

## **MTHJA Recognized Divisions and Regulations (Updated 03/11/2009)**

**Green Working Hunter:** Open to all horses in their first and second year of showing over fences exceeding 3'6" in height. Fences 3'6" for first year and 3'9" for second year.

**Amateur Owner Hunter:** Open to any horse ridden by an amateur owner or amateur member of the owner's family. Fence 3'6"

**Junior Hunter:** Open to all horses, ridden by a junior. Fences 3'6"

**Large Pony Hunter:** Open to all ponies over 13.2 hands, not exceeding 14.2 hands. To be ridden by a junior. Emphasis on suitability. Fences 2'9" local, and 3' all others.

**Small Pony Hunter:** Open to all ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands. Must be ridden by a junior 12 years of age or under. Emphasis on suitability. Fences 2' local and 2'3" all others.

**Medium Pony Hunter:** Open to all ponies over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands. Must be ridden by a junior 14 years of age or under. Emphasis on suitability. Fences 2'3" local and 2'6" all others.

**Green Pony Hunter:** Open to all ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands in their first year of showing, ridden by a junior. Showing in under saddle classes, cross rails, short stirrup and children's hunter pony does not effect green pony eligibility. Emphasis on suitability. Fences for ponies 12.2 under – 2' local and 2'3" all others. Fences for ponies over 12.2 and not exceeding 13.2 – 2'3" local and 2'6" all others. Fences for ponies over 13.2 and not exceeding 14.2 – 2'9". Points acquired in the small, medium and large pony classes at horse shows that do not offer the green pony division mat not be used for this division.

**Children's Pony Hunter:** Open to ponies 14.2 hands and under, to be ridden by a junior. Fence heights to be 2'6" for large ponies and 2' for small/medium ponies. No in and outs allowed. The horse/rider combination is not eligible for other MTHJA recognized divisions other than equitation and under saddle. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, with suitability as a child's mount to be stressed. Ponies may be jogged for soundness at management's discretion.

**Children's Hunter 14 and Under:** Open to horses over 14.2 hands to be ridden by a junior 14 years of age and under. The horse/rider combination is not eligible for MTHJA recognized classes other than equitation and under saddle. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, with suitability as a child's mount to be stressed. Horses may be jogged for soundness at management's discretion. Fences 3'

**Children's Hunter 15-17:** Open to horses over 14.2 hands to be ridden by a junior 15-17 years of age. The horse/rider combination is not eligible for MTHJA recognized classes other than equitation and under saddle. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, with suitability as a child's mount to be stressed. Horses may be jogged for soundness at management's discretion. Fences 3'.

**Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35:** Open to horse ridden by amateur riders 18-35 years of age. Horse/Rider combination are not eligible for any class at the same show in which fences exceed 3'3". Fences 3'. Ponies may be ridden, suitability to count.

**Adult Amateur Hunter 36+:** Open to horse ridden by amateur riders 36 years of age and older. Horse/Rider combination are not eligible for any class at the same show in which fences exceed 3'3". Fences 3'. Ponies may be ridden, suitability to count.

**Modified Children's Hunter:** Open to all junior riders. Fences 2'6". May be combined with Modified Adult Hunter at any horse show in which these entries at the time of the first scheduled over fences class in either division do not contain 6 or more of each group. Points earned in a combined class will count towards the exhibitor's appropriate year end award.

**Modified Adult Hunter:** Open to all adult amateur riders. Fences 2'6". May be combined with Modified Childrens Hunter at any horse show in which these entries at the time of the first scheduled over fences class in either division do not contain 6 or more of each group. Points earned in a combined class will count towards the exhibitor's appropriate year end award.

**Pre Green Hunter:** Open to a horse that has not shown over 3'3". A Pre Green Horse is eligible for two competition years at the 3' height. A Pre Green Horse is also eligible for two competition years at the 3'3" height. If only one height is offered at a show, it must be 3'.

**Young Hunter:** Open to horses and ponies five years and younger. Fences 2'6". May cross enter any recognized division.

**Baby Green Hunter:** Open to all horses/ponies in their first year of showing. Fences 2'6".

**Short Stirrup Hunter:** (also for Equitation) Open to horses and ponies with riders twelve years and younger in the riders first or second year of showing. Suitability to count. Riders may show in the short stirrup division for two years only from the date of their first show. Fences 2', no in and outs. For the purpose of this rule, the "first show" is that show in which the individual either competes in a short stirrup over fences class or competes in any class over fences 2' or higher, non short stirrup classes excluded, and an MTHJA recognized short stirrup division is offered at that show. The two years of short

stirrup eligibility are continuous calendar years that cannot be separated or divided in any manner. Riders in short stirrup are ineligible for any other MTHJA recognized division except equitation and under saddle. Once a rider competes in an MTHJA recognized hunter division over fences other than short stirrup, and a short stirrup division is offered at that same show, the rider is therefore ineligible for short stirrup. In the event that a short stirrup is not offered at a given show, a rider may compete in any division without losing short stirrup eligibility.

**Long Stirrup Hunter:** Open to horses and ponies with riders 13 years of age and over. Suitability to count. Riders may not compete in any other recognized divisions at the same show. Fences 2', no in and outs.

**Pre Children's Hunter:** Open to juniors on horses and ponies not ready for the regular Children's division. The rider may not cross enter into any classes with fences 3' or higher at the same show. Fences 2'3" to 2'6".

**Pre Adult Hunter:** Open to adult amateurs on horses and ponies not ready for the regular Adult division. The rider may not cross enter into any classes with fences 3' or higher at the same show. Fences 2'3" to 2'6".

**Walk Trot (Hunter and Equitation):** Will be combined into one year end award. You may receive points even if you only participate in the Under Saddle classes for this division. If you compete in Walk Trot, you are ineligible for any other MTHJA division except Green Rider, Under Saddle or Equitation classes at the same show. Open to beginner riders. The course must be completed at a trot. The overall high score award will follow the rider (i.e. points will go towards the rider, not the owner).

**Green Rider (Hunter and Equitation):** Will be combined into one year end award. You may receive points even if you only participate in the Under Saddle classes for this division. If you compete in Green Rider you are ineligible for any other MTHJA division except Walk Trot, Under Saddle or Equitation classes at the same show. The division is for beginner riders. Riders may trot or canter. The overall high score award will follow the rider (i.e. points will go towards the rider, not the owner).

**Low Jumper Division:** Open to any horse or pony in any jumper division with fences 1.15 m (3'9") or lower other than Pony Jumper, Child/Adult Jumper and Jr/AO Jumper.

**High Jumper Division:** Open to any horse or pony in any jumper division with fences 1.20 m (3'11") or higher other than Pony Jumper, Child/Adult Jumper and Jr/AO Jumper.

**Jr/AO Jumper Division:** Must be ridden by a Junior, Amateur Owner or Amateur member of the owner's family. (Includes Low and High Jr/AO)

**Child/Adult Jumper:** Open to any horse or pony ridden by a junior or amateur rider.

**Pony Jumper:** Open to all ponies 14.2 and under, to be ridden by a junior.

**Adult Equitation:** Open to amateur riders not showing in hunter classes in which fences exceed 3'3" at the same show. Over fences and flat points combined into one overall high score award. Fences 3'

**Equitation 15-17:** Open to riders 15 to 17 years of age. Over fences and flat points combined into one overall high score award. Fences 3' or 3'6"

**Equitation 12-14:** Open to riders 12 to 14 years of age. Over fences and flat points combined into one overall high score award. Fences 2'6" or 2'9"

**Equitation 11 and Under:** Open to riders 11 years of age or under. Over fences and flat points combined into one overall high score award. Fences 2'3" or 2'6"

**Short Stirrup Equitation:** Open to all juniors competing in the short stirrup division. Over fences and flat points combined into one overall high score award. Fences 2'.

**Modified Children's/Amateur Equitation:** Open to riders eligible for the Modified Children's and Adult Hunter divisions. Over fences and flat points combined into one overall high score award. Fences 2'6".

The points for MTHJA High Score Awards will follow the rider in equitation and only points accumulated in age group classes will count toward these awards. Equitation classics and championships will NOT count. Any age group equitation class with fewer than three entries may be combined with any age group equitation class at the discretion of the show management.

**MTHJA Medal Class – Horse:** Open to junior members of the MTHJA. Riders to jump at least eight jumps with two changes of direction. Fences 3'. First and second place winners will qualify for the Medal Finals. A rider may win three blue ribbons in the medal classes before becoming ineligible for further medal classes until the medal finals.

**MTHJA Medal Class – Pony:** Open to junior members of the MTHJA. Riders to jump at least eight jumps with two changes of direction. First and second place winners will qualify for the Medal Finals. A rider may win three blue ribbons in the medal classes before becoming ineligible for further medal classes until the medal finals. Riders will compete at the height of their respective division.