



***Western Hudson Valley  
Professional Horsemen's  
Association  
Rule Book 20232024 Edition***

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# Rules and Regulations

## I. Points

- a. Points accrue from September 1 to August 31
- b. Points in all divisions at participating shows will be awarded for each class as follows:  
**1st-10pts, 2nd-6pts, 3rd-4pts, 4th-2pts, 5th-1pt, 6th-1/2pt**
- c. A rider must be signed up as a WHVPHA for points to count. A rider will be given a two week grace period after competing for the first time in a season to join as whvpha member for points to count.
- d. 30 days after posting points, the points will become final and no point disputes will be considered. Any disputes from the last horse show of the season will be given 15 days from posting. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the website and keep track of their own points.**
- e. Any point issues can be directed to the following email:  
whvphapoints@gmail.com

## II. Year End Point Qualifications

- a. Only top 10 shows for each rider/horse in respective divisions will appear in the standing and count towards year end awards.
- b. Riders must compete in at least 4 shows to qualify for year-end qualifying show and top 10 awards in each division. Riders may receive a year end award in more than one division.

## III. Restricted Division

- a. Restricted Division- a division that **can not** be combined with any other division because of the specifications cited in WHVPHA rulebook.
- b. Restricted Divisions are as follows: Leadline, Mini-stirrup, Beginner Rider, Short/Long Stirrup, Modified Adult, Pleasure, Pre Child/Adult, etc.
- c. In Restricted divisions, half points will be awarded if there are only two entries competing. Leadline and Modified Adults may run with 1 rider for half points.
- d. Restricted divisions **must** be split if there are 8 or more entries. Once a split has been made and the division has begun full points will be awarded despite possible mishaps(rider fall/off, injury to horse/rider).

## IV. Splits

- a. Split **must** be made if there are 3 children and 3 adults in the division.
- b. Split **must** be done at 12 or more. Can be arbitrary or California splits. The Split with less entries must run first and cards should remain open if 4 or less to allow for all competitors to compete.
- c. Restricted Division split see above section (III).

## V. Competition Eligibility

- a. The same horse/rider combination is allowed to move up with a two-time grace period. They may move back down if they are not ready but, if they continue to show at the higher height, then they are no longer eligible for the lower division. Each year the height resets.
- b. Competition eligibility will be determined at the first show that the rider competes at.
- c. After a rider starts the current competition year in the whvpha series in a division, that rider does not lose eligibility in the whvpha series if they move up at a show outside the WHVPHA series.

## VI. Class Specifications

### a. Equitation

**Leadline:** Open to riders 8 yrs and under, not to show in any other division or class where riders perform without a handler. Judged on equitation at both walk and trot. The division will consist of 3 classes.

**Mini Stirrup:** Open to riders who have not cantered or jumped bigger than a ground pole in a show. Martingales & boots permitted. The division will consist of 4 classes.

**Beginner Rider:** Open to all beginner type riders. Cantering to be done in single file or small groups. Trotting of crossrails is permitted. Height of crossrails not to exceed 18". Cannot cross enter into any other jumping division. Martingales & boots permitted. The division will consist of 4 classes.

**Short/Long Stirrup:** Open to all beginner type riders that have never shown 2' or over. Must be split if entries warrant by age of rider, 12 yrs and under and 13 yrs and over. Boots permitted. Simple changes are permitted. The division will consist of 3 classes.

**Modified Adult:** Open to all beginner type riders 16 years and over. Riders may canter as a group or individually according to the riders ability. Martingales & boots permitted. Trotting of crossrails is permitted. Jumping classes may be run as poles or crossrails(rider dependent). Height of crossrails not to exceed 18". Simple changes are permitted. Two classes will be flat classes (W/T/C) one which will be judged for equitation the other to be judged as an undersaddle. Two classes will be jumping (poles/xrails) one which will be judged for equitation the other as a hunter trip. The division will consist of 4 classes.

**Pre Child/Adult Eq:** Open to all riders that have not shown 2' or over. May not cross enter into Children/Adult classes. Fences to be set max 18". No oxers. Simple changes are permitted. No Martingales on the flat. The division will consist of 3 classes.

**2' Child/Adult Eq:** Open to all horses or ponies ridden by Amateur or Junior riders. Fences 2'. The division will consist of 3 classes.

**2'6" Child/Adult Eq:** Open to all horses or ponies ridden by Amateur or Junior riders. Fences 2'6". The division will consist of 3 classes.

**3' Child/Adult Eq:** Open to all horses or ponies ridden by Amateur or Junior riders. Fences 3'. The division will consist of 3 classes.

\*All Children and Adult eq classes must be combined at a horse show where there are less than two riders in each section. Section heights must be combined or split first by child/adult and then by a California split, if entries warrant.

### b. Jumpers

**Jumpers:** Open to all horses and ponies. The rider may pick their height of 2', 2'6", or 3'. All heights will be judged together. The division will consist of 3 classes.

### c. Hunter

**Short/Long Stirrup Hunter:** Open to all beginner type riders that have never shown 2' or over. Must be split if entries warrant by age of rider, 12 yrs and under and 13 yrs and over. Simple changes are permitted. The division will consist of 3 classes.

**Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter:** Open to all riders that have not shown 2' or over. Riders may remain in this division for multiple years. May not cross enter into Children/Adult classes. Fences to be max 18". Simple changes are permitted. No Martingales on the flat. The division will consist of 3 classes.

**Schooling Hunter:** Open to all horses, ponies, and riders with no restrictions. Fences not to exceed 2'3". Simple changes are permitted. No oxers. **Cannot** be combined with any other hunter division. The division will consist of 4 classes.

**Open Hunter:** Open to all horses, ponies, and riders with no restrictions. Offered fence heights at 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", and 3' with oxers. All heights will be judged together. The division will consist of 4 classes.

**2' Child/Adult Hunter:** Open to all horses or ponies ridden by Amateur or Junior riders. Fences 2'. The division will consist of 3 classes.

**2'6" Child/Adult Hunter:** Open to all horses or ponies ridden by Amateur or Junior riders. Fences 2'6". The division will consist of 3 classes.

**3' Child/Adult Hunter:** Open to all horses or ponies ridden by Amateur or Junior riders. Fences 3'. The division will consist of 3 classes.

\*All Children and Adult hunter classes must be combined at a horse show where there are less than two riders in each section. Section heights must be combined or split first by child/adult and then by a California split, if entries warrant.

**M&S Classes** Point class to be the second class in the division followed by a separate classic round. This includes the BOS which will run with the 2'6" Child/ Adult Hunter. Ponies and horses can be combined if needed, as well as the Medal. Small/Mediums at 2', Large 2'6", and Horses 3'.

**Pleasure:** Open to all horses, ponies and riders with no restrictions. The division will consist of 3 classes.