



## Central Jersey Horseman's Association Rules, Policies and Practices

*Every animal and person entered for competition or on the show grounds shall be governed by the rules of the Monmouth County Park System and CJHA. Furthermore, it is to be understood that activities involving horses are inherently dangerous, that a horse's behavior and actions are unpredictable and can result in property damage, injury or death to animals, participants or spectators and that participation in these activities is at your own risk. Neither CJHA, its officers or members nor the Monmouth County Park System may be held liable for any accident, damage, loss, injury, illness or death to the horses, equipment, owners, riders, attendants, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever in connection with a CJHA sponsored event or activity.*

### **Membership**

1. Annual Competitor Membership is required to participate in CJHA shows. A competing member may show as many horses as they wish, but each horse must be registered and have a negative Coggins certificate dated after 10/16/2010 on file.
2. Annual Membership:
  - a. **Competitor** - \$40.00 plus \$1 per horse/back number.
  - b. **One Day Guest Pass** - \$15.00 plus \$1 per horse/back number. Must be upgraded to full membership to compete in additional shows.
  - c. **Associate** (non riding trainer, family, Board) - \$20.00
  - d. Applications can be submitted on line at [www.CJHA.org](http://www.CJHA.org). **There will be a \$5.00 fee charged for Show Day Membership Processing**
3. Application forms may be obtained at [www.CJHA.org](http://www.CJHA.org), or at any show. Completed forms may be mailed to CJHA, P.O. Box 588, Farmingdale, NJ 07727. Application forms which are incomplete, or without the appropriate fee will not be accepted
4. Members are kept informed via the club website [www.CJHA.org](http://www.CJHA.org) and Email.
5. The general management of the Association's property funds, and business shall be vested in the elected officers and Board of Trustees.
6. Members may attend all public board meetings as posted on the website. Member suggestions are welcomed and encouraged.

### **Shows**

1. The current show year is defined as January 1st to December 31st 2012.
2. Show Age for CJHA show series is the rider's age as of December 1st of the previous year (i.e. Rider's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday is February 1st of 2011, but they were 6 as of December 1st of 2011, for class eligibility the rider would be considered 6 years of age).
3. **The entry fee for all classes is \$15 unless otherwise noted in the prize list.**
  - a. There is a \$2 per person/show non refundable EMT fee.
  - b. on-line preregistration is strongly encouraged. There will be a \$5 onsite registration charge for registration taken on the show grounds.
4. Each horse/rider combination must have a 2012 CJHA back number.
  - a. There will be a \$1 fee for the initial issuance of each back number.
  - b. In the event that a number is lost or damaged, there will be a \$3 replacement fee.
  - c. Horse/Rider must use the same number for the entire season.
5. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class. A Grand and Reserve Champion is awarded in each division when at least two classes of the division are completed with at least 3 horses competing. In the case of a tie for Champion or Reserve, awards will be determined by the results of the tie breaker class as marked in the prize list and class schedule with an exclamation point (!).
6. A current season back number is required for entrance into schooling rings. No more than 10 riders are allowed in the schooling ring at any time.
7. Abuse of horse (excessive entries, over schooling, horse deemed to be physically unfit, etc.) will result in elimination by the show management or judge without refund
8. Disrespect to any judge, ring steward or show official will not be tolerated. Anyone acting in a manner considered inappropriate or disruptive will be disciplined at the discretion of the Board of Directors.



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9. No one shall approach the judge unless accompanied by the Show Manager. Violators are subject to dismissal from the show grounds.
10. All classes are run in accordance with USEF, NJPHA, and AQHA (Western) unless otherwise specified. The show management will resolve all questions that are not covered by these rules. The show management's DECISION WILL BE FINAL.
11. For the purposes of determining Amateur status for CJHA classes, a person over the age of 18 may not earn a substantial or primary income from Equestrian riding, training, instructing or coaching activities. Specifically, apprentices, working students and those receiving occasional nominal compensation (cash or barter) for these activities will not be considered a professional and will be eligible for CJHA classes limited to amateurs. Please note that this rule does not pertain to eligibility for points in NJPHA or NJHSA.
12. Shows will be run with a "no conflict" policy except for a 5-minute tack change or a 5-minute trainer conflict. Exhibitors are required to be ringside and ready for classes. The Ring Starter will make a one-minute gate call. If no one responds the gate will be closed.
13. The show committee reserves the right to make any changes to ring assignments deemed necessary to assure a smooth running and safe show.
14. The show committee may cancel or combine classes at its discretion without prior notification.
15. Only registered competitors may enter the ring. The Ring Starter will have a list of all registered entries for each class.
16. **Scratch slips must be submitted before the class starts.** Scratch forms are available at the Secretary stand or from the Ring Starter. Scratch forms must be legible and completed in their entirety or credit cannot be given.
17. All exhibitors are required to wear proper show attire and use appropriate tack for the riding style of the class.
18. All riders are required to wear appropriate boots with a heel. English, Speed and beginner youth Western riders must wear fastened equestrian hard hats at all times on the show grounds when mounted. Violators of the hard hat rule will be eliminated from classes without refund. This rule is strictly enforced. Advanced and Adult Western Riders are encouraged to wear helmets and will not be penalized in any class.
19. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Violators will be subject to a \$25.00 fine and/or expulsion from the grounds.
20. Motorcycles are not permitted in the show area. Motorized vehicles and scooters may only be driven by licensed adults and must be used in a safe and responsible manner with the utmost regard for horses and pedestrians. Motorized Vehicles may not be operated in restricted areas (as posted). **Violators will be subject to a \$100.00 fine and/or expulsion from the grounds at the discretion of show management.**

### Year-End Awards

1. Year-end points are accumulated for ribbons won at each show. Ties for year-end division trophies are broken by the class designated with an (!) in the prize list.
2. **COMPETITORS MUST PARTICIPATE IN A MINIMUM OF THREE SHOWS IN A DIVISION** to be eligible for a Year-End Award in that division. In the case of extenuating circumstances, eligibility may be expanded at the discretion of the board.
3. **It is the responsibility of the rider** to ensure that they are eligible to compete in the classes that they enter. If a rider is later found to be ineligible, all points will be invalidated with no refund of entry fees.
4. Each Division is designated as being judged on the horse, the rider, or the horse/rider combination. Points will always follow the horse, the rider, or horse/rider combination as designated for the division in the prize list. Any substitution of horse or rider in divisions designated as horse/rider will be considered a new entry and no points can be transferred. There will be no exceptions for any reason



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5. It is the responsibility of the rider to use the correct back number in order to ensure that their points are accurately recorded.
  - a. Each rider must have a separate number for each horse ridden.
  - b. If a horse is ridden by more than one rider, each rider must have their own number.
  - c. **EXCEPTION:** A trainer (with a competitors membership) may ride a student's horse using the student's number in horse divisions not limited to amateurs. The trainer **must notify the secretary stand** before riding with a student's number.
  - d. A Member who allows another individual to use their back number for ring entry will have their points revoked.
6. Results are not official until they have been confirmed by the point secretary. It is the responsibility of the rider to check their points (available on-line within a week of the show) promptly. Points inquires will only be considered within 30 days of the show in which they were earned.
7. Points will be suspended while a member's account is not current.
8. To be eligible for a Year End Award, a Trainer must be a paid member (\$20 Associate or \$40 Competitor) by the August 2012 show and be listed as the trainer for at least two competing students, and be present at a minimum of at least four 2012 shows.

### Other Fees and Procedures

1. Credits for scratched or canceled classes will be mailed after the show has been reconciled.
  - a. All credits must be used by the October 2012 show.
  - b. Credit will only be issued for properly scratched (completed scratch form turned in at ring or stand **PRIOR** to class start) or canceled classes.
  - c. No credits or refunds will be given for membership, back number or EMT fees.
  - d. Refunds for credit balances over \$10 will be mailed after the October show is reconciled.
  - e. Credit balances under \$10 will be voided at the end of the show season.
2. All accounts must be settled on show day. If we have to bill you, you will be charged \$5.00 to cover the costs of billing and postage.
3. There is a \$30 fee for each returned check. Returned checks will be automatically re-deposited once. Checks will not be accepted from anyone who has bounced a check twice.
4. All accounts over 30 days past due will be subject to a \$5 per month late fee. In addition, members with an outstanding balance will have their points suspended and be ineligible to compete until the balance is paid.
5. Membership in NJPHA, NJHSA, PAC or Marshall & Sterling is not required to compete in any CJHA class, however points will not be recorded for these organizations unless you are a member of them.