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# **RULES AND BY-LAWS**

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## **Bylaws of Eastern Hunter Association**

### **Article I Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Eastern Hunter Association.

### **Article II Object**

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are:

1. To make adequate and fair rule governing competitions and to enforce them for the common benefit.
2. To adjust disputes between Management, Exhibitors, and Judges.
3. To adjudicate questions between Management, Exhibitors, and Judges.
4. To maintain proper records in connection with the sport for use of its members.
5. To assign dates to all events recognized by the Association.
6. To further the art of riding and to encourage horsemanship and the welfare of horses and ponies.
7. Otherwise to assist in connection with the exhibition of horses insofar as the Association's use of facilities and finances permit.

### **Article III Show Sponsor Membership**

\*Show Sponsors' consist of those corporations, organizations, associations, and others holding horse shows and which possess membership with full voting privileges and responsibilities.

a) Show Sponsor members are those corporations, associations, and others holding horse shows under the auspices of EHA.

b) Where more than one show is held in a given year by the same management under the same name, each show shall be considered a separate entity.

c) Each show sponsor member shall be privileged to appoint one delegate to carry one vote at the Board meetings. A delegate may serve as representative for more than one show sponsor member.

d) Show sponsor members must attend the annual board of directors meeting(s), or send a representative. If they do not, they will forfeit the privilege of hosting a show.

## **Article IV     Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. All officers shall be members in good standing and shall serve until the election of their duly qualified successors. The outgoing President shall act in an ex officio capacity as a member of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** The President will serve a 2 year term and shall preside over all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He/She shall, with the Secretary, sign all contracts and obligations of the Association. He/She shall appoint all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall be ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President may at any time call a meeting of the Board of Directors and shall do so at the request of a majority of Directors.

**Section 3.** In the event of the inability of the President to perform his/her duties, the Board of Directors shall assign the Vice-President to perform the duties of and have the same authority as the President. The Vice-President shall have other duties that usually pertain to the office or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall serve a two year term and automatically assume the role of President at the end of his/her two year term.

**Section 4.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep accurate records of the meetings and membership, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee shall sign, with the President, all contracts and obligations of the Association. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the Rules.

The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due the Association, shall have custody of and be responsible for the funds of the Association, which shall be deposited into the bank of the Treasurer's choice. The Treasurer shall pay any indebtedness with funds of the corporation. He/She shall present at every Annual Meeting or whenever required by the President or a majority of the members of the Board, a detailed statement in writing of the finances of the corporation.

**Section 5.** The board will appoint an individual to be the Points Secretary. The Points Secretary shall make available to the membership current accounting of all points accrued toward the Annual Awards.

## **Article V     Directors**

**Section 1.** The governing body of the Association shall be the Board of Directors and shall consist of the Officers and two representatives from each area, barn, etc., who have sponsored an EHA show within the past three years or intend to sponsor an EHA show within the next three years. Although there will be two representative(s) only one will carry a vote. If the representative(s) do not sponsor an EHA Show within a three year period they will be dismissed from the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. *Meeting of the Board of Directors*** The Board of Directors shall meet at the end of each year to set the coming year's show schedule. Any specific dates requested should be done through the EHA Secretary. Sponsors will be given the right of refusal on the date they held on the

previous year before it may be assigned to a new sponsor or given to any of the current sponsors. Additional meeting(s) may be called by the President and must be called upon by a majority of Directors. Notice of the time and place of meetings shall be sent to each member of the Board of Directors not less than 10 days prior to the meeting. The exception to this would be an emergency “call” meeting whereby the Board members would be notified by phone by the Secretary.

**Section 3.** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 4.** Show Sponsors must attend the annual Board of Directors’ meeting or send a representative in order to assure a place on the calendar.

## **Article VI Committees**

**Section 1. *Executive Committee*** - The officers of the association shall constitute the Executive Committee and shall have the power to transact between meetings of the Board of Directors all such business as the Board itself might transact except to empower to amend the By-Laws and other such powers where the authority to act is granted to the Board alone. The Board of Directors shall be notified immediately of any such action taken by the majority of the members of the Board of Directors within 10 days following notification such actions shall be considered the actions of the Board.

The Executive Committee shall meet at their discretion. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to serve as a Judge Committee as provided in the rules.

**Section 2. *Nominating Committee*** - There shall be no Nominating Committee and nominations for officers shall be heard from the floor at the last yearly meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. *Hearing Committee/Show Steward*** - There shall be appointed by the management of each show three members of the Board of Directors to serve as stewards and a committee on protests, charges and hearings for each show. It shall be the duty of the Hearing Committee to hear all protests and charges in connection with alleged violation of the rules. The Hearing Committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings, which shall be presented to the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Three “Show Stewards” will be appointed at each show to serve as interpreters of the rules of the Association as well as USEF rules that cover activities that are not by EHA By-Laws and Rules. Should the show stewards not be able to reach a unanimous decision regarding any rule infraction or protest, the other members of the Board will be called. A decision will be formed by a majority vote of the Board.

It is requested that circuit members see an EHA Show Steward for any clarification on rules or if a protest or concern needs attention. See Rule 1, Part 1, Section 6 Protests.

**Section 4. *Measurement Committee*** - Shall be appointed by the President at the Annual Board Meeting each year. They shall disburse the measurement cards for the ponies they measure; sign the cards and collect the measurement fee of \$3.00 per pony. These monies shall be turned in to the Secretary/Treasurer. Measurement consist of taking the height of the pony, while standing

square on a level surface, from the ground to the highest point of the withers with an approved measurement stick. It is also requested that the measurement from the coronary band to the toe and from the heel to the ground be recorded, followed by a soundness check by having the pony trot to and from the measurer. If the pony should fail the soundness check then it would need to be re-measured when it becomes sound before an EHA card could be issued. A copy of the card should be mailed to and retained on file with the EHA Secretary.

#### **Article VII Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Association in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws of special rules of order of the Association.

#### **Article VIII Method of Amending**

The By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF EASTERN HUNTER ASSOCIATION**

The rules of this Association shall be the current rules of the United States Equestrian Federation unless otherwise specified.

## **RULE 1 – MEMBERSHIP**

### **Part 1. Show Sponsor Members**

**Section 1. *Show Sponsor Membership*** - Application for membership shall be made to the EHA Secretary on the application form provided by the Association and must be made during the current year. Applications for show dates in the following year shall be made prior to November 1 of the current year on the form provided by the Association. Forms must be signed by an officer of the show. The form shall contain the following statement: “In applying for the above date(s) this horse show agrees to abide by the rules of the EHA and understands that failure to do so constitutes a violation of the rules which may subject the show to penalty.”

If two or more applications for the same date are received by the secretary, the secretary will give first choice to the show held on that date during the previous year.

Recognition shall not be granted any show indebted to the Association or to any exhibitor.

The request will be reviewed at the annual board of directors meeting, and the farm will then be notified of the Boards’ decision.

Recognition of a show may be refused when in the opinion of the majority of the Executive Committee such refusal would be in the best interest of the Association, the sport in general or fair competition.

**Section 2. *Privileges*** - Recognized EHA shows enjoy privileges not available to other shows including:

- a. Representation on the Board of Directors by two representatives with one representative carrying a vote.
- b. A position on the EHA schedule of show dates.
- c. The assistance of the Association’s records.

**Section 3. *Dues*** - Annual dues for each show sponsor member shall be \$300.00 payable by their show date of the current year.

**Section 4. *Termination of Membership*** - Any show in good standing may voluntarily resign from membership upon giving thirty days notice, in writing, to the Secretary. Upon such

withdrawal, any dues paid shall be forfeited and all delegates appointed shall cease to be delegates. (Any fees owed to EHA will become due at the time of resignation.)

Failure to hold a show on the date allotted or to abide by the rules of the Association may constitute a violation. Such violations may, by ½ vote of the Board of Directors, constitute grounds for refusing further dates to show and dropping the show membership.

**Section 5. *Fiscal Year*** - The fiscal year of the Association shall be from March 1 to February 28.

**Section 6. *Protests*** - Protests must be made to the EHA Board or Hearing Committee at a show, and accompanied by a \$50.00 protest fee. The Hearing Committee will entertain the protest and rule. In the event of a measurement protest, the animal will be measured on the spot by the members of the Measurement Committee and a decision will be made based on the measurement. If the animal measures over, the points and ribbons for the day will be forfeited and the animal will then have to be measured for a new card. A protest of this nature is applicable to animal carrying a life card.

If the protest is upheld in its entirety the \$50.00 fee will be refunded to the person protesting. If it is not upheld, the \$50.00 protest fee will be placed in the treasury of the EHA.

## **Part II - Individual Members**

**Section 1. *Privileges*** - Individual members enjoy privileges not available to non-members. These include:

- a. the right to attend the Annual Awards Meeting and Banquet.
- b. eligibility to compete for the Annual Awards
- c. the right to vote for Annual Award Recipients

**Section 2. *Types of Membership*** - Individual members shall be known as:

- a. ***Senior Members*** are those persons who are 18 years of age or older and their annual dues shall be \$40.00 if paid by 02/15/xx or \$50.00 thereafter.
- b. ***Junior Members*** are those persons who have NOT reached their 18th birthday as provided for in the USEF Rule XII, Part IV, Section 1. The annual dues shall be \$40.00 if paid by 02/15/xx. After 02/15/xx the fee will be \$50.00.
- c. ***Farm Members or Patron Members*** shall be individuals or farms who wish to support the Association by a contribution of \$5.00 which entitles them to all privileges enjoyed by both Senior and Junior members, except the accumulation of points for the annual awards.
- d. ***Lifetime Board Members*** are the original founding directors of the EHA circuit. They have no voting power on the active Board of Directors.

- e. *Horse or Pony Membership* shall be \$10.00.

## **RULE II – DUTIES OF SHOW OFFICIALS**

The duties of the show officials shall be the same as those found in the current USEF Rule Book where applicable. Show management should be especially cognizant to the following duties:

1. To furnish a prize list to any member requesting a prize list but not on the show's mailing list.
2. To provide on the show grounds an emergency vehicle and qualified first aid personnel with no other duties or to inform their rescue squad of the show and the approximate time the jumping classes will be taking place and to have this rescue squad on a hold assignment.
3. To see that all animals required to be measured shall be so measured according to the USEF Rule III, Sections 3 and 4. EHA will only recognize EHA Measurement Cards issued by a current or former EHA approved steward on record or from the USEF. A small fee will be charged and a card will be issued by an EHA approved steward.
4. To apply annually to the Association for a position on the calendar of shows as described in Rule 1, Part I, Section 1.
5. To appoint two delegates to serve as representatives on the Board of Directors.
6. To file a copy of the prize list with the Association upon publication.
7. To forward to the Association within 14 days of the completion of the show, copies of the class sheets with judge's cards, completed division point sheets, a class schedule showing the total number of entries in each class along with grand total numbers and added class totals separated.
8. To report as directed in USEF Rule V, Section 9 in writing to the Association within 60 days of the close of the show, the name of the exhibitor whose fees are non-negotiable.

## **RULE III – PRIZELIST**

The prize list shall contain a description of all required EHA classes and their requirements for entering or a link to the rules on the EHA website. It shall also contain a class schedule based on 23 required classes for the horses and 21 classes for the ponies. A total of 44 required classes. It is to be at the discretion of the show manager to add classes in each ring as they see fit; however, the manager may not add more than two (2) classes during the required class show time.

Each class entry fee for each rider/pony or horse combination is set at \$8.00 for pre-entry and \$15.00 for post-entry. A \$15.00 non-member fee, payable to EHA, will be charged to each non-member showing.

Maps are to be included with the prize list. "Horse Show" signs should be placed on all major roads.

An EHA show will be held in two rings with two judges, two ringmasters, etc. Any show manager not having the equipment to run two jumping rings may run a flat ring and a jumping ring simultaneously. All ponies and short stirrup riders are required by EHA to be held in an enclosed ring. The horse arena may be an open arena with natural boundaries or any other large open area with man-made boundaries such as fencing for pastures. No animals will be allowed to be shown within or near an electric fenced area. The course will be that of a show ring, hunter type.

#### **RULE IV – RECORDING OF HORSES AND PONIES**

**Section 1.** The EHA maintains the only official record of winnings of horses/ponies at all member shows. To be eligible for any of the Annual Awards a horse or pony must be recorded with the Association. Recording cards are the same as the membership registration cards. A recording fee of \$10.00 per animal is charged. A membership fee of \$40.00 per rider is charged if paid by 02/15/xx, there after \$50.00.

**Section 2.** Upon sale of a recorded horse/pony, a transfer of ownership must be affected by submitting to the Association another recording card on the animal and a \$5.00 transfer fee will be paid.

**Section 3.** The recorded name of the horse or pony may be changed by submission of written notice to the Association. There is a fee of \$50.00 to change your horse's name once it is registered with EHA. If a horse is shown under a barn name at one show and a show name at another, points will accumulate under two different horses and will not be combined unless the name change fee is paid.

**Section 4.** Leased horses or ponies - In order for horses/ponies to count toward year end awards; the horse/pony and rider must be a member of the EHA.

**Section 5.** No points toward year end awards in any division will be granted any rider, horse or pony who is not a member of the Association, nor to any horse, pony or rider not competing in at least 50% of the shows (classes) scheduled for that division. High point year end awards will be determined by the total points in one division.

**Section 6.** An EHA number will not be given out unless the horse/pony has a current coggins test. (A current copy must be on file with the EHA secretary at all times during the show year.)

**Section 7.** All ponies must be measured by a member of the Measurement Committee before one registers for the new number, except for young entry, short stirrup and long stirrup ponies. It is strongly suggested that all ponies be measured so they will be eligible to show in other divisions should you want another rider to school or compete them. EHA only recognizes EHA or USEF cards! (A copy of the measurement card should be sent to the EHA secretary to be kept on file).

#### **RULE V – JUDGES**

The duties and responsibilities of a judge shall be the same as those found in USEF Rule VII. If at all possible, a show should not have a judge for more than two consecutive years at the same barn,

nor should one person judge more than one EHA show in the same ring in a given year (ring flip/flop rule may be used).

The EHA does not require that a judge be in possession of an USEF Judge's card to officiate; however, EHA does require that the show manager secure a qualified judge to officiate; and if deemed not suitable by the Board of Directors following such show, the show manager will be asked not to submit the name of such judge to be placed on a list of recommended judges for EHA shows.

## **RULE VI – STEWARDS**

The show management will appoint three members of the Board of Directors to serve as Stewards and Hearing Committee at each show. All questions, concerns and protest(s) should be carried to an EHA Steward for action to be taken. By having EHA appointed stewards, the show secretaries and managers will be better able to continue the operation of running the show more efficiently with fewer delays. Should the show stewards not be able to reach a unanimous decision regarding any rule infraction or protest, the other members of the Board will be called. A decision will be formed by a majority vote of the Board.

## **RULE VII – CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

### **PART 1. CLASS SPECIFICATIONS OF EHA**

***Children's & Adult Amateur Working Hunter*** - Open to a junior or adult amateur riding a horse or adult riding a pony. NO PROFESSIONALS. To be judged on performance, the horse's way of going, manners and soundness. **Cannot cross enter Low Working Hunter, Pre Children/Adult with same rider/horse combination.** Jumps courses to be set at 2'9"; In and Out distance 24' to 26'.

***Pre-Children's & Pre-Adult Amateur Working Hunter*** - Open to any junior or adult amateur rider on a horse or adult on a pony. NO PROFESSIONALS. Division consists of two over fence classes and one under saddle class. Course consists of 8 fences with change of direction, set at 2'6". In and Out Optional. Judged on performance, way of going, manners and soundness. Riders may cross in Low Horse, and Open Schooling Horse.

***Open Schooling Hunter*** - Open to any rider on a horse, (adults may ride ponies). To be judged on performance, way of going, manners and soundness. (In and Out see *Children's Adult Amateur Working Hunter*) Jump height will be set at 2'9" and 2'6". Heights will be judged together.

***Equitation on Horses Over Fences 2'6"*** - Open to any rider on a horse or adult on a pony. To be shown over a course of no less than 8 fences. Jump height to be set at 2'6" for Open Schooling, Low, and Pre-Children's & Adult Amateur 2'6" riders.. To be judged on the rider. **Not open to Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, or Professional riders.**

***Equitation on Horses Over Fences 3'*** - Open to any rider on a horse or adult on a pony. To be shown over a course of no less than 8 fences. Jump height to be set at 3' for Open, Children's &

Adult Amateur 3' riders. To be judged on the rider. **Not open to Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, Professionals or riders competing in Equitation on Horses Over Fences 2'6" on the same day.**

*Equitation on Horses On the Flat* - Open to any rider on a horse. Adults may ride ponies. Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup may not enter. May be divided by age groups of 15 and under and 16 and over. Tests may be required. To be judged on the rider. Not open to Professionals.

*Open Working Horse Hunter* - Open to any rider on a horse. All horses to jump 3'0" or 3'3". In and Out distances shall be 24' to 26'. Judged on performance, manners way of going, suitability to the rider and soundness.

*Unrestricted Low Hunter* - Open to any rider on a horse or adult on a pony. Junior riders may not ride ponies in this division. Jump course to be set at 2' and 2'3". To be judged as one complete class on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. **The same horse/pony and rider combination must advance out of this division if they are the year-end Champion or Reserve.**

*Long Stirrup Hunter* - Open to any beginner riders in their first and second year of showing. Riders not eligible to compete in this division for more than two years. Year is determined from the first date a rider competes in LS at an EHA show. May enter added classes. May ride in any flat class, according to division specifications and **may cross into the Unrestricted Low Horse Division.** Adults may ride ponies. Junior riders may not ride ponies in this division. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going, and soundness. Long Stirrup Equitation Classes are offered and points in those classes are kept as individual class points and are not combined with the LS division points. Jumps to be 2' with a regular course with changes of direction. **The same horse/pony and rider combination must advance out of this division if they are the year-end Champion or Reserve Champion.**

*Long Stirrup Equitation* - One over fence class and one flat class offered. To be judged on the rider. **Open only to Long Stirrup Riders.**

*Pony Working Hunter* - Because of lack of participation, the Pony Working Hunter Division will no longer be offered. If interest in the Division increases in future seasons, the Division will be reconsidered.

*Open Working Pony Hunter* - Open to any Junior rider, riding a small, medium or large pony. Small or medium ponies to jump 2'3", medium and large ponies to jump 2'6" or 2'9". (The 2'9" height is optional). When In and Out distances are needed to be considered, please refer to *Pony Working Hunter* for the respective distances for each size pony. Judged on performance, manners, way of going, suitability to the rider and soundness.

*Equitation on Ponies Over Fences* - Open to all Junior Riders on small, medium or large ponies. Pony sizes and fence heights/distances are the same as in Open Working Pony Hunter. **NOT OPEN TO SHORT STIRRUP.** To be judged on the rider.

*Equitation on Ponies on the Flat* - Open to any Junior rider on a small, medium or large pony. Not open to Short Stirrup. Tests may be required. To be judged on the rider.

***Restricted Low Hunter Pony*** - Open to 1st and 2nd year green riders or ponies, or any rider/pony combination that does not enter the Open Working Pony Hunter Division. The same pony and rider combination must advance out of this division if they are the year-end Champion or Reserve. However, new rider/same pony or same rider/new pony combinations may re-enter the division. Judged on performance, way of going, manners and soundness. Fences to be set at 2' or 2'3" for all ponies with In and Out optional.

***Short Stirrup Hunter Division*** - Open to riders 12 years of age or under (age as of December 1st of the previous year). Riders not eligible to compete in this division for more than two years, regardless of age. Year is determined from the first date a rider competes in SS at an EHA show. The rider of a Short Stirrup Hunter is eligible for EHA Twelve and Under Equitation. **MAY NOT CROSS ENTER INTO LOW HUNTER PONY.** Short Stirrup Equitation Classes are offered and points in those classes are kept as individual class points and are not combined with the SS division points. Jumps will be 2'0". To be judged on performance, way of going, manners, soundness and suitability as a short stirrup mount.

***Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences*** - Open to riders 12 years of age or under. Jumps will be 2'0". To be judged on the rider.

***Short Stirrup Equitation on the Flat*** - Open to riders 12 years of age or under. To be judged on the rider.

***Twelve and Under Equitation over Fences*** – Open to riders 12 years and under. Pony Eq. Riders may not enter. Jumps will be 2'0". To be judged on the rider.

***Twelve and Under Equitation on the Flat*** – Open to riders 12 years and under, Pony Eq. Riders may not enter. To be judged on the rider.

***Maiden Young Entry*** - Open for the beginning rider in their first years of showing. There is no age limit, except the rider must be a junior, who is not participating in any required division class. May enter added classes. May NOT enter any other jumping class over 18" requiring a change of direction including Twelve and Under Equitation over Fences. They may enter the flat class. Young Entry does not require formal attire, however paddock boots and a USEF approved helmet with harness are required. To be judged on 100% equitation. Three classes required: 1) Walk, Trot 2) Walk, Trot, Canter and 3) Young Entry Over Fences. Fences must be no higher than 18" and may be crossrails, with riders jumping the four outside fences twice around (no change of direction). Ponies and horses are allowed. **End of Year Champion and Reserve are requested to move out of this division in their next year of showing.**

***Novice Young Entry Division*** - For the more experienced beginning rider. There is no age limit, except the rider must be a junior, who is not participating in any required division class. May enter added classes. To be judged on 100% equitation. Two over fence classes (18") are allowed. **Champion and Reserve Champion have to advance out of this competition at the year's end.**

***En Concur*** - Any rider on the EHA circuit who wishes to ride over fences or under saddle without being judged to be placed may do so by paying the pre-entry fee for the class. Over fence classes

may be scored by the judge and the rider will ride at the end of the class; however, for under saddle classes the rider is asked to turn their number over and not be scored.

**Attire:** Proper riding attire will be required in all division classes unless otherwise noted, not in added classes.

**EHA Medal Classes:** Open to EHA members who are the top ten point holders in Pony Rider Equitation Over Fences, and Horse Rider Equitation 2'6" Over Fences or Horse Rider Equitation 3' Over Fences. A list of qualifiers will be present at the ninth EHA show along with being published on the website. The Medal Class entry fee will be \$15.00 per class. \*Any Rider who qualifies for both the 2'6" and 3' medal final must choose which final they wish to ride. **A rider can only compete in ONE medal final in each ring.** Points accrued in Medal classes will apply to Equitation Points for yearend awards.

## **PART II**

### **DIVISION OR SECTION CLASSIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

A division of Eastern Hunter Association is determined by the number of classes. A division consists of two over fences and one under saddle class. The exception to this rule is for the Maiden Young Entry Division which has two flat classes and one over fence class. The top four competitors over fences in points will then be given credit for full under saddle points.

Equitation Classes shall receive single points toward Annual Awards.

### **RULE VIII – POINTS**

In case of a tie in a division, the rider/pony/horse with the most points over fences will be declared the Champion with the runner-up Reserve Champion. If there is a tie concerning the over fences points, the choice is up to the judges whether they want to hack off or flip a coin. In the Maiden Young Entry Division, with two flat classes, the winner is declared by the rider with the most points on the flat (as these constituent 66% of the division).

The EHA uses the following point system:

1st place / 7 points	4 <sup>th</sup> place/ 3 points
2nd place / 5 points	5 <sup>th</sup> place/ 2 point
3rd place / 4 points	6 <sup>th</sup> place/ 1 point

### **RULE IX – TIME**

The EHA specifies that the show must begin its first class no later than 9:00 am or pay a fine of \$1.00 per minute it is delayed.

Any exhibitor who is a member of the EHA forfeits all points for the day if he or she remains in the schooling ring after being asked to leave plus pay a fine of \$1.00 for each additional minute they remain.

Any exhibitor not a member of this Association will pay \$1.00 fine for each additional minute they remain in the schooling ring also.

## **RULE X – AWARDS**

The Association offers Annual Awards in several categories, the purpose of which is to encourage participation at EHA shows. In making these awards, the Association certifies that these animals are properly recorded and exhibited by the recorded rider who must be an individual EHA member. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to cancel any award should the competition throughout the year be so slight as not to warrant the presentation of an award.

The categories (divisions) are as follows:

Maiden Young Entry

Novice Young Entry

Short Stirrup

Low Pony

Open Pony

Short Stirrup Equitation (not a division)

Twelve and Under Equitation (not a division)

Pony Equitation (not a division)

Long Stirrup

Long Stirrup Equitation (not a division)

Low Horse

Open Horse

Open Schooling Hunter Horse

Children's & Adult Amateur Horse

Pre-Children's & Adult Amateur Horse

Horse Equitation (not a division)

Equitation classes shall receive points for each individual class and are not considered a division.

Awards presented in all divisions shall be awarded based on the **top four horses in the over fence section** of the division then receiving full points for under saddle work. (In the event of a tie - the horse with the most points over fences shall be considered the Champion for the award)

### **YEAR END AWARDS**

Shall consist of prizes for year-end 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> places in each Division, with ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> in each Division. Maiden and Novice Young Entry and Short Stirrup may award more than 6 places. **Year End Eligibility** – Rider members must ride in at least 50 % of the season's shows on the same horse and in the same division at each show to qualify for yearend awards. Individual hardships may be considered if the same horse cannot compete in a division.

**High Point Horse and Pony** shall be determined by a horse or pony's **top Division** only, equitation not included.

- High Point Pony Awards are determined from the following divisions:

Maiden Young Entry

Novice Young Entry

Short Stirrup Hunter

Low Pony Hunter

Open Pony Hunter

- High Point Horse Awards are determined from the following divisions:

Open Hunter Horse

Open Schooling Hunter

Children/Adult Hunter

Pre Child/Adult Hunter

Low Horse Hunter

Long Stirrup Hunter

### **RULE XI – METHOD OF AMENDING**

These rules may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority of the members present.