

Equine Country USA Hunter show guidelines

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General Regulations

- All riders MUST HAVE ASTM protective headgear on while mounted
- Riders Must be courteous to other riders and gate personnel
- Splint boots and bell boots are allowed while showing
- Riders may dress in a schooling show manner (i.e. clean breeches, a collared shirt, Paddock boots, Half chaps are allowed as is General Show Attire)
- Any safety concerns must be brought to the attention of the office or gate staff.
- Riders must remain aware in warm up arena/field.
- While showing, a rider who jumps off course, has a fall of horse or rider or becomes unsafe in a class will be eliminated. This is up to the discretion of the judge and show staff.
- Standing martingales will be allowed in hunter or jumper, Running martingales will be allowed in JUMPER only.

General Class Discriptions

- Equitation- is a class judged on the ability and style of the rider.
- Hunter- This class is judged primarily on the horse's way of going (movement), type or conformation, and their manners.
- Pleasure- Hunter pleasure classes are judged on manners, obedience, consistency, movement and pretty, in that order. This horse should look like the kind of horse you could trust to go riding in the worst windstorm and he would continue on his merry way without a hitch.

*****ALL RIDER AGES WILL BE AS OF JANUARY FIRST.**

Pee Wee Division

- This is an assisted division for riders 8 and under. ALL RIDERS MUST HAVE A HANDER IN THE ARENA. The handlers may have the horse or pony on a lead line or be within reaching distance of the horse/pony.
- The walk/trot equitation class, no test, is a simple walk trot flat class.
- The walk trot equitation class, test, is a flat class that can ask for riders to two point, halt or circle.
- Ground poles can be ridden at the Walk or Trot.

12 and Under Walk trot

- Riders in this division MAY NOT cross enter into any other division.
- Open to riders 12 and under in their first two years of showing this division.
- Horses MAY wear Martingales or Grazing reins if it is for the RIDER SAFETY .
- Ground pole equitation will be ridden at the trot.
- Canter hack will be ridden one rider at a time, one lap of canter, in one direction only.

13 and over Walk Trot

- Riders in this division MAY NOT cross enter into any other division.
- Open to riders 12 and under in their first two years of showing this division.
- Horses MAY wear Martingales or Grazing reins if it is for the RIDER SAFETY .
- Ground pole equitation will be ridden at the trot.
- Canter hack will be ridden one rider at a time, one lap of canter, in one direction only.

Walk Trot Canter 12 and Under

- This is a flat only division for riders 12 and under.
- Riders will NOT be allowed to wear any “training” gear.
 - I.E. Martingales or Grazing Reins.
- Riders can cross enter into other flat or jumping divisions.

Young Entry

- Open to Riders 12 and Under in their first two years of showing this division.
- Riders May Cross Enter into Green Horse/Rider, Puddle Jumpers, Walk/Trot/Canter 12 and Under or Walk/Trot/Canter 18 and under.
- Martingales may not be attached in flat classes.
- Standing martingales are allowed in over fences classes.
- Cross rails will be set at 18" on the Standard.
- Small Flowers may be included in these classes, though nothing exceeding the height of the jump.

Junior Entry

- Open to Riders 13 and Over in their first two years of showing this division.
- Riders May Cross Enter into Green Horse/Rider, Puddle Jumpers and Walk/Trot/Canter 18 and under.
- Martingales may not be attached in flat classes.
- Standing martingales are allowed in over fences classes.
- Cross rails will be set at 18" on the Standard.
- Small Flowers may be included in these classes, though nothing exceeding the height of the jump.

Green Horse/Rider

- Open to any horse or rider in their first 2 years of showing in this division.
- Riders May Cross Enter in to Young Entry, Junior Entry, Puddle Jumpers and Walk/Trot/Canter 18 and under/12 and under accordingly.
- Martingales may not be attached in flat classes.
- Standing martingales are allowed in over fences classes.
- Cross rails will be set at 18" on the Standard.
- Small Flowers may be included in these classes, though nothing exceeding the height of the jump.

18 and under Walk Trot Canter

- Open to riders 18 and Under
- Riders may not Cross Enter into 12 and under/13 and over walk Trot.
- No Training gear is allowed in these classes.
 - I.E. Martingales, Grazing Reins

19 and over Walk Trot Canter

- Open to riders 19 and Over
- Riders may not Cross Enter into 13 and over walk Trot.
- No Training gear is allowed in these classes.
 - I.E. Martingales, Grazing Reins

Short Stirrup

- Open to Riders 12 and Under
- Riders may Cross enter into 12 and Under Walk/Trot/Canter, 18 and Under Walk/Trot/Canter, Open Hunter and Puddle to Hopeful Jumpers.
- No attached martingales on the flat.
- Standing martingales only in over fences classes.
- Jumps will be set not to Exceed 2'
- No oxers in the 2' Hunter divisions.
- Fillers may include flowers, gates, boxes or natural type brush.

Long Stirrup

- Open to Riders 13 and Over
- Riders may Cross enter into 19 and Over Walk/Trot/Canter, Open Hunter and Puddle to Hopeful Jumpers.
- No attached martingales on the flat.
- Standing martingales only in over fences classes.
- Jumps will be set not to Exceed 2'
- No oxers in the 2' Hunter divisions.
- Fillers may include flowers, gates, boxes or natural type brush.

Open Hunter

- Open to Riders All over fences Riders
- Riders may Cross enter into 12 and Under Walk/Trot/Canter, 18 and Under/19 and over Walk/Trot/Canter, Beginning-Open Jumpers.
- No attached martingales on the flat.
- Standing martingales only in over fences classes.
- Jumps will start at 2'3 for this division and be raised according to riders.
- Riders MUST INFORM gate personnel of their jump height prior to the start of the over fences class. 2'3,2'6,2'9,3'.
- All Heights will be Judged Together.
- Ascending Oxers will be used in Hunter divisions.
- Fillers may include flowers, gates, boxes or natural type brush.

Hunter Derby

- This is a PAYOUT Round to be ridden in accordance with the intended height.
- Riders may only ride one derby PER horse.
- Derby must be ridden at the same height as the first round score.
- First round score will be from classes, 234, 244 and 254 (2nd Hunter Round)
- Riders and trainers will be responsible for informing the gate personnel of their First and Second round derby.
- The derby courses are usually a little more challenging than a "normal" hunter course, with more imposing jumps, trot or walk jumps, roll backs or unrelated distances.
- Pay out will be as followed. 50% of total entries paid out.
- 1st place 35%, 2nd place 25%, 3rd place 20%, 4 place 10%, 5th place 5%, 6th place 5%.

Jumpers Overview

- Jumpers is well known for being a “speed division”. We would like to make sure everyone always keeps safety in mind for these classes.
- Martingales, Boots and simple training devices are allowed.
- Riders can be excused for
 - Dangerous riding (excessive speed for height, controlled by judge)
 - Excessive use of whip, spur or bit aids (deemed excessive by judge)
 - 3 refusals
 - Fall of horse or rider or both.
- Riders may only cross enter 3”+- the height they are jumping.
 - This means riders may compete at 2’3 and 2’6 OR 2’3 and the 2’ divisions.
 - This is to keep the divisions fair for all riders.
- **Sec. 2(B)**
 - If the rider performs the first section of the course “clear”(no time faults, refusals or rails) They will stay in the ring and continue their jump off.
- **Sec. 2(C)**
 - Known as power and speed round, horses must make it around the first half of the course without knocking a rail or refusal.
 - The second half of the course is based on time, rider with the fastest time will win.
- A double whistle indicates the end of a round or rider being excused.

Faults

Knock of Rail	4 points per rail
Refusal (1,2)	4 points per refusal
3 rd Refusal	Elimination
Over Time allowed	1 point per second

Puddle Jumpers

- To be ridden over 18" cross rails at the center.
- Jumps may consist of standard poles or planks.
- Course will not exceed 8 jumps.
- Jump off will not exceed 5 jumps.
- Cross entering
 - Any age appropriate Walk/Trot/Canter Flat
 - Young entry, Junior Entry, Green horse/Rider
 - Short/Long Stirrup
 - Tadpole Jumpers

Tadpole Jumpers

- To be ridden over 2' Verticals with planks and gates
 - No Oxers
- Jumps may consist of standard poles or planks.
- Course will not exceed 8 jumps.
- Jump off will not exceed 5 jumps.
- Cross entering
 - Any age appropriate Walk/Trot/Canter Flat
 - Short/Long Stirrup
 - Puddle Jumpers / Beginner Jumpers

Beginner Jumpers

- To be ridden over 2' Verticals and Oxers with planks and gates
 - Oxers may be ascending or square.
- Jumps may have fillers, to include but not limited to, barrels, roll tops, boxes, flowers, etc..)
- Course will not exceed 8 jumps.
- Jump off will not exceed 5 jumps.
- Cross entering
 - Any age appropriate Walk/Trot/Canter Flat
 - Short/Long Stirrup
 - Open Hunter
 - Tadpole Jumpers/Hopeful Jumpers

Hopeful Jumpers

- To be ridden over 2'3" Verticals and Oxers with planks and gates
 - Oxers may be ascending or square.
- Jumps may have fillers, to include but not limited to, barrels, roll tops, boxes, flowers, etc..)
- Course will not exceed 10 jumps.
- Jump off will not exceed 7 jumps.
- Cross entering
 - Any age appropriate Walk/Trot/Canter Flat
 - Short/Long Stirrup
 - Open Hunter
 - Beginner Jumpers/Training Jumpers

Training Jumpers

- To be ridden over 2'6"+ Verticals and Oxers with planks and gates
 - Oxers may be ascending or square.
- Riders Must inform gate personnel prior to start of class which height they wish to jump.
- Jumps may have fillers, to include but not limited to, barrels, roll tops, boxes, flowers, etc..)
- Course will not exceed 12 jumps.
- Jump off will not exceed 7 jumps.
- Cross entering
 - Any age appropriate Walk/Trot/Canter Flat
 - Open Hunter
 - Hopeful Jumpers

Jumper Derby

- This is a PAYOUT Round to be ridden in accordance with the intended height.
- Course will be ridden as a Sec. 2(B) course, Jump off to proceeded Initial clear round.
- Riders may only ride one derby PER horse.
- Derby must be ridden at the height at which the horse and rider competed.
- Riders and trainers will be responsible for informing the gate personnel of the additional derby round.
- The derby courses are usually a little more challenging than a "normal" jumper course, with more imposing jumps, "natural jumps" roll backs or unrelated distances.
- Pay out will be as followed. 50% of total entries paid out.
- 1st place 35%, 2nd place 25%, 3rd place 20%, 4 place 10%, 5th place 5%, 6th place 5%.