

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

2007-2008 High Score Rules & Specifications

1. The NJPHA High Score Awards year will run from:
September 1, 2007- November 30, 2008
2. Subscription fees: the fees for the first class will be \$50. For any further classes offered the fee will be \$5 per class to a maximum of \$100 per show. CLASSES CAN BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE OR MONIES CAN BE SENT WITH THE SHOW RESULTS. MONEY MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 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 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 SECRETARY. 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. Applications must be mailed directly to the NJPHA.
5. If the High Score Awards results are not sent to the High Score Secretary within 30 days of the competition, the show will be considered delinquent & found not in good standing. Until such time as the results are received.
6. Any violations 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 specifications.
- 7A. In order for horses & ponies to acquire NJPHA High Score points, ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE HORSE & 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 acquire NJPHA High Score Award 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 or High Score member.

FARM REGISTRATION (one time fee) \$50

8. In order for a professional horseman to acquire NJPHA High Score points; he/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 6 times during the year; under at least 3 different judges. A competitor must be awarded points at least 3 times during the year in any one class to receive a High Score Award. In all classes a trophy & 6 ribbons will be presented at the annual High Score Awards dinner.

10. 3 entries are needed to fill classes. In over fences classes, 3 entries must complete the course. If not otherwise stated, the last over fences class will be designated as the NJPHA class.

11. To conform to USEF, the points will be awarded:

#of entries		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
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
26+	quadruple	28	20	16	12	8	4

11A. During the show year, only a competitor's 40 best shows will count toward a high score award. Anyone showing in more than 40 shows will have their lowest point show totals deleted. Any competitor who shows more that 10 times at any one horse show grounds (i.e. Sussex County Fair Grounds) will have only their 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.

12. The age of the rider will conform to the current USEF rule.

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

14. 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 2007-2008 membership forms.
15. Anyone found to have misrepresented themselves; i.e. the rider's age, The rider's competitive level, the horses size as in small/medium/large etc., the horse's competitive level, or any similar offence; 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 offence by the same member will be referred to the Ethics Committee & Board of Directors of the NJPHA, for further disciplinary action.
16. Certain NJPHA classes by definition, have restrictions &/or limitations. Anyone who participates in the NJPHA High Score Awards Program is bound by the definitions with their restrictions &/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 &/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.
17. NJPHA members agree to submit to binding arbitration any or all disputes they might have with the NJPHA or with another 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 that the parties mutually agree upon. Each party shall bear their own costs in the arbitration process.
18. If any NJPHA member shall bring legal action against the NJPHA arising out of the NJPHA High Score 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.
19. In case of a dispute/protest concerning the height of the horse/pony, owners must be required to provide a valid USEF measurement card.

20. 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.
21. 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.
22. **ATTENTION HORSE SHOW MANAGERS & EXHIBITORS:**
The NJPHA will only accept points from classes that are correctly named & run according to the NJPHA specifications.
23. For NJPHA points to count, the class must be listed in the prize list, & cannot be added on the day of the horse show.
24. 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.
25. **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.**

2007/2008 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 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 less than 3 older & 3 younger Adult Amateur Hunters, the class may be combined to form one Adult Amateur Hunter class. Older & 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 3 in each section, into over 35 to 40 years, & 40+ years. However, all points will count towards one Adult Amateur Hunter-Older Award.

Annual Award Donated by The NJHSA

NJPHA Adult Medal

Open to all adult amateurs. To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences 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 adult exhibitors, who possess a valid current USEF Amateur card. 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 high at the same competition.

Annual Award Donated by CJL Inc/Claudine Liberatore & Ed Rovi

NJPHA Preliminary Adult Equitation

Open to adult amateur riders, who possess a valid current USEF Amateur card, who have not won 6 blue ribbons in equitation over fences exceed 2'6" at a USEF recognized show either as a junior or adult. To be shown over a course of fences not to exceed 2'6". If an adult has not shown for 5 years at any horse show over fences at 3' or more they may regain their limit rider status upon application in writing to the High Score Awards Committee. Waivers will be granted in writing by the NJPHA. Riders may not cross enter into classes where the fences exceed 2'6" at the same competition.

Annual Award Donated in Memory of Lt Col James Marsh

NJPHA Pre-Children's Hunter

Open to horses or 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 classes where the fences exceed 2'6" at the same competition. If there are less than 3 horses & 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 West Milford Equestrian Center
**Annual Award for Ponies Donated by Sudden Lea Farm/
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 8 obstacles, 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 classes where the fences exceed 2'6" at the same competition.

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 as intermediate riders in a recognized horse show as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders may not have won any equitation class at 3'6" prior to December 1st of the current show year. To be shown over a course of 8 fences, with one change of direction. Fences 2' for sm/med ponies, 2'6" for large ponies.

Annual Award Donated by The Garden State Horse Show