VIRGINIA HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SECTION 28 - ASSOCIATE PROGRAM GUIDELINES
THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATE GUIDELINES SUPERSEDE ALL OTHER VHSA RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PERTAIN TO THE ASSOCIATE PROGRAM ONLY.

Sec. 1. Recognized Divisions.
All Hunter Divisions must have no less and no more than three classes per division, two of which must be over fences. Hunter Pleasure Divisions shall have no less and no more than three classes. If a Pleasure Division has more than three classes only report the first three flat classes for Champion and Reserve. Do not send points for over fences in Pleasure Horse or Pleasure Pony Divisions unless it is one of only three classes.
(a) Working Hunter. Open to animals that are not entered in a pony division at the same show. As a clarification, any animal that competes in a VHSA Associate recognized horse division is ineligible to compete in any VHSA Associate Pony Division at the same show. The VHSA will only accept points for the Working Hunter Division. If a show does not have a Working Hunter Division, but does have an Open Division then we will accept those points toward the Working Hunter Division as long as there are at least three Working Hunter exhibitors competing in the Division and they meet the VHSA division specifications. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division shall be **no lower than 2' 6"**. **The Working Hunter Division can only be combined with the Green Hunter Horse Division and the Thoroughbred Hunter Division. It cannot be combined with any other Division, including non-VHSA Divisions.** It is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate on the results which division each horse's points should be awarded to. *At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the Jump Height for this Division will be 3'.*
(b) Green Horse. A green horse is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing in any classes that require horses to jump the designated height for green horses. The individual shows, show series or Associations determine that height, the only requirement is that in order to accrue points, the jump height be no lower than 2'6". **The Green Hunter may be combined with Working Hunter Division and the Thoroughbred Hunter Division. It cannot be combined with any other division, including non-VHSA Divisions. The Green Hunter Division may be combined with the Green Pony Division if it is not combined with Working Hunter and/or Thoroughbred Hunter at the same show. Do not report points for ponies that were ridden by adults.** It is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate on the results which division each horse's points should be awarded to. A horse's green status is not affected if the horse has not been shown at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st and if it was not shown at that height after September 1st in the same year. In order to maintain green status for the next competition year, the horse must be withdrawn from competition over regulation height and the owner must notify the VHSA office by letter, via certified/return receipt mail on or before November 30th of the year of withdrawal. The horse's name and recording number must be included in the letter. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division shall be no lower than 2' 6". *At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the Jump Height for this Division will be 2'9" to 3'.*
(c)VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Hunter. The VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Hunter Division is limited to horses who are registered with or are eligible to be registered with the Jockey Club. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division shall be no lower than 2'6". **The VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Hunter Division may only be combined with the Working Hunter and the Green Hunter. It cannot be combined with any other Division, including non-VHSA Divisions.** It is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate on the results which division each horse's points should be awarded to. At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the jump height for this division will be 2'9" to 3'0". Only the top twenty point accruers, including ties, will be eligible to compete at the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show. Horses must be registered with the VHSA and owners must be current VHSA members in order to accrue points towards VHSA Associate year-end awards.
(d)Junior/Children's. Open to horses ridden by Juniors. If a show sends in results for a Junior's Division and results in for a Children's Division, the VHSA will count points for the same horse from only one division. If the Children's and Adult's Divisions are combined, then it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the Child and which is the Adult. The VHSA will not accept any points for any Juniors on ponies. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division shall be no lower than 2' 6". ***The Junior/Children's Division may only be combined with the Amateur Division.*** *At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show, jump height for this Division will be 3'.*
(e) Adult Amateur. Open to horses ridden by an Adult Amateur. The Adult Amateur definition is the same as the definition accepted by the VHSA Regular Program. Each Amateur/Adult should be capable of signing a statement to

that effect. It is the responsibility of each show and/or horse show organization to police the Amateur status of its participants. If the Children's and Adult Divisions are combined, then it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the child and which is the adult. Amateurs on ponies may not accumulate points in this division. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division shall be no lower than 2' 6". ***The Adult Amateur Division may only be combined with the Junior/Children's Division.*** *At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the Jump Height for this Division will be 3'.*

(f) Small-Medium Pony. Open to ponies ridden by Juniors. If this division is combined with the Large Pony Division, then it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate the size of each pony. **All VHSA Associate Pony Divisions including unjudged and warm-up classes are restricted to Junior riders only.** In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division shall be no lower than Small 2', Medium 2'3". **The Small/Medium Pony Division may be combined with the Large Pony Division and the Green Pony Division.** *At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the Jump Heights for this Division will be Small - 2', Medium - 2'3".*

(g) Large Pony. Open to ponies ridden by Juniors. If this division is combined with the Small-Medium Pony Division, then it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate the size of each pony. **All VHSA Associate Pony Divisions including unjudged and warm-up classes are restricted to Junior riders only.** In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division shall be no lower than 2'6". ***The Large Pony Division may be combined with the Small/Medium Pony Division and the Green Pony Division.*** *At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the Jump Height for this Division will be 2'6".*

(h) Green Pony. Open to ponies ridden by Juniors. If this division is combined with the Green Horse Division, then it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate which is the horse and which is the pony. **All VHSA Associate Pony Divisions including unjudged and warm-up classes are restricted to Junior riders only.** A Green Pony is a pony of any age in his first or second year of showing in any classes that require ponies to jump the designated height for green pony. New for 2025: Ponies are allowed to show two years as Green Ponies. If the Pony was shown in Green Pony in 2024, then the pony may have their Second Green Year in 2025 (or future years). However, the VHSA Associate Program will not recognize Second Year Green Pony for any Green Pony shown as a Green Pony prior to the 2024 Competition Year. A pony's green status is not affected if the pony has not been shown at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st and if it was not shown at that height after September 1st in the same year. In order to maintain green status for the next competition year, the pony must be withdrawn from competition over regulation height and the owner must notify the VHSA office by letter, via certified/return receipt mail on or before November 30th of the year of withdrawal. The pony's name and recording number must be included in the letter. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division shall be no lower than Small 2', Medium 2'3", Large 2'6". ***The Green Pony Division may be combined with the Pony Hunter Division or the Green Hunter Division if the Green Hunter Division has not combined with the Working Hunter Division.*** *At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the Jump Heights for this Division will be Small - 2', Medium - 2'3", Large - 2'6".*

(i) Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse. Open to horses shown with hunter tack on the flat and, if applicable, over fences ridden by an Adult. Points for over fences will be accepted along with on the flat only if over fences is currently part of the show's Hunter Pleasure Division. It is acceptable for Associate Horse Shows to combine the Adult Hunter Pleasure and the Junior Pleasure Hunter Divisions, however, it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate on the results which is the Adult rider and which is the Junior rider. **The Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse Division may only be combined with the Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse and/or the Pleasure Pony Hunter Division.** Horses may cross enter into another VHSA Associate Pleasure Division at same show.

(j) Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse. Open to horses shown with hunter tack on the flat and, if applicable, over fences ridden by a Junior. Points for over fences will be accepted along with on the flat only if over fences is currently part of the show's Hunter Pleasure Division. It is acceptable for Associate Horse Shows to combine the Adult Hunter Pleasure and the Junior Pleasure Hunter Divisions, however, it is the Show Secretary's responsibility to indicate on the results which is the Adult rider and which is the Junior rider. **The Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse Division may only be combined with the Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse and/or the Pleasure Pony Hunter Division.** Horses may cross enter into another VHSA Associate Pleasure Division at same show.

(k) Hunter Pleasure Pony. Open to ponies shown with hunter tack on the flat and, if applicable, over fences, ridden by a Junior. Points for over fences will be accepted along with on the flat only if over fences is currently part of the show's Hunter Pleasure Division.

The Hunter Pleasure Pony Division may only be combined with the Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse and/or the Junior Hunter Pleasure Division. All VHSA Associate Pony Divisions including unjudged and warm-up classes is restricted to Junior riders only.

(l) Hunter Short Stirrup. Open to horses and ponies ridden by children 12 years and under, however, shows may specify a lower age limit, i.e., 10 years and under. The division will consist of three (3) classes, two over fence classes and a walk, trot, canter under saddle class. **Short Stirrup riders, ponies and horses may not cross enter into any other VHSA Associate Division or a VHSA Associate rated Equitation Class with the exception of VHSA Associate Junior Equitation On The Flat and Pleasure Pony or Pleasure Horse at any show in which they exhibit in the Short Stirrup Division**. Short Stirrup riders will be limited to no more than two (2) entries in the Short Stirrup Division at any one horse show. The jump height for this division shall be decided by individual horse shows, but should be no lower than 18" and no higher than 2' with a minimum of four (4) jumps**. The Short Stirrup division cannot be combined with any other Division.** *At the year-end Championship show Short Stirrup riders may cross enter into the Equitation on the Flat, Pleasure Horse or Pleasure Pony Division. At the year-end Championship show Short Stirrup ponies and horses may cross enter into the Equitation on the Flat, Pleasure Horse, Pleasure Pony and any non-point division, i.e., Special Hunters. At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the Short Stirrup Division will be split nine (9) years and under and ten to twelve (10-12) years old (show age). At the VHSA Associate Championship show the jump height will be approximately 18" and may include changes of direction.*

(m) VHSA Pony Equitation Class. Open to Juniors mounted on ponies. The judges may select at least one-fourth of the class to show at a walk, trot, and canter and to perform additional tests at the judge's discretion. Jump heights can be determined by each show. Shows are allowed to combine any of the three Equitation classes, however, the secretary must specify on the results sheet by each rider's name as to which class points should be applied to (i.e., Pony, Junior or Adult). A rider can only participate in one Associate Equitation Class per show, with the exception of the VHSA Equitation on the Flat Class. The Associate Equitation Classes cannot be a part of the "Regular" VHSA Equitation Medal Classes, however, they can be a part of any other Equitation Class, for example: XYZ Horse Show Association/VHSA Associate Pony Equitation Class and must be listed in the horse show's Prize List as such. **The rider must be a VHSA member or the points will not count towards the Associate year-end Championship.** If anyone shows in this class and is not a member they will not receive points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class. Equitation Classes at the Associate Championship Horse Show will be double points. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the heights for this class shall be no lower than small 2', medium 2'3", and large 2' 6". *At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the Jump Heights for this Class will be Small - 2', Medium - 2'3", Large - 2'9".*

(n) VHSA Children's/Junior Equitation Class. Open to Juniors mounted on horses. The judges may select at least one-fourth of the class to show at a walk, trot, and canter and to perform additional tests at the judge's discretion. Jump heights can be determined by each show. Shows are allowed to combine any of the three Equitation classes, however, the secretary must specify on the results sheet by each rider's name as to which class points should be applied to (i.e., Pony, Junior or Adult). A rider can only participate in one Associate Equitation Class per show, with the exception of the VHSA Equitation on the Flat Class. The Associate Equitation Classes cannot be a part of the "Regular" VHSA Equitation Medal Classes, however, they can be a part of any other Equitation Class, for example: XYZ Horse Show Association/VHSA Associate Pony Equitation Class and must be listed in the horse show's Prize List as such. **The rider must be a VHSA member or the points will not count towards the Associate year-end Championship.** If anyone shows in this class and is not a member they will not receive points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class. Equitation Classes at the Associate Championship Horse Show will be double points. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this class shall be no lower than 2'6". *At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the Jump Height for this Class will be 3'.*

(o) VHSA Adult Amateur Equitation Class. Open to Adult Amateurs mounted on horses. The judges may select at least one-fourth of the class to show at a walk, trot, and canter and to perform additional tests at the judge's discretion. Jump heights can be determined by each show. Shows are allowed to combine any of the three Equitation classes, however, the secretary must specify on the results sheet by each rider's name as to which class points should be applied to (i.e., Pony, Junior or Adult). A rider can only participate in one Associate Equitation Class per show, with the exception of the VHSA Equitation on the Flat Class. The Associate Equitation Classes cannot be a part of the "Regular" VHSA Equitation Medal Classes, however, they can be a part of any other Equitation Class, for example: XYZ Horse Show Association/VHSA Associate Pony Equitation Class and must be listed in the horse show's Prize List as such. **The rider must be a VHSA member or the points will not count towards the Associate year-end Championship.** If anyone shows in this class and is not a member they will not receive points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class. Equitation Classes at the Associate Championship Horse Show will be double points. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this class shall be no lower than 2'6". *At the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show the Jump Height for this Class will be 3'.*

(p) VHSA Junior Equitation on the Flat 15-17. Open to riders who have reached their 15th birthday by December

1st of the calendar year, but not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the calendar year. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control and guidance. Tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. **The rider must be a VHSA member or the points will not count towards the Associate year-end Championship.** If anyone shows in this class and is not a member they will not receive points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class. Equitation Classes at the Associate Championship Horse Show will be double points. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the Flat 14 & under and/or the Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat.

(q) VHSA Junior Equitation on the Flat 14 & Under. Open to riders who have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1st of the calendar year. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control and guidance. Tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. **The rider must be a VHSA member or the points will not count towards the Associate year-end Championship.** If anyone shows in this class and is not a member they will not receive points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class. Equitation Classes at the Associate Championship Horse Show will be double points. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the Flat 15-17 and/or the Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat.

(r) VHSA Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat. Open to amateurs 18 years of age and older. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control and guidance. Tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. **The rider must be a VHSA member or the points will not count towards the Associate year-end Championship.** If anyone shows in this class and is not a member they will not receive points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class. Equitation Classes at the Associate Championship Horse Show will be double points. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the Flat 15-17 and/or the Junior Equitation on the Flat 14 & Under.

Jumper Specifications:

(s) Pre-Novice Jumper. Open to horses and ponies. Riders in this division may only cross enter into any class lower than 3' if otherwise eligible. Fence height shall not be lower than 2' or greater than 2'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Showing in this division does not break novice status. Associations may submit points for their jumper divisions that have the same specifications as VHSA Associate Jumper Divisions. However, shows must use the VHSA Division names on their result sheets.

(t) Pre-Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper. Open to children and adult amateurs. Riders in this division may only cross enter into any class lower than 3' if otherwise eligible. Fence height shall not be lower than 2' or greater than 2'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Showing in this division does not break novice status. **Professionals may only ride unjudged rounds in this division.** Associations may submit points for their jumper divisions that have the same specifications as VHSA Associate Jumper Divisions. However, shows must use the VHSA Division names on their result sheets.

****Pre-Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper and Pre-Novice Jumper classes may be run together, with separate points reported to the Associate Program.**

(u) Novice Jumper. Open to horses and ponies in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in jumper classes at 2'6" or higher as of December 1st of the current show year. Horses and ponies in this division may only cross enter into the Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper if rider is eligible, Thoroughbred Jumper and Low Jumper or any other class that does not exceed 3'0" at the same show. The jump/fence heights in each class shall be no lower than 2'3" and no higher than 2'6". Associations may submit points for their jumper divisions that have the same specifications as VHSA Associate Jumper Divisions. However, shows must use the VHSA Division names on their result sheets.

(v) Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper: Open to children and adult amateurs in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in jumper classes at 2'6" or higher as of December 1st of the current show year. Riders in this division may only cross enter into the Novice Jumper if horse is eligible, Thoroughbred Jumper and Low Jumper or any other class that does not exceed 3'0" at the same show. The jump/fence heights in each class shall be no lower than 2'3" and no higher than 2'6". Associations may submit points for their jumper divisions that have the same specifications as VHSA Associate Jumper Divisions. However, shows must use the VHSA Division names on their result sheets.

****Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper and Novice Jumper classes may be run together, with separate points reported to the Associate Program.**

(w) Low Jumper. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points in this division the jump/fence heights in each class shall be no lower than 2'6" in height and no greater than 3' in height. Spreads shall be no greater than height of the fence. Associations may submit points for their jumper divisions that have the same specifications as VHSA Associate Jumper

Divisions. However, shows must use the VHSA Division names on their result sheets.
(x) Schooling Jumper. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points in this division the jump/fence heights in each class shall be no lower than 3' in height and no greater than 3'6" in height. Spreads shall be no greater than the height of the fence. Associations may submit points for their jumper divisions that have the same specifications as VHSA Associate Jumper Divisions. However, shows must use the VHSA Division names on their result sheets.
(y) Modified Jumper. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points in this division the jump/fence heights in each class shall be no lower than 3'6" in height and no greater than 4' in height. Spreads shall be no greater than the height of the fence. Associations may submit points for their jumper divisions that have the same specifications as VHSA Associate Jumper Divisions. However, shows must use the VHSA Division names on their result sheets.
(z) Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points in this division the jump/fence heights in each class shall be no lower than 2'6" in height and no greater than 3'3" in height. Spreads shall be no greater than the height of the fence. Associations may submit points for their Jumper Divisions that have the same specifications as VHSA Associate Jumper Divisions. However, shows must use the VHSA Division names on their result sheets.
(aa) VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Jumper. The VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Jumper Division is limited to horses who are registered with or are eligible to be registered with the Jockey Club. In order to accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division the jump/fence heights in each class shall be no lower than 2'6" and no higher than 3'0". Spreads shall be no greater than height of the fence. The VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Jumper Division may not be combined with any other VHSA Associate recognized division with the exception of the Low Jumpers when necessary. Horses must be registered with the VHSA and owners must be current VHSA members in order to accrue points towards VHSA Associate year-end awards.

All Jumper Divisions shall consist of no less than two (2) classes and no more than three (3) classes**.** If you have a division with more than three (3) classes only submit results from the first three classes and only use those classes to compute Champion and Reserve Champion points. There must be at least two (2) exhibitors who complete the course in order for that respective class to count. **Any other combination must jump their respective height.**

Sec. 2. VHSA Associate Championship Show.
(a) Exhibitors do not have to bring a measurement card to the VHSA Associate Championship Show.
(b) Qualifications. 1) A rider must have shown at five Associate Shows as a current VHSA member throughout the show season. 1a) Any rider that shows at any of the current year indoor shows as spelled out in section 2(b)5) must have shown in a total of eight Associate shows as a member throughout the show season in order to compete at the Associate Championship Horse Show. 2) A horse must have been shown at five Associate Shows as a VHSA recorded horse and must be shown under it's recorded name and as owned by it's currently recorded owner who must be a current VHSA member. 3) Associate Horse Shows will only be allowed to be held through the last full weekend in October or depending on the calendar, no Hunter shows will be recognized by the VHSA Associate Program at least two weeks prior to the VHSA Associate Championship Hunter Horse Show. 4) The top twenty according to points accrued will receive automatic entry into the Associate Championship Show provided their correct, completed entry form has been received by the close of entries per the current year's prize list. All others will be taken on a first come, first serve basis, per the postmark on the entry form and points accrued. All divisions will be restricted in number. 5) A horse or pony that has participated in the current year indoor horse shows (Washington International, Harrisburg, The National Horse show) in any division that is the same or similar to any division for which the Associate Program offers a high score award will not be eligible to compete in that same or similar division in the current year-end Associate Championship Show. Local Day, Hunt Night, Equitation Finals, Side Saddle, and Marshall Sterling are among the exceptions to this rule.
(c) As a service to our Associate sanctioned horse shows, any VHSA member who has an outstanding horse show debt with one of our recognized horse shows will be ineligible, as well as the horses recorded in their name, to compete in the VHSA ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW. Once the VHSA has received written confirmation from the horse show that the debt has been cleared, that individual and horses recorded in their name will again be in good standing and eligible to compete at the VHSA ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW.
In order to utilize this service the debt must be at least thirty days in arrears and the member horse show must notify the VHSA office in writing with the horse show name, date, horse show contact person with telephone number/e-mail address, debtors name, amount owed and for what reason. There is a $10 charge for this service to cover the "Certified" mailing expenses. The exception to this is any debt occurred within thirty days of the Championship Horse Show can be expedited by providing the VHSA office with the afore mentioned information.

Sec. 3. VHSA Associate Recognized Horse Show Requirements.

(a) Competition applications and dues must be received by the VHSA office thirty (30) days prior to the competition date. If less than thirty (30) days, there will be a late fine of $100 in addition to the competition fees. If less than five days from the competition date, the late fine is $200 in addition to the competition fees. After the first late filing fee, each late fee, thereafter, will increase by an additional $50 per competition date for the remainder of the show calendar year. After multiple late fines and/or rule infractions, the VHSA reserves the right to remove or no longer sanction that specific Horse Show/Series as part of the Associate Program. All applications received by the VHSA office without the proper dues will automatically be returned to the Show Manager. Only those competition dates that have been paid will be recognized by the VHSA and listed on the Associate Horse Show Calendar. Competition dues are $65 per show or $50 per day for consecutive multiple day shows. Competition Managers must be current VHSA members.

(b) All Horse Shows that want to be VHSA Associate recognized are required to provide the Virginia Horse Shows Association a Certificate of Insurance naming the VHSA as additional insured for each horse show date. The insurance should be a minimum of 1 million per occurrence/2 million aggregate. ***The Certificate of Liability Insurance MUST be received at least fourteen (14) days prior to the competition date or there will be a $100 late fine. Any show that does not have a Certificate of Liability Insurance on file a week (7 days) prior to the competition date will not be VHSA sanctioned and removed from the calendar.**

c) A horse show must offer four (4) Associate Divisions in order to be recognized as a VHSA Associate horse show. **Exception:** Jumper shows **(only)** may have less than four divisions, but at least two VHSA Associate Divisions in order to be recognized as a VHSA Associate horse show.

(d) In order to be an approved VHSA Associate Horse Show, horse show management must provide the VHSA office with a current prize list thirty (30) days prior to the competition date, so the prize list can be reviewed and approved by the VHSA Associate Executive Committee and/or Associate Committee Chairman. If the competition's proposed prize list is not received in the office at least 30 days prior to the requested competition date, a $50 fine will be imposed. Any revisions, corrections or additions to the prize list must be resubmitted prior to the competition date for final approval. The VHSA Associate Executive Committee specifically reserves the right to withhold prize list and show approval if a prize list is not in complete compliance with all VHSA Associate rules and regulations. The VHSA and the VHSA Associate Program are not responsible for the final content of any prize list

(e) All Associate Equitation Classes must be designated as one of the following and must be listed in the Prize List as such: VHSA Associate Pony Equitation Class; VHSA Associate Children's/Junior Equitation Class; VHSA Associate Adult Amateur Equitation Class. **If not listed in the Prize List they will not be accepted by the VHSA office.** The Associate Equitation Classes cannot be a part of the "Regular" VHSA Equitation Classes, however, they can be a part of any other Equitation Class, for example: XYZ Horse Show Association/VHSA Associate Pony Equitation Class.

(f) VHSA Associate Horse Show competition dates will not be awarded to USEF rated horse shows except by special permission of the Associate Executive Committee. The Associate Executive Committee reserves the right to award all VHSA Associate Horse Show competition dates. The Associate Executive Committee shall have the authority to take away or not grant Associate recognition, if in its judgement a show or shows do not maintain a reasonable standard of conduct or safety and/or are not in or do not represent the best interest of the Associate Program.

(g) Associate Horse Show Judge Requirements. All VHSA Associate Hunter Horse Shows will be required to have an approved VHSA Associate Judge to adjudicate said horse shows. The VHSA Associate approved Judges list can be found on the VHSA website (www.vhsa.com) and will be updated periodically. If a person feels they have been incorrectly omitted and/or wish to be added to the list, they will need to submit their resume listing their judging experience in detail to the VHSA Associate Judges Clinic & Officials Committee via the VHSA office in Warrenton, Virginia and their request will be considered. The people on the approved list will be considered Licensed VHSA Associate Judges. If a show wishes to use a judge not presently on the approved list, they will need to contact the VHSA Associate Judges Clinic & Officials Committee via the VHSA office in Warrenton, Virginia. All judges, including USEF licensed "r'/"R" judges, must be current VHSA members to be eligible. If a Show Manager would like to have a "Guest Judge" who is a current licensed "r" and/or "R" USEF Judge for a horse show, there will be a one time exception per year for the "Guest Judge" so that they would not have to be a current VHSA member. The Show Manager must apply for a "Guest Judge" to the VHSA office in writing at least two weeks prior to the competition date. All persons who are on the approved Judges list are expected to be familiar with the VHSA Rule Book and especially the VHSA Associate Guidelines in Section 28 of the VHSA Rule Book. If persons on the approved list do not renew their VHSA membership yearly, their names will be removed from the list. All persons on the approved list are included at the discretion of the VHSA Associate Judges Clinic & Officials Committee. It is Show Managements responsibility to ensure each judges eligibility and if a show does not fulfill this requirement, it will be subject to a $200 fine and the possibility of forfeiture future show dates.

Sec. 4. Reporting Show Results.
(a) Show results must be received in the VHSA office within fourteen (14) days of the competition date including any VHSA membership/horse recording applications received at the show. Any discrepancies regarding a member/horse recording activation date must be resolved within 30 days or activation date will stand as is. If the show results are later than the fourteen (14) day deadline, the show will incur a $100 penalty the **first time**, a $125 penalty the second time, a $150 penalty the third time, and the fourth time that horse show association/series will no longer be recognized by the VHSA. All shows that are late must pay the penalty and send the results into the VHSA office no later than thirty (30) days from the competition date in order to continue being recognized by the VHSA for the remainder of the show year and the following show year. **Results that are incomplete/incorrect due to illegible handwriting or not specifying on combined divisions which division/size/Child or Adult the points should go towards will be returned to the Show Secretary with an "incomplete service charge" of $50. The corrected results must be returned to the VHSA office within seven days of receipt or the show will incur a $100 late fine. If all charges are not paid, then future shows will not be recognized by the VHSA and the show will forfeit all paid competition fees. Any VHSA Membership/Horse Recording Applications received at show must be submitted to the VHSA office within fourteen (14) days of the competition date. If the Applications are not sent with the results, it is mandatory that a note is included with the show name and the show date so the applications are dated properly. Applications that are not received in the VHSA office within 14 days the show will incur a $100 penalty.**
(b) If an Associate Horse Show has been cancelled and/or rescheduled, then it is the Show Manager/Secretary's responsibility to notify the VHSA office in writing (e-mail is acceptable). The VHSA office must be notified within five (5) days if a horse show is either cancelled or rescheduled in writing. Failure to notify the VHSA office of any cancellations and/or date changed will result in the **competition dues being forfeited**.
c) If two divisions are combined, i.e., Hunter Pleasure Horse and Pony, then the Show Secretary must specify by each animal whether they are a horse or pony. **Points from any Divisions that are not allowed to be combined at the show will not be counted and there is a $50 penalty for not abiding by the VHSA Associate Rules.**
(d) Only list the placement, do not list the points.
(e) List the total number of entries of exhibitors who successfully complete the course in each class in the space provided on the results sheets.
(f) The VHSA requires all VHSA Associate recognized horse shows to keep on file the Judge's Cards and the results for every recognized horse show for one full year from the date of show. If a show fails to maintain these records for the full year, they will incur a $100 fine and the first offense would place the horse show on probation for one year. The second offense would incur a $100 fine and the VHSA will no longer recognize the horse show.

Sec. 5. No credit will be given in any classes with less than three entries*.
In Hunter (performance) classes over fences a minimum of three (3) entries must complete each course over fences in order for that class to count***.** The under saddle class in a hunter division must have a minimum of three (3) entries that have competed in the respective division for it to count. ***In the Jumper Divisions, there must be at least two (2) exhibitors who complete the course in order for that respective class to count. In order to compete in a performance division under saddle class the entry must have exhibited and completed a minimum of one over fence class in that division.** The Championship and Reserve Championship and its respective points can be awarded if two of the three classes in the division have been completed according to specifications.

In the Hunter Pleasure Division two (2) out of the three classes offered must be completed according to specifications in order to award the Championship and Reserve Championship and its respective points.
In VHSA Associate Equitation classes a minium of three (3) entries must complete the course and the under saddle phase in order for the points to count.

As a special reminder, during any performance class any rider who falls off while in the ring is not allowed under any circumstances to remount in the ring .

No divisions or classes may be combined once the first class in a division has been started or in the case of an equitation class once the first exhibitor has entered the ring. If classes are combined due to insufficient entries (i.e., Hunter Pleasure Horse and Hunter Pleasure Pony, then the Show Secretary must specify by each animal whether they are a horse or pony).

Championships must be offered in all Hunter, Pleasure and Jumper Divisions. A total of 3 classes (Jumper Divisions - a minimum of 2 classes and a maximum of 3 classes) must be offered to qualify for the Championships. For Hunter

Divisions this means 2 Over Fences classes and 1 Under Saddle class must be offered.

For Hunters the Championship and Reserve Championship are awarded to the top two of the four horses/ponies acquiring the most points competing over a regulation course at the full height required in the Division as stated in the prize list. In addition to these points, only these four horses/ponies receive full points towards Champion and Reserve for ribbons won in the Under Saddle class. In case of a tie, the Championship is awarded to the horse/pony with the most points over fences. If the tied horses/ponies have an equal number of points Over Fences and no points Under Saddle, the tied horses/ponies must be shown at a walk, trot and canter and judged as a separate competition to break the tie. With permission of the exhibitors involved, in the tie, they may flip a coin to decide.

For Pleasure the Championship and Reserve Championship are awarded to the top two horses/ponies acquiring the most points throughout the 3 classes. In case of a tie, there will be a hack-off between the tied horses/ponies judged as a separate competition to break the tie, or with permission of the exhibitors involved, they may flip a coin to decide.

For Jumpers in individual classes, exhibitors who are tied for 1st place after the initial rounds must jump off, refer to USEF Rule JP141. Exhibitors who are tied for other than 1st place may either remain tied or be placed according to their times taken to complete the course in the 1st round, if so stated in the prize list. Exhibitors may toss a coin to decide who gets what ribbon, unless management has provided extra ribbons. The placings shall be made as if all ties are broken, i.e., if 2 are tied for 2nd place no 3rd place will be awarded, or if 4 are tied for 3rd place, no other ribbons will be awarded unless 7th place is awarded, because if the tie was broken these places would be awarded. For Championship points, the points for the tied position down to the next awarded position will be added together and divided between the tied mounts. For example in the above examples, the two mounts in the 2nd place tie would each get 5 points (6 + 4 = 10 divided by 2 = 5). If a tie exists for Champion, all tied mounts will remain tied and no Reserve Championship will be awarded. For points towards year-end awards, the Championship and Reserve Championship points will be added together and divided equally among the tied mounts. If a tie exists for Reserve Champion all tied mounts will remain tied and the points for Reserve Championship will be divided equally among the tied mounts.

The following point system is for the 2026 Associate Horse Show Season for Hunter, Equitation and Jumpers. Each horse show is required to use this point system during their horse show and especially when pinning Champion and Reserve. If a show does not use the following point system, they will not be following the VHSA rules and will be considered not in good standing which may cause possible removal of VHSA sanctioning for any future shows.

Number of Exhibitors	***1st***	***2nd***	***3rd***	***4th***	***5th***	***6th***
3* exhibitors up to 5 exhibitors	10	6	4	2	1	.5
6 exhibitors up to 9 exhibitors	11	7	5	3	2	1.5
10 exhibitors or higher	12	8	6	4	3	2.5

**with the exception of Jumper Divisions which is allowed a minimum of 2 exhibitors to complete the course (Hunters must have a minimum of 3 to complete the course)*

Champion: 10 points Reserve: 6 points

The number of exhibitors for the Division will be determined by the number of horses or ponies shown successfully (completed the course) in the first performance (over fences) class of all Hunter Divisions and the number of horses or ponies shown in the first class of the Hunter Pleasure Divisions.

We still require three (3) entries to fill a Hunter class, but will award a Champion and Reserve if there are a minimum of three (3)entries in any two (2) of the three (3) classes offered.

Jumpers may offer only two (2) classes for a division with a minimum of two exhibitors who successfully complete the course. Champion and Reserve points will be given if there are a minimum of two entries in one of the two classes offered.

The Associate Championship Horse Show will award double points and additional 10 and 6 points for Championship and Reserve. Year end points will only include the exhibitor's top ten best horse shows, plus any points accrued at the Championship Show will be added to the exhibitor's top ten for the final year end total. With the exception of the VHSA Associate Equitation Classes which will be total points for year-end.

Sec. 6. General Rules

(a) It is up to the exhibitor to rectify their point discrepancies thru May 31st by July 31st, or the points prior to May 31st will stand as is. It is also up to the exhibitor to rectify their point discrepancies by October 31st, or the points after May 31st and prior to October 31st will stand as is. All points are final as of November 20th. Any discrepancies regarding a member/horse recording activation date must be resolved within 30 days or activation date will stand as is.

(b) The Associate year will end with the Associate Championship Horse Show. Associate Horse Shows will only be allowed to be held through the last full weekend in October, with restrictions, or depending on the calendar, no Hunter shows will be recognized by the VHSA Associate Program at least two weeks prior to the VHSA Associate Championship Hunter Horse Show. The new Associate show year will not begin until after the VHSA Convention weekend.

(c) Associate Show Managers have to be a VHSA Senior Member and a minimum of 21 years of age at the time that the Competition Application is submitted to the VHSA office in order for their show(s) to be VHSA recognized. If a Show Manager's farm is already recorded with the VHSA, then it is not necessary for the Show Manager to become an individual member. If the show results are received in the VHSA office and the Manager and/or the farm is not a current VHSA Member, then a $100 fine will be imposed.

(d) All protests, charges and/or grievances concerning the VHSA Associate Program, VHSA Associate Horse Shows, or the VHSA Associate Year-End Championship Horse Show, must be referred to the VHSA Associate Executive Committee via the VHSA office, 400 Rosedale Court, Suite 100 Warrenton, VA 20186. The office must be notified within (5) five working days of the alleged violation or it will not be considered. Protest can only be filed by VHSA members, officials of the Horse Show or the parent of a Junior member. With the exception of show officials, a protest can only be filed by a member or the parent of a Junior member that have participated in the horse show in question, and in the class, classes or division in which the alleged violation occurred. All protests must be accompanied by a deposit of $100 made out to the VHSA Associate Program. In the case of a protest, charge or grievance, the Associate Executive Committee will be guided by, but not held to established protest rules as stated in Rule 9, Part III, of the VHSA Rule Book. The maker of a protest or charge must be prepared to substantiate the protest or charge by personal testimony at a hearing or by sworn statements, witnesses or other evidence. In all cases, the findings, decisions and disciplinary actions, if warranted by the VHSA Associate Executive Committee will be final. It should be noted that the Associate Program is designed to allow participating horse shows, horse show series, horse show associations and their individual members an opportunity to compete for state year-end awards and to participate in a year-end Championship show. Many of the participating groups have guidelines and specifications that vary from others, the only requirement is that they all adhere to the Associate guide lines. In that vein, it should be pointed out that the Associate Executive Committee will not handle all protests, charges or grievances submitted, but in many cases they will be referred back to the participating show, horse show series or association to be resolved.

(e) The VHSA Associate Program does not currently have a pony measurement program in place. The VHSA Associate Program does, however, require that each pony owner be able to sign a statement that their pony is being shown in it's correct division by height as spelled out in the VHSA Regular rules.

All ponies are subject to being measured at the VHSA Associate Championship Horse Show.

(f) As a service to our Associate sanctioned horse shows, any VHSA member who has an outstanding horse show debt with one of our Associate recognized horse shows will be ineligible, as well as the horses recorded in their name, to continue to accrue VHSA points as well as compete in the VHSA ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW. Once the VHSA has received written confirmation from the horse show that the debt has been cleared, that individual and horses recorded in their name will again be in good standing and eligible for points and also to compete at the VHSA ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW if eligible.

In order to utilize this service the debt must be at least thirty days in arrears and the member horse show must notify the VHSA office in writing with the horse show name, date, horse show contact person with telephone number/e-mail address, debtors name, amount owed and for what reason. There is a $10 charge for this service to cover the "Certified" mailing expenses. The exception to this is any debt occurred within thirty days of the Championship Horse Show can be expedited by providing the VHSA office with the afore mentioned information.

(g) In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe while competing, the rider or handler must stop to address the situation without penalty. If the rider knowingly continues, they will be eliminated. In case of the jump(s) falling over due to weather or act of God, the rider must remain in the ring until receiving instructions from the judge(s) or be eliminated. In this instance, the decision of the judge(s) is final.

(h) The Hunter Division is open to horses, stallions, mares or geldings. However, stallions are prohibited from exhibiting in all Equitation Classes as well Junior/Children Exhibitors' and pony classes/divisions. Stallions may be ridden in all other Hunter Divisions that are not restricted to Junior/Children's.

(i) Adults may ride ponies at a show, as long as the animal is not entered in a pony restricted division at the same show.

Sec. 7. VHSA Medal Classes

For now there is no restriction on having a licensed judge for the VHSA Medal Classes at Associate Shows.

(a) Entries shall not have reached their 18th birthday. Shows are encouraged to offer adult equitation classes for riders who have reached their 18th birthday.

(b) In equitation classes only the rider is being judged, therefore any horse suitable for a particular style of riding and capable of performing the required class routine is acceptable. Stallions are prohibited. In Hunter Seat classes, the fall of horse or rider shall eliminate a contender. If such fall (or three disobediences in a Hunter Seat competition) occurs during a ride-off, the rider shall be placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off. Any rider not having his mount under sufficient control shall be dismissed from the ring and shall be disqualified from that class. Riders must remain on the same mount throughout all phases of an equitation class until the judge requests a change.

(c) Offering of money prizes in Equitation classes is forbidden.

(d) To be eligible for Junior, Children's or Pony VHSA High Score Awards, VHSA Equitation Classes restricted to Junior riders, and VHSA Special Awards restricted to Junior riders, a Junior exhibitor may not receive remuneration for riding as a competitor in any classes at VHSA member shows. Remuneration for this purpose shall be defined as payment, directly or indirectly, of money or its equivalent for the service of riding in competition. This does not include reasonable reimbursement for documented expenses nor a reasonable gift (other than money or its equivalent).

Sec. 8. Appointments.

(a) Personal. Exhibitors and judges should bear in mind at all times entries are being judged on ability rather than on personal attire. Riders should wear conservative coats , breeches (or Jodhpurs), and boots. Protective, conservative colored head gear with no additional adornments is mandatory. Spurs, crops or bat optional. Judges may penalize riders not so attired.

(b) Tack. Regulation snaffles, pelhams, full bridles, all with cavesson nosebands are recommended. Martingales are optional in classes over jumps. They are prohibited in classes not to jump. Any change of equipment during a class and non-conventional tack or equipment may be penalized at the discretion of the judge. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted.

Sec. 9. Class Routine.

(a) Over Jumps. The performance begins when the horse enters the ring or is given the signal to proceed after entering the ring. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider's ability. A refusal is considered a major fault and three refusals, cumulative will eliminate. If a refusal occurs in a double or triple, riders shall rejump all elements of the combination. Any or all rider may be called back to perform at a walk, trot and canter, or to execute any appropriate test required by the judge, according to class requirements. The following constitute major faults and may be cause for elimination: (1) a refusal; (2) loss of stirrup; (3) trotting while on course when not part of test; (4) loss of reins. Classes shall be held over reasonable jumps. Types shall be left to the discretion of management. In Maiden, Novice, Limit and classes for under 14 years, jumps shall not exceed 3', wings at least 30" wide are compulsory. In Intermediate jumps shall not exceed 3'3". Open, Medal and classes for 14 to 18 years, jumps shall not exceed 3'6", wings are optional. A change of lead and a combination is required in Limit and Open classes. Combinations are prohibited in classes restricted to Juniors 12 years old and under unless required in specific association's classes.

(b) Not to Jump. Rider shall enter ring, and shall proceed at least once around ring at each gait, and on command, reverse and repeat. The order to reverse may be executed by turning either towards or away from the rail. Light contact with horse's mouth is required. Any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests required by the judge. All tests used must be on the flat. Riders may be asked to work collectively without stirrups in 14 and Over and Open classes.

Sec. 10. Class Specifications.

(a) VHSA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EQUITATION ON THE FLAT CLASS. Open to Junior members of the VHSA, who have not reached their 18th birthday, mounted on horses. Rider must be a member of the VHSA before the class. All riders must show all working gaits (walk, trot, and canter) in both directions as well as lengthening of stride at all working gaits in each direction. The sitting trot should be a working sitting trot. The counter canter in both directions is required and no more than 12 riders may counter canter at one time. The judge may request additional tests on the flat as a group or individually. Martingales are prohibited. Qualifying points for finals awarded on the same basis as for the VHSA Hunter Seat Medal Over Fences. There must be at least three (3) exhibitors to fill the class and three (3) exhibitors must complete the class in order for that particular class to count. Six Ribbons. This Medal can be combined with the VHSA Amateur Equitation on the Flat Medal Class and can also be combined with the MHSA Junior Equitation on the Flat Medal Class. In the Finals, same testing applies.

(b) VHSA PONY EQUITATION MEDAL CLASS. Open to Junior Members of the VHSA who have not reached their 18th birthday. Rider must be a member of VHSA prior to entry in the class. To be ridden on ponies over a course of not less than 6 obstacles; 2'3" for ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands, 2'6" for ponies over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands, and ponies over 13.2 hands not exceeding 14.2 hands jump 2'9" - 3'. Jumping faults of mount not to count. Fall of pony or rider or three disobediences shall eliminate a contender. Entrants in this class may not compete in the VHSA Hunter Seat Medal Class at the same show. There must be at least three (3) exhibitors to fill the class and three (3) exhibitors must complete the course in order for that particular class to count. Six Ribbons. The VHSA Pony Medal may run concurrently with the small, medium and large pony division, and may be combined with the MHSA Pony Medal Class. Test must be included in the original course. At the Finals, the judge must test at least the top 4 over fences.

(c) VHSA PONY EQUITATION ON THE FLAT. Open to junior members of the VHSA, who have not reached their 18th birthday, mounted on ponies. Rider must be a member of the VHSA prior to entry in the class. Riders must show all working gates (walk, trot and canter), sitting trot, as well as a lengthening of stride in at least one gait in each direction. The judge may request additional tests on the flat as a group or individually. Martingales are prohibited. There must be at least (3) exhibitors to fill the class. Six ribbons. This Medal cannot be combined with any other VHSA Medal or any other Division/Class.

(d) VHSA CHILDREN'S PONY MEDAL CLASS. Open to junior members of the VHSA who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. Testing must be included in the course. Open to ponies only. Small and medium ponies to jump 2'0. Large ponies to jump 2'6". Riders may not compete in any class where the fence height exceeds 2'6" at the same show. There will be no additional test for this class. The VHSA Children's Pony Medal may run concurrently with the small, medium and large children's pony division, and may be combined with the MHSA Children's Pony Medal Class. There must be at least (3) exhibitors to fill the class. Six ribbons. In the Finals, the judge must test at least the top 4 over fences. The top 20 point earners qualify for the finals to be held at The Warrenton Pony Show.

(e) VHSA CHILDREN'S MEDAL CLASS. Open to Junior members of VHSA who have not reached their 18th birthday. Riders may not compete in any class where the fence height exceeds 3 feet, 3 inches (1.0m) with the exception of the Childrens/Adult Jumper division, at the same show, where a rider may not jump higher than 3'9" (1.15m). Rider must be a member of VHSA prior to entry in the class according to Article II, 3. Open to horses only. To be shown over a course of not less than six (6) obstacles at three (3) feet, which must include one combination and two changes of direction. All VHSA Medal Class courses must have at least two of the following inside the course: a roll back turn, a broken or bending line, an end jump, a narrow jump, or a long ride to a single jump. This also applies to the show hosting the VHSA Adult/Children's Hunter Medal Finals. The judge must call back at least four exhibitors for further testing over fences. Fall of horse or rider or three disobediences shall eliminate a contender. There must be at least three (3) exhibitors to fill the class and three (3) exhibitors must complete the course in order for that particular class to count. Six Ribbons. This Medal can be combined with the VHSA Adult Medal. In the Finals, same testing applies.

(f) VHSA ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL CLASS. Open to horses only. Rider must be a member of VHSA prior to entry in the class according to Article II, 3. and must hold a current amateur card issued by USEF. To be shown over a course of not less than six (6) obstacles at three (3) feet, which must include one combination and two changes of direction. All VHSA Medal Class courses must have at least two of the following inside the course: a roll back turn, a broken or bending line, an end jump, a narrow jump, or a long ride to a single jump. Riders may not compete in any class where the fence height exceeds 3 feet, 3 inches (1.0m) with the exception of the Childrens/Adult Jumper division, at the same show, where a rider may not jump higher than 3'9" (1.15m). This also applies to the show hosting the VHSA Adult/Children's Hunter Medal Finals. The judge must call back at least four exhibitors for further testing over fences.. Jumping faults of mount not to count. Fall of horse or rider or three disobediences shall eliminate a contender. There must be at least three (3) exhibitors to fill the class and three (3) exhibitors must complete the course in order for that particular class to count. Six Ribbons. This Class can be combined with the VHSA Children's Medal. In the Finals, same testing applies.

(g) AMATEUR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT. Open to all amateur members of the VHSA mounted on horses. Rider must be a member of the VHSA prior to entry in the class. Riders must show all working gates (walk, trot and canter), sitting trot, as well as a lengthening of stride in at least one gait in each direction. The counter canter in both directions is optional and no more than 12 riders may counter canter at one time. The judge may request additional tests on the flat as a group or individually. Martingales are prohibited. There must be at least (3) exhibitors to fill the class. Six ribbons. This Medal can be combined with the VHSA Junior Championship on the Flat Medal Class and can also be combined with the MHSA Amateur Equitation on the Flat Medal Class. In the Finals, same testing applies.

Sec. 11. Tests from which Judges Must Choose. No other tests may be used. Tests may be performed either collectively or individually. Instructions must be publicly announced.
(1) Work collectively at a walk, trot or canter.
(2) Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
(3) Jump low fences at a trot as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a trotting fence is 3' for horses and 2' for ponies.
(4) Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. (This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or trot and restarted into a canter on the opposite lead.)
Figures to be commenced in the center of two circles so that one change of lead is shown.
(5) Counter canter a jump
(6) Ride without stirrups, irons may be crossed.
(7) Change leads on a line demonstrating simple or flying change of lead.
(8) Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack and equipment and conformation.
(9) Execute serpentine at trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead.
(10) Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
(11) Hand gallop a jump
(12) Hand gallop.
(13) Halt (four to six seconds) and/or back.
(14) Sitting Trot

For permission to offer these classes, shows must apply to the VHSA at least one month prior to publication of its prize list. The Medal fee is $5 per exhibitor in each class and are to be sent with the results, unless otherwise noted, to the VHSA office and must be postmarked within 10 days of the competition date or incur a $50 late fee. Shows offering this class shall report to the Association, giving the names of all entries, including non-winners in order to check membership. It is the show's responsibility to make sure that all exhibitors are VHSA members. Have all exhibitors who do not have their VHSA membership card with them to complete a VHSA Affidavit and return to the VHSA with the show results.

Sec. 12. Membership.
Junior Membership dues are $60 annually for an individual who has not reached their 18th birthday by December 1st of the current show year. Senior Membership dues are $70 annually for an individual who is 18 years of age or older and Farm/Corporation dues are $70 annually. In order to accrue points for VHSA Year-end Awards, the Horse/Pony must be registered, the owner of Horse/Pony must be a current member. If the Horse/Pony is leased or sold, the lessee or the new owner must file a Lease (If applicable) or a Change of Ownership (If applicable) fee and e-mail a copy of the Lease Agreement or Bill of Sale to the VHSA Office. Upon receipt of the fee and the copy of the Lease or Bill of Sale, the change will be made and points can begin to accrue from that date forward. Competition dues are $65 per horse show or $50 per day for consecutive, multiple day shows. Membership fees for individuals, farm/corporation and competitions may be fixed by the Board of Directors for any year succeeding an annual meeting. It is the responsibility of show management to accept all VHSA membership and horse recording applications and to forward them with proper payment along with the show results to be received in the VHSA office no later than fourteen (14) days after the competition date. Any person or persons who submits a check to the VHSA that is returned due to insufficient funds will receive an invoice from the VHSA for the amount of the check as well as a $50 penalty fee. At this time, the person or persons will be considered not in good standing, points will not count and all privileges will be suspended. Privileges will not be reinstated until a valid money order or cashier's check is received in the VHSA office. If the VHSA office does not receive the entire amount due within thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice, the person or persons name will be posted on the VHSA website as not in good standing and why.

Sec. 13. Applications. (Can also sign up for Membership/Horse Recording on www.vhsa.com, under Pay Dues)

(Leave Blank)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Virginia Horse Shows Association, Inc.
400 Rosedale Court, Suite 100, Warrenton, VA 22186
540-349-0910

Please enroll me as a _____ Member
of the VHSA, Inc. For the Year 20_____.
I am enclosing $_____.
Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: ( )_____ (Cell)

Date of Birth: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

My breed interest(s) is: _____

Annual Dues:
Senior Membership $70.00
Junior Membership $60.00

Membership expires November 30

(Leave Blank)

APPLICATION FOR FARM/STABLE/CORPORATION RECORDING

Virginia Horse Shows Association, Inc.
400 Rosedale Court, Suite 100, Warrenton, VA 22186
540-349-0910

Please enroll my (Farm, Stable, Corporation) as a Annual Member of the VHSA.
Farm/Stable/Corporate Name: _____

_____

Owner:_____ _____VHSA No:_____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: ( )_____ (Cell)

E-Mail Address: _____

Date of Corporation:_____

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that I am the owner or agent for the aforementioned Farm/Stable/Corporation.
Date: _____

Signature: _____

Annual Membership $70.00
Membership expires November 30

APPLICATION FOR RECORDING HORSE/PONY

Name of Horse/Pony: _____

Breed or Division: _____ Registry Number: _____

Color: _____ Height: _____ Sex: _____ Foaling Date: _____

Sire: _____ Dam: _____

Dam's Sire: _____

Markings: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Day Telephone: (_____)_____

E-Mail Address: _____

NOTE: Owner must be a current VHSA Member. The horse and owner must be entered at shows exactly as recorded on this form.

I certify that the information listed above is true and that I am the Owner/Agent of record.

Signature of Owner: _____ Date: _____

Horse Recording Fees:

Lifetime Recording Fee	$70.00	Change of Name Fee	$40.00
Transfer of Ownership Fee	$40.00*	Record Lease Fee	$40.00**

***For Transfer of Ownership, a copy of the Bill of Sale, must be provided to the VHSA office along with payment. **For Recording a Lease (on a previously registered horse), a copy of the Signed Lease Agreement must be provided before the information is entered**

Any discrepancies regarding a member/horse recording activation date must be resolved within 30 days or activation date will stand as is.