



Central Jersey Horseman's Association General Rules

1. Any reliable person of good character is eligible to be a member in this organization.
2. Application forms may be obtained online at www.cjha.org or at any show. Completed forms 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 member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote when present at an open board meeting.
4. Members shall be entitled to receive the CJHA newsletter. Newsletters will be mailed or e-mailed as the member requests on the application. Newsletters are also published on the CJHA website www.cjha.org
5. The current show year is defined as January 1st to December 31st of the specific year.
6. Show Age for CJHA show series is the rider's age as of December 1st of the previous year (i.e. Rider's 7th birthday is February 1st of 2009, but they were 6 as of December 1st of 2008, for class eligibility the rider would be considered 6 years of age).
7. 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.
8. All competitors (Riders) in the CJHA show series are charged an annual \$40.00 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 \$20.00.
9. All classes are \$15.00 unless otherwise noted. Pre-entries are given a \$3.00 discount with the exception of the Jumper Schooling class.
10. 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.
11. Points toward the year-end awards will be withheld for any rider who has outstanding funds due to CJHA, until all outstanding funds are paid in full.
12. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class. The Grand and Reserve Champions in each division (when at least 3 horses have competed) will each receive a ribbon. Ties for Champion will be broken by the class marked in the prize list with an "!"
13. 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 unable to compete on that horse due to extenuating circumstances, eligibility may be expanded at the discretion of the board.
14. The accumulation of points for year-end awards will begin as of the first date of participation as a paid member.
15. Divisions may include classes, which are judged on the horse (for example 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. IT IS ESSENTIAL that riders using the same horse register the horse with the same EXACT name. It is the responsibility of the rider to 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 if a rider competes ONLY in equitation classes; it is not necessary to obtain a new number for each horse.
16. For a Trainer to be eligible for a Year End Award they must be a paid member by the August show. (\$20 Associate Membership or \$40.00 Competitors Membership) and

Trained one student, are listed as their trainer and is present at 3 shows.

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Trained 3 or more students, are listed as their trainer and is present at least one show.



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17. Schooling will not be allowed without a current season 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.
18. 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.
19. 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 without refund.
20. Disrespect to any judge, ring steward or horse 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 of CJHA.
21. 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.
22. No one shall approach the judge related to any decision made by the judge unless accompanied by the show manager.
23. 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.
24. All classes are run in accordance with USEF, NJPHA (English), and AQHA, USEF (Western) unless otherwise specified. The show management will resolve all questions that are not covered by these rules, WHOSE DECISION WILL BE FINAL.
25. 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 ringside before your Division begins. The Ring Steward will make a one-minute gate call. If no one responds the gate will be closed.
26. English/ Western Leadline and English Mini-Stirrup 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.
27. 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.
28. Three exhibitors must enter and complete the class in order for NJPHA and NJHSA points to count. Other requirements may apply as set forth by these organizations.
29. All exhibitors are required to wear proper attire and use appropriate tack for their riding style. Check appropriate rulebooks for clarification. All riders are required to wear boots, and fastened equestrian (no bicycle helmets) hard hats must be worn for English riders at all times on the show grounds when mounted. Violators of the Hardhat rule will be eliminated from classes and will forfeit entry fees. This rule is strictly enforced.
30. Martingales and tie downs are prohibited in flat classes.
31. All dogs must be leashed at all times, violators will be subject to a \$25.00 fine.
32. 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 found to be ineligible, all points will be invalidated with no refund of entry fees.