

**CENTRAL JERSEY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**General Horse Show Rules**

1. Any reliable person of good character is eligible to be a member in this organization.
2. Application forms may be obtained on <http://www.cjha.org> or at any show. Upon completion, said application may be mailed to CJHA, P.O. Box 588, Farmingdale, NJ 07727. All membership applications must have the appropriate amount of dues attached.
3. Each paying member shall be entitled to one vote providing the member is present. Those members paying the full amount of dues shall be entitled to receive the CJHA newsletter. Newsletters will be mailed by request on the membership application or may be received via e-mail. All newsletters are also published on the [cjha.org](http://cjha.org) website.
4. The current show year is defined as January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the specific year.
5. Show Age for CJHA show series is the rider's age as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year (i.e. Rider's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday is February 1<sup>st</sup> of 2008, but they were 6 as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of 2007, for class eligibility the rider would be considered 6 years of age).
6. The general management of the Associations property, funds, affairs and business shall be vested in the officers and Board of Trustees, collectively known as the Board of Directors.
7. All competitors (Riders) in the CJHA show series are charged an annual \$35.00 membership fee. A non-competitor (i.e. Trainer, family member, or board member) is charged an annual Associate Member fee of \$20.00. In the event an Associate Member wants to compete at any time during the course of the show year they must upgrade their membership to Rider status and pay the additional \$15.00.
8. All classes are \$15.00 unless otherwise noted. Pre-entries are given a \$3.00 discount with the exception of the Jumper Stakes Class, if held.
9. There will be a \$1.00 fee for the initial number issued (per horse/rider combination). The assigned number is to be used by the competitor for the entire show series. In the event a number is lost there will be a \$3.00 replacement fee charged by the secretary's stand.
10. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class. The Grand and Reserve Champions in each division will each receive a ribbon. In the case of a tie for Champion, the classes used to break the tie will be marked in the Division descriptions with an exclamation point (!).
11. COMPETITORS MUST PARTICIPATE IN A MINIMUM OF THREE SHOWS IN THE SAME DIVISION to be eligible for a Year End Award. Due to weather and footing considerations, or if a member rides a school horse, and becomes ineligible to compete on that horse due to extenuating circumstances, eligibility may be expanded at the discretion of the board.
12. The accumulation of points for year end awards will begin as of the first date of participation and payment of the mandatory \$35.00 fee.
13. Divisions may include classes which are judged on the horse (ex. Jumper), the rider (Equitation) or both (Western Youth). A unique number is required for each horse/rider

combination, but points will always follow the horse, the rider or horse/rider combination as appropriate. In other words, if rider A rides the first three shows on a horse in a jumper division and then rider B rides the next three shows in that same division on the same horse, each rider would have a different number, but the points from both riders go to the horse. Likewise, a rider can use any horse (and possibly different numbers) in an equitation division over the season, but all points would be credited to the rider regardless of the horse used. In the combination divisions, points accumulate on the exact rider/horse, points earned with different riders do not follow the horse and vice-versa. It is essential that riders using the same horse register the horse with the same EXACT name. It is also required that a rider use only their assigned numbers in order to ensure that their points are accurately recorded. DO NOT share numbers, even when using the same horse. Each rider must have a separate number for each horse ridden except when a rider competes only in equitation classes, it is not necessary to obtain a new number for each horse.

14. For a Trainer to be eligible for a Year End Award they must have paid a membership fee for the year (\$20 Associate Membership or \$35.00 if you have ridden in any classes) AND
  - Trained one student for at least 3 shows, are listed as trainer at the shows, and were present at the shows; -OR-
  - You have trained 3 or more students, are listed as their trainer for at least one show, and you were present for the show.
15. Schooling will not be allowed without issuance of a back number. Back numbers are required for entrance into schooling rings. No more than 10 Riders are allowed in the schooling ring at any given time. Schooling rings will be monitored so that all competitors can get the opportunity to school in a safe environment.
16. Every animal entered for competition or on the show grounds shall be governed by the rules of the Show Committee, the Monmouth County Park System and CJHA. The above shall in no case be liable or responsible for any loss or damage to any animal, person or property, which may occur for any reason. Understanding of and agreement to all the above is a condition of entry to the grounds.
17. Abuse of horse/pony (excessive entries, over schooling, training injuries, horse deemed to be physically unfit, etc.) may be subject to elimination by the show management or judge
18. Disrespect to any judge, ring steward or horse show official will not be tolerated. Anyone acting in a manner considered unacceptable will be disciplined at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the organization. Any member who willfully causes trouble inside or outside the ranks of CJHA by expressly complaining, protesting or willfully causing a disturbance or unnecessarily aggravating others will be brought up on disciplinary action as set forth by the Board of Directors.
19. Any member may be disciplined, fined, suspended or expelled from the Association, whenever it has been established by satisfactory evidence by the Board that such member has willfully and knowingly violated any pertinent rule of the Association, or has acted in a manner deemed inappropriate.
20. No one shall approach the judge related to any decision made by the judge unless accompanied by the show manager.

21. The show committee reserves the right to amend, add or clarify any rules found to be unsafe, unclear or potentially misconstrued, as long as there is not a class elimination or altering of basic requirements. Point standings shall not be affected by any such additions, amendments or clarifications.
22. All classes are run in accordance with USEF, NJPHA (English), AQHA and USEF (Western), and NJSA (Speed), unless otherwise specified. All questions that are not covered by these rules will be answered by the show management, WHOSE DECISION WILL BE FINAL.
23. 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 ready for classes. Please be ring side before your Division begins. A one minute gate call will be made by the Ring Steward. If no one responds the gate will be closed.
24. English Leadline, Mini-Stirrup and Jr. Jr. Western classes may be held in a smaller ring for safety. The show committee reserves the right to make any necessary changes to ring assignments to assure a smooth running show.
25. The show committee may cancel or combine classes at its discretion without prior notification. Two classes per division must be run per show to be eligible for championship. Regarding NJPHA classes, three exhibitors must be enter and complete the class in order for NJPHA and NJHSA points to count.
26. All exhibitors are required to wear proper attire for their riding style. Check appropriate rule books for clarification. All riders are required to wear boots, and fastened hard hats must be worn for English riders at all times on the show grounds when mounted. No bicycle helmets are allowed, appropriate tack is required for all exhibitors. Violators of the hard hat rule will be eliminated from classes and will forfeit entry fees. This rule is strictly enforced.
27. Martingales and tie downs are prohibited in flat classes.
28. All dogs must be leashed or there will be a \$25.00 fine.

### **SPEED & STAKES CLASS RULES**

29. Jr. Jr. Speed exhibitors **MUST** wear a hard hat during classes, and an English hard hat is acceptable. All other speed exhibitors are required to wear Western hats or a protective helmet when entering the ring.
30. Any obstacle knocked down in a speed class will be penalized with a 5 second penalty. Exhibitors are not allowed to "hold up" obstacles to prevent them from failing.
31. Speed horses must enter and exit the arena at the flatfooted walk. Horses that do not, will be give NO TIME. Entrants that repeatedly violate this rule will be disqualified from further competition and will forfeit their entry fees. **THINK AND PRACTICE SAFETY!**
32. Cash awards in all money classes will be paid as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> @ 30%, 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 20%, 4<sup>th</sup> @ 15%. A minimum of 5 entries in all money classes is mandatory for the class to be held. Ribbons and prize money will be awarded. (No trophy).