

**Chesapeake Bay Horse Show Association Rules**  
**March 2019**

**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".

**CBHSA Rules for Board Members**

To be a board member for CBHSA, a trainer must be an active barn in CBHSA for at least 2 years before one may be considered for board membership.

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.

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 existing board. Any board member with 4 years of good standing may have 1 short year.

## **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.
1. 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.
2. 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**

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.

### **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 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 complete the course 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, MHSA (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 and junior 14-17.

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

## **Horse Show Requirements**

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.

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.

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.

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.

Each show shall charge a \$5.00 CBHSA fee per entry, regardless if rider is a CBHSA member or not. These fees are paid to CBHSA by the show manager when the show points are recorded.

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.

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.

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.

## **2019 CBHSA 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 70 points to qualify for Finals.

**Beginner Equitation:** Open to riders 17years old and under. Judged on equitation. No more than 6 to canter at a time. Fence height: X-rails. Must accumulate 70 points to qualify for Finals.

**Cross Rail Hunter:** Open to all riders and horses/ponies. The same rider & horse/pony combination may not jump higher than 18" at the same show unless in baby horse and pony.

**Long Stirrup Equitation:** Open to amateur adults, 18 years old and over. No more than 6 to canter at a time. Riders are not eligible to jump higher than 2'3" at the same show. If Long Stirrup doesn't fill, riders may ride in Beginner Eq. with points going to Long Stirrup. Fences may be no higher than 18". Must accumulate 70 points to qualify for Finals.

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

**Short Stirrup Medal:** Riders must win the Medal class or get 15 points to quality for Finals. 3 riders must complete the round for the medal class to count.

**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. Horses and riders not eligible to jump higher than 2'3" at the same show.

**CBHSA Medal:** Open to all amateur CBHSA members. Medal Finals winner is not eligible the following year. Riders may be called back to work on the flat. 3 riders must complete the course for it to count toward Finals. Riders must win the Medal class or get 15 points to qualify for Finals. Only CBHSA members may qualify for Finals. May not cross enter any other Medal divisions at the same show. Finals are by invitation only. Fences 2' or 2'3".

**CBHSA Hunter:** Open to CBHSA horses and ponies and amateur CBHSA riders. Judged as a hunter. Fences 2' or 2'3". Rider's choice. Horses and riders not eligible to jump higher than 2'3" at the same show.

**Lesson Horse Pony:** Open to mounts used in a lesson program who are registered with CBHSA. Fence height not to exceed 2'0".

**Novice Equitation:** Open to riders of any age who have not won 3 blue ribbons in any equitation class over 2'0". Judged on equitation. Novice Equitation riders are eligible for the entire year. Fence height: 2'3" horses, large ponies. Small/medium ponies: 2'0".

**Novice Medal:** Open to all eligible novice riders. Medal Final winner is no longer eligible to ride in Novice Equitation. Riders may be called back to work on the flat. 3 riders must complete the course for it to count toward Finals. Riders must win the Medal class or get 15 points to qualify for Finals. Only CBHSA members may qualify for Finals. May not cross enter any other Medal divisions at the same show. Finals are by invitation only. Fence height: 2'3" horses, large ponies. Small/medium ponies: 2'0".

**Junior Equitation:** Open to all junior riders 17 and under. Judged on equitation. Fences 2' or 2'3" small/medium, 2'3" or 2'6" large, and horses 2'6" or 2'9".

**Junior Medal:** Open to all junior riders. Riders may be called back to work on the flat. 3 entries must complete the course for it to count toward Finals. Riders must win the Medal class or get 15 points to qualify for Finals. Only CBHSA members may qualify for Finals. Finals are by invitation only. May not cross enter any other Medal divisions at the same show. Fences 2' or 2'3" small/medium, 2'3" or 2'6" large, and horses 2'6" or 2'9".

**Adult Equitation:** Open to adults. Judged on equitation. Fences 2'6" or 3'0". Rider's choice.

**Adult Medal:** Open to adults. Riders may be called back to work on the flat. 3 entries must complete the course for it to count toward Finals. Riders must win the Medal class or get 15 points to qualify for Finals. Only CBHSA members may qualify for finals. Finals are by invitation only. Fences 2'6" or 3'0". Rider's choice.

**Baby Horse & Pony:** Open to all horses and ponies in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the end of show season. Fence heights: 2'0" or 2'3" for horses, 18" for ponies. Not allowed to jump over 2'3" at the same show.

**Children's Hunter Horse:** Open to horses ridden by juniors. Judged as a hunter. Fences 2'6" or 3'0".

**Children's Hunter Pony:** Open to ponies ridden by juniors. Judged as a hunter. No oxers permitted. Fences 2'6" or 2'3" large, 2'0" small/medium.

**Low Hunter:** Open to horses. Judged as a hunter. Fences 2'6" or 3'0". Rider's choice.

**Pleasure Horse & Pony:** Open to ponies & horses not entered in any Hunter division at same show. Judged on manners & suitability. NO Martingales allowed. Fences 2' ponies, not to exceed 2'6" for horses. Oxers not permitted. Show managers may choose a maximum of 4 classes from the following: walk/trot, 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.

**Puddle Jumper:** May not cross enter into schooling jumpers at the same show. Fence heights: 2' to 2'3". Show managers may choose from the following classes: Speed, Table II Section 2A, Table II Section 2B, Pick Your Own Line, and Pick Your Own Line.

**Low Schooling Jumper:** May not cross enter into Puddle Jumpers in the same show. Fences 2'6" to 2'9". Show managers may choose from the following classes: Speed, Pick Your Own Line, Table II Section 2A, Table II Sec 2B, and Pick Your Own Line.

**High Schooling Jumper:** May not cross enter into Puddle or Low Schooling Jumpers in the same show. Fences: 3'0" to 3'3". Show managers may choose from the following classes: Speed, Pick Your Own Line, Table II Section 2A, Table II Section 2B, and Pick Your Own Line.

### **Outstanding Horseman Awards**

At each CBHSA show, one rider age 11 & under and one rider age 12 - 17 will be recognized for their outstanding horsemanship and sportsmanship. We are looking for those that are at the ring cheering others on, pitching in help when needed, and taking exceptional care of their mounts!

### **Medal Finals Rules**

Rider must have shown at 4 different shows throughout the year as a registered CBHSA member.

Horse must have shown at 4 different shows throughout the year as a registered CBHSA mount.

No mount may be jumped twice in the medal finals.

Only those who qualified may ride in the finals.

### **Horse & Pony Classic Rules**

Horse/pony must have shown at 4 different shows throughout the year as a registered mount in order to be eligible for the Classics. Horse/pony must be ridden by a CBHSA member.

### **Year- End Awards Rules**

Riders and mounts must have shown at 4 different shows as registered CBHSA members in order to qualify for year-end awards.

### **Best Turned Out Award**

New to the year-end awards! Starting this season, we will be looking for the best turned out horse/pony and rider. This is not meant for the horse with the professionally done braids or the pony with the cleanest body clip. This is meant for the overall picture of tidy horse and rider! So, tuck in those shirts, buckle your belts, button those collars, put on your gloves, keep those manes pulled, do your best to tie in those braids, and enter the ring shining!