

2017 MTHJA HORSE SHOW AND MEMBERSHIP RULES

*(*Rules Apply to Local Member Horse Shows Only)*

The Middle Tennessee Hunter Jumper Association (MTHJA) invites your show to become a member. Our goal is to educate horse people and to advance local knowledge of equestrian sports. The shows that have joined in the past feel that their affiliation with the Association has enabled them to present a more interesting show for spectators and has increased their revenue by drawing additional entries.

To become a member of the Middle Tennessee Hunter Jumper Association (MTHJA), the following important rules must be enforced.

I. GENERAL

- A. USEF member shows must be held in Tennessee or within the boundaries of the adjoining states, and must be members of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF, www.usef.org) and United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA, www.usnja.org).
- B. Local shows will run in accordance with USEF/USHJA rules whenever MTHJA rules do not apply or supersede.
- C. Each show must appoint a Manager and Secretary who will be responsible to the MTHJA.
- D. The Manager of a Local show must be a member of MTHJA.
- E. Each show must offer at least three (3) sections in any Hunter classification offered with MTHJA specifications, except Miscellaneous Classes or Equitation. They must also offer three (3) sections in each jumper classification if only offering jumper classes. A section consists of a minimum of two (2) over fence classes and an under saddle class or three (3) jumper classes.
- F. All class specifications set forth in any Prize List shall be adhered to unless they are in conflict with Association rules. Due notice must be given of any correction or change.
- G. The MTHJA reserves the right to deny membership to an individual (Junior or Senior) and/or any Farm with a majority vote by the Board of Directors and the elected Officers at their discretion.
- H. Any member who is not in good financial standing with MTHJA or a MTHJA-affiliated horse show and who has accumulated points at those horse shows, will not be listed on the website until the debt is paid in full. In addition, points accumulated at a show where there is an outstanding balance will be forfeited in accordance with the USEF rules.
- I. The MTHJA shall honor all suspensions and penalties imposed by the USEF/USHJA.
- J. A committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors and the MTHJA President, to review the current Rule Book. Any changes will then be presented to the membership via social media and/or emails along with the

Annual meeting.

- K. Junior, Amateur and equine Professionals are classified pursuant to the USEF rules and as such recognized by the MTHJA in the same status.

II. SHOW DATES both LOCAL AND RECOGNIZED USEF

- A. Application for show dates shall be made on a form provided by the Association and presented to the MTHJA by the Show management.
- B. Dues of \$35 for local shows and \$50 for USEF-rated shows must accompany application for show dates; cancellation will result in forfeiture of dues.
- C. To maintain comparable dates and to be included in the roster of horse shows, it is recommended to have the application for dates received by November 30 of the previous year.
- D. New show dates must be applied for at least thirty (30) days prior to show date. Applying after July 31 for a show date (during the remainder of the current horse show year) requires a majority vote from the MTHJA Board of Directors.
- E. In order for a local horse show to host a Double Point Show, they must have hosted at least one other show prior to the Double Point Show in the season.
- F. NR- (local), Regional I, Regional II, and National rated USEF shows may not have conflicting weekend dates within a fifty (50) mile radius of one another. Dates will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis. For local shows a weekend consists of Friday through Sunday.

III. PRIZE LIST AND SHOW RESULTS

- A. Show results must be forwarded to the MTHJA Point Secretary within ten (10) days of the show. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine and no subsequent dates will be granted until the fine is paid.
- B. USEF member shows must send results electronically in ShowPro or USEF format.
- C. Local shows may send results electronically in ShowPro or USEF format, or send a similar file type via email.
- D. Point standings may be checked at www.MTHJA.com at any time throughout the horse show season.
 - 1. The MTHJA will have three (3) official point updates throughout the show year as following: April 1, August 1 and December 5.
 - 2. The point updates will be considered accurate and final thirty (30) days after the updates April 30, August 30 and December 15 (which is an exception to accommodate end of the year awards).
 - 3. Members are encouraged to confirm that their points are accurate after each individual point update and notify the MTHJA point liason at MTHJApoints@gmail.com of any discrepancies within the 30 day period.
 - 4. Following each of the official updates,(4/30,8/30,12/15) all points will be considered accurate and final and no changes may be made.
 - 5. Horse shows beginning or ending on the date of the official update will

be counted in the next official update.

6. Any point discrepancies which the Point Secretary is unable to resolve will be presented to the MTHJA President and the BOD to resolve. The member will be notified via email of the outcome. (See section X. on Protest)

E. Prize lists must state the following for LOCAL SHOWS.

1. ASTM-SEI-approved helmets must be worn at all times when mounted.
2. Martingales are not permitted in under saddle classes, equitation flat classes, or the flat phase of the Medal classes.
3. Unconventional hunter tack or equipment will only be permitted at the judge's discretion.
4. The prize list should include class specifications and which classes are MTHJA approved.
5. The following statements are to be printed on all member show prize lists: The _____ Horse Show is operated in accordance with the current rules of the MTHJA. To be eligible for year-end awards, the exhibitor, the owner and the horse or pony must be registered with the Association. Applications are available from the Show Secretary.

IV. SHOW OFFICIALS for LOCAL SHOWS

- A. Local shows may hire knowledgeable horsepersons who do not have USEF status as judges. (Management must provide the judges with MTHJA rules and class descriptions.) Local shows should vary their judges during the show year.
- B. Judge Restrictions
 - a. A judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares), that is competing at that MTHJA sanctioned horse show.
 - b. A judge may not be a trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, lessor, or lessee at any competition at which he/she is officiating, including unrated classes except for judging jumper classes.
- C. A MTHJA Board Member will officiate in the capacity of a Steward in the event of a dispute at a local horse show.

V. DEFINITIONS - HUNTER AND EQUITATION SECTIONS

A. Young Hunter

- a. See USEF rule HU104 for eligibility.
- b. Young Hunter 3'0" – horses five years of age and under
- c. Young Hunter 3'3" – horses six years of age and under
- d. Young Hunter 3'6" – horses seven years of age and under
- e. If entries warrant, sections will be combined and will jump at their respective height.

- f. See USEF/USHJA for current specifications. HU114
- g. There will be one annual award.

B. Green Hunter 3'0 - 3'3"

- a. See USEF rule HU103 for eligibility.
- b. See USEF/USHJA for current specifications. HU113
- c. One year-end award offered.

C. Green Hunter 3'6" - 3'9"

- a. See USEF rule HU103 for eligibility.
- b. See USEF/USHJA for current specifications. HU113
- c. One year-end award offered.

D. Special / USHJA Zone Hunter

- a. Fence height :2' to 3'6"; spreads not to exceed fence height.
- b. Special/ **USHJA Zone hunter** is a horse or pony of any classification.
- c. Open to junior, amateur and/or professionals.
- d. One year-end award for ALL height sections combined.
- e. NOT eligible for GRAND YEAR-END award.

E. Performance Hunter

- a. Fence height 3'3" to 4'.
- b. Open to Professionals and Junior/ Amateur riders.
- c. 3'3", 3'6" and High Performance
- d. Open to all horses. Run in accordance with USEF Rule Book
www.usef.org HU106

F. Pony Hunter

- a. Small (not to exceed 12.2 hands high) Fence height 2' to 2'3". Riders not older than 12 yrs of age
- b. Medium (over 12.2, not to exceed 13.2 hands high)- Fence height 2'3" to 2'6". Riders not older than 14 yrs of age.
- c. Large (over 13.2, not to exceed 14.2 hands high)- Fence height 2'9' to 3'. Riders not older than 18 yrs of age.
- d. All ponies must be shown at their respective fence heights in a combined class, or may be shown in individual classes divided into all three fence-height classifications.
- e. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) ponies obtain points in each classification. If less than three (3) Ponies obtain points, the award will be combined as necessary for year-end awards, dependant on the numbers of ponies in each height section.
- f. Recommend the lower height be offered for the local horse shows.

G. Green Pony Hunter

- a. Small (not to exceed 12.2 hands high)- Fence height:2' to 2'3".
- b. Medium (over 12.2, not to exceed 13.2 hands high)- Fence height:2'3' to 2'6".
- c. Large (over 13.2, not to exceed 14.2 hands high)- Fence height : 2'9".
- d. All ponies must be shown at their respective fence heights in a combined class, or may be shown in individual classes divided into all three fence-height classifications.
- e. Riders need to be junior riders of any age.
- f. One year-end award offered.

H. Children's Hunter Pony

- a. Open to ponies ridden by a Junior Exhibitor per Zone 4 Specifications.
- b. Riders may not cross-enter into any classes in which fences exceed 3'3" at the same show, except Medal classes, age group Equitation classes and Children's Jumper classes. The combination pony/rider is not eligible for USEF Rated classes at the same show. Any rider competing in the Rated Pony Hunter division may only show one (1) pony in the Children's Hunter Pony division.
- c. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as a Children's Hunter Pony.
- d. To be offered at two heights: fences 2' for Small and Medium, and 2'6" for Large ponies; spreads not to exceed height of fence. Ponies need not be jogged for soundness. No in and outs.
- e. Short stirrup/long stirrup pony/rider combinations are not eligible.

I. Adult Amateur Hunter

- a. Fence height-2'9" to 3'; spreads not to exceed fence height.
- b. Riders 35 years old and younger.
- c. Riders over 35 years old.
- d. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) horses obtain points in each classification.
- e. May be combined with Children's Hunter if there are fewer than three (3) entries.
- f. To be ridden by Amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors. Riders may not compete in any other classes at the same competition where fences exceed 3'3", except the Adult Amateur Jumper, Amateur Owner Hunter and National hunter Derbies with 3'5 options.
- g. Any rider showing in the Amateur Owner Hunter division is eligible to compete one different horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter division and must own or have an USEF registered lease of said horse.
- h. Ponies may be shown by Adults, suitability to count.
- i. Entries need not be jogged for soundness.
- j. See USEF/USHJA HU108 and zone 4.

J. Children's Hunter

- a. Fence height- 2'9" to 3'; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. May be combined with Adult Amateur Hunter if there are fewer than three (3) entries.
- c. Open to horses and ponies. To be ridden by a Junior Exhibitor. Neither horses nor riders may cross-enter into the Junior Hunter, but may show one(1) additional horse in the 3'3 Junior Hunter section at the same show. Riders may not cross-enter into any classes in which fences exceed 3'3" at the same show, except Medal classes, age group Equitation classes , Children's Jumper classes and National Hunter Derbies with 3'5 options. Ponies may not compete in the Children's section if also entered in the Pony division at the same show.
- d. Entries need not be jogged for soundness.
- e. See USEF/USHJA HU111 and zone 4 rules.
- f. Separate awards will be offered in both the 14 and under and the 15 and older if at least three (3) horses obtain points in each age section.

K. Junior Hunter

- a. Fence height 3'3 and 3'6"; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. Separate classifications may be offered for Small Horses (16 hands and under) and for Large Horses (Over 16 hands).
- c. May also be divided by riders age 14 and under and 15-17.
- d. Eligibility per USEF/USHJA rule HU111
- e. One year-end award offered.

L. Amateur Owner Hunter

- a. Fence height- 3'3 and 3'6"; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. Riders 35 years old and younger.
- c. Riders over 35 years old.
- d. Eligibility per USEF/USHJA rule. HU107
- e. One year-end award offered.

M. Hunter Seat Equitation classes

- a. Over fence and flat points combined for year-end awards.
- b. 11 years old and under:- Fence height -2' to 2'3".
- c. 12 through 14 years old- Fence height- 2'6" to 2'9"
- d. 15 through 17 years old- Fence height- 3' to 3'6".
- e. Short Stirrup, 12 years old and younger:- Fence height- 1'6" to 2'. No oxers. **A rider is only eligible for MTHJA year end awards during their first two consecutive calendar years of showing in Short Stirrup Equitation classes. After two consecutive calendar years, a rider may continue to compete in Short Stirrup Equitation classes if they are eligible (12 years old or under, and have never shown over fences 2'6" or higher) but will no**

longer receive MTHJA points toward year end standings in the Short Stirrup Equitation division.

- f. Long Stirrup, 12 years and over- Fence height- 1'6" to 2'. No oxers.
- g. Modified Children/Adult-Fence height-2'6" to 2'9".
- h. Modified Children/Adult may not compete in at same show where fence height exceeds 3'3" except child/adult jumper classes. May be combined to all age equitation if entries warrant.
- i. Adult 18 and older-Fence height 2'9-3'0".
- j. Adult equitation riders may not compete in adult equitation at the same show, if they have competed in classes where fences exceed 3'6 except adult jumper classes.
- k. May be combined to an all age equitation with competitors competing at their respective height.

N. Baby Green

- a. Fence height-2'6"; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. Horses/ponies may not cross-enter at the same show into any class where fences exceed 2'9".
- c. Eligibility for this division is one (1) years of showing at 2'6".

O. Modified Children's/Junior Hunter

- a. Fence height- 2'6- 2'9; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. Horses and ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor.
- c. May be combined with Modified Adult Hunter if there are less than three (3) entries.
- d. Points earned in a combined Modified Children's/Adult class will count towards the appropriate year-end award.

P. Modified Adult/Amateur Hunter

- a. Fence height- 2'6- 2'9; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. May be combined with Modified Children's Hunter if there are less than three (3) entries.
- c. Points earned in a combined Modified Children's/Adult class will count towards the appropriate year-end award.

Q. Pre-Children's Hunter

- a. Fence height- 2'3" to 2'6"; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. Horses and ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor. Rider may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher at the same horse show.
- c. May be combined with Pre-Adult if less than (3) entries.
- d. Points award to appropriate division for year-end awards.

R. Pre-Adult Hunter

- a. Fence height- 2'3" to 2'6"; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. Open to Regular and Local horses and ponies ridden by an amateur

exhibitor.

- c. Rider may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher at the same horse show.
- d. May be combined with Pre-Children if less than (3) entries.
- e. Points awarded to appropriate division for year-end awards.

S. Short Stirrup Hunter

- a. Fence height- 2'. No in and outs. No oxers
- b. For riders 12 years old and younger.
- c. Limited to riders who have never shown over fences 2'6 and higher in any hunter, equitation or jumper classes.
- d. Cross-entering by rider at the same show is not permitted into classes with fences exceeding 2', including all Children's Hunter Pony heights and **age group equitation classes.**
- e. May be combined with Long Stirrup if there are less than three (3) entries.
- f. Prior to September 1 of the current horse show year, riders may try up to two (2) horse shows or events, where the rider shows over fence heights of 2'6 and without penalty may request reinstatement to drop back down to the Short stirrup to finish the remainder of their eligibility. Please find the form for reinstatement on the MTHJA website and submit the form at least 2 weeks before you plan to return to the Short Stirrup division.
- g. **A rider is only eligible for MTHJA year end awards during their first two consecutive calendar years of showing in Short Stirrup Hunter classes. After two consecutive calendar years, a rider may continue to compete in Short Stirrup Hunter classes if they are eligible (12 years old or under, and have never shown over fences 2'6" or higher) but will no longer receive MTHJA points toward year end standings in the Short Stirrup Hunter division.**

T. Long Stirrup Hunter

- a. Fence height- 2'. No in and outs. No oxers.
- b. For riders 13 years old and over.
- c. Cross-entering by rider at the same show is not permitted into classes with fences exceeding 2'3.
- d. Limited to riders who have never shown over fences 2'6 or higher.
- e. May be combined with Short Stirrup if there are less than three (3) entries.
- f. Prior to September 1 of the current horse show year, riders may try up to two (2) horse shows or events, where the rider shows over fence heights of 2'6 and without penalty may request reinstatement to drop back down to the Long stirrup to finish the remainder of their eligibility. Please find the form for reinstatement on the MTHJA website and submit the form at least 2 weeks before you plan to return to the Long Stirrup division.

U. Beginner Rider

- a. Fences 18" - 2'. No in and outs. No oxers.
- b. Riders of any age who have not shown over a course of fences 2' or higher.
- c. Trotting not penalized.
- d. A rider is no longer eligible for Beginner rider once they have competed in a Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, **Special Hunter, USHJA Zone Hunter**, Age group Equitation class or any other class with **heights 2' or above**.
- e. Prior to 12/1/2015, a rider may have competed in short and/or long stirrup in no more than 3 shows and still be eligible for Beginner Rider. After 12/1/2015, all eligibility rules above apply.
- f. May **only** cross enter into Green Rider if eligible.
- g. Points will be awarded to the rider for all classes. A rider may compete more than one horse, but points will only be awarded to the highest place entry per class.
- h. All points for year end awards will be calculated using local show values for both local and USEF rated shows.
- i. Not eligible for Grand Champion year-end award.

V. Green Rider

- a. Cross rails or small verticals under 18 inches.
- b. Points will be awarded to the rider for all classes. A rider may compete more than one horse in the hunter classes, but points will only be awarded to the highest place entry per class.
- c. All points for year end awards will be calculated using local show values for both local and USEF rated shows.
- d. Riders of any age who have not shown over a course of fences 2' or higher with the exception of the Beginner Rider division.
- e. Trotting is not penalized
- f. Eligibility is an accumulation of a total of 400 combined points for all years of showing in Green Rider. Once the rider reaches the above total, they may only continue to compete in Green Rider for the remainder of the current show year.
- g. May compete in walk trot hunter and equitation **if eligible**.
- h. **Once a rider accumulates 400 combined points in Green Rider, the rider is no longer eligible to compete in walk trot hunter and walk trot equitation.**
- i. Will be asked to canter in a group for under saddle class.
- j. Ineligible for any other MTHJA division except walk trot or beginner rider if eligible.
- k. May be asked to jump 4 to 8 jumps, on a simple course, up to the horse shows discretion.
- l. One year-end award offered.

- m. Not eligible for Grand Champion year-end award.

W. Walk-Trot

- a. Ground poles and/ or small cross rails.
- b. Points will be awarded to the rider for all classes. A rider may compete more than one horse in the hunter classes, but points will only be awarded to the highest place entry per class.
- c. All points for year end awards will be calculated using local show values for both local and USEF rated shows.
- d. Eligibility is an accumulation of a total of 400 combined points for all combined years of showing in the Walk -Trot Hunter and Equitation. Once the rider reaches the above total, they may only continue to compete in Walk Trot for the remainder of the current show year.
- e. Cantering will be penalized.
- f. May cross-enter into Green Rider Hunter and Equitation classes.
- g. May be asked to jump 4 to 8 jumps, on a simple course, up to the horse shows discretion
- h. One year-end award offered.
- i. Not eligible for Grand Champion year-end award.

X. MTHJA Equitation Medal

- a. Runs at the fence heights of 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3', 3'6"
- b. Riders are eligible to show in their respective age group equitation heights or the hunter division they are currently showing in, whichever is higher.
- c. If a rider has ever shown over a course of 3'6" or higher in hunters, jumpers or equitation, they may only drop down to the 3' fence height section.
- d. Open to current MTHJA junior and amateur members.
- e. To compete over a course with at least eight (8) fences with two (2) changes of direction and recommended to offer one or more of the following: bending line, roll back, trot jump, pskinny.
- f. Additional testing is not required.
- g. Riders will qualify for the Finals when they reach 6 points in MTHJA Medal classes based on the following point values:

1st - 10	4th - 3
2nd - 6	5th - 2
3rd - 4	6th - 1
- h. Riders are also eligible to compete at the Finals if they have accumulated 30 points in the following equitation divisions (cut off is one week prior to Finals):

Short/Long Stirrup equitation (will compete in the 2'3" section in the finals).

Modified Junior / Amateur equitation (2'6")

Adult Equitation (3')
11/U Equitation
12-14 Equitation
15-17 Equitation
All Big Eq/THIS/Ariat/Southeast Medals

VI. DESCRIPTION OF JUMPER SECTIONS

A. Low Jumper: Including all the below height sections

- a. Fence height- 2' up to 1.15m
- b. Open to any horse and pony in any jumper section other than Children's/Adult and Pony Jumpers
- c. Hopeful jumper :Fence height- 0.75m (2'5") to 0.90 m (2'11")
- d. Training and schooling :Fence height- 1.00m (3'3") to 1.10m (3'7")
- e. One year-end award offered.

B. High Jumper

- a. Fence height- 1.20m and above
- b. Open to any horse or pony competing in any jumper section other than the Jr/AO jumpers.

C. High Children's/Adult Jumper

- a. Run in accordance with the USHJA Zone 4 Specifications (www.ushja.org) JP118
- b. Fence height- 1.10m (3'7") to 1.15m (3'9")
- c. The horse/rider combination is not eligible to compete in any Junior/Amateur Jumper class or in any jumper class a 1.20m or above that offers prize money.
- d. The Modified Junior/Amateur: 1.15m (3'9") is included in the high child/adult jumper year-end award.
- e. Year-end awards will be awarded to each section of child/junior or adult/amateur separately.

D. Low Children's/Adult Jumpers

- a. Run in accordance with the USHJA Zone 4 Specifications (www.ushja.org) JP118
- b. Fence height- .95m (3'1") to 1.05m (3'5")
- c. Any Child/Adult Jumper classes offered at the 3' height will also be included in Low Children's/Adult Jumpers.
- d. Rider may cross enter into the High Children's/Adult Jumper at the same show.
- e. The horse-and-rider combination may only show in one Classic at the horse show if each height section is offered.

- f. Year-end awards will be awarded to each section of child/junior or adult/amateur separately.

E. Pre/Intermediate Children's/Adult Jumpers

- a. Fence height - 0.75m (2'5") to 0.90m (2'11")
- b. Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 3'.

F. Junior/Amateur Owner

- a. Fence height- 1.20m (3'11") to 1.40m (4'7").
- b. See USEF/USHJA rules. JP117

G. Pony Jumpers

- a. Fence height- .80 (2'7) to 1.15m (3'9)
- b. Open to ponies which measure 14.2 hands and under in height
- c. Riders may not have reached his/her 18th birthday.

Heights:

The following fence dimensions are approximate equivalents in metric and English units:

0.70 m = Fences 2'3" in height	1.20 m = Fences 3'11" in height
0.75 m = Fences 2'5" in height	1.25 m = Fences 4'1" in height
0.80 m = Fences 2'7" in height	1.30 m = Fences 4'3" in height
0.85 m = Fences 2'9" in height	1.35 m = Fences 4'5" in height
0.90 m = Fences 2'11" in height	1.40 m = Fences 4'7" in height
0.95 m = Fences 3'1" in height	1.45 m = Fences 4'9" in height
1.00 m = Fences 3'3" in height	1.50 m = Fences 4'11" in height
1.05 m = Fences 3'5" in height	1.55 m = Fences 5'1" in height
1.07m = Fences 3'6 in height	1.60 m = Fences 5'3 in height
1.10 m = Fences 3'7" in height	
1.15 m = Fences 3'9" in height	

VII. HIGH POINT AWARDS

A. Terms of Competition

- a. Year-end Awards will be given to horses and riders who score the highest number of points in their classification as eligible at shows recognized by MTHJA from December 1 to November 30 under the

following conditions:

- i. A horse that has not been recorded as a Lifetime member must be recorded annually and the owner of record must be a current member of MTHJA.
 - ii. Only classes that follow MTHJA specifications will be counted.
 - iii. No points will be counted in a non-division class, such as equitation or miscellaneous, if fewer than three (3) entries have entered and competed.
 - iv. All classes in a division will be counted if three (3) entries have entered and competed in the first class of the division.
 - v. No Championship or Reserve points will be counted if fewer than three (3) entries have entered and competed in each class of the division.
 - vi. Jumper divisions will be awarded championship points only if there are three (3) or more classes offered in the division.
 - vii. Championship points will be tabulated by the total amount of points accumulated in that division based on the scale of: 1st, 10 points; 2nd, 6 points; 3rd, 4 points; 4th, 2 points; 5th, 1 point; 6th, 1/2 point.
- B. Points accumulated toward High Score Awards by any horse found to have received a forbidden substance and penalized by the USEF shall be nullified for those shows penalized by the USEF.
- C. If there are not at least three (3) horses/ponies/riders in a division, you must have accumulated a minimum of 80 points for, and shown and placed at a minimum of three (3) horse shows during the year to be eligible for a year-end award.
- D. Points accumulate from the time the membership forms are received. Points are not retroactive.
- E. Point Values are as follows:

	USEF	Local
1 st	20	10
2 nd	16	8
3 rd	14	7
4 th	12	6
5 th	10	5
6 th	8	4

Champion	30	15
Reserve	20	10

1. At USEF shows all Classic, Grand Prix, and Derby classes receive double points and all model classes receive half points.

2. At local shows all Classic classes receive 1.5x points

F. Grand Hunter Champion Awards

a. Competitors:

- i. HORSE: The horse earning the most points in any one Hunter division shall be named Grand Champion.
- ii. PONY: The pony earning the most points in any one Pony Hunter division shall be named Grand Champion
- iii. Special hunter, walk trot and green rider are not eligible for grand hunter award.

G. High point OTTB

- a. Open to all Jockey Club registered Thoroughbreds hunters or jumpers.
- b. Proof of JC papers or thoroughbred tattoo.
- c. All points earned in MTHJA hunter and jumper divisions will count towards year-end award.
- d. 6 places to be awarded.

VIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HORSE SHOW MANAGEMENT

- A. Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and suitable medical equipment must be present during all scheduled horse show performances. "Qualified medical personnel" is defined as a person who is currently certified or licensed in their profession and trained in pre-hospital trauma care. EMT/paramedics would serve as the highest qualified for that responsibility followed next by doctors and nurses. An ambulance must be on the grounds or on call.
- B. A Veterinarian and blacksmith must be on call.
- C. All horses coming into the state of Tennessee must have Coggins test and a Health Certificate. (Must be stated on Prize List.) Horse show reserves the right to request a copy of the health papers and coggins.
- D. Any participant in amateur classes must possess and present to the horse show Secretary a current amateur card from the USEF or sign an application with the show secretary before entering a class.
- E. An equine professional is anyone receiving remunerations for any of the following services: lessons, training, exercising and riding horses or conducts clinics or seminars where they receive remuneration.
- F. Ponies and Junior Hunters must be accurately measured. (see USEF definition)
- G. Judges must be furnished with cards, which have MTHJA Class Specifications and course diagram.
- H. Schooling area must have a vertical and an oxer.
- I. Local shows must offer six (6) ribbons in each class.
- J. Judges should not have more than four (4) cards open at any given time.

IX. COURSES

- A. A course must consist of at least six (6) fences. Exception Green Rider and Walk Trot.
- B. Fifty percent (50%) or more of the fences must be the height stated in the Prize List and none shall be over or under the stated height more than 3 inches(except any first fence).
- C. A ground line is required for all fences in hunter courses.
- D. The course must be posted one (1) hour before the start of the class.
- E. Except in case of bad weather, broken equipment or similar emergency, a course may not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors. If one or more fences are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute fences that approximate as nearly as possible the originals.
- F. No over fences class shall be started one half-hour after sunset unless the area has adequate lighting.
- G. Member shows may consult the MTHJA association if any help is needed with course design, prize list or for any guidelines as needed.

X. PROTEST

- A. A protest may be made to the Board of MTHJA. It must be:
 - 1. In writing.
 - 2. Signed by the protestor.
 - 3. Addressed to the Secretary of MTHJA, describing the violation and at which show it occurred.
 - 4. Accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$100.
 - 5. Received by an official of MTHJA within a timely manner of the alleged violation.
 - 6. The protest will be addressed by an Ethics Committee.
- B. The official point updates are: April 1, August 1 and December 5, members are encouraged to check their points with each official update. Any questions or disputes regarding points must received by the MTHJA point secretary via email prior to the following dates: April 30, August 30 and December 15. All points will be considered accurate and final with each official update. Any disputes that the MTHJA point Secretary is unable to resolve shall be submitted to the MTHJA President and the BOD to be resolved.
- C. Any disputes that the Point Secretary is unable to resolve will be submitted to the MTHJA President and the BOD. The BOD will convene and a majority vote will resolve the dispute. All parties involved will receive a notification via email as to the decision of the BOD.

XI. RULE CHANGE PROCEDURES

- A. Any possible rule changes must be discussed in a Board of Directors meeting.
- B. The minutes from all Board of Directors meetings will be published on the website within five (5) working days of the meeting. Members can read the

- minutes and have thirty (30) days from the point of publishing to submit any comments or suggestions. These suggestions will be sent to the appropriate Board members via email. The Board will review any suggestions received at the next scheduled Board meeting and will take these suggestions into consideration before voting on the Proposed Rule Change or new rules.
- C. When a subject is not addressed in these rules, it must be addressed by the MTHJA Board of Directors and their interpretation will stand as the rule until the next year when an appropriate Rule Change will be submitted, or if amendments are added the effective date of such amendments will be published for all MTHJA membership to review.
 - D. All MTHJA members are encouraged to bring questions or concerns to a MTHJA Board member. These questions will be discussed and handled in a timely manner and the results will be posted on the MTHJA web page in the News section.
 - E. Any MTHJA member who wishes to reinstate their horse show division/class eligibility, must submit their request to the MTHJA BOD President in writing. At that time, the MTHJA BOD will take the request under discussion. When a decision has been reached on the member's request, the member will then be notified in writing. At that time if division eligibility reclassification is granted, the MTHJA member will be permitted to show in desired division/classes. Each horse and/or rider combination is permitted one reinstatement as needed.
 - F. Any professional Middle Tennessee Hunter Jumper Association (MTHJA) member who wishes to be re-classified as an amateur on the grounds that he/she no longer engages in the activities which made him/her a professional must notify the MTHJA Board of Directors (BOD) in writing. Please address this request to the current President of the MTHJA BOD. (See USEF rules governing amateur status)
 - G. If the requesting MTHJA member is also a member of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the member must first petition the USEF for reclassification status. The ruling of the USEF on the member's Reclassification must then be presented to the MTHJA in writing and will be honored per the USEF's ruling. While waiting on reinstatement the member may continue to horse show but only in classes where they are currently eligible, no adult or amateur classes until they are reinstated.

XII. ASSOCIATION PAGE

This must appear in a conspicuous position in the Prize List and in the catalogue, if printed.

The Horse Show is operated in accordance with the current rules of the Middle Tennessee Hunter Jumper Association.

To be eligible for the Annual Year-end Awards, including Equitation, the owners must be a member and the horse or pony must be registered with the Association. Leases

original owner must be a member of THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION.

Enclosed is my payment of \$ for membership in the MTHJA.

*Family Membership	\$60	Senior Membership	\$45
Lifetime Membership	\$350	Junior Membership	\$45
Lifetime Horse Membership	\$50	Horse or Pony	\$10
Transfer of Ownership.....	\$2.50		

*A Family Membership is an adult and his/her spouse (if applicable) and up to three (3) junior members (those who are under 18 years of age as of December 1.)

List names and descriptions of horses or ponies on separate page.

Include name, sex, height, year foaled and owner of record.

If the horse has a USEF number please include.

Make checks payable to Middle Tennessee Hunter Jumper Association