

**OHJA SUBSTANTIVE BYLAW AMENDMENT
PROPOSALS FOR 2017**
To Be Voted on at the January 8, 2017, General Meeting

ALL LANGUAGE IN ~~BLUE AND STRICKEN~~ WILL BE **DELETED** IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED

ALL LANGUAGE IN **RED AND UNDERLINED** WILL BE **ADDED** IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND HORSE REGISTRATION

PROPOSAL 1. CHANGE Section A.5 applicable to **Affiliate Memberships** as follows:

Affiliate Membership: An Affiliate member is entitled to ride in the OHJA medal classes only. No Affiliate member is eligible for any other year-end awards, nor does an Affiliate member have a vote. The fee for an Affiliate membership is \$20.00. An Affiliate member may reside in any state.

RATIONALE: The Board has been approached by HITS about offering the OHJA Medal classes at its Thermal horse shows given the large number of Oregon exhibitors who attend those shows. These classes may also provide a draw for Californians, Arizonans, and others to join as Affiliate Members and ride in OHJA Medal classes, both of which would generate income for OHJA. The Board proposes to revise this membership level to clarify that any non-Oregonians can join as an Affiliate Member.

ARTICLE IX – STANDING COMMITTEES

PROPOSAL 2. CHANGE the title of the existing **Show Approval Committee** referenced in **Section B** to the **Show Oversight Committee**

RATIONALE: See Rationale for Proposal #3 below

PROPOSAL 3. CHANGE the description of such committee as follows:

“The Board of Directors will constitute the Show ~~Approval~~Oversight Committee. The Board will (a) suggest any changes to ~~the horse~~ show management ~~and will approve and rate, or disapprove, submitted shows according to the rules of the Association. The Committee will,~~ (b) oversee show management's compliance with the host competition agreement, (c) provide show management with those forms and materials (member labels, OHJA medals and ribbons) ~~provided by the Association and as~~ required ~~for operation of a show under OHJA rules~~by the host competition agreement.”

RATIONALE: Due to the Board's concern about several issues involving the Non-Rated Show approval/sanctioning process, the Board proposes to move away from the approval/sanctioning model and instead utilize a contract-based model that is similar to what is required for the USHJA Outreach Program. The Board proposes to strike references throughout the OHJA Bylaws and Rulebook concerning show approval/sanctioning. Please note that if this change is approved, then ALL references to “Non-Rated” will change to “Outreach.”

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS:

PROPOSAL 4. ADD a ‘housekeeping’ provision to the end of **ARTICLE X** as follows:

“The Board may amend the nomenclature and classification of the Bylaws and rules to align with USEF and/or USHJA. No such amendment shall change the purpose, intent or design of the applicable bylaw or rule. (e.g. the change voted on at the June 2016 annual meeting which changed the age classifications to align with USEF/USHJA could be changed by a board vote. However, the change approved at the July 2016 membership meeting to allow double points at the year-end final show could NOT be amended without a membership vote).”

RATIONALE: Enables the Board to ‘clean up’ the rulebook and bylaws to address some changes without a vote of the membership.

OHJA SUBSTANTIVE RULE AMENDMENT PROPOSALS FOR 2017

RULE II – FACILITIES applicable to current **OHJA Non-Rated Shows**

PROPOSAL 5. DELETE RULE II in its entirety as it pertains to Non-Rated Shows.

RATIONALE: Given the Board’s interest in moving away from the approval/sanctioning process, the Board proposes to incorporate the requirements, either verbatim or as revised, elsewhere in the Rules.

PROPOSAL 6. CHANGE current **RULE IV** (which will become **RULE III**) as follows:

RULE ~~IV~~III - GENERAL RULES FOR ~~SHOW~~SHOWS

Section A ~~–Registration/Sanctioning–~~ Show Eligibility for OHJA Point Accumulation

1. ~~1.——USEF- or Equine Canada-~~Rated Shows:

Any and all horse shows that are USEF or Equine Canada rated are approved for OHJA point accumulation as “Rated Shows”; ~~no application for Rated Show approval by OHJA is required.”~~

Application and Fees: No application for Rated Show approval by OHJA is required. In lieu of payment of ~~an application–a points tracking fee as provided herein~~, all Rated Shows approved for OHJA point accumulation must pay OHJA one-half (1/2) of all entry fees received from the OHJA medal classes. OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA medal classes.

Before permitting any rider to compete in an OHJA Medal class, show management must confirm the rider’s membership status by (1) checking the current membership list, (2) requiring the rider to provide his/her current membership card, or (3) requiring the rider to provide proof of payment of the applicable OHJA membership fee. ~~From each non-member owner, trainer, and rider, show management at each Oregon and SW Washington show shall collect a \$5.00 non-member fee, and pay to OHJA all such non-member fees collected.~~

2. ~~2.——Non-Rated Shows:~~

~~All non-USEF rated shows in Oregon or its contiguous counties that are OHJA sanctioned and approved for point accumulation, regardless of duration, are “Non-Rated Shows.” For a single day Non-Rated Show, only two (2) over fences and one (1) under saddle class per recognized OHJA division may count for points.~~

~~a. Standard Application Fee: As of January 5, 2015, all Non-Rated Shows sanctioned by OHJA must pay a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day of the show, to be paid prior to OHJA approval and which is non-refundable upon approval. The application fee is subject to doubling if not submitted at least sixty (60) days in advance as provided in Section IV.3.c below. This fee includes medals and ribbons for four (4) OHJA Medal classes. An additional fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) shall be due for each additional medal class, which fee must be paid within ten (10) days of completion of the show.~~

~~b. Limit on Number of Non-Rated Shows: Show management is limited to conducting four (4) Non-Rated Shows at the same location per competition year offering hunter/hunt seat equitation classes, and four (4) Non-Rated Shows at the same location per competition year offering jumper classes; if both hunter/hunt seat equitation and jumper classes are offered at the same show, that show counts as one show for each discipline.~~

~~c. Approval Procedure:~~

~~i. Deadline for Submitting Application and Fee: Applications for sanctioning of Non-Rated Shows for the calendar year must be made to the OHJA Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the show. The OHJA Secretary will notify show management if the dates are acceptable and the show is approved. At the time of application for Non-Rated Show approval, show management must submit (1) a completed Non-Rated Show Approval application form, and (2) the applicable approval fee. If the OHJA Board does not receive show management's application for Non-Rated Show approval and the applicable approval fee at least sixty (60) days prior to the applicable show, the show approval fee shall be doubled.~~

~~ii. Applying for Multiple Non-Rated Shows: Show management may apply for multiple dates at one time; however, payment of the approval fee for all dates requested is required at the time of application.~~

~~iii. Proof of Insurance: Show management shall provide to the OHJA Board, at least two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the Non-Rated Show, proof of insurance as required by the OHJA Rules. If proof of insurance is not provided as required, show management shall pay to OHJA a one hundred seventy five dollar (\$175.00) fine in order to retain Non-Rated Show approval of the show. Until the one hundred seventy five dollar (\$175.00) fine is paid, the OHJA Board shall not approve, or shall revoke approval of, any shows conducted by show management for the competition year. If proof of insurance is not provided as required, the OHJA Board shall revoke Non-Rated Show approval of show management's show(s) for the competition year until proof of insurance for the applicable show is provided, and without refund of any applicable approval fee(s). Show management must notify all Regional and Local System members that its show(s) is/are not OHJA Non-Rated Show approved.~~

~~iv. Change of Show Date(s) and/or Location: If, for any reason, show management changes the date(s) and/or location(s) of any Non-Rated Show previously approved by the OHJA Board, show management must reapply for Non-Rated Show approval; however, no additional approval fee(s) shall be due for such show(s). To reserve its show date(s) for the following competition year, show management that has historically held its show(s) on the same date(s) in prior years (i.e., Memorial Day weekend) must submit its application(s) by December 1st. After December 1st, all applications will be considered for approval on a 'first come, first serve' basis. If a Rated Show offers "Opportunity" classes run in accordance with USEF rules, OHJA may approve a Non-Rated Show at another location on the same date(s) as such Rated Show. Otherwise, OHJA shall not approve more than one Non-Rated Show within a fifty (50) mile radius for the same date(s).~~

~~v. Course Design and Safety equipment: For OHJA sanctioned shows submit sample courses with measurement between fences in lines and must provide safety equipment break-away cups or breakaway pins on the back rail of oxers. Course Designer must be (1) a professional trainer or (2) over 18 years old and under the supervision of the designated professional trainer at that show.~~

~~d. Prize Lists: Show management must mail or email approved show prize lists to all members on the OHJA Regional and Local System mailing list, which list can be provided by the Point &~~

~~Membership Chairperson upon request. As an alternative to mailing or emailing show Premiums, show management may post the show prize lists on its own website or the OHJA website. Regardless of whether prize lists are mailed, emailed, or posted on a website, show management must make prize lists available to the membership of the OHJA Regional and Local System at least thirty (30) days prior to the show date. Prize lists must list classes and class specifications exactly as submitted to and approved by OHJA. All classes in which horses and riders may compete and accumulate points for Regional or Local System year-end division championships must be named and conducted according to OHJA specifications. Non-approved classes must be identified as such in the Premiums. OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA medal classes.~~

~~_____ e. _____ Rule Book and Membership Applications: During the show, show management must (a) have a copy of OHJA Rules available for reference, and (b) make OHJA membership applications available for show participants. Upon request, the OHJA Secretary will mail copies of the OHJA Rules and membership applications to the show management.~~

~~_____ f. _____ Show Results to Points & Membership Chairperson: Within ten (10) days after the show, show management shall provide the OHJA Points & Membership Chairperson with the following: (1) complete, typed show results, including the correct names of the horse, rider, and owner/lessee; (2) all OHJA membership applications and fees received at the show; (3) for combined age group classes, the correct age group of the rider; and (4) a copy of the show's prize list. If show results are not provided to the OHJA Points & Membership Chairperson as required, show management shall pay to OHJA a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine in order to retain Non-Rated Show approval of the show. Until the two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine is paid, the Board shall not approve, or shall revoke approval of, any shows conducted by show management for the competition year.~~

~~_____ g. _____ Confirming OHJA Membership for Medal Classes: Before permitting any rider to compete in an OHJA Medal class, show management must confirm the rider's membership status by (1) checking the current membership list, (2) requiring the rider to provide his/her current membership card, or (3) requiring the rider to provide proof of payment of the applicable OHJA membership fee.~~

~~_____ h. _____ Sanctioning for Noncompliance: If show management for a Non-Rated Show fails to comply with OHJA and USEF rules and conditions regarding the sanctioning or conduct of the show, the OHJA Board may impose any and all sanctions against show management as provided under the USEF rules.~~

2. Outreach Shows:

Any and all non-USEF-rated horse shows in Oregon or its contiguous counties that are approved by the USHJA Outreach program are eligible for OHJA point accumulation as "Outreach Shows." OHJA holds and provides no regulatory function regarding the Outreach Shows, nor does OHJA sanction or license such shows. Therefore, OHJA will not hear grievances or become involved in the regulatory process of Outreach Shows. Compliance with OHJA host competition requirements and the USHJA Outreach program requirements is the responsibility of show management.

Application and Fees: For OHJA to track points and for OHJA members to accumulate points at an Outreach Show, show management must submit the following at least thirty (30) days in advance of the applicable show date: (1) an application; (2) a host competition agreement between OHJA and show management; and (3) payment of a point tracking fee ("Points Fee"). The Points Fee shall be \$25.00 per day per Outreach Show, which is subject to doubling if the application, agreement, and Points Fee are untimely. An additional \$25.00 per day per Outreach Show shall be due within two (2) weeks of conclusion of the show if the show results are not submitted in the manner provided herein. *The Points Fee does not cover medals and ribbons for OHJA Medal classes.*

If the Outreach Show elects to offer OHJA Medal classes, the show must *also* pay OHJA one-half (1/2) of all entry fees received from the OHJA Medal classes ("Medal Fee") and OHJA will supply ribbons and medals for OHJA Medal classes. Payment of the Medal Fee is due within two (2) weeks of conclusion of the show.

Class Eligibility for OHJA Points: Horses and riders can accumulate points for OHJA Regional or Local System year-end division championships and Certificate of Merit awards only in classes named and conducted according to OHJA specifications. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USHJA Outreach hunter and equitation classes (1) offered over fences 2' in height are eligible for OHJA year-end championship points in the Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup hunter and equitation divisions, and (2) offered over fences 2'6" in height are eligible for OHJA year-end championship points in the Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult hunter and equitation divisions.

Show Requirements: All Outreach Shows must provide or comply with the following conditions, requirements, and specifications:

1. Submit an application to, and sign a host competition agreement with, OHJA at least thirty (30) days prior to the show date(s)
- ~~4~~2. Submit to OHJA proof that such show has been approved by the USHJA Outreach program.
3. Stabling - for all Outreach multi-day shows, and single-day Outreach shows offered the same weekend as a Rated Show, at least twenty (20) stalls, on site, must be available for use by show participants. For all other single-day Outreach Shows, management is encouraged, but not required, to provide at least twenty (20) available stalls, on site, for use by show participants.
4. Parking - ample parking for trailers, cars, and/or recreation vehicles
- ~~2~~5. Suitable warm up and exercise areas
- ~~3~~6. EMT or First Responder
7. Eating facility(ies)
8. Safe and suitable footing
9. Restrooms
10. Water facilities
11. Telephone for public use
12. Insurance coverage that meets or exceeds the requirement established by USHJA for USHJA Outreach competitions, naming OHJA as an additional insured on such policy(ies), and providing OHJA with proof thereof as provided herein
13. Entry forms – for all Outreach shows, all entry forms must include the OHJA-approved waiver of liability and release language.
14. Pay the Points Fee, and any fees and fines associated with the submission of show results as provided herein.
15. If applicable and in addition to the Points Fee, pay the Medal Fee, which equals one-half of the entry fees of all entry fees received from the OHJA Medal classes, in exchange for OHJA supplying ribbons and medals for OHJA Medal classes.
16. Comply with the OHJA Code of Conduct
17. Have a copy of the current OHJA Rules available for reference

18. Make copies of the current OHJA membership application or maintain an internet connection so that OHJA members can join or renew online at the show.
19. Forward show results to OHJA in the format and in a timely manner as provided herein.
20. Courses are designed (a) consistent with USEF hunter, equitation, and/or jumper course designing guidelines and OHJA class specifications, and (b) by a professional trainer or an amateur rider **at least 21 years of age** under the supervision of the designated professional trainer. If the OHJA class specifications are more restrictive than the USEF course designing guidelines, then the OHJA class specifications take priority over USEF guidelines.
21. Safety equipment – breakaway cups or pins must be used on the back rail of all oxers

EMT or First Responder: Show management shall retain the services of one or more EMT(s) or First Responder(s), licensed or accredited by the applicable state and/or local authorities in which the Outreach Show is located, to provide emergency medical care at the Outreach Show. All EMT(s) or First Responder(s) shall: (a) carry or otherwise be covered by a professional liability insurance policy as required by applicable state law, with proof thereof provided by show management to OHJA at least two (2) weeks prior to the Outreach Show; (b) be designated by first and last name as the EMT(s) or First Responder(s) on the Outreach Show's application; and (c) remain on the show premises, and in proximity to the competition arenas and/or schooling areas at all times throughout the Outreach Show, including any school session(s) open to exhibitors on the day(s) of the show. Any change to the EMT(s) or First Responder(s) designated on the Outreach Show's application must be reported to OHJA at least one (1) week prior to the Outreach Show, along with proof of insurance coverage.

Proof of Liability Insurance: Show management shall (1) maintain liability insurance coverage that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements established by USHJA for USHJA Outreach competitions, (2) name OHJA as an additional insured with respect to any and all such policies, and (3) provide OHJA with proof thereof at least two (2) weeks prior to the applicable show. Proof of emergency medical personnel's professional liability insurance shall also be provided as required herein.

If proof of insurance is not provided as required, the host competition shall pay to OHJA a one hundred seventy-five dollar (\$175.00) fine for exhibitors to remain eligible to receive OHJA points toward year-end awards based upon their results at the applicable show. Until such fine is paid, show management shall be in breach of the host competition agreement, no OHJA member may accumulate points at the applicable Outreach Show(s), and no OHJA member may accumulate points at any future Outreach Show to which the applicable host competition agreement applies. OHJA will not track points from any show for OHJA year-end awards unless and until all fees and fines are paid. Show management is solely responsible for notifying all Regional and Local System exhibitors at the affected Outreach Shows that they will not accumulate OHJA points at such shows.

Submitting Show Results: Within two (2) weeks after an Outreach Show, show management must submit to OHJA the following: (1) show results submitted directly to OHJA via the OHJA website's data entry portal or in the electronic format provided by OHJA to show management (i.e., Excel document); (2) all OHJA membership applications, horse registrations, and fees received at the show; (3) for combined age group classes, the correct age group of the riders; and (4) a copy of the show's prize list. If results are not submitted electronically via the OHJA website or in the required Excel format, then the Points Fee shall increase to \$50.00 per day per Outreach Show, with the balance due paid at the time the results are submitted to OHJA. Further, if results are not submitted and/or the Medal Fee is not paid in a timely manner, then an additional two-hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine is due. OHJA will not track points from any show for OHJA year-end awards unless and until all fees and fines are paid.

Limit on Number of Outreach Shows: Show management is limited to conducting four (4) Outreach Shows at the same location per competition year offering hunter/hunt seat equitation classes, and four (4) Outreach Shows at the same location per competition year offering jumper classes; if both hunter/hunt seat equitation and jumper classes are offered at the same show, that show counts as one show for each discipline.

Rule Book and Membership Applications: During each Outreach Show, show management shall (1) have a copy of OHJA Rules available for reference, and (2) make OHJA membership applications available for exhibitors. Alternatively, show management shall provide internet access to the OHJA website for access to the OHJA Rules and for online membership applications and horse registrations.

Confirming OHJA Membership for Medal Classes: Before permitting any rider to compete in any OHJA Medal class, show management must confirm the rider's membership status by (1) checking the current membership list, (2) requiring the rider to provide his/her current membership card, or (3) requiring the rider to provide proof of payment of the applicable OHJA membership fee.

RATIONALE: The Board believes this rule change incorporates the show requirements currently set forth in the Rulebook's current Rule II and clarifies certain issues concerning minimum safety standards about which some members and show managers have expressed confusion or for which they have requested clarification from the Board. The Board also seeks to reduce the OHJA's potential liability exposure that currently exists with approving/sanctioning horse shows. Further, the Board believes that OHJA should not serve as a governing body for the sport, but wants to encourage participation in quality grass-roots shows that meet or exceed the minimum standards established by the USHJA Outreach program.

RULE IV - GENERAL RULES FOR SHOW

SECTION C.3 - POINT ACCUMULATION - LOCAL SYSTEM:

PROPOSAL 7. APPROVE the final sentence of Section C.3 in the current rulebook regarding Local System riders earning double points at the Medal Finals host show, which language was provisionally approved in July 2016 as a "test" for the 2016 Medal Finals:

"...Local System riders will accumulate double points at the Medal Finals host show regardless of how many rated horse shows they have already attended in the current year."

RATIONALE: The Board believes this will further encourage Local System attendance at the show hosting the Medal Finals and would like to see it implemented permanently. Currently, Local Systems can only earn points at 3 shows that are USEF-rated Premier (AA) or National (A).

RULE V – YEAR END DIVISION AWARDS

SECTION C – LOCAL SYSTEM:

PROPOSAL 8. CHANGE the jumper class/division fence height reference to align with jumper class/division fence height tracking used in the Regional and Open Systems (i.e., to be consistent with fence heights used in the open and junior/amateur divisions):

"...No jumper divisions or classes higher than ~~0.95m~~1.00m in height will be eligible for Local System points or year-end championships."

RATIONALE: See rationale for **Proposal 25** below

PROPOSAL 9. CHANGE the introductory language regarding the Local System divisions eligible for year end awards to reflect the growth within the Local System, and newly-adopted USEF division names, as follows:

~~For 2011, the~~The following ~~have been added to the list of~~ divisions are eligible for ~~which a~~ Local System year-end ~~championship may be offered~~championships:

Open/Professional Divisions

Baby Green Hunter
 Small Working Hunter
 Large Working Hunter
3' Pre-Green Hunter 3'
Thoroughbred Hunter
Young Hunter 3'
Beginning Jumper
0.70m – 0.80m Jumper
0.85m – 0.90m Jumper
0.95m – 1.00m Jumper

Junior/Amateur Divisions:

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Working Hunter
Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation
Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Working Hunter
Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Equitation
 Children's Working Hunter, 17 & Under
 Restricted Equitation, 17 & Under
 Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 18 & Over
 Amateur Equitation, 18 & Over
Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper
Pony Jumper

SECTION D.1 – YEAR END DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS - HUNTERS:**PROPOSAL 10. CHANGE the Specifications for the following Hunter Divisions:**

Baby Green Hunter: "...Cross entry into the Pre-Green division is permitted, but uses up one (1) year of the horse's "Pre-Green" status..."

~~Pre-Green Working Hunter:~~ ~~A horse in its first two (2) consecutive years of showing, regardless of age, that has never been shown at 3'6". Fence height not to exceed 3'—3'3". Pre-Green horses may not be reinstated.~~

RATIONALE: The USEF is eliminating the Pre-Green division, so this will reflect that change

PROPOSAL 11. ADD a sentence to the end of the paragraph describing the specifications for the PRE-CHILDREN'S/PRE-ADULT WORKING HUNTER as follows:

Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Working Hunter: "...At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined for year-end championship awards in the Open ~~and Regional Systems; however, the divisions shall be combined in the Local System for year-end championship awards, Regional, and Local Systems.~~"

RATIONALE: The Local System is growing and these 2'6" divisions are some of the largest within the Local System. The Board proposes to allow the Board to split these divisions in the Local System, not just the Regional and Open Systems.

PROPOSAL 12. ADD a sentence to the end of the paragraph describing the specifications for the **SHORT STIRRUP/LONG STIRRUP HUNTER** as follows:

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Hunter: "...At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined for year-end championship awards in the Open ~~and Regional Systems; however, the divisions shall be combined in the Local System for year-end championship awards,~~ Regional, and Local Systems."

RATIONALE: The Local System is growing and these 2' divisions are two of the largest within the Local System. The Board proposes to allow the Board to split these divisions in the Local System, not just the Regional and Open Systems.

PROPOSAL 13. ADD a sentence to the end of the specifications for BOTH the **CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTER** and the **ADULT AMATEUR WORKING HUNTER** as follows:

Children's Working Hunter: "...In the Local System, may be combined with the Adult Amateur Working Hunter division for year-end championship awards."

Adult Amateur Working Hunter: "...In the Local System, may be combined with the Children's Working Hunter division for year-end championship awards."

RATIONALE: In the last several years, these divisions have not enough exhibitors to support separate year-end awards in the Local System. Under the current rules, these two divisions would not qualify for any award given the current participation level. However, to encourage participation in the Local System and recognize member achievement, the Board has voted to combined these divisions for a single award for riders of all ages at the 2'9" – 3' height, rather than to offer no award at all. The Board proposes to implement this rule to conform with the Board's general practices in recent years.

SECTION D.2 – YEAR END DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS - EQUITATION:

PROPOSAL 14. CHANGE the specifications for the **SHORT STIRRUP/LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION** division as follows:

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation: "...~~This division shall~~At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined ~~in the Local System~~ for year-end championship awards in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems."

RATIONALE: The Local System is growing and these 2' divisions are two of the largest within the Local System. The Board proposes to allow the Board to split these divisions in the Local System, not just the Regional and Open Systems.

PROPOSAL 15. CHANGE the specifications for the **PRE-CHILDREN'S/PRE-ADULT EQUITATION** division as follows:

Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Equitation: "... ~~This division shall~~At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined ~~in the Local System~~ for year-end championship awards in the Open, Regional, and Local Systems."

RATIONALE: The Local System is growing and these 2'6" divisions are some of the largest within the Local System. The Board proposes to allow the Board to split these divisions in the Local System, not just the Regional and Open Systems.

PROPOSAL 16. CHANGE the specifications for the **MODIFIED CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION** division as follows:

Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation: "....~~This division shall~~At the OHJA Board's discretion, the two (2) divisions may be combined in the Local System for year-end championship awards. ~~This division only counts toward a year-end championship in the Local System; however, Rated Shows may in the Open, Regional, and are encouraged to, offer these classes/divisions~~Local Systems."

RATIONALE: This division is very popular with exhibitors in all three systems. However, under the current rules, it is *only* eligible for year end awards in the Local System. The Board has awarded the division in all three systems in recent years due to its popularity and to recognize member achievement. The Board proposes to implement this rule to conform with the Board's practices.

PROPOSAL 17. CHANGE the language applicable to all junior **EQUITATION** age groups to align with Zone 9 as follows:

"OHJA year-end open Equitation and Restricted Equitation awards will be divided to coincide with current USHJA Zone 9 division groupings."

RATIONALE: The age groupings applicable to the open Equitation classes and the Restricted Equitation divisions are not in synch with one another. The open Equitation classes currently split based upon Zone 9 specifications, but the Restricted Equitation doesn't track with those age splits. The Board proposes to align these divisions with one another by rider age according to Zone 9 specifications.

PROPOSAL 18. CHANGE the age groupings for the **RESTRICTED EQUITATION** division to track with the open Equitation age groupings as follows:

Restricted Equitation, ~~43~~12 & Under: "...Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, ~~43~~12 & Under and Restricted Equitation, ~~43~~12 & Under are eligible ..."

Restricted Equitation, ~~44~~13 – 15: "...Riders accumulating points in both the Equitation, ~~44~~13 - 15 and Restricted Equitation, ~~44~~13 - 15 are eligible..."

RATIONALE: The age groupings applicable to the open Equitation classes and the Restricted Equitation divisions are not in synch with one another. The open Equitation classes currently split based upon Zone 9 specifications, but the Restricted Equitation doesn't track with those age splits. The Board proposes to align these divisions with one another by rider age according to Zone 9 specifications.

SECTION D.3 - OHJA MEDAL CLASSES:

PROPOSAL 19. CREATE two (2) combined **OHJA JUNIOR/SENIOR MEDAL** classes, one at 3'3" and one at 3'6", to replace the existing **OHJA Junior Medal 3'3" – 3'6"** and **OHJA Senior Medal 3'3" – 3'6"** Medals as follows:

OHJA Low Junior/Senior Medal: Fence height 3'3" ~~3'6"~~. "Riders competing in Junior Hunter 3'3" and Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" divisions are only eligible to compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal classes at the same show. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals. ~~No horse/rider combination competing in the 3'6" at the same show will be allowed to~~ Medal winners in Low Junior/Senior Medal classes may compete in the ~~3'3" height section of~~Junior/Senior Medal classes;

however, if they qualify for the OHJA medal. In the Junior/Senior Medal Finals, if there are less than three (3) senior riders, they forfeit their right to compete in the Senior and Low Junior/Senior Medal Finals shall be combined.

OHJA Junior/Senior Medal: Fence height 3'6". Riders competing in Junior Hunter and Amateur Owner Hunter divisions are only eligible to compete in the Junior/Senior Medal classes at the same show. Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Junior/Senior Medal Finals. However, no rider who has already qualified for the Junior/Senior Medal Finals may compete in the qualifying class at the show hosting the OHJA Medal Finals without prior approval from the OHJA Board.

RATIONALE: With the growth of the 3'3" divisions for both junior and amateurs, the Board believes it is in the best interest of OHJA to create a 3'3" medal class for these riders. Additionally, the 3'6" medals are often filled primarily with juniors and have few amateurs, so the Board proposes to combine both ages going forward. The Board also believes it is appropriate to minimize cross-entry between these two classes in a manner similar to what is already in place between the current 3' medals and the 3'6" medals.

PROPOSAL 20. ADD cross-entry prohibitions to the **OHJA CHILDREN'S MEDAL** specifications as follows:

OHJA Children's Medal: "...Medal winners in Children's Medal classes may compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal or Junior/Senior Medal classes; however, if they qualify for the Low Junior/Senior Medal or Junior/Senior Medal Finals, they forfeit their right to compete in the Children's Medal Finals..."

RATIONALE: The Board believes that if the new 3'3" and 3'6" medal classes are adopted as proposed, it is appropriate to minimize cross-entry between the current 3' medals and the higher medal(s)

PROPOSAL 21. ADD cross-entry prohibitions to the **OHJA ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL** specifications as follows:

OHJA Adult Amateur Medal: "...Medal winners in Adult Amateur Medal classes may compete in the Low Junior/Senior Medal or Junior/Senior Medal classes; however, if they qualify for the Low Junior/Senior Medal or Junior/Senior Medal Finals, they forfeit their right to compete in the Adult Amateur Medal Finals..."

RATIONALE: The Board believes that if the new 3'3" and 3'6" medal classes are adopted as proposed, it is appropriate to minimize cross-entry between the current 3' medals and the higher medal(s)

PROPOSAL 22. CHANGE the specifications for the **OHJA MINI MEDAL** as follows:

OHJA Mini Medal: "...In the Mini Medal Finals, the final phase ~~"ride-off"~~ shall not include any testing over fences and shall be scored numerically..."

RATIONALE: In recent years, the judging of the Mini Medal Finals has been somewhat inconsistent, both in terms of how the final phase is conducted and how it is judged. In prior years, judges have been unclear about whether the final phase was itself split into two phases – one with all 10 final phase participants, and a 'ride off' with a subset of these final 10. In 2016, the final phase participants were ranked by placing in the final phase but were not assigned a numerical score (like they were in the over fences phase). The result of the approach used in 2016 was to give the final phase of the Mini Medal Finals disproportionately

SECTION D.4 – YEAR END DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS – JUMPERS:

PROPOSAL 23. CHANGE the fence height specifications for **BEGINNING JUMPER** as follows:

Beginning Jumper: "Fence height 0.7~~5~~0m – 0.95m..."

RATIONALE: Several shows run Beginning Jumper classes at heights as low as 0.70m, and several members participated in these classes in 2016 with the expectation that they would earn points at these shows for the Beginning Jumper division. When this issue was brought to the Board's attention well into the 2016 show season, the Board voted to allow points from the 0.70m Beginning Jumper classes to be eligible for year end awards. The Board proposes to implement this rule going forward given the current division specifications offered at the shows.

PROPOSAL 24. ADD certain specifications concerning course designing for **0.70m – 0.80m JUMPER** as follows:

"0.70m – 0.80m Jumper: "At ~~Non-Rated~~Outreach Shows, ~~no in and outs or combinations and~~ show management is encouraged, but not required, to run all classes as Optimum Time in accordance with USEF Rule JP146, Table IV."

RATIONALE: The Board believes it is in the best interests of the membership to prohibit in and outs and combinations in these low-level jumper classes because they present questions on course that are too technical for most riders and horses at that level.

PROPOSAL 25. DELETE the **0.85m – 0.95m JUMPER** division in the **LOCAL SYSTEM** in its entirety

RATIONALE: This particular division exists *only* within the Local System. It is difficult to accurately track points in this division because USEF-Rated shows typically run their classes as 0.85m – 0.90m Jumper and 0.95m – 1.00m Jumper divisions instead, which are the 2 divisions to which points in this 0.85m – 0.95m height range would apply. It is easier for OHJA to track points accurately when there is no cross-over of fence heights.

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SECTION A – OPEN SYSTEM

PROPOSAL 26. CHANGE the list of applicable divisions to reflect newly-adopted USEF division names as follows:

Open/Professional Divisions

~~3' Pre~~-Green Hunter ~~3'~~
~~3'3" Pre~~-Green Hunter ~~3'3"~~
Green ~~Working~~ Hunter ~~3'6"~~
~~Green Hunter 3'9"~~
~~Young Hunter 3'~~
~~Young Hunter 3'3"~~
~~Young Hunter 3'6"~~
Performance Hunter 3'3"
Performance Hunter 3'6" ~~—3'9"~~
Conformation Hunter
High Performance Hunter, ~~4'—4'6"~~

Junior/Amateur Divisions:

Green Pony Hunter
Pony Working Hunter
~~Junior Working Hunter 3'3"~~
Junior Working Hunter
Amateur Owner Working Hunter 3'3"
Amateur Owner Working Hunter

SECTION D.1 – YEAR END DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS - HUNTERS

PROPOSAL 27. CHANGE the names of several USEF-Rated **Hunter Division** to reflect USEF changes as follows:

~~3' Pre~~ Green Hunter 3'

~~3'3" Pre~~ Green Hunter 3'3"

~~Green Working Hunter~~

Green Hunter 3'6"

Green Hunter 3'9"

Young Hunter 3'

Young Hunter 3'3"

Young Hunter 3'6"

Performance Hunter 3'3"

Performance Hunter 3'6" ~~—3'9"~~

High Performance Hunter, ~~4' —4'6"~~