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**New Jersey Chapter
Professional Horseman's Association**

2009-2010 High Score Rules & Specifications

1. The NJPHA High Score Awards year will run from:
December 1, 2009-November 30, 2010
2. Subscription fees: The fee for the first class will be \$50. For each additional class offered the fee will be \$5 per class to a maximum of \$100 per show. **CLASSES MAY BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE OR PAYMENT CAN BE SENT WITH THE SHOW RESULTS. PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE SHOW DATE.** High Score Awards points may **ONLY** be offered at horse shows held In New Jersey.
3. Any application to run NJPHA classes must be sent to the High Score awards secretary at least 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE SHOW DATE & A COPY OF THE PRIZE LIST MUST BE SENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE TO THE HIGH SCORE AWARDS SECRETARY. Applications must be mailed directly to the NJPHA. All NJPHA classes **MUST** be judged by a current USEF member.
4. It is required that specifications for the NJPHA High Score Awards be available the day of the show with the show secretary.
5. If the High Score Awards results are not sent to the High Score Awards Secretary within thirty (30) days of the competition, the show will be considered delinquent & found not in good standing, until the results are received.
6. Any violation(s) of the NJPHA High Score Awards Rules & Specifications will be considered the **FAULT OF THE HORSE SHOW**, not the NJPHA. The NJPHA reserves the right to make final decisions relating to the interpretation & adjudication of the High Score Awards Rules & Specifications.
- 7a. In order for horses & ponies to accrue NJPHA High Score Award points, **ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE HORSE &/OR PONY MUST BE NJPHA MEMBERS.**

Horses & Ponies are NOT required to be registered

- 7b. In order for an equitation rider (junior or adult amateur) to accrue NJPHA High Score Awards points, they must be an NJPHA member.

Junior or Adult Amateur yearly membership	\$25
Junior or Adult Amateur life membership	\$250

- 7c. If a horse or pony is shown under a stable or farm name, the stable or farm must be registered with the High Score Awards program. In

order for the farm or stable to be registered the owner must be a professional member or High Score Awards member of the NJPHA.

FARM REGISTRATION (one time fee) \$50

8. In order for a professional horseman to accrue NJPHA High Score Awards points, he or she must be an NJPHA Professional member.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBER (annual) \$45
ASSOCIATE MEMBER (annual) \$35

9. In order for the NJPHA High Score Awards trophy & ribbons to be awarded, the classes must have been run a minimum of six (6) times during the year, under at least three (3) different judges. A competitor must be awarded points at least three (3) times during the year in any one class to receive a High Score Award. In all classes a trophy & up to six (6) ribbons will be presented at the annual High Score Dinner.

10. Three (3) entries are needed to consider a class official. In over fences classes, three (3) entries must complete the course. If not otherwise stated, the last over fences class will be designated as the NJPHA class.

11. NJPHA points will be awarded as follows:

<u># of entries</u>		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>
3	modified	5	3	2			
4-8	regular	7	5	4	3	2	1
9-15	double	14	10	8	6	4	2
16-25	triple	21	15	12	9	6	3
25+	quadruple	28	20	16	12	8	4

12. During the show year, only a competitor's forty (40) best shows will count toward a High Score Award. Anyone showing in more than forty (40) shows will have their lowest point show totals deleted. Any competitor who shows more than ten (10) times at any one horse show facility (i.e. Sussex County Fairgrounds, NJ Horse Park) will have only their ten (10) highest points totals count toward a High Score Award. You may continue to show at these locations & try to improve your lowest point total show.

13. Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules & specifications of the current USEF rule book will be conducted & judged in accordance therewith.

14. If two (2) divisions at any one show have the same name, (i.e. Beginner Equitation & Opportunity Beginner Equitation) the

NJPHA will only accept points from ONE division. If none is designated, as the point class NJPHA will take the points from the NON-Opportunity class.

15. The age of the rider will conform with the current USEF rule.
16. Membership is effective when received at the office of the High Score Awards secretary or given to a member of the NJPHA's Executive or High Score Awards committee or a horse show secretary. The horse show secretary MUST submit membership applications with the show results. All memberships MUST be submitted on 2009-2010 membership forms.
17. Anyone found to have misrepresented themselves; i.e. the rider's age, the rider's competitive level, the horse's competitive level, the horse's size as in small/medium/large etc., or any similar offense; will forfeit ALL points earned in that division. This applies regardless of whether the misrepresentation was intended or not. Thereafter points will be awarded in the correct division ONLY. Points may not be carried from one division to another. A second offense by the same member will be referred to the Ethics Committee & Board of Directors of the NJPHA for further disciplinary action.
18. Certain NJPHA classes, by definition, have restrictions and/or limitations. Anyone who participates in the NJPHA High Score Awards program is bound by the definitions with their restrictions and/or limitations. All prior experience of the NJPHA High Score Award member & his or her horse or pony at any horse show open to the public and/or sanctioned by the NJPHA or any organization of similar or greater stature within the equestrian community will be used to determine the eligibility of the member & the horse or pony.
19. NJPHA members agree to submit to binding arbitration any or all disputes they might have with the NJPHA or with any other member, arising out of the NJPHA High Score Awards Program, or touching or concerning the program in any manner whatsoever. All disputes shall be submitted to the American Arbitration Association for resolution, or to any other arbitrator upon which the parties mutually agree. Each party shall bear their own costs in the arbitration process.
20. If any NJPHA member shall bring legal action against the NJPHA

arising out of the NJPHA High Score Awards Program or touching or concerning the program in any manner whatsoever, & if that member does not prevail in the legal action, then that member shall be liable for the legal fees, costs & expenses incurred by the NJPHA defending against the action. If the member prevails in part & does not prevail in part in the legal action, then the member shall be liable for a pro-rata portion of the NJPHA's legal fees, costs & expenses incurred in defending against the actions. This fee shifting provision applies regardless of whether the legal action is prosecuted to judgment or settled prior to the judgment.

21. In case of a dispute/protest concerning the height of the horse/pony, owners must be required to provide a valid USEF measurement card.
22. In all cases where the rider's Maiden, Novice, Limit or Intermediate eligibility is a factor the eligibility will be determined by USEF Rule Eq 102 sec 5.
23. A horse or rider may accrue points in only ONE section of any split NJPHA sectioned High Score class at any one horse show. BOTH sections MUST be offered at each show for High Score points to count.
24. **ATTENTION HORSE SHOW MANAGERS & EXHIBITORS:**
The NJPHA will only accept points from classes that are correctly named & run according to the NJPHA specifications.
25. At least once throughout the show year a copy of a horse show's prize list; or a post card with show dates & a website where a copy of the prize list may be obtained; MUST be mailed to the ENTIRE membership of the NJPHA.
26. For NJPHA points to count, the class must be listed in the prize list, and cannot be added on the day of the horse show.
27. Any Adult Amateur High Score member, the guardian of a junior High Score member, or Professional member is able to request another competitor's points for the show year, as they have been reported to the NJPHA, for a fee of \$50 per request. This request must be made in writing, accompanied by the fee in check or money order form.
28. **Membership in the NJPHA High Score Awards Program is a privilege not a right & the NJPHA reserves the right to decline membership to any party.**

2009/2010 NJPHA High Score Awards Classes & Specifications

NJPHA Adult Amateur Hunter

H.J. "Duke" Ellington Perpetual Memorial Challenge Trophy
Trophy donated by the Friends of Spring Tree Farm.

To be awarded to the Adult Amateur Hunter with the greatest
number of points at the end of the year.

To be shown by riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors, who possess a valid current USEF Amateur card. Ponies may be shown by adults; suitability to count. Fences not to exceed 3', spreads not to exceed fence heights. Riders may not compete in any other class at the same competition where the fences exceed 3'3" except Adult Amateur Jumper. Horses may not be shown by different riders in any other division or class at the same competition. **HORSES MAY BE JOGGED FOR SOUNDNESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.**

NJPHA Adult Amateur Hunter-Younger

Open to riders who are 18-35 years of age. If there are fewer than three (3) older & three (3) younger Adult Amateur Hunters, the class may be combined to form one Adult Amateur Hunter class. Older and Younger points will count toward the respective High Score Award.

Annual Award Donated by The Tack Shelter

NJPHA Adult Amateur Hunter-Older

This section may be divided if there are at least three (3) in each section, into over 35-40 years, and 40+. However, all points will count towards one Adult Amateur Hunter-Older Award.

Annual Award Donated by NJHSA

NJPHA Adult Medal

Open to all adult amateurs. To be shown over a minimum of eight (8) fences at about 3'-3-3". **WE ENCOURAGE SHOW MANAGEMENT**

TO

COMBINE THIS CLASS WITH THE ARIAT ADULT MEDAL OR

THE

MARSHALL & STERLING ADULT MEDAL, WHENEVER

POSSIBLE.

Annual Award Donated by Brookview Farm/Barbara & Dave Rogers

NJPHA Low Adult Amateur Hunter

Open to horses & ponies ridden by an adult amateur exhibitor. To be shown over a course of fences not to exceed 2'6". Riders may not cross enter into any class or division with fences 3' or higher.

NJPHA Pre-Children's Hunter

Open to horses & ponies ridden by junior riders who are still eligible to compete as limit riders as of December 1st of the current show year. Fences 2' for ponies. Fences 2'6" for horses. Riders may not cross enter into Children's Hunter horse or pony, Pony Hunter, or any class at the same competition where the fences exceed 2'6". If there are fewer than three (3) horses & three (3) ponies the class may be combined to form one Pre-Children's Hunter class. Horse & Pony points will be counted towards the respective High Score Awards.

Annual Award for Horses Donated by Palermo Show Stables

Annual Award for Ponies Donated by Sudden Lea/Yvonne Abel & Alex Burke, Farrier

NJPHA Pre-Children's Equitation

Open to junior riders who are still eligible to compete as limit riders as of December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over a course of eight (8) fences, with one change of direction. Fences 2' for ponies. Fences 2'6" for horses. Riders may not cross enter into Children's Hunter horse or pony, Pony Hunter or any class at the same competition where fences exceed 2'6".

Annual Award for Horses Donated by Running S Equine Clinic

Annual Award for Ponies Donated by Fairwin Farm/Nancy Urban

NJPHA Pony Equitation

Open to junior riders who are still eligible to compete as limit riders as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may NOT have won any equitation class at 3'6" or higher prior to December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over a course of eight (8) fences, with one change of direction. Fences 2' for Sm/Med ponies. Fences 2'6" for Large ponies.

NJPHA Children's Hunter

KABUKI DANCER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Trophy Donated by Carol Hoffman Thompson

To be shown by a junior rider who is still eligible to compete as an intermediate rider as of December 1st of the current show year. Horses and ponies may be jogged for soundness at the discretion of the judge. If there are not three (3) horses & three (3) ponies the class may be combined into one Children's Hunter class, & points will count towards respective High Score Awards. USEF ZONE 2 SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE USED. Fences 3' for Horses, 2'6" for Large ponies, 2' for Sm/Med ponies. There are four (4) High Score Awards for this division: HORSES WITH RIDERS 14 & UNDER, HORSES WITH RIDERS 15-17, LARGE PONIES & SMALL/MEDIUM PONIES.

Annual Award for Horses 15-17 Donated by Rick's Saddle Shop

Annual Award for Horses 14 & under Donated by Beval
Saddlery
Annual Awards for Sm/Med & Large Ponies Donated by Carol
Stillwell

NJPHA Short Stirrup Hunter

Open to horses & ponies ridden by children 12 years of age & under as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may have never shown in any division, at any show, where the fence height specifications are 2' or higher. To be shown over a course **LESS THAN** 2' in height. To be judged on manners, performance & suitability. Riders may not cross enter into any other division or class except Short Stirrup Hunter &/or Pleasure Horse or Pony at the same competition.

Annual Award Donated by Smoke Rise Riding Club

NJPHA Short Stirrup Equitation

Open to children 12 years of age & under as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may never have shown in any division, at any show, where the fence height specifications are 2' or higher. To be shown over a course **LESS THAN** 2' in height. Riders may not cross enter into any other division or class except Short Stirrup Hunter &/or Pleasure Horse or Pony at the same competition.

Annual Award Donated by Cedar View Farm/Merri Musso

NJPHA Mini Stirrup Walk/Trot Figure 8

Open to children 10 years of age & under as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may have never shown in any division or class, at any horse show, where cantering is required. Once a rider competes in any class or division other than Mini Stirrup or Walk-Trot; Except Leadline; they are no longer eligible for the Mini Stirrup division.

Annual Award Donated by Sandstone Stables/Sandy Styzle

NJPHA Pleasure Horse or Pony

To be shown in English tack at a walk, trot, canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance & soundness with emphasis on manners. No martingales permitted. The class may be split into two (2) separate Sections (horses & ponies) provided there are three (3) in each section. All points to count toward one High Score Award.

Annual Award Donated by The Monmouth Group

NJPHA Children's Equitation

ALLEGRA MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Trophy Donated by Joyce Marigliano/Marigliano Associates

Open to junior riders who have not won six (6) blue ribbons at a recognized show as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders

may not have won any equitation class at 3'6" or higher prior to December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over at least eight (8) fences about 3' in height with at least one change of direction & at least one combination.

Annual Award Donated by Hidden Hollow Farm/Mimi Kesselman

NJPHA Mini Medal

Open to junior riders who have not won a blue ribbon in a USEF Medal, ASPCA Maclay, M & S Junior Medal or USEF Talent Search class prior to December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over a course of not less than eight (8) fences at 3' with or without wings, which shall include a spread, at least one change of direction, & at least one combination. One rider per horse. Two or more tests are required of the top four (4) competitors. Tests 1-13. **The NJPHA strongly encourages**

show management to combine this class with either the National Children's Medal or the M & S Children's Medal.

Annual Award Donated by Summerfield Farm/Susan VanBlarcom

NJPHA Gold Medal

Linda Matreyek Memorial Trophy

Open to all junior riders. To be shown over a course of not less than eight (8) fences at or about 3'6", which must include a minimum of one combination, an oxer, & 2 changes of direction. One rider per horse. Tests 1-18. To fill the class three (3) riders must complete the course.

The NJPHA strongly encourages show management to combine this

Class with either the M & S Junior Medal or the National PHA Medal.

Annual Award Donated by The Garden State Horse Show

NJPHA Junior/Amateur Owner Hunter

To be judged on performance & soundness, with emphasis on manners. To be shown over a course not to exceed 3'6". This class may be offered as two (2) separate classes provided there are three (3) entries in each section. All points to count toward one High Score Award. Both divisions must be offered at a show for points to count.

NJPHA Schooling Hunter

Open to horses & ponies. To be judged on performance & soundness, with emphasis on manners. Fences 2'6"

Annual Award Donated by Red Oak Farm/Bethie Dayton

NJPHA Hunter

WOODROW GARVIN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Open to horses & ponies. To be judged on performance & soundness, with emphasis on manners. Fences 3'. Class may be run with any open 3' hunter division (i.e. Suitable Hunter).

Annual Award Donated in Memory of Marilyn Haggerty-Blohm

NJPHA Beginner Hunter

Open to horses & ponies ridden by riders of ANY age. THERE MUST BE AN EQUITABLE SPLIT OF THESE CLASSES IF ENTRIES WARRANT.

Fences **LESS THAN 2'** in height. **Section A:** Rider may not have shown in a division, at any show, where the fence height specifications are 2' or higher. **Section B:** Horse or pony not to have shown in a division, at any show, where fence height specifications are 2' or higher. Riders in section A may not cross enter into any other division except Beginner Equitation &/or Pleasure Horse or Pony at the same show. TROTGING ANYWHERE ON COURSE NOT TO BE PENALIZED.

Annual Award Donated by Carol Stillwell

NJPHA Beginner Equitation

Open to riders of any age who have not shown in a division, at any show, where the fence height specifications are 2' or higher. Riders may not cross enter into any other division except Beginner Hunter &/or Pleasure Horse or Pony. Fences **LESS THAN 2'** in height. THERE MUST BE AN EQUITABLE SPLIT OF THIS CLASS IF ENTRIES WARRANT. TROTIG ANYWHERE ON COURSE NOT TO BE PENALIZED.

Annual Award Donated by Mar-Bel Stable/Kathy Pinera

JUMPER SECTION

NJPHA Itty Bitty Jumper

Open to all horses & ponies who, as a horse & rider combination, have not won a total of \$1000 in jumper classes as of December 1st of the current show year. Fences 2'3" in height. **NO COMBINATIONS** will be permitted in NJPHA sanctioned classes.

Annual Award Donated by Valley Crest Stables/Penny Schell

NJPHA Level 0 Jumper

Open to all horses & ponies. Fences 2'9" in height, concurrent with USEF Level 0.

Annual Award Donated by Briarwood Farm/The Benson Family

NJPHA Schooling Jumper at Level 1

Open to all horses & ponies. Fences 3' in height, concurrent with USEF Level 1.

Annual award Donated by Hunter Farms/Andrew Philbrick

NJPHA Children's/Adult Jumper at Level 3

Open to horses or ponies ridden by junior or adult amateur riders. Neither horse nor rider may compete in any classes at the same competition where fences exceed 3'6" in the 1st round, except the USEF Talent Search. This class may be split into two (2) separate sections provided there are three (3) in each section. Fences 3'6" in height, concurrent with USEF Level 3.

Annual Award Donated by Z & R Farm/In Memory of Dr Ernest Haydu

TRAINER'S ATTENTION

Our High Score Award membership is open to all riders whether

or not they are presently competitive.

And, it may give them a motivation to compete.

For their \$25 membership your customers will be included on our mailing list for all clinics, seminars & horse shows.

NJPHA SPECIAL AWARDS SPECIFICATIONS

Horseman of the Year

To be awarded at the discretion of the awards committee to a Professional member in good standing, who throughout the years has shown dedication & service to the aims & ideals for which the PHA was founded. Nominations must be received by December 31st.

MAXINE BEST JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

To be awarded annually to a junior member of the NJPHA who has shown through their actions & manners, compassion for their horse and their fellow competitors & the entire horse show community and exhibited the finest qualities of good sportsmanship. Nominations must be received by December 31st.

BEV WALTERS ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

To be awarded annually to an adult amateur member of the NJPHA who has shown through their actions & manners, compassion for their horse and their fellow competitors & the entire horse show community and exhibited the finest qualities of good sportsmanship. Nominations must be received by December 31st.

PACKER HALL OF FAME AWARD

To be awarded annually to an older horse or pony, who has, over the years, proven itself to be a safe & talented animal by, year after year,

guiding numerous riders safely through their early years of showing.
Nominations must be received by December 31st.

\$1000 NJPHA SCHOLARSHIP

To be awarded annually to a current member of the NJPHA High Score Awards program who has been a member for the previous four (4) years & who is attending a college or university with a riding program or club in which the nominee is participating.

Check out njpha.net for further details.

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