

SYRACUSE CHAPTER



RULE BOOK

2009

I. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Syracuse Chapter of the PHA is to promote and foster interest in the horse industry, locally and throughout New York State and Western Pennsylvania for the benefit of the Chapter Members.

1. To represent professional horseman and exhibitors of equine and encourage high standards for affiliated horse shows.
2. To Sponsor educational activities such as clinics, forums, or seminars.
3. To encourage good sportsmanship among chapter members.
4. To provide assistance to professional members in time of need within limits established by the Board of Directors.
5. To establish and administer a scholarship program for sons and daughters of professional members.

II. MEMBERSHIP AND HORSE NOMINATION

1. Annual dues are payable 30 days after receipt of membership application or by April 1, whichever is later. Members are eligible for points accrued after December 1 of the previous year, if dues are paid by Jan. 1.

DUES STRUCTURE

PROFESSIONAL	\$35
ASSOCIATE	\$30
JUNIOR	\$20

2. Professional, Associate and Junior Members will receive National PHA Inc. recognition and eligibility to participate in its High Score Awards program.
3. All horses/ponies competing for high score awards, must be nominated by Jan. 1 in order to receive credit for points earned after December 1 of the previous year. Nomination fee is \$20 per horse for each division/level including equitation.
4. Each member will be issued a receipt and membership card following receipt of dues. The reverse of this card will list the horses/ponies nominated and the division(s) in which points will be counted.

III. PHA APPROVED HORSE SHOWS

1. The Syracuse Chapter of the PHA will approve horse shows for the benefit of its membership. Any shows operated within New York State or Western Pennsylvania shall be eligible to submit an application for consideration for show approval. Horse shows outside of New York State or Western Pennsylvania will not be considered for approval by the Syracuse Chapter of the PHA. For the purpose of this Rule, Western Pennsylvania includes all portions of the State of Pennsylvania West of Route 15.
2. Application for show approval must be in the hands of the show coordinator within thirty days of receipt by show management in order to protect dates used in the past. Applicants must include a copy of their U.S. Equestrian approval. ANY horse show seeking Syracuse PHA approval must apply 60 days in advance of the show date.
 - i. The Directors of the Syracuse PHA will meet in December of each year to approve horse show dates received by the Show Coordinator by December 1.
 - ii. The directors of the Syracuse PHA will also meet each year to approve horse show dates received after December 1.
3. If there are over 20 riders in a Syracuse PHA Medal Class, ribbon winners will receive double points toward the Syracuse PHA High Score Awards. Any split PHA medal with less than 3 entries in a section must be combined. For classes with less than 3 entries, the U.S. Equestrian rule will apply (Article 905.2) "No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have shown and placed."
4. Point standings will be distributed to all members on April 1, July 1, September 1 and December 1.
 - A. All trainers are requested to send a list of horses and owners, who have qualified for "The Indoors" to the Awards Banquet Committee before the awards banquet. The list will also include those who have qualified for Harrisburg, Washington, the U.S. Equestrian Pony Finals, the ASPCA and the U.S. Equestrian Finals, the USET Finals, Zone II Finals, HBO medals, and NAL Finals. These individuals, horses and trainers will be printed in the program for the awards dinner. Only Syracuse PHA members and Syracuse PHA nominated horses will be included.

B. If less than six horses are nominated for any divided section that show at the same height, it will be combined for one PHA award. (i.e. Amateur-Owner Younger and Older).

There will be no minimum number of entries necessary in a division in order for that division to be counted toward PHA year-end award.

IV. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Should a question of eligibility for PHA approved divisions arise (providing U.S. Equestrian rules are not in conflict) PHA rules will be applied at PHA approved show. All matters of eligibility not resolved at a show will be referred to the Grievance Committee whose decision will be final with regard to point eligibility.

Infraction of PHA rules will be referred to the Grievance Committee, which will review circumstances and facts and recommend corrective action, including a penalty if appropriate. This recommendation will be considered and acted upon at the next scheduled Directors' Meeting.

V. SPECIFICATIONS FOR SYRACUSE PHA RATED DIVISIONS

The following specifications must appear in the Prize List of each PHA approved show offering the division(s). The location of the information is left to the discretion of show management.

VI. SYRACUSE PHA MEDAL EQUITATION CLASSES

Competition is open to all riders, but in order for points to count toward the year end awards, membership must be received by the PHA Secretary prior to the start of the show.

Unless otherwise noted, all classes to be shown over a course of not less than 6 obstacles, which may include at least one combination including an oxer and one change of direction. Fences for Junior Hunter Riders 3'6"; for Children's Hunter Horses and Adult Riders 3'; for Children's Hunter Ponies not to exceed 3" less than the required height for the smallest pony. U.S. Equestrian Tests for Junior Hunter Riders 1-19; Children's Hunter and Adult Riders 1-13; Children's Ponies 1-9.

Testing is optional in all classes and/or the judge may elect to include one or more tests in the original course. No credit will be given for less than three (3) entries.

A person may only enter one Syracuse PHA Medal class at a horse show.

Each Syracuse PHA Horse Show is required to offer a separate Junior, Children's and Adult PHA Medal class if they offer the corresponding Hunter Divisions.

A. *SYRACUSE PHA ADULT MEDAL (3')*. If the show wishes it may substitute the National PHA Adult Medal. If the show offers the National Medal but does not offer the Syracuse Medal, points won in the National Medal will count toward the Syracuse PHA High Score Awards. If the National Adult Medal does not fill, the class must be run as a Syracuse Medal.

B. *SYRACUSE PHA CHILDREN'S MEDAL (3')*. An optional Children's PHA Pony Medal may also be held in which a combination is not required. Children's Pony riders may also enter the USEF Pony Medal.

C. *THE GEORGE B. PATERSON JUNIOR MEDAL (3'6")*. If the show wishes it may substitute the National PHA Junior Medal. If the show offers the National Medal but does not offer the Syracuse Medal, points won in the National Medal will count toward the Syracuse PHA High Score Awards. If the National Junior Medal does not fill, the class must be run as The George B. Paterson Junior Medal. For information on the National PHA Medal contact Mrs. H. O. Bilby, Benedict Road, South Salem, New York 10590.

D. If a horse does the Junior Hunter Division, the same horse may not do the Children's Medal at the same horse show. Riders showing in the Junior Hunter Division may not enter the Children's Medal at the same show.

E. Any member who wishes to accrue points in a Syracuse PHA Medal must declare his or her medal section at the beginning of the year. A Junior rider may move up during the year from the 3' Medal to the 3'6" Medal. Once a rider has moved from the 3' Medal to the 3'6" Medal, he/she can move back to the 3' Medal, however he/she will no longer accrue points in the 3' Medal.

VII. SYRACUSE PHA EQUITATION WEEKEND

The Board of Directors will designate one show each year at which bonus points will be awarded in PHA Medal classes, and that at least 2 or more tests of the top 4 are required in PHA Medals at shows offering bonus points.

VIII. ADULT AMATEUR AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER SECTIONS AND CHILD/ADULT JUMPER SECTIONS

These sections follow Zone II Rules as outlined in the U.S. Equestrian HORSE SHOW Publication.

IX. PRE-CHILDREN'S / ADULT HUNTER DIVISIONS

The pre-adult hunter division is open to all riders 18 years and over with USEF amateur certification. The same horse/rider combination may not show in any rated divisions or classes at the same show. Fences to be 2'6". The pre-children's hunter division is open to all junior riders. The same horse/rider combination may not show in any rated division or classes at the same show. Fences to be 2'6" for horses; 2' for ponies. If entries warrant, separate divisions for horses and ponies may be offered.

X. PRE-GREEN HUNTER DIVISION

Open to all horses in their first or second year of showing that have never shown in classes where the fences exceed 3'3" at Regular Member U.S. Equestrian or CEF Horse Shows and/or PHA rated divisions. Horses may not show in any classes at the same show where the fences exceed 3'3". Horses that have attempted the First Year Green Division and have officially withdrawn are eligible for this division if they are otherwise qualified.

XI. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER DIVISION

Short stirrup hunters are open to beginning junior riders who have not shown over fences that exceed 2'. Riders may not cross enter into any other PHA rated divisions or classes where fences exceed 2'. Riders may not have previously shown in any class where fences exceed 2'. Fences not to exceed 18".

XII. BABY GREEN HUNTER DIVISION

Baby green hunters will be open to all horse and ponies in their first year of showing that have not shown over fences where fences exceeded 2'3". Fences will not be adjusted for ponies. Fences not to exceed 2'6".

XIII. HIGH SCORE AWARDS:

1. High score awards will be presented in the following:

Green/Regular Conformation Hunter	Adult-Amateur 18-35
Regular Working Hunter	Adult-Amateur 36 & over
1st Year Green Hunter	Amateur Owner 18-35
2nd Year Green Hunter	Amateur Owner 36 & over
Small Pony Hunter	Pre-Green Hunter
Medium Pony Hunter	Small Junior Hunter
Large Pony Hunter	Large Junior Hunter
Green Pony Hunter	Low Hunter
Sm/Med Children's Hunter Pony	Pre-Adult Hunter
Large Children's Hunter Pony	Level 1/2 Jumper
Pre-Children's Hunter	Level 3 Jumper
Children's Hunter 14 & under	Level 4 and above Jumper
Children's Hunter 15-17	Children's Jumper Level
Syracuse PHA Pony Medal-12 & under	Adult Amateur Jumper Level
Syracuse PHA Pony Medal-13-17	Short Stirrup Hunter
Syracuse PHA Children's Medal 15 to 17	Baby Green Hunter
George B. Paterson Junior Medal	
Syracuse PHA Children's Medal 14 & under	
Syracuse PHA Adult Medal 18 - 35	
Syracuse PHA Adult Medal 36 & Over	

2. Points are tabulated on division ratings assigned by the U.S. Equestrian in their respective divisions according to the table below. Children's Hunter Divisions are rated the same as the Junior Working Hunter Division at the same show, if it is offered. If a show does not offer a Junior Hunter Division, these divisions will be rated the same as the Pony Hunter Division. The Adult Amateur Division is rated the same as the Amateur-Owner Hunter Division at the same show if it is offered; if it is not offered, the rating will be the same as the highest rated U.S. Equestrian Hunter Division offered at the show. The Low Hunter and Pre-Green Divisions will be rated the same as the highest rated U.S. Equestrian Hunter Division offered at the show. At PHA approved shows, points will be earned according to the following schedule:

A Rated Show 25-15-10-5-4-3 Champion 40 Reserve 24

B Rated Show 10-6-4-2-1-1/2 Champion 20 Reserve 12

NOTE: PHA Medal Classes receive "B" Points

End of the year awards will be made as follows:

For divisions where 1-24 horses are nominated and have earned points: 1-6 places awarded

For divisions where there are over 24 but not more than 39 horses are nominated and have earned points:
1-8 placed awarded.

For divisions where more than 39 horses are nominated and have earned points: 1-10 places awarded.

3. CLASSICS: Ribbons won in Adult Amateur Hunter, Junior Hunter, Pony Hunter and Children's Hunter Classics which are held at "A" or "B" horse shows will count double points toward Syracuse PHA High Score Awards in their respective divisions providing that the specifications meet Syracuse PHA standards.

4. Shows wishing to run on a date that was vacant the previous year must submit their date requests to the PHA horse show coordinator by October 1. Requests for open dates will be voted on by the Board of Directors at a specified meeting. For information on horse show dates contact the Horse Show Coordinator .

4. Applications for new shows will be approved or disapproved by the Board of Directors.

NOTE: Competition Management as defined by the U.S. Equestrian (the party or parties financially responsible for the competition—i.e. the entity, person or persons who will retain or disburse any profits and who will be responsible for the competition's debts and bear any losses) may not have more than one PHA rated show per month in the same location.

5. PHA Rated shows which desire to run PHA Rated divisions the day before a PHA-U.S.E.F. rated show are allowed to do so providing the following criteria is met:

The division must meet USEF standards, if any.

Hunter divisions must not exceed 2'6".

All Jumper divisions will be pointed.

6. In the event that two horse shows receive approval from the U.S. Equestrian for the same date, the PHA will give preference to the show operating on the comparable date in the previous year. This assumes that all applications are otherwise in order. Approval will not be given for more than one show per date.

7. At all Syracuse PHA Member Horse Shows, Syracuse PHA members must follow Syracuse PHA rules in order for their points to count. This rule pertains to horse shows, which are recognized by more than one association.

XIV. APPROVED HORSE SHOWS ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. List all judges in the Prize List

2. Run all classes with 3 or more entries. If there are less than 3 entries in a split division, the division must be combined.

3. Provide safe regulation fences for all classes, including warm-up classes.

4. Distribute prize lists to all PHA professional members at least three weeks prior to the first day of the show.

5. Forward show results to the PHA high point secretary within two weeks of the last day of the approved show. (Failure to do so can result in forfeiture of future dates). The name of the current high point secretary is listed in the back.

6. All riders with multiple rides shall check with the starter before the class starts. If riders wait until the end of the class to perform their multiple rides and there are no other horses or riders left to show in that division, the rider will be given 3 minutes to get each horse into the ring.

7. All Syracuse PHA Horse Shows are required to run the PHA Medal classes as follows:

XV. RULE CHANGES

All rules, proposals or changes for any Syracuse PHA Committee must be submitted in writing by September 1 of each year in order for that rule to be discussed, amended and/or adopted for the following year.

XVI. COMMITTEES

The Chairperson will provide all Professional members with a directory of professional PHA members to include address and telephone numbers each year by June 1, together with a listing of all committee memberships, PHA officers and important contacts.

XVII. U.S. EQUESTRIAN CONVENTION

The Syracuse PHA Chapter will send 2 representatives to the Hunter/Jumper Council meeting each year.

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