4. Open Equitation on the flat, 12 thru 14
5. Open Equitation over fences, 12 thru 14
6. Open Equitation on the flat, 15 thru 17
7. Open Equitation over fences, 15 thru 17
8. Long Stirrup Equitation, 17 & Under, flat and over fences \*
9. Long Stirrup Equitation, 18 & Over, flat and over fences \*
10. Adult Amateur Equitation, 18 - 35, flat and over fences
11. Adult Amateur Equitation, 36 & Over, flat and over fences
12. MHJA Medal
13. MHJA Mini-Medal

## **HUNTER DIVISION**

1. Short Stirrup Working Hunter
2. Long Stirrup Working Hunter 17 and under \*
3. Long Stirrup Working Hunter 18 & Over \*
4. Children's Working Hunter Horse 13 and under\*
5. Children's Working Hunter Horse 14 and over\*
6. Small Junior Working Hunter \*
7. Large Junior Working Hunter \*
8. Small Pony Working Hunter \*
9. Medium Pony Working Hunter \*
10. Large Pony Working Hunter \*
11. Limit Adult Working Hunter
12. Low Amateur Working Hunter
13. 3'6" Amateur Owner Working Hunter 35 and Under \*
14. 3'6" Amateur Owner Working Hunter 35 and Over \*
15. 3'3" Amateur Owner Working Hunter \*
16. Pre-Green Working Hunter low \*
17. Pre-Green Working Hunter high\*
18. 1<sup>st</sup> year Green Working Hunter\*
19. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Green Working Hunter \*
20. High Performance Working Hunter\*
21. Adult Amateur Working Hunter 35 and Under \*
22. Adult Amateur Working Hunter 36 - 49 \*
23. Adult Amateur Working Hunter 50 and Over \*
24. Children's Working Hunter Pony
25. Rusty Stirrup Working Hunter, sponsored by St. Croix Saddlery, Inc.
26. Performance Working Hunter 3'3"\*
27. Performance Working Hunter 3'6" to 3'9"\*
28. Baby Green Hunter
29. MHJA Hunter Challenge

## **JUMPER DIVISION**

1. .90m/2'11" Jumper
2. 1.0m/3'3" Jumper
3. 1.05m/3'5" & 1.10m/3'7" Jumper
4. 1.15m/3'9" Jumper
5. 1.20m/3'11" & 1.25/4'1" Jumper
6. 1.30m/4'3" and above Jumper
7. Pony Jumper USEF specs.
8. Low Children's Jumper\* 1.0m/3'3" Jumper
9. High Children's Jumper\* 1.05m-1.10m
10. Low Adult Amateur Jumper\* 1.0m/3'3" Jumper
11. High Adult Amateur Jumper\* 1.05m-1.10
12. Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper 1.15m/3'9")
13. Junior Jumper\*
14. Amateur Owner Jumper\*

\* These divisions may be split or combined by their age group, height, green and regular working hunters, or size as their entries warrant. In the event that fewer than three horses are eligible for year end awards, these divisions will be combined with their complimentary division and only one year end award offered.

FOR HORSE SHOW PURPOSES, THE AGE OF AN INDIVIDUAL ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE CURRENT COMPETITION YEAR. (DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO NOVEMBER 30th.) A PERSON BORN ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL ASSUME THE GREATER AGE ON THAT DATE. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS REACHED HIS/HER 18<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AS OF DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE CURRENT COMPETITION YEAR IS AN ADULT.

# 2011 MHJA CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

## HUNT SEAT EQUITATION DIVISION

FOR EQUITATION, THE AGE OF AN INDIVIDUAL ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE CURRENT COMPETITION YEAR. (DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO NOVEMBER 30TH.) A PERSON BORN ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL ASSUME THE GREATER AGE ON THAT DATE. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS REACHED HIS/HER 18<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AS OF DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE CURRENT COMPETITION YEAR IS AN ADULT.

ALL CLASSES JUDGED ON HANDS, SEAT, GUIDANCE AND CONTROL OF THE HORSE. FOR COMPLETE SPECIFICATIONS, PLEASE CHECK THE EQUITATION SECTION OF THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK.

1. OPEN EQUITATION 11 AND UNDER (FLAT). Open to riders who have not reached their 12th birthday. Tests 1-8.
2. OPEN EQUITATION 11 AND UNDER (OVER FENCES). Open to riders who have not reached their 12th birthday. Fences shall not exceed 2'6". Combinations are prohibited. See USEF Rule EQ111 for course requirements. Tests 1-8.
3. OPEN EQUITATION 12-14 (FLAT). Open to riders who have reached their 12th but not their 15th birthday. Tests 1-8.
4. OPEN EQUITATION 12-14 (OVER FENCES). Open to riders who have reached their 12th but not their 15th birthday. Fences shall not exceed 3'. See USEF Rule EQ111 for course requirements. Tests 1-8.
5. OPEN EQUITATION 15-17 (FLAT). Open to riders who have reached their 15th but not their 18th birthday. Tests 1-19.
6. OPEN EQUITATION 15-17(OVER FENCES). Open to riders who have reached their 15th but not their 18th birthday. Fences shall not exceed 3'6". See USEF Rule EQ111 for course requirements. Tests 1-19.
7. ADULT EQUITATION 18 - 35 (FLAT AND OVER FENCES). Open to amateur riders who have reached their 18th but not their 36th birthday as of December 1, 2010. Fences not to exceed 3'3". Tests 1-8.
8. ADULT EQUITATION 36 AND OVER (FLAT AND OVER FENCES). Open to amateur riders who have reached their 36th birthday as of December 1, 2010. Fences not to exceed 3'3". Tests 1-8.
9. LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION, 17 AND UNDER (FLAT AND OVER FENCES). Open to junior riders who have not won three first place ribbons at any USEF/CEF recognized show over fences which exceeded 2'9" in height in the past three years, including equitation. No rider cross entry at the same show between this division and Short Stirrup Hunter/ Equitation, or any class where the height of fences exceeds 3 feet. A rider who is eligible as of December 1, shall retain his/her eligibility throughout the year regardless of ribbons won. Fences not to exceed 2'6". Combinations prohibited. Open to horses or ponies, distances will not be adjusted. Shows offering a long stirrup hunter division are requested to hold at least one Long Stirrup Equitation class.
10. LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION 18 AND OVER (FLAT AND OVER FENCES). Open to amateur riders who have reached their 18th birthday, and who have not won three first place ribbons at any USEF/CEF recognized show over fences which exceeded 2'9" in height in the past three years, including equitation. No rider cross entry at the same show between this division and any class where the height of fences exceeds 2'9". A rider who is eligible as of December 1 shall retain his/her eligibility throughout the year regardless of ribbons won. Fences not to exceed 2'6". Combinations prohibited. Open to horses or ponies, distances will not be adjusted. Shows offering a long stirrup hunter division are requested to hold at least one Long Stirrup Equitation class.
11. SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION. Open to junior riders who have not reached their 12th birthday and have not won six first place ribbons over fences 2'6" or higher. A rider who is eligible as of December 1 shall retain their eligibility throughout the year regardless of ribbons won. No rider may cross enter at the same show between Short Stirrup Hunter/ Equitation and Long Stirrup Hunter/ Equitation, or between Short Stirrup Hunter/Equitation and any class requiring entries to jump 3 feet or higher. Open to horses and ponies; manners emphasized and extreme speed penalized. Fences not to exceed 2'3", oxers and combinations prohibited. In flat classes no more than 8 entries may canter at one time and hand gallop is prohibited. Shows offering a Short Stirrup Hunter Division are requested to hold at least one Short Stirrup Equitation class.
12. MHJA HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS. Open to junior and amateur riders of the MHJA. Application for membership must be made directly to the MHJA. To be shown over a course of not less than 8 obstacles not exceeding 3' in height which must include one combination, one change of direction, and one long approach to a fence. Two or more tests of the top four riders are required, USEF Tests 1-14. Only one rider per horse. Amateur riders in this class may cross enter into classes where fences are 3'6" or higher. Junior riders in this class may not cross enter, at the same show, into classes where fences are 3'6" or higher unless they are in their first year of showing over fences 3'6" or higher; except for the Medal Final class, where they may cross enter if otherwise qualified. First through fourth place winners shall be eligible to compete in the MHJA Hunt Seat Medal Final. The final for this class may be held at a horse show to be announced at the beginning of the year. The Final shall consist of a course of not less than 8 obstacles not exceeding 3' in height which must include one combination, one change of direction, and one long approach to a fence. All exhibitors shall return for a flat phase. Following the flat phase, two or more tests of the top four riders are required, USEF Tests 1-14. The winner of the final will receive a perpetual trophy. **Qualifying for the Medal shall start with the first MHJA Medal class held after the Medal Finals of the previous year and end at the last show prior to the finals of the current year.** In the event no final class is held, the perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the rider who has accumulated the most points in the MHJA Hunt Seat Medal class throughout the year.
13. MHJA MINI-MEDAL. Open to junior and amateur riders who are current members of the MHJA. Application for membership must be made directly to the MHJA. Cross entry at the same show into any class where the height of fences exceeds 2'9" is prohibited. To be shown over a course of at least 8 fences 2'6" in height. Two tests( USEF Tests 1-8) are required in the first round. If there are 8 or more entries at the beginning of the class, two or more tests of the top four riders are required, USEF Tests 1-8.

Only one rider per horse. A final for this class may be held at a horse show designated by the MHJA Board of Directors. Riders who win a first, second, third or fourth place in the Mini-Medal will be eligible for the finals. The final will consist of a first round of at least 8 fences 2'6" in height. The top four contestants will return to be tested at the judge's discretion from tests 1-8. Exhibitors who qualify in both the Mini-Medal and the MHJA Medal may ride in only one final. **Qualifying for the Mini-Medal shall start at the first MHJA Mini-Medal class held after the Mini Medal Finals of the previous year and end at the last show prior to the finals of the current year.** If no final class is held, the Year End award for the medal will be awarded on points accumulated during the show year.

#### **HUNTER DIVISION**

*For divisions 1 - 18, check the current USEF Rule Book for complete USEF specifications and on-line at USHJA.org for Zone 6 specifications.*

1. FIRST YEAR GREEN WORKING HUNTER. Fences 3'6".
2. SECOND YEAR GREEN WORKING HUNTER. Fences 3'9".
3. HIGH PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER (OLD REGULAR WORKING HUNTER.) Fences 4' – 4'6" (3'9" in divisions with B or C ratings). Under USEF Rules, at A, B, and C rated shows, if there are less than 3 High Performance hunters, they must be combined with the 2<sup>nd</sup> year green hunters. If there are still less than 3, the High Performance and 2<sup>nd</sup> Years must be combined with the 1st Years. Horses may be judged in only one section and must declare which one. See USEF Rule HU.
4. PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER 3'3" USEF Rule HU106.6
5. PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER 3'6" TO 3'9" USEF Rule HU 106.5
6. AMATEUR OWNER WORKING HUNTER- RIDERS 18 - 35 YEARS OF AGE. Fences 3'6".
7. AMATEUR OWNER WORKING HUNTER- RIDERS 36 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER. Fences 3'6".
8. AMATEUR OWNER WORKING HUNTER 3'3" Fences 3'3". USEF rules allow the high amateur-owner, low amateur-owner and junior hunters to be combined if necessary. See USEF HU.
9. SMALL JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER - UNDER 16 HANDS. Fences 3'6".
10. LARGE JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER- 16 HANDS AND OVER. Fences 3'6".
11. SMALL PONY WORKING HUNTER. Small ponies not to exceed 12.2 hands. Fences 2'3".
12. MEDIUM PONY WORKING HUNTER. Medium ponies over 12.2 but not exceeding 13.2. hands. Fences 2'6".
13. LARGE PONY WORKING HUNTER. Ponies over 13.2 but not exceeding 14.2 hands. Fences 3'.
14. CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTER HORSE. Open to horses that are to be ridden by Junior Exhibitors. To be judged on performance and soundness with emphasis on manners. Extreme speed to be penalized. Fence heights shall not exceed 3", spreads not to exceed the height of the fence. Horses not required to jog for soundness. Horse/rider combinations entered in this division may not cross enter into the Junior Hunter Division at the same show, unless it is the rider's first year of showing in the Junior Division. Riders entered in the Children's Hunter may not cross enter, at the same show, in classes where the jumps exceed 3'6". If entries warrant, it is recommended that this division be split by age into two sections: 13 and under and 14 - 17. Zone specs.
15. CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY. Open to ponies shown by a junior rider. Riders may not cross enter into USEF rated classes at the same show where the height of fences exceeds 3'3". Riders may cross enter into Pony Jumpers regardless of fence heights. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as a Children's Hunter Pony. To be offered at two fence heights: 2' for small and medium ponies and 2' 6" for large ponies. Ponies need not be jogged. Zone Award presented annually as one section.
16. ADULT AMATEUR WORKING HUNTER 18 – 35: 17. ADULT AMATEUR WORKING HUNTER 36 –49: and
18. ADULT AMATEUR WORKING HUNTER- 50 AND OVER. Open to horses and ponies ridden by amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as a Junior exhibitor. Horses entered in this section may compete in the Amateur –Owner Hunter section at the same show if ridden by immediate family member of the adult amateur rider. Horses in the Adult Amateur section may also compete in the Junior Hunter section at the same show. Riders in the Adult Amateur section may ride a different horse in the Amateur Owner section, and may ride in any section for which they are eligible at the same show. To be judged on performance, soundness and suitability. Fence heights not to exceed 3', spreads must not exceed the fence height. Entries not to jog for soundness. To be offered in three age groups – 18-35, 36-49 and 50 and over. Zone Awards will be offered in all three age groups. If there are less than three entries in an age group, it is to be combined with the other age group that has the least number of entries. Zone 6 specs apply.
19. LOW PRE-GREEN WORKING HUNTER; and 20. HIGH PRE-GREEN HUNTER Open to horses over 14.2 hands in height who are in their first or second year of showing over fences 3' or higher at a Regular Member show of USEF, EC or a Combined Training Event. Once a horse competes in a class requiring entries to jump 3'6" or higher at a USEF/EC Member show or an Event, they shall immediately lose their eligibility to further compete in this division. (However, horses that fall under USEF Rule HU will be allowed to return to Pre-Green, provided they are otherwise eligible and the requirements of HU are properly fulfilled.) To be offered in two height sections, Low Pre-Green at 3' and High Pre-Green at 3' 3". Horses may enter either section, but may not enter both heights at the same show. A horse who competes at the 3'3" height may return to the 3' section at a later show. Zone and MHJA Awards to be offered annually at each height. A show may combine height sections in one division with both heights offered. If sections are combined, USEF and MHJA points will be awarded in the height section in which the horse competed, provided the horse show provides the information necessary to make this distinction. If the information is not provided, a combined class will be

treated as a Low class. To be judged on performance and soundness. Under saddle classes not to hand gallop. Jogging not required.

21. LONG STIRRUP WORKING HUNTER 17 AND UNDER, HORSES OR PONIES. Open to junior riders who have not won three first place ribbons at any USEF/EC recognized show over fences which exceed 2'9" in height in the past three years, including equitation. No rider cross entry at the same show between this division and Short Stirrup Hunter/ Equitation, or any class where the height of fences exceeds 3 feet. A rider who is eligible as of December 1 shall retain his/her eligibility throughout the year regardless of ribbons won. Fences not to exceed 2'6". Combinations prohibited. Open to horses or ponies, manners emphasized, extreme speed penalized. Hand gallop is prohibited in under saddle classes. Shows offering a long stirrup hunter division are requested to offer at least one Long Stirrup Equitation class.

22. LONG STIRRUP WORKING HUNTER 18 AND OVER, HORSES OR PONIES. Open to amateur riders who have reached their 18th birthday and who have not won three first place ribbons at any USEF/EC recognized show over fences which exceed 2'9" in height in the past three years, including equitation. No rider cross entry at the same show between this division and any class where the height of fences exceeds 2'9". A rider, who is eligible as of December 1, shall retain his/her eligibility throughout the year regardless of ribbons won. Fences not to exceed 2'6". Combinations prohibited. Open to horses or ponies, manners emphasized, extreme speed penalized. Hand gallop is prohibited in under saddle classes. Shows offering a long stirrup hunter division are requested to offer at least one Long Stirrup Equitation class.

23. SHORT STIRRUP WORKING HUNTER, HORSES OR PONIES. Open to junior riders who have not reached their 12th birthday and have not won six first place ribbons over fences 2'6" or higher. A rider who is eligible as of December 1 shall retain their eligibility throughout the year regardless of ribbons won. No rider may cross enter at the same show between Short Stirrup Hunter/ Equitation and Long Stirrup Hunter/ Equitation, or between Short Stirrup Hunter/Equitation and any class requiring entries to jump 3 feet or higher. Open to horses and ponies; manners emphasized and extreme speed penalized. Fences not to exceed 2'3", oxers and combinations prohibited. In under saddle classes no more than 8 entries may canter at one time and hand gallop is prohibited. Shows offering a Short Stirrup Hunter Division are requested to offer at least one Short Stirrup Equitation class.

24. LIMIT ADULT WORKING HUNTER. Open to riders no longer eligible to compete as a junior exhibitor. Amateur certification required. Open to riders who have not won six (6) first place ribbons over fences 3' or higher at any USEF or EC recognized competition, including equitation, in the last six (6) years. A rider who is eligible as of December 1 shall retain his/her eligibility throughout the entire show year regardless of ribbons won. Horse/ rider combinations entered in Limit Adult may not cross enter into Low Amateur Hunter classes, or any class where the height of fences exceeds 3'. Riders may, however, enter the Low Amateur Hunter on a different mount. To be judged on performance and soundness, with emphasis on manners. Not to jog for ribbons. Height of fences 2'9".

25. LOW AMATEUR WORKING HUNTER. Open to amateur riders no longer eligible to compete as a junior exhibitor. Amateur certification required. Horse/ rider combinations entered in Low Amateur may not cross enter into Limit Adult, and into classes where the height of fences exceeds 3'6". Riders may, if otherwise qualified, enter the Limit Adult on a different mount. Riders may also enter classes where the height of fences exceeds 3'6" on another mount. To be judged on performance and soundness, emphasis on manners. Height of fences 2'9" to 3". Entries not to jog for ribbons. If there are 30 or more entries at the start of the first class of the division, management must split the division and award two sets of ribbons and two championships.

26. RUSTY STIRRUP WORKING HUNTER, HORSES OR PONIES, sponsored by St. Croix Saddlery, Inc. Open to amateur riders who have reached their 30th birthday. Amateur certification required. No rider cross entry at the same show between this division and any class where the height of fences exceeds 2'6". Fences not to exceed 2'3". Combinations and oxers prohibited. No hand gallop in under saddle classes. Open to horses or ponies, manners emphasized, extreme speed penalized. No jog.

27. BABY GREEN WORKING HUNTER Open to horses in their first two years of showing. Horses entered in this section may not cross enter into classes where the height of fences exceeds 3'. Fences 2'6". No combinations, no hand gallop, no jog.

28. MHJA Hunter Challenge The MHJA will award high point awards through sixth place based on results in MHJA Hunter Challenge events if 3 or more competitions host qualified hunter challenges. Points earned at any Hunter Challenge sponsored by Zone 6 at an MHJA affiliated show will also count toward the MHJA Hunter Challenge year end awards. USHJA International Hunter Derby competitions will not count toward the MHJA year end awards. Points earned in USHJA National Hunter Classic classes held at a MHJA affiliated show will count toward the MHJA Hunter Challenge Year End Awards. Hunter classics conducted under USEF rules which meet the requirements set forth in this policy will count towards the MHJA Hunter Challenge year end awards. Year-end prizes are subject to MHJA rules: the owner of the horse must be a member of the MHJA, the horse must have been entered in at least one class in any division at three or more MHJA affiliated shows in the same season, and at least 3 competitions must offer a qualified hunter challenge. If there are not 3 competitions at each height, then points for the two levels may be combined for one set of awards.

**JUMPER DIVISIONS:** All divisions except pony jumpers are open to horses and ponies and are to be conducted and scored in accordance with USEF and Zone 6 Rules and Regulations.

1. .90m/2'11" Jumper

2. 1.0m/3'3" Jumper

3. 1.05m/3'5" & 1.10m/3'7" Jumper

4. 1.15m/3'9" Jumper

5. 1.20m/3'11" & 1.25/4'1" Jumper

6. 1.30m/4'3" and above Jumper and Above All classes for 1.30m and Above jumpers.

7. PONY JUMPER. USEF rules apply, including cross-entry restrictions.

8. LOW CHILDREN'S JUMPER Open to junior riders. Riders in Low Children's Jumper may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m (3'9") at the same show. Horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the High Children's Jumpers at the same show, but not on the same day as showing in Low Children's Jumpers. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered. Fence height 1.00m (3'3").

9. LOW ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER. Open to amateur riders, USEF Amateur certification required. Riders in Low Adult Amateur Jumper may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m (3'9") at the same show. Horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the High Adult Amateur Jumper at the same show, but not on the same day as showing in Low Adult Amateur Jumpers. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered. Fence height 1.00m (3'3").

10. HIGH CHILDREN'S JUMPER. Open to junior riders. Horse/Rider combinations in High Children's Jumper may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m (3'9") at the same show. Horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the Low Children's Jumpers at the same show, but not on the same day as showing in High Children's Jumpers. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High Children's Jumper are offered. Riders may cross enter into Junior and Amateur Owner/Junior combined Jumper or other jumper classes up to 1.30m max. on a different mount(s), provided they have not competed in the Low Children's Jumper at the same show. Fence height 1.05m (3'5") &/or 1.10m (3'7"): may be conducted as a progressive section (recommended).

11. HIGH ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER. Open to amateur riders, USEF Amateur certification required. Horse/Rider combinations in High Adult Amateur Jumper may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m (3'9") at the same show. Horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the Low Adult Amateur Jumper at the same show, but not on the same day as showing in High Adult Amateur Jumpers. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High Adult Amateur Jumpers are offered. Riders may cross enter into Amateur Owner and Amateur Owner/Junior combined or other jumper classes, if otherwise qualified, up to 1.30m max. on a different mount(s) provided they have not competed in the Low Adult Amateur Jumper at the same show. Fence height 1.05m (3'5") &/or 1.10m, (3'7"): may be conducted as a progressive section (recommended).

*Shows may split or combine Children's and Adult Amateur jumpers, and may offer combined level (progressive) sections of Children's/ Adult Amateur Jumper. Year end awards will be given in Low Children's Jumper, High Children's Jumper, Low Adult Amateur Jumper and High Adult Amateur Jumper. Regardless of how the class is titled, points earned in classes held at 1.0m/3'3" will count towards the Low Children's/ Adult Amateur awards and points earned at 1.07m/3'6" will count towards the High Children's/ Adult Amateur awards.*

12. MODIFIED JUNIOR / AMATEUR JUMPER. All classes for Modified Junior/ Amateur Jumpers must be conducted and scored in accordance with USEF Rules and Regulations. Open to all junior and amateur riders. 1.15m/3'9" Jumper

13. JUNIOR JUMPER. Open to junior riders. Must be conducted and scored in accordance with USEF Rules and Regulations.

14. AMATEUR OWNER JUMPER. Open to Amateur riders, USEF Amateur Certification required. See USEF Rule JP. Must be conducted and scored in accordance with USEF Rules and Regulations.

Shows may combine or split the Junior/Amateur Owner Jumpers, and may offer progressive sections. Regardless of how a class is titled, for MHJA Year End Awards, points earned in classes restricted to Juniors and/or Amateur Owners at 1.20m/3'11" and above will count towards the Junior Jumper and Amateur Owner Jumper awards. Classes held at 1.15m/3'9" will be counted towards the Modified Junior/Amateur Jumper division.

OPPORTUNITY CLASSES In 2011, to be eligible for a year end award from the MHJA, you will need to join the MHJA as a competition member.

Opportunity classes were developed by the USEF as a place to introduce people to the horse show world without the expensive membership fees. **In 2011, to be eligible for a year end award from the MHJA, you will need to join the MHJA as a competition member.** Entries in Opportunity classes are not required to have USEF/USHJA membership or pay non-member fees; and their mount is not required to be registered with USHJA or recorded with USEF to participate. Entries are required to pay all other fees. If riders or horses enter any other classes at a show, except other Opportunity classes, they ARE required to have all necessary memberships and requirements. Here are the rules/requirements for Opportunity classes:

- Riders in Opportunity classes may not show in any USEF rated classes at that horse show. You may cross enter into unrated classes for which you are eligible provided the height of fences does not exceed 2'6", but you then have to be a USEF/USHJA member or pay the non-membership fees; and pay the drug and zone fees.
- If you've **EVER** shown in a USEF rated Hunter, Jumper or Hunt Seat Equitation class you are ineligible to show in Opportunity classes. If you have a question about this, please check with the show secretary.
- You have to show in at least 3 MHJA approved shows to be eligible for a Year End Award.
- For the Opportunity classes, attire may consist of proper hunter/jumper show attire or the following: breeches with paddock boots and half chaps; jodhpurs with paddock boots; or breeches and boots. Jumpers may wear a polo shirt or other shirt with sleeves and a collar. Hunter/Equitation riders may wear a shirt with tie or a show shirt with a choker. Depending on the weather, they may wear a close fitting sweater, jacket or vest. All riders **must wear** SEI/ASTM approved head gear.

Equitation classes are judged on control of mount, appropriate pace, steering and effective position of rider.

Hunter classes judged on performance, manners of mount, and suitability at this level of competition.

1.SHORTEST STIRRUP EQUITATION AND HUNTER OPPORTUNITY, SPONSORED BY ST. CROIX SADDLERY, INC. Open to junior riders who have not reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. Riders in this division may not cross enter into any other section or class at the same horse show, except classes on the flat and under saddle for which they are otherwise eligible. Classes may consist of unmounted showmanship, walk-trot, walk-trot-canter and cross rails. Cross rail courses shall be 6 to 8 "fences" twice around the ring on the rail, with no diagonal lines. Trotting not to be penalized in cross rail classes. In flat/under saddle classes, no more than 6 entries to canter at one time. . Manners emphasized and extreme speed to be penalized. ALL Shortest Stirrup Classes - Equitation and Hunter- shall be counted equally for one year end award. If a rider has more than one entry in a Shortest Stirrup Hunter class, only the top placing entry will be counted.

2.OPPORTUNITY BEGINNING EQUITATION/HUNTER Open to riders of all ages. Classes may consist of walk/trot, walk /trot /canter, poles on the ground and cross rails. Courses are to be 6 to 8 "fences" twice around on the rail or rail and diagonal lines. In flat/under saddle classes, no more than 6 entries to canter at one time. Manners emphasized and extreme speed to be penalized. Trotting not to be penalized in poles/cross rail classes. ALL Beginning Opportunity Classes - Equitation and Hunter- shall be counted equally for one year end award. If a rider has more than one entry in an Opportunity Beginner Hunter class, only the top placing entry will be counted.

3.OPPORTUNITY INTERMEDIATE EQUITATION /HUNTER Open to riders of all ages. Classes may consist of walk /trot /canter, and over fences. Courses are to be 6 to 8 "fences", 18" to 24" in height. Fences may be boxes, small verticals, and may be similar to regular hunter fences, oxers prohibited. Courses should remain simple. Manners emphasized and extreme speed to be penalized. Trotting not to be penalized in over fences classes. ALL Opportunity Intermediate Classes - Equitation and Hunter- shall be counted equally for one year end award. If a rider has more than one entry in an Opportunity Intermediate Hunter class, only the top placing entry will be counted.

4.OPPORTUNITY JUMPER Open to any age, and any horse or pony. (See Opportunity restrictions above) Fences not to exceed 0.76m. (2'6") To follow USEF rules and regulations.