EAST TENNESSEE HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

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The East Tennessee Hunter Jumper Association (ETHJA) was organized in 1983 with the goal of promoting and standardizing recognized hunter jumper horse shows within the East Tennessee region, and to act for the common good of the horses, exhibitors, spectators and horse show management. The association offers a year-end awards program for which all regular members and recorded horses and ponies may compete. The calendar year runs as per the the United States Equestrian Federation's (USEF) calendar of December 1, through November 30, of the following year.

ETHJA Horse Show and Member Rules

I. Officers & Directors

A. There shall be a nine member permanent board of directors representing the various sections of East Tennessee. The board shall consist of five at-large members as well as the officers of the association. The board shall act for the common good of hunter/jumper riders in the area. Each board member shall be responsible for representing the needs and wants of the membership at large as well as for his/her own constituency. Further, board members are charged with taking any suggestions or recommendations from the membership to the board of directors.

B. The following four officers will be appointed by the full board:

1. President: shall preside over board meetings and the smooth running of the association.
2. Vice-President: in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.
3. Recording Secretary: shall record all minutes from each board meeting.
4. Calendar Secretary: shall schedule and confirms all show dates.
5. Treasurer: shall collect all money due to ETHJA and be responsible for keeping proper records showing the disposition of all funds.
6. Points and Membership Secretary: Shall record all rider memberships and horse or pony registrations as well as keep track of all points accumulated through each season.

C. The officers shall serve 2 year terms with no limit to the number of terms that individuals may serve. Appointment of officers will occur in September of each year. New officers will assume office on December first following their appointment. Election of new board members to fill vacancies may be effected at any time necessary.

D. The board will appoint a Points and Membership Secretary.

E. The board of directors will meet at least quarterly during each year. Each board member is required to have only one excusable absence per calendar year to remain a board member in good standing. Repeated absences may result in being asked for that member's resignation from the board. The President shall call additional meetings, as needed.

F. Board members must be current ETHJA members.

G. Only one person from any given farm or business entity is eligible to sit on the board of Directors.

II. Membership

A. Dues are as follows:
   1. $45.00 per individual membership
   2. $95.00 per family membership
   3. $650.00 per family, for a Lifetime membership.

B. Membership runs from December 1st, to November 30th of the following year.

C. Payment for membership may be made by mail, at an ETHJA Horse Show or on the ETHJA website.

D. ETHJA reserves the right to deny membership by a majority vote by the board of directors to an individual (junior or senior) and/or to any farm or show management.

E. Any member who is not in good financial standing with ETHJA or an ETHJA affiliated horse show, will not accumulate points until any and all outstanding fees have been paid.

F. To be eligible for points toward year-end awards, a horse/pony must be recorded and the Owner or Lessee must be members of ETHJA prior to any competition. There is a $20.00 fee per horse or pony for each annual recording. Points will only be awarded to horses shown under their recoded show name. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure his or her entry is correct at each horse show.

G. During any year, upon the sale or lease of a recorded horse or pony, the Owner or Lessee should advise the ETHJA in writing of a change in status if that change will impact points won or awards granted at the end of the year. No fee will be charged for a change of ownership or a change of lessee made, if all of the parties are current members or currently recorded, in the case of animals.

H. The recorded name of a horse or pony may be changed upon notification in writing to ETHJA. The fee is $10.00.

I. A rider's age for the horse show year is determined as of December first of the competition year. (As an example, for the 2017-2018 horse show year, the first day of the competition year is 12/1/17.)

J. Junior, Amateur and Professional members are classified pursuant to the USEF rules and as such are recognized by ETHJA as the same.

III. Show Membership

A. Show managers must submit an application for their show's requested date and approval thereof to the Calendar Secretary at least 30 days prior to the requested date. Application must provide proof of insurance with ETHJA listed as additionally insured. The fee of $60 per horse show must be paid before the show date.

B. Show managers must attend an annual meeting hosted by the board on the posted date. All farms who wish to host a show sanctioned by ETHJA during that show season must send a representative to the meeting. If anyone is unable to attend they will also be unable to host an ETHJA sanctioned show for that season.

C. All ETHJA approved horse shows, with exceptions noted below, will have their horse show's points accrue in any ETHJA approved divisions offered at the horse show, as long as the specifications below are adhered to.

D. As a protective measure for the association and for show managers of sanctioned shows, as well as to benefit horse show participants, all prize lists must list the applicable rules under the appropriate divisions.

E. Upon approval, show managers will be required to state on their prize list their ETHJA affiliation. Prize list must be mailed no later than 2 weeks prior to the show date. Alternatively, horse show managers may offer their prize lists on-line at least 2 weeks prior to the horse show with the provisos that the on-line version includes all of the elements required in a USPS mailing. The on-line version must be posted to an easily found farm or facility's website and/or is available on FaceBook, as an example. Judge(s) must be listed on the prize list. A mailing list will be available to the show management for notification to all current members.All ETHJA member shows will follow the rules of USEF and USHJA where applicable. Modifications are made to accommodate local conditions. However, USEF and USHJA rules shall be used as the over-riding format under which all Hunter, Jumper and Equitation classes and divisions are run.

F. Any horse show manager, in combination with any horse show venue, may have a maximum number of 10 ETHJA sanctioned local, one-day horse shows, or a total of 5 multi-day shows spanning consecutive days, per calendar year.

G. Cancellation or delay of Shows. Any show that is cancelled for any reason (including acts of god) may retain that date for the next year, provided that the ETHJA show fees are paid. Cancellation of a show for a second year (for any reason) will result in the loss of that date regardless of priority or payment. However, a show date may, with 30 days notice and ETHJA Board approval, be loaned to another management without restriction, thereby retaining "ownership" of the date by the lending party. A show may be rescheduled without paying an additional fee.

H. All USEF judges are automatically acceptable as judges at ETHJA horse shows. Local shows may hire knowledgeable horse-persons who do not hold USEF judges cards. It is the show management's responsibility to provide qualified judges and to provide all judges with ETHJA rules and class descriptions. Judges must not have any ongoing relationship to any host institution or its riders. There cannot have been an instance of clinics, individual lessons, horse show coaching, and the like, between the judge and any individual associated with the host facility or its owners and trainers within six months prior to the show date. Any rider or horse who has had such a relationship with the judge, is ineligible to compete.

I. No judge may judge more than 2 shows in the “Northern Region” and 2 shows in the “Southern Region” per show calendar year. The Northern Region includes Talbot, TN and Northeast TN. The Southern Region is West and Southwest of Talbot, TN.

J. JUDGES:

Options for the use and hiring of judges for ETHJA horse shows:

1. In the event that an ETHJA horse show manager hosts two separate horse shows during one week (or any other multiple contiguous days), if there will only be one ring in use each day, there must be different judges for each SEPARATE horse show.
2. If two rings are used during the course of any show, the judge may move from one ring to the other ring.
3. In the event that one horse show is contested over multiple days, one judge may be used on all days.
4. In the event that a show involves the use of multiple days and multiple rings during one horse show, it is recommended that multiple judges be used. Multiple judges allows for rider/horse combinations competing in divisions with four classes or greater, to be judges by separate judges on separate days. If multiple rings and multiple days are in use, judges should be rotated to have two judges judging elements of larger, 4 or 5 class divisions.
5. In the event that two rings are going simultaneously at any show, two judges must be used.
6. In cases where two judges are available and are similarly qualified, the judges should be rotated for multiple day shows, or in the case of two separate horse shows on one weekend.

As an example: judge A may judge ring 2, and judge B should judge ring 1. On the subsequent day, judge A may judge ring 1, and the reverse with judge B.

K. Any ETHJA board member will officiate in the capacity of a Steward in the event of a dispute at a local show. If a board member, acting as a steward, witnesses anyone not abiding by the rules listed here in, (S)he will have the right to disqualify the rider or trainer. In the event of an issue which requires arbitration, the Steward will file a report which will be presented to the Board of Directors.

L. All shows must send results to the Points Secretary within 5 working days of the show to have their results qualify for inclusion for year-end awards. Points filed past 5 working days will incur a $75.00 fine, and an additional $20.00 per late day in order for points to count. Points filed past 30 working days will incur an additional $75.00. Additionally, the show will forfeit its date for the following year and must refile for dates in subsequent years. Use of incorrect membership forms will also result in a $75.00 fine.

M. Results sent to the Points Secretary may be filed: on the form available on the ETHJA website; using ShowPro, the USEF format; or any other similar professional format. **Points must be emailed** to the points secretary and show managers must keep the hard copy of the points sheets for the duration of the season in case of discrepancies. Shows must present points in a format that is clear for the secretary to process, specifically including the number of participants in every class as well as notations when divisions are combined and to which division points will accrue in the case of Classics. Failure to provide adequate notations, explanations and other information, will result in a $50 fine per horse show. Show result shall be released to the Points Secretary and should not be released to interested individuals. However, results posted to Horseshowsonline, or ShowPro, as examples, by the public nature of the format, will be available to interested individuals, and as such is allowed.

N. Multiple horse shows may be held on the same date providing that there is a 100-mile distance between the sites using Google Maps to establish the distance.

Agreements on shared dates at sites less than 100 miles apart (USEF GR. 214 5-6.) will not apply to ETHJA shows.

O. Shows may hold any or all ETHJA recognized divisions.

P. Any additions to the published prize list will not receive ETHJA points unless the specific changes or additions are: mailed via postcard; published on the ETHJA or show management's website. Notification must be made at least 10 days prior to the starting date of the show.

Q. For horse shows with multiple sanctioning organizations, classes or divisions in which exclusion from participation exists, those classes or divisions will not be awarded ETHJA points.

R. Classes must have 2 entries to fill ETHJA classes.

S. Show managers must have prize lists mailed or available to the general membership. They must further have copies of these rules as well as ETHJA Show Evaluation form available from the show secretary.

T. Horse shows may apply for, and the board may grant at its discretion, approval for horse shows outside of the strict borders of East Tennessee, including USEF sanctioned horse shows in Tennessee or its contiguous states.

U. Failure to settle indebtedness to member shows will be dealt with in the following way. Show management shall send a registered letter along with a copy of the non negotiable check to the member informing them of their indebtedness. The ETHJA Board will then contact said member giving them ten (10) working days to settle their debt and/or respond with proof of payment. If after ten (10) working days the issue is not resolved, the member's points will be deleted from the show in question and until the ETHJA Board is given proof that the issue has been mutually resolved by both parties. Upon resolution of the matter, points earned will be reinstated through the horse show initiating the proceeding and back in time to the beginning of the year in which payment was made. If there are multiple years involved, points and any year- end awards for past years will not be adjusted.

V. In order to retain ETHJA accreditation shows must have an official announcer, show secretary, and a gate attendant at each ring. Further, these officials and the judge(s) must have effective, immediate and reliable communication for the entire duration of the show. There should also be a punctual and competent ring crew present for every class and course change for the duration of the show.

W. Horse shows may not begin or end their day more than 15 minutes before or after the National Weather Services published sunrise and sunset times. Shows with a stewards report confirming an infraction of the rule will be fined $100.

X. Managers seeking initial ETHJA show membership approval for new shows may be granted only 1 date for the first year. After review, additional dates may be added for subsequent year. Exception: professional show management companies hosting shows at approved venues may add multiple sanctioned shows if the calendar and mileage rules allow.

Y. **Hunter and Equitation divisions are limited to 2 over fences classes and 1 under saddle class per day. Second round Classics and Derbies may be run in addition.**

Z. Prize lists must state the following for LOCAL SHOWS:

1. ASTM-SEI approved helmets must be worn at all times when mounted.
2. Martingales are not permitted in any flat classes, equitation flat classes, or the flat phase of any Medal class.
3. Unconventional tack or equipment will only be permitted at the judges discretion.
4. The prize list should include all class specifications for all classes along with which classes or divisions are eligible for ETHJA year-end awards.
5. The following statement is to be printed on all member show prize lists: The _____horse show is operated in accordance with the current rules of the ETHJA. To be eligible for year-end awards, the exhibitor, the owner and the horse or pony must be registered with the association. Applications are available on-line and from the show secretary.

AA. All jumps must have a rail as the highest element.

BB. PVC poles, without filler, will not be allowed.

CC. Member shows may consult the ETHJA association for help with course design, prize lists, or for guidelines.

IV. ETHJA Recognized Hunter and Jumper Divisions

Courses at ETHJA shows are required to have at least 2 oxers except in all Ground and Cross Rail classes, Beginner Rider Hunter, Beginner Rider Equitation, Short and Long Stirrup Hunter, Mini Hunter and 2' Equitation. Ground lines (including flower boxes) must be used in all hunter o/f classes except Cross Rail and Ground Rail classes. All Oxers MUST have break-away safety cups on the back rail. Handy Hunter classes may be offered in divisions 2' or higher. No combinations are required in any class.

A. Beginner Rider Hunter

1. Open to amateur or junior riders on horses or ponies who have not shown over fences higher than 18".
2. Riders may enter other classes with fences 18" and under, as well as any under saddle classes.
3. Flat class to walk and trot.
4. Fences 18".

Courses may be trotted and/or cantered. Simple changes not to be penalized. To be judged as a hunter class with emphasis on suitability and consistency.

B. Mini Hunter

1. Open to any rider on a horse or pony
2. Under saddle to walk/trot only.
3. Fences 18" or 2'.
4. No penalty for trotting on course.
5. To retain Beginner Rider eligibility, these riders may only jump at 18".

C. Pleasure Hunter

a. Includes the following 3 classes:
    1. Walk-trot under saddle
    2. Walk-trot-canter under saddle
    3. Hunter hack. To walk-trot-canter and to jump 2 fences at 18". Jumps may be verticals or cross rails. Boxes are not allowed.
    4. Show management must post a course for the Hunter hack class

b. To be judged as a pleasurable ride, with manners and attitude to be taken into consideration.

c. Since this division does not mimic a traditional hunter division, it will not count towards the year-end high point hunter award.

D. Short Stirrup

1. Open to riders 12 years and under on ponies. All riders must be in their first or second year of showing over fences at 2'.
2. Pony/rider combination may not enter the Pony Hunter division at the same show.
3. Fences 2'.
4. May be combined with the Long Stirrup Hunter division.

E. Long Stirrup

1. Open to amateur or junior riders of any age if they are on horses, or open to riders 13 years or older on ponies. All riders must be in their first or second year of showing over fences at 2'.
2. Fences 2'.
3. Pony or horse/rider combination may not enter the Pony Hunter or the Children's Hunter division at the same show.
4. May be combined with the Short Stirrup Hunter division.

F. Schooling Hunter

1. Open to all horses or ponies ridden by junior, amateur, or professional riders.
2. Adults may ride ponies.
3. Fences 2' or 2'6".

G. Pony Hunter

1. Open to junior riders on ponies.
2. Fence heights: Smalls 2', Mediums 2' or 2'6", Large 2'6".
3. USEF rules to apply with the exception of fence height.
4. At USEF shows, the Children's Pony division will count toward year-end points in this ETHJA division.

H. Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter

1. Open to junior and amateur riders on horses.
2. Fences 2'6".
3. These classes may be split into a Pre-Child and/or Pre-Adult division at the show managements discretion.

I. Children's Hunter

1. Open to junior riders on horses.
2. Fences 3'.
3. May be combined with the Adult Amateur Hunter Division.

J. Adult Amateur Hunter

1. Open to amateur riders on horses.
2. Fences 3'.
3. May be combined with the Children's Hunter Division.

K. Low Hunter

1. Open to any rider on horses or ponies.
2. Fences 3'.

L. Junior/Amateur Owner

1. Open to junior and amateur riders on horses.
2. Fences 3'3"- 3'6".

M. Green Hunter

1. Open to horses and ponies in their first or second year of showing over fences exceeding 2'.
2. May be ridden by any rider.
3. Adults may ride ponies.
4. Fences 2', 2'6" or 3'.

N. Performance Hunter

1. Open to any horse or rider.
2. Fences 3'3"- 4'

O. Jumpers

Any USEF table applies. See USEF rules. JP100-152.

Fence Heights. The following fence height are approximate equivalents in metric and standard units:

0.70m = 2'3"	*0.75m = 2'5"*	*0.80m = 2'7"*	*0.85m = 2'9"*
0.90m = 2'11"	*0.95m = 3'1"*	*1.00m = 3'3"*	*1.05m = 3'5"*
1.10m = 3'7"	*1.15m = 3'9"*	*1.20m = 3'11"*	*1.25m = 4'1"*
1.30m = 4'3"	*1.35m = 4'5"*	*1.40m = 4'7"*	*1.45m = 4'9"*
1.50m = 4'11"	*1.55m = 5'1"*	*1.60m = 5'3"*	

a. Low Jumpers

1. Fences under 1.0m (3'3")
2. Open to any horse/pony rider combination which has never shown in any ETHJA or USEF jumper competition over fences 1.0m (3'3") or higher.

b. High Jumpers

1. Fences 1.0m (3'3") or higher
2. Open to any horse/pony rider combination.

c. There shall be no schooling allowed over fences in the show ring prior to the start of the class. Jumper courses must have a designated start/finish line.

d. In case of insufficient entries, High and Low Jumpers may be combined provided that all entrants jump the required fence height for their respective division.

*** ETHJA encourages and will support any decision to eliminate/disqualify exhibitors whose actions are deemed, by the judge, steward, or show management, to be not in the best interest of a horse, person, or the*

*sport.***

P. ETHJA Hunter Derby

1. A Derby may be offered at any show.
2. Open to all members and registered horses and ponies that are otherwise qualified to participate.
3. The top 15 horses/ponies(including ties), who have shown in at least 3 ETHJA Hunter Derby classes during the current season, at the end of the season, will qualify for the Derby Finals. Finals will be held in conjunction with the Medal Finals at an announced site. Show management must check qualifying lists to insure that all entries are qualified for the final.
4. The Derby finals will be placed accordingly to the USHJA International Derby rules with both rounds being pinned. Finals will be placed 1-10.
5. Individual shows may run their derbies in either way.
6. First round (Classic round) will receive a base score plus 1 bonus point for each high option taken. The top 10 horses/ponies will return for the second (handy) round.
7. Second round (Handy round) receives a base score plus 1 point for each high option taken. Judges may also award handy bonus points. Combined scores from both rounds will determine placings. Places 1-6 will receive year-end ETHJA points. There must be 3 entries to fill the class.
8. Course Requirements:
    1. Obstacles should simulate those in the hunt field and should offer a variety such as; natural post and rail, stone wall, white board fence or gate, coop, Aikens, hedge, brush, etc.
    2. Minimum of a 2" difference in height is required between the front and back element of all oxers.
    3. Ground lines not to exceed 2' in depth from the vertical plane. For appropriate jumps no ground line is acceptable
    4. The jumpable part of any fence must be a minimum of 8’ in width.
    5. Flat cups may only be used for log fences and in accordance with USEF rules
9. First Round: Classic
    1. A minimum of 8 obstacles must be offered.
    2. Fence heights: 2' with 2'6" options, 2'6" with 3' options, 3' with 3'6" options. (All three height divisions are a part of one class over the same course judged at separate heights)
    3. There must be at least 2 options in each section.
    4. There must be at least one bending line.
    5. There must be at least one long approach.
    6. If a rider receives no score in the classic round, he or she may not advance advance to the handy round.
10. Second Round: Handy
    1. A minimum of at least 6 obstacles must be offered.
    2. Fence heights: 2' , 2'6", 3'0", 3’6”.
    3. There must be at least 2 options, as above.
    4. The course should simulate riding over hunt country and have a minimum of 2 handy options such as; tight turns, different track options, pens, hand gallop over a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 2’.
    5. Only the top 10 horses/ponies are to return for the second round (after all ties are broken). The judging system will follow the USHJA rules exactly with the exception of requiring two recorded judges, the number of fences required, the fence height, and the number of options described above.

V. ETHJA Recognized Equitation Divisions

A. Ground Rail Equitation

1. Open to amateur and junior riders who have not shown over fences 18" or higher.
2. Courses must be trotted. Cantering will be heavily penalized.
3. Riders may **only** cross enter into the ETHJA Cross Rail Equitation. Entering any other recognized ETHJA division will forfeit eligibility.
4. To be judged on equitation and the rider's ability to effectively control the horse.
5. This division will consist of three classes. Two over poles and one shall be a walk/trot flat class.

B. Cross Rail Equitation

1. Open to amateur and junior riders who have not shown over fences 18" or higher.
2. Courses must be trotted. Cantering will be penalized.
3. Riders may only cross enter into the Ground Rail Equitation. Entering any other recognized ETHJA division will forfeit eligibility.
4. To be judged on equitation and the rider's ability to effectively control the horse.
5. This division will consist of three classes. Two over Cross Rails and one shall be a walk/trot flat class.

C. Beginner Rider Equitation

1. Open to amateur or junior riders on horses or ponies who have not shown over fences 18" or higher.
2. Riders may enter other classes with fences 18" or lower and any under-saddle classes.
3. Flat class to walk and trot. Fences 18". Courses may be trotted or cantered. Simple changes not to be penalized. To be judged as an equitation class with emphasis on a riders' position, control and consistency in rhythm on course.

D. 2' Equitation

1. Open to short and long stirrup riders.
2. Rider may not cross enter into any other equitation division, with exception of Mini Medal.
3. Fences 2'.

E. Equitation 14 & Under

1. Open to riders 14 years of age and younger.
2. Fences 2' or 2'6".
3. May be combined with any other age restricted equitation division.

F. Equitation 15-17

a. Open to riders 15-17 years of age.
b. Fences 2'6" or 3'
c. May be combined with any other age restricted equitation division.

G. Adult Equitation

1. Open to adult amateur riders.
2. Fences 2'6" or 3'.
3. May be combined with any other age restricted equitation division.

H. ETHJA Mini Medal

1. Open to junior or amateur riders on horses or ponies that are in their 1st or 2nd year of showing over fences at 2'. If a rider has competed in any other ETHJA Medal, the rider is ineligible for Mini Medal.
2. Courses must have at least two (2) changes of direction.
3. The top fifteen (15) riders (including ties), who have shown in at least 3 ETHJA Mini Medal classes during the current season, shall qualify for the Medal Finals.
4. Testing on the flat is required (75% over fences 25% flat). Further testing is optional. USEF Tests 1-12.
5. Fences 2' with no oxers.
6. Upon winning the Mini Medal finals, that rider is no longer eligible to compete in that class or final in subsequent years.

I. ETHJA Pony Medal

1. Open to junior members on ponies.
2. Courses must have at least two (2) changes of direction.
3. The top fifteen (15) riders (including ties), who have shown in at least 3 ETHJA Pony Medal classes during the current season, shall qualify for the Medal Finals.
4. Testing on the flat is required (75% over fences, 25% flat). Further testing optional. USEF tests 1 - 12.
5. Fences 2' for small and medium ponies and 2'6" for large ponies.
6. May be combined with the Junior and/or Adult Medal.
7. Upon winning the Pony Medal finals, that rider is no longer eligible to compete in that class or final in subsequent years.

J. ETHJA Junior Medal

1. Open to Junior riders on horses.
2. Courses must have at least two (2) changes of direction.
3. The top fifteen (15) riders (including ties), who have shown in at least 3 ETHJA Junior Medal classes during the current season, shall qualify for the Medal Finals.
4. Testing on the flat is required (75% over fences 25% flat). Further testing is optional. USEF Tests 1-12.
5. Fences 2'6" or 3'0.
6. May be combined with the Pony and/or Adult Medal.
   Upon winning the Junior Medal finals, that rider is no longer eligible to compete in that class or final in subsequent years.

K. ETHJA Adult Medal

1. Open to Adult riders on horses.
2. Courses must have at least two (2) changes of direction.
3. May be combined with the Pony and/or Junior Medal.
4. The top fifteen (15) riders (including ties), who have shown in at least 3 ETHJA Adult Medal classes during the current season, shall qualify for the Medal Finals.
5. Testing on the flat is required (75% over fences 25% flat). Further testing is optional. USEF Tests 1-12. f. Fences 2'6" or 3'0.
6. Upon winning the Adult Medal finals, that rider is not eligible to compete in that final the following year. After 2 years, the rider is allowed to compete in the Adult Medal final again. For example: A rider who wins the medal final in 2019 is ineligible in 2020 but may return to the final in 2021.

Medal Finals horse show:

1. All coaches with competing riders must attend a mandatory coaches meeting prior to the course walk.
2. There will be a board member, who does not have a rider participating in the finals, to be designed as the steward for the medal finals.
3. The steward will have a form to record any infractions.
4. Ring side coaching will result in elimination.

NOTE: *Riders may qualify for the year-end Medal Finals through the last ETHJA horse show held prior to the Final. The top fifteen riders, by points earned, will qualify (inclusive of ties) by showing in their chosen medal class a minimum of 3 times. If a rider is qualified to show at the finals, one week prior they must, either in a written entry or by phone entry to the show management hosting the ETHJA Finals, declare their intent to show or not to show. Riders intending not to show will allow all riders below that rider to advance, perhaps, creating an opening in the top fifteen positions. Last minute qualifiers must also notify the host show of their intent to show. ETHJA will keep a complete list of points and placements for riders in medals classes.*

VI. Points

All points will be awarded as follows: (see section VI J. for details on qualifying for Medal Finals).

A. Show points. Use the following table. Per class.

1st : 10 points
Plus 1 additional point per horse/pony in the class.
2nd: 6 points
Plus 1 additional point per horse/pony in the class.
3rd: 4 points
Plus 1 additional point per horse/pony in the class.
4th: 2 points
Plus 1 additional point per horse/pony in the class.
5th: 1 point
Plus 1 additional point per horse/pony in the class.
6th: ½ point
Plus 1 additional point per horse/pony in the class.

B. Example: If there are 6 horses or ponies in the class and a rider places 2nd, that rider would receive 6 base points plus an additional 6 points (the number of horses/ponies in the class) for a total of 12 points.

C. Calculation of CHAMPION and RESERVE CHAMPION awards in HUNTER divisions: in calculating points for division championships at ETHJA horse shows, USEF standard points will be uses as follows: 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, .5 for placements of first through sixth. NO ADDITIONAL points may be added reflecting the number of entries for the calculating of HORSE SHOW POINTS. If model classes make up a part of a hunter division, model classes will receive 1/2 points. These will be added to over fences points for all placements. Additionally, in calculating points for HORSE SHOW championships ONLY the horses with the greatest number of points in all of the division's over fences classes shall be added together. ONLY the horses with the top four number of points shall receive any additional points earned in the under saddle class. Only those four individuals will then have their under saddle points added to the total number of points accumulated over fences. In determining the champion and reserve championship, the animal with the greatest number of points shall be champion and the second greatest number shall be reserve. In the case of a tie for either

champion or reserve, the tie shall be broken in favor of the animal with the greater number of points over fences. Should a tie remain, one competitor may concede to the other, a “hack off” to break the tie may be held, or, upon agreement by those tied, there can be the flip of a coin.

D. Calculation of CHAMPION and RESERVE in JUMPER divisions: three classes must be help in order for a championship and reserve to be offered. All classes offered shall receive identical number of points. in the case of a tie for champion or reserve, the tie will remain and duplicate award will be given.

E. Horse shows may offer Hunter Classics once per year, consisting of 2 rounds, which shall receive double points, once yearly. Classics may only be listed as Beginner Rider Classic, Mini Classic, 2’ Classic, 2”6" Classic, 3’0" Classic, 3’3”-3’6” Classic. Participants must declare for which division they wish their points to accrue upon entry. Points may accrue in any recognized division offered at that show. 2 entries are required to fill classics.

F. Classics may be offered in two ways:

1. A separate class with 2 rounds with double points awarded in any ETHJA hunter division offered at that show.
2. The rider’s first round score will come from a class in an ETHJA Hunter Division offered at that show which the rider designates as the division for which classic points will accrue. The show will designate which round in each division will be used as the first round’s score.
3. Show management must have this information designated in the results sent to the Points Secretary.
4. Any show offering classics must print this entire rule in the prize list for the show offering classics.

G. To dispute points posted by the Points Secretary on the ETHJA Website, inquiry must be made to the Points Secretary within thirty days of the posting. Inquiries for the final year-end results must be done **before December 1st** of the competition year. Any point discrepancies with the Point Secretary that is unable to be resolved will be presented to the ETHJA President and the board of directors to resolve. The member will be notified via email or telephone of the outcome.

VII. Year-end Awards

Trophies: year-end champions for each hunter and equitation division will receive a perpetual, high point trophy.
In order to receive year end prizes, divisions must have at least 2 competing members. If two members have not competed, perpetual trophies will be awarded without prizes.

Additional trophies will be awarded in the following categories:

A. Betty Kendall Trophy. Awarded to the year's high point equitation rider. Points shall be accumulated in one equitation division only. Only riders competing in 2’ Equitation, Equitation 14 and Under, Equitation 15-17, and Adult Equitation will be eligible for high point equitation.

B. Michelle Moore Trophy. Awarded to the year's high point hunter for points accumulated in two hunter divisions. Points accumulated in Pleasure Hunter will not count towards high point hunter.

C. Wallace Mynatt Award. Awarded to the horse show parent of the year as chosen by the previous year’s winning parent.

D. Sportsmanship Award. Awarded on the basis of membership nominations and subsequent balloting. Given to the junior member that best demonstrates, throughout the season, a sportsmanlike approach to all elements of showing.

E. Lifetime Achievement Award. Awarded to a horse or pony who has shown in the East Tennessee area within the last two years. Recipient to be chosen by Susan Kuliasha for its ability to teach and influence riders. Selected for consistency, kindness and educational value over several show seasons: for its lifetime achievement.

F. The Melissa Bennett Persistence Award. Awarded to one rider chosen by a blind drawing from among nominees put forward by area professional horsemen. Given for their persistence in riding. Donated by John Kearns, Jessica Akhrass and Anna Bennett-Gildner.

Upon receipt of the trophy at the Awards Banquet, the recipient, or parent/guardian in the case of a minor, will sign a release taking responsibility for that trophy until it is returned. Perpetual trophies are to be returned to Dene Massengill by December 1st following the banquet (normally held in January) at the end of the competitive year in which the trophy was awarded. The trophy should be returned polished, and engraved with the winner's name. Alternatively, the trophy may be returned with a check for $25.00 to cover the cleaning and engraving to be done on the winner's behalf. If the trophy is not returned by Dec 1st, a $50.00 late fee will be due.A letter of instruction will be sent to all trophy recipients following the banquet with instructions for the care of the trophy, instructions for its return (including a mailing address) and engraving.

Additionally a reminder of the need to return the trophy will be sent in mid-November to each winner of record. A copy of the signed release along with a letter of explanation and a bill for the trophy will be sent to any winner failing to return their trophy. The member will NOT be a member in good standing if either the trophy or the fee is not returned promptly.