

Chesapeake Bay Horse Show Association Rules January 2025

CBHSA Rules for Judges

1. A judge must be on the CBHSA approved list, or recognized with the USEF, MHSA or other state carded judge: or must be actively working on a card, or pass majority vote of board members.
2. A judge may not be the owner or trainer of any horse or rider at a show he/she is officiating.
3. A judge must not be a family member to any exhibitor or trainer at a show he/she is officiating. (i.e. "Family Member" includes a husband, wife, cousin, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, son or daughter)
4. A judge may not discuss with any exhibitor, trainer, owner, parent or anyone otherwise connected to any exhibitor, the purchase, sale or lease of any horse during a competition he/she is officiating.
5. A judge may not officiate more than once in a 21 day period and no more than 3 times in one show calendar year.
6. Judge utilized at Medal Finals must have a large "R".
7. Hunter show judges must be scheduled for all 2025 shows by the 15th of March and approved by the CBHSA Board.
8. Jumper Judges need to be approved by the CBHSA Board.

CBHSA Rules for Board Members

1. To be a board member for CBHSA, a trainer must be a member and an active barn in CBHSA for at least 2 years before one may be considered for board membership.
2. A board member must be an upstanding board member for at least 1 year before being allowed to host 1 show. Then, they must be an upstanding board member for 2 years to host a second show.
3. To be an upstanding board member, one may only miss one board meeting per year and must bring at least 4 riders/animals to 75% of the shows. If the percentage rule is broken, the board member will have one of his/her shows removed from the following year. To stay on the board one must attend finals set-up unless otherwise decided by the existing board. Any board member with 4 years of good standing may have 1 short year.

**CBHSA Rules for Board Members at
Medal Finals, Hunter, and Jumper Classics**

1. All board members will help set up and tear down for Medal and Jumper finals.
2. The hosting facility is responsible for finding an EMT and having an ambulance on standby.
3. The CBHSA Board will unanimously decide on and hire a judge & announcer for finals by March 15th of the show season.
4. The hosting facility will provide a show secretary and collect entries and payments. All payments are to be made out to the CBHSA and not the hosting facility.
5. The Treasurer will prepare all prize monies for the Pony, Horse, and Jumper Classics.
6. The Secretary & Membership Coordinator will track and approve all riders who are eligible for Finals.

General Specifications and Information

Exhibitor Information

Any CBHSA member or exhibitor may question, in an orderly manner, infractions of the CBHSA Rules and Regulations. Protests or questions will be asked in the following manner:

1. A protest or question during a show MUST go through the Board Members.
2. A question or inquiry at any other time should be asked first of one's trainer, then, the trainer may go to CBHSA board members.
3. Any changes to points must be questioned within 45 days of the show.

AT NO TIME during a show is an exhibitor, owner, trainer, parent or anyone otherwise connected to any exhibitor to approach or question the judge. The judge may answer questions after a Board Member has approached him/her during schooling breaks.

Entry Forms

1. Both rider & mount(s) must be CBHSA members for points to count. Points will not count if members are riding non-member mounts and vice-versa.
2. CBHSA rider and mount numbers must be included on the entry form for points to count. If registering the day of a show, check the new member box and a number will be assigned.
3. If entering with a Thoroughbred for TIP incentives, the TIP number must be on the entry form for points to be recorded. TIP numbers will not be honored and points will not be recorded if the TIP number is submitted after the show has begun. The CBHSA or its Board members are not responsible for assigning TIP numbers. TIP numbers are the sole responsibility of the owner/rider.

Equine Welfare

Horses must be in good flesh and health. The CBHSA Board reserves the right to ask exhibitors with horses in poor flesh or health to leave the showgrounds at any time.

Hunter Classes

All Hunter classes will be judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized. Jumps will include brush, walls, and gates, with white or natural rails. NO striped rails or colored panels are allowed, however, striped rails may be used as ground rails. Boots and bandages are not allowed in any hunter classes. Martingales are not permitted in under saddle classes. Any Hunter classes with jumps 2'6" or higher may have a/an oxer(s) at the end of the line (this is optional).

Equitation Classes

All Equitation classes will be judged on equitation only (hands, seat, legs and control of mount). Suitability shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized. Jumps may include striped rails and colored panels. Martingales are not permitted in under saddle classes. Year-End Champion Riders in Mini-Stirrup, Short-Stirrup and Beginner Equitation are no longer eligible to ride in that respective division.

Pleasure Classes

All Pleasure classes will be judged on manners and suitability as a pleasure mount. Extreme speed will be heavily penalized. Same specifications for over fences as hunter classes EXCEPT NO OXERS. Boots, bandages, and martingales are not allowed in ANY pleasure class.

Limited Specifications Classes

In classes limited to certain specifications, i.e. Lesson Horse/Pony; Beginner Rider; etc, proof of eligibility may be required.

Age of Rider

Horse Show age is determined by the rider's age as of December 1st of the previous year.

Novice Rider

Open to riders who have not won more than 3 blue ribbons in equitation classes over fences higher than 2'. For medal classes 3 riders must enter the ring for points to count.

Pony Height Eligibility

Anyone riding in a Hunter or Pleasure division MUST be able to provide proof of the pony's height if a protest is made within two weeks of the show for that pony's points to count. A USEF, MHS (or other official STATE recognized association) or CESH card must be shown to a member of the CBHSA board. Protests may only be brought from a CBHSA registered trainer or member to the Board.

Champion/Reserve Champion Ties

Ties for Champion or Reserve Champion in Hunter divisions will be decided by the over fences points. Equitation and all non Hunter Divisions (Lesson, CBHSA, Baby, Pleasure, Jumper) riders will receive equal points in case of a tie and flip for the ribbon. The next lower placing is to be skipped.

High Point Awards

These will be given to the rider who accumulates the most points in equitation and performance classes for the year. Awards are given for junior 13 & under, junior 14-17, and adults 18 & over.

There will be a High Point or Grand Champion Non Hunter Award for both horses and ponies for year end awards.

Horse Show Requirements

1. All Horse Shows must have an EMT or registered nurse or doctor in attendance during the horse show and during the schooling before the horse show. An ambulance must be on call.
2. All Horse Shows must have a minimum of (5) CBHSA recognized division and offer all CBHSA medal classes to be able to maintain the CBHSA rating.
3. For any division to receive year end awards, that division must have been run in a minimum of 5 CBHSA rated horse shows during the current show season.
4. All Horse Shows are required to display a notice in their prize list stating that the show is recognized by the CBHSA. Clear indication of which divisions are CBHSA recognized must be printed in the prize list.
5. Each show shall charge a \$5.00 CBHSA fee per entry, regardless if the rider is a CBHSA member or not. These fees are paid to CBHSA by the show manager when the show points are recorded.
6. All Horse Shows must pay a membership fee of \$25.00 per show to receive their CBHSA rating. A copy of the results and a prize list for the show must be mailed (postmarked) within 5 days of the horse show. Failure to comply will result in a \$15.00 fine against the show manager.
7. TIP Awards will be given to the high point TB hunter and jumper at every CBHSA rated show. It is the responsibility of the show management to track & report those points and recipients.
8. Judges cards ***MUST*** accompany show results for points to count. If there is a change from the original decision in how the judge pins the class, the judge's card must reflect the new decision and resign the card. Show managers are to ask all judges to ALWAYS pin a reserve (if possible) on the judge's card.
9. Adequate liability insurance coverage must be provided by the Horse Show and proof of insurance **MUST** be on the Horse Show grounds on the day of the show.

2025 CBHSA Hunter & Equitation Class Specifications

Leadline

Open to riders 7 and under. May cross enter walk/trot classes only. With only 2 riders in the class, 1/2 the normal points will be awarded. With only 1 rider in the class, 1/3 of the normal points will be awarded. Merit award: 25 pts, Third: 50 pts, Reserve Ch: 75 pts, and Champion: 100 pts.

Walk/Trot Equitation

Open to all riders unable to canter in a group. May cross enter walk/trot classes only. With only 2 riders in the class, 1/2 the normal points will be awarded. With only 1 rider in the class, 1/3 of the normal points will be awarded. Merit award: 25 pts, Third 50 pts, Reserve Ch. 75 pts, Champion 100 pts.

Mini-Stirrup Equitation

Open to all riders 10 and under. May cross enter Short Stirrup Hunter, Cross Rail Hunter, and Pleasure ONLY. Judged on equitation. May canter individually. Fence height: 18" X's. Must accumulate 50 points to qualify for Finals.

Beginner Equitation

Open to junior and adult amateur riders. Judged on equitation. No more than 6 to canter at a time. Fence height: 18" X-rails. Must accumulate 50 points to qualify for Finals.

Cross Rail Hunter:

Open to all riders and horses/ponies. Same horse/rider combination may not jump higher than 18" at the same show unless in Baby Horse and Pony. If entries warrant, entries will be split to flat by horses and ponies.

Short Stirrup Equitation

Open to riders 12 and under. Judged on equitation. Same horse/pony combination may not jump higher than 2'0" at the same show. Fence height: 18"

Short Stirrup Medal

3 riders must enter the ring for the medal class to count. The top 10 riders will receive an invitation to Medal Finals.

Short Stirrup Hunter

Open to riders 12 and under. Judged as a hunter. May not cross enter Pleasure with the same horse/pony rider combination, or jump higher than 2'0" at the same show. Fences 18".

CBHSA Equitation

Open to all amateur CBHSA members. Judged on equitation. Fence heights: 2'0" or 2'3". Rider's choice. Same horse/rider combination may not jump higher than 2'3" at the same show.

CBHSA Medal

3 riders must enter the ring for the medal class to count. The top 10 riders will receive an invitation to finals.

CBHSA Hunter

Open to CBHSA horses and ponies and amateur CBHSA riders. Judged as a hunter. Fences 2' or 2'3". Rider's choice. Same horse/rider combination may not jump higher than 2'3" at the same show.

Open Equitation

Open to riders of any age who have won more than 3 blue ribbons in any equitation class over 2'0". Fences 2'3" - 3'0". Riders Choice.

Open Equitation Medal

3 riders must enter the ring for the medal class to count. The top 10 riders will receive an invitation to finals.

Baby Horse & Pony

Open to all horses and ponies in their 1 st or 2 nd year of showing. Trotting in corners will not be penalized. Judged as a hunter. After showing in 3 shows, mount is no longer eligible for 1 st or 2 nd year at the end of show season. Fence heights: 18"- 2'6". Not allowed to jump over 2'6" at the same show.

Open Hunter

Open to horses and ponies. Judged as a hunter. Fences Small/Medium Ponies 2'0, Large Ponies 2'3" or 2'6", Horses 2'6" or 3'0". Rider's choice.

Pleasure Horse & Pony

Judged on manners & suitability. NO Martingales allowed. Fences 2' ponies, not to exceed 2'6" for horses. Oxers not permitted. Classes offered will be 3 of the following: w/t/c, w/t/c combined (includes 2 jumps), w/t/c park mount (may include halt, back, gallop and or extended trot), over fences. Same horse and rider combination may not enter hunter divisions at the same show.

Medal Finals Rules

1. Rider must have shown at 2 different shows throughout the year as a registered CBHSA member.
2. Horse/Pony must have shown at 2 different shows throughout the year as a registered CBHSA mount.
3. Invitations will be sent to the top 10 riders in each medal division that meet the show attendance requirements.

Horse & Pony Classic Rules

1. Horse/pony must have shown at 2 different shows throughout the year as a registered mount in order to be eligible for the Classics.
2. Horse/pony must be ridden by a CBHSA member at those shows & during the classic.

Year- End Awards

Riders and mounts must have shown at 2 different hunter shows as registered CBHSA members in order to be eligible for year-end awards.