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High Score Rules & Specifications

1. The NJPHA High Score Awards year will run from December 1 through November 30 of the current show year
2. Subscription fees: The fee for the first class will be \$50. For each additional class offered the fee will be \$5 per class to a maximum of \$100 per show. Classes may be paid for in advance or payment can be sent with the show results. **PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF THE SHOW DATE,** or the show will be found not in good standing and points will not be posted until payment is received. Shows held within the last two weeks of November must be received within 72 hours.
3. High Score Awards classes may **ONLY** be offered at horse shows held In New Jersey.
4. If the High Score Awards results are not sent to the High Score Awards Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the competition, the show will be considered delinquent & found not in good standing, until the results are received.
5. Any application to run NJPHA classes must be sent to the High Score Awards Secretary at least 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE SHOW DATE & A COPY OF THE PRIZE LIST MUST BE SENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE TO THE HIGH SCORE AWARDS SECRETARY. Applications must be mailed directly to the NJPHA. All NJPHA classes **MUST** be judged by a current USEF member.
6. It is required that specifications for the NJPHA High Score Awards be available the day of the show with the show secretary and online at NJPHA.net.
7. Any violation(s) of the NJPHA High Score Awards Rules & Specifications will be considered the **FAULT OF THE HORSE SHOW**, not the NJPHA. The NJPHA reserves the right to make final decisions relating to the interpretation & adjudication of the High Score Program.

Awards Rules & Specifications.

8. In order for horses & ponies to accrue NJPHA High Score Award points in performance classes, **ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE HORSE OR PONY MUST BE NJPHA MEMBERS.** ***Horses & Ponies are NOT required to be registered***

9. In order for an equitation rider (junior or adult amateur) to accrue NJPHA High Score Awards points, they must be an NJPHA member.
10. If a horse or pony is shown under a stable or farm name, the stable or farm must be registered with the High Score Awards program. In order for the farm or stable to be registered the owner must be a current professional member or current High Score Awards member of the NJPHA.
 - Farm Registration (one time fee) \$50
 - Professional Member (annual) \$55
 - Associate Member (annual) \$40
 - Junior or Adult Amateur High Score \$35
11. In order for the NJPHA High Score Awards trophy & ribbons to be awarded, the classes must have been run a minimum of six (6) times during the year, under at least three (3) different judges. A competitor must be awarded points at least three (3) times during the year in any one class to receive a High Score Award. In all classes a trophy & up to six (6) ribbons will be presented at the annual High Score Dinner.
12. Three (3) entries are needed to consider a class official. In over fences classes, three (3) entries must complete the course. If not otherwise stated, the last over fences class will be designated as the NJPHA class.
13. NJPHA points will be awarded as follows:

# of entries		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
3	Modified	5	3	2			
4-8	Regular	7	5	4	3	2	1
9-15	Double	14	10	8	6	4	2
16-25	Triple	21	15	12	9	6	3
25+	Quadruple	28	20	16	12	8	4

14. During the show year, only a competitor's forty (40) best shows will count toward a High Score Award. Anyone showing in more than forty (40) shows will have their lowest point show totals deleted. Any competitor who shows more than ten (10) times at any one horse show facility (i.e. Sussex County Fairgrounds, NJ Horse Park) will have only their ten (10) highest points totals count toward a High Score Award. You may continue to show at these locations & try to improve your lowest point total show.
15. Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules & specifications of the current USEF rule book will be conducted & judged in accordance therewith.

16. If two (2) divisions at any one show have the same name, the NJPHA will only accept points from ONE division. If none is designated as the point class NJPHA will take the points from the NON-Outreach/USEF recognized ring.
17. The age of the rider will conform to the current USEF rule.
18. Membership is effective when received at the office of the High Score Awards secretary or given to a member of the NJPHA's Executive committee, a horse show secretary or online membership paid via PayPal. The horse show secretary MUST submit membership applications with the show results. All memberships MUST be submitted on membership forms.
19. Anyone found to have misrepresented themselves; i.e. the rider's age, the rider's competitive level, the horse's competitive level, the horse's size as in small/medium/large etc., or any similar offense, will forfeit ALL points earned in that division. This applies regardless of whether the misrepresentation was intended or not. Thereafter points will be awarded in the correct division ONLY. Points may not be carried from one division to another. A second offense by the same member will be referred to the Ethics Committee & Board of Directors of the NJPHA for further disciplinary action.
20. Certain NJPHA classes, by definition, have restrictions and/or limitations. Anyone who participates in the NJPHA High Score Awards program is bound by the definitions with their restrictions and/or limitations. All prior horse show experience of the NJPHA High Score Award member & his or her horse or pony at any horse show open to the public and/or sanctioned by the NJPHA will be used to determine the eligibility of the member & the horse or pony.
21. NJPHA members agree to submit to binding arbitration any or all disputes they might have with the NJPHA or with any other member, arising out of the NJPHA High Score Awards Program, or touching or concerning the program in any manner whatsoever. All disputes shall be submitted to the American Arbitration Association for resolution, or to any other arbitrator upon which the parties mutually agree. Each party shall bear their own costs in the arbitration process.
22. If any NJPHA member shall bring legal action against the NJPHA arising out of the NJPHA High Score Awards Program or touching or concerning the program in any manner whatsoever, & if that member does not prevail in the legal action, then that member shall be liable for the legal fees, costs & expenses incurred by the NJPHA defending against the action. If the member prevails in part & does not prevail in part in the legal action, then the member shall be liable for a pro-rata portion of the NJPHA's legal fees, costs & expenses incurred in defending against the actions. This fee shifting provision applies regardless of whether the legal action is prosecuted to judgment or settled prior to the judgment.

23. In case of a dispute/protest concerning the height of the horse/pony, owners must be required to provide a valid USEF measurement card.
24. In all cases where the rider's Maiden, Novice, Limit or Intermediate eligibility is a factor the eligibility will be determined by USEF Rule Eq. 110
25. A horse or rider may accrue points in only ONE section of any split NJPHA sectioned High Score class at any one horse show. BOTH sections MUST be offered at each show for High Score points to count.
26. ATTENTION HORSE SHOW MANAGERS & EXHIBITORS: The NJPHA will only accept points from classes that are correctly named in the prize list and run in accordance with the NJPHA specifications.
27. For NJPHA points to count, the class must be listed in the prize list, and cannot be added on the day of the horse show.
28. Any Adult Amateur High Score member, the guardian of a junior High Score member, or Professional member is able to request another competitor's points for the show year, as they have been reported to the NJPHA, for a fee of \$50 per request. This request must be made in writing, accompanied by the fee in check or money order form.
29. Membership in the NJPHA High Score Awards Program is a privilege not a right & the NJPHA reserves the right to decline membership to any party.
30. CALENDER
- Deadline for shows to be submitted to the calendar: October 15
 - No new shows may be added that are not printed in the calendar
 - Once in the calendar a show can be canceled.
 - A show date can be changed, but a written request to reschedule the show within 30 days of the cancelled shows posted date in the calendar must be sent and must be approved by the rules specifications committee. Request should be sent to whatif93@aol.com
 - The NJPHA calendar dates will shift with the USEF calendar.
31. Any point discrepancies from shows held from December 1st to May 31st MUST be brought to the attention of the High Score point secretary by JUNE 15 & be settled by JUNE 30. This will be considered the mid-year cut off.

NJPHA High Score Awards Classes & Specifications

Hunter

NJPHA Mini Stirrup Hunter

Open to horses & ponies ridden by junior exhibitor 10 years of age & under as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may have never competed in any division at any horse show competition where cantering is required, at that time the rider is no longer eligible for Mini Stirrup Hunter Division. Fences cross rails below 18"

NJPHA Short Stirrup Hunter

Open to horses & ponies ridden by junior exhibitor 12 years of age & under as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may have never shown in any division, at any show, where the fence height specifications are 2' or higher. To be shown over a course LESS THAN 2' in height. To be judged on manners, performance & suitability. Riders may not cross enter into any other division or class at any competition where fences are 2' or higher. The rider will be no longer eligible for Short Stirrup. This division may be combined with Beginner Hunter, if needed.

NJPHA Beginner Hunter

Open to horses & ponies ridden by riders of ANY age. Fences LESS THAN 2' in height. Section A: Rider may not have shown in a division, at any show, where the fence height specifications are 2' or higher. Riders in section A may not cross enter in any division or class at any competition where fences are 2' or higher. The rider will be no longer eligible for Beginner's Section B: Horse or pony not to have shown in a division, at any competition, where fence height specifications are 2' or higher. Horses may not cross enter into any division or class where fences are 2' or higher at the same competition. This division may be combined with Short Stirrup Hunter, if needed. TROTting ON COURSE NOT TO BE PENALIZED, ALTHOUGH AN UNINTENTIONAL BREAK OF GAIT WILL BE PENALIZED.

NJPHA Low Adult Amateur Hunter

Open to horses & ponies ridden by an adult amateur exhibitor. To be shown over a course of fences 2'6" in height. Riders may not cross enter into any class or division with fences 3' or higher.

NJPHA Pre-Children's Hunter

Open to horses & ponies ridden by junior riders who are still eligible to compete as limit riders as of December 1st of the current show year. Fences 2' for ponies. Fences 2'6" for horses. Riders may not cross enter into Children's Hunter horse or pony, Pony Hunter, or any class at the same competition where the fences exceed 2'6". If there are fewer than three (3) horses & three (3) ponies the class may be combined to form one Pre-Children's Hunter class. Horse & Pony points will be counted towards the respective High Score Awards.

NJPHA Adult Amateur Hunter

H.J. "Duke" Ellington Perpetual Memorial Challenge Trophy Trophy donated by the Friends of Spring Tree Farm.

To be awarded to the Adult Amateur Hunter with the greatest number of points at the end of the year.

To be shown by exhibitors who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors, who possess a valid current USEF Amateur Card. Ponies may be shown by adults; suitability to count. Fences 3', spreads not to exceed fence heights. To be run in accordance with USEF/USHJA Zone 2 specifications.

Open to Adult Amateur riders of any age, If there are more than three (3) older & three (3) younger Adult Amateur Hunters, the class may be split to form two Adult Amateur Hunter classes. If entries warrant there MAY be two High Score Awards presented.

NJPHA Children's Hunter

KABUKI DANCER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Trophy Donated by Carol Hoffman Thompson

To be awarded to the Children's Hunter Horse with the greatest number of points at the end of the year.

To be shown by a junior exhibitor. Riders on horses may not cross enter into class where fences exceed 3' at the same competition except (Children's Jumper, Pony Jumpers, USHJA National Derby, and Equitation classes that do not exceed 3'6')

Rider on a Children's Pony may not cross enter into the Regular Pony or Green Pony Division at the same competition. Horses and ponies may be jogged for soundness at the discretion of the judge. If there are not three (3) horses & three (3) ponies the class may be combined into one Children's Hunter class, & points will count towards respective High Score Awards. To be run in accordance with USEF/USJHA Zone 2 Specifications. Fences 3' for Horses, 2'6" for Large ponies, 2' for Sm/Med ponies. There are four (4) High Score Awards for this division:

- HORSES WITH RIDERS 14 & UNDER,
- HORSES WITH RIDERS 15-17,
- LARGE PONIES
- SMALL/MEDIUM PONIES

GRAND CHILDREN'S HUNTER CHAMPION SKYLINE SADDLERY PERPETUAL TROPHY

In the memory of Ilise Beth Colombo

To be awarded to the High Point Children's Hunter

NJPHA Junior/Amateur Owner Hunter

To be judged on performance & soundness, with emphasis on manners. This class may be offered as two (2) separate classes provided there are three (3) entries in each section. Junior or Amateur Owner Hunter or a combined section must be offered at the show for points to count. All points to count toward one High Score Award. Points accepted from 3'3" &/or 3'6" sections, but horses may only accrue points once at any horse show. If entries warrant there MAY be two High Score Awards presented.

NJPHA Schooling Hunter

Open to horses & ponies. To be judged on performance & soundness, with emphasis on manners. This division may be combined with NJPHA Hunter & run at 2 separate heights. Fences 2'6"

NJPHA Hunter

Open to horses & ponies. To be judged on performance & soundness, with emphasis on manners. Fences 3'. Class may be run with any open 3' hunter division (i.e. Suitable Hunter). This division may be combined with NJPHA Schooling Hunter & run at 2 separate heights.

NJPHA Pleasure Horse or Pony

To be shown in English tack at a walk, trot, canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance & soundness with emphasis on manners. No martingales permitted. The class may be split into two (2) separate Sections (horses & ponies) provided there are three (3) in each section. All points to count toward one High Score Award.

Equitation

NJPHA Mini Stirrup Walk/Trot Figure 8

Open to junior exhibitors 10 years of age & under as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may have never shown in any division at any competition where cantering is required they are no longer eligible for the Mini Stirrup division.

NJPHA Short Stirrup Equitation

Open to junior exhibitors 12 years of age & under as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may never have shown in any division, at any show, where the fence height specifications are 2' or higher. To be shown over a course LESS THAN 2' in height. Riders may not cross enter into any other division or class where fence heights are 2' or higher. This division may be combined with Beginner Equitation, if there is less than 3 exhibitor's in each section.

NJPHA Beginner Equitation

Open to exhibitors of any age who have not shown in a division, at any show, where the fence height specifications are 2' or higher. Riders may not cross enter into any other division or class where fences are 2' or higher. To be shown over a course Less than 2'. This division may be combined with Short Stirrup Equitation, if there are less than 3 exhibitor's in each section. TROTting ON COURSE NOT TO BE PENALIZED, ALTHOUGH AN UNINTENTIONAL BREAK OF GAIT WILL BE PENALIZED.

NJPHA Modified Rider

Open to junior and amateur exhibitors on horses or ponies. Riders to show over a simple course with fences at 2'3'. Riders not to have shown over fences 2'6" or higher in the previous show year. Exhibitors cannot cross enter into any other class/division where fences are higher than 2'3" at the same competition. Riders who have competed in a rated division which includes Pre Children's and Low Adult in the past show year are not eligible to compete in this class. This class may be combined with any other division with equivalent specifications.

NJPHA Low Adult Equitation

Open to adult amateur exhibitors. To be shown over a course of fences 2'6". Riders may not cross enter into any class or division with fences 3' or higher.

NJPHA Pre-Children's Equitation

Open to junior riders who are still eligible to compete as limit riders as of December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over a course of eight (8) fences, with one change of direction. Fences 2' for ponies. Fences 2'6" for horses. Riders may not cross enter into Children's Hunter horse or pony, Pony Hunter or any class at the same competition where fences exceed 2'6".

NJPHA Pony Equitation

Open to junior riders who have NOT have won any equitation class at 3'6" or higher prior to December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over a course of eight (8) fences, with one change of direction. Fences 2' for Sm/Med ponies. Fences 2'6" for Large ponies. May be combined with the Marshall Sterling Pony Medal.

NJPHA Adult Medal

Open to all adult amateurs. To be shown over a minimum of eight (8) fences at 3'. May be combine with the Ariat Adult Medal or the Marshall & Sterling Adult medal.

NJPHA Children's Equitation

ALLEGRA MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Trophy Donated by Joyce Marigliano & Marigliano Associates

Open to junior riders who have not won six (6) blue ribbons at a recognized show as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may not have won any equitation class at 3'6" or higher prior to December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over at least eight (8) fences 3' in height with at least one change of direction.

NJPHA Mini Medal

Open to junior riders who have not won a blue ribbon in a USEF Medal, ASPCA Maclay, M&S Junior Medal, NJPHA Gold Medal or USEF Talent Search class prior to December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over a course of not less than eight (8) fences at 3' with or without wings, which shall include a spread, at least one change of direction, & at least one combination. One rider per horse. Two or more tests are required of the top four (4) competitors or built into the course. Tests 1-13. May be combined with either the THIS Medal or the M & S Children's Medal.

NJPHA Gold Medal

Linda Matreyek Memorial Trophy

Open to all junior riders. To be shown over a course of not less than eight (8) fences at 3'6", which must include a minimum of one combination, an oxer, & 2 changes of direction. One rider per horse. Tests 1-18. To fill the class three (3) riders must complete the course. May be combined with either the M & S Junior Medal ,National PHA Medal or NJHSA Gold Medal.

JUMPER SECTION

NJPHA Itty Bitty Jumper

Open to all horses & ponies who, as a horse & rider combination, have not won a total of \$1000 in jumper classes as of December 1st of the current show year. Fences 2'3" in height, combinations are optional.

NJPHA Level 0 Jumper

Open to all horses & ponies. Fences 2'9" in height, concurrent with USEF Level 0.

NJPHA Level 1 Jumper

Open to all horses & ponies. Fences 3' in height, concurrent with USEF Level 1.

NJPHA Low Children's/Adult Jumper

Open to horses or ponies ridden by junior or adult amateur riders. Fences 3'3 in height, concurrent with USEF Low Children/Adult jumper. Neither horse nor rider may compete in any classes at the same competition where fences exceed 3'6" in the 1st round, except the USEF Talent Search. If at least 6 High Score Award winners have not met the annual requirements, awards may be combined with the High Children's/Adult Jumper.

NJPHA High Children's/Adult Jumper

Open to horses or ponies ridden by junior or adult amateur riders. Neither horse nor rider may compete in any classes at the same competition where fences exceed 3'6" in the 1st round, except the USEF Talent Search. If at least 6 High Score Award winners have not met the annual requirements, awards may be combined with the Low Children's/Adult Jumper.

THE LIEUTENANT RICHARD JH SEIBERT PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY

Donated by his friends.

To be awarded to the High Point Children's Adult Jumper with the greatest number of points at the end of the year.

NJPHA SPECIAL AWARDS SPECIFICATIONS

HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR

To be awarded at the discretion of the awards committee to a Professional member in good standing, who throughout the years has shown dedication & service to the aims & ideals for which the PHA was founded. Nominations must be received by December 31st.

MAXINE BEST JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

To be awarded annually to a junior member of the NJPHA who has shown through their actions & manners, compassion for their horse and their fellow competitors & the entire horse show community and exhibited the finest qualities of good sportsmanship. Nominations must be received by December 31st.

BEV WALTERS ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

To be awarded annually to an adult amateur member of the NJPHA who has shown through their actions & manners, compassion for their horse and their fellow competitors & the entire horse show community and exhibited the finest qualities of good sportsmanship. Nominations must be received by December 31st.

PACKER HALL OF FAME AWARD

To be awarded annually to an older horse or pony, who has, over the years, proven itself to be a safe & talented animal by, year after year, guiding numerous riders safely through their early years of showing. Nominations must be received by December 31st.

\$1000 NJPHA SCHOLARSHIP

To be awarded annually to a current member of the NJPHA High Score Awards program who has been a member for the previous four (4) years & who is attending a college or university with a riding program or club in which the nominee is participating.